

NEWS

October 2021

Mother-Son Student Athletes Make National News

The mother-son student athlete duo of Brandi and Maverick Mitchell gave Miramar College a national platform in October as they were featured by both Good Morning America and ABC News World News Tonight with David Muir. See their stories below.



Miramar College Student Athletes on ABC World News Report with David Muir

Good Morning America with Maverick and Brandi Mitchell

The two also appeared in the following media in October:

KUSI-TV (second booking on Good Morning San Diego)

NBC 7 story

KFMB story

Fox 5 story

Facebook post for CBS Affiliates

District Story

The Coast News

Miramar College Hosts Equity Summit Honoring Dr. Carroll

Miramar College held its first annual Equity Summit featuring "The Constance M. Carroll Lecture Series" Oct. 28-29. The Summit also featured the 2021 ASG Art for Equity Scholarship and Art Contest. Dr. Carroll served 17 years as the District Chancellor. She retired from her position on June 30, 2021.

The Equity Summit was a two-day event held on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 28 and during the day on Friday, Oct. 29. The evening event featured the lecture series with Chancellor Emerita Carroll and Associated Student Government presenting the winner of the Student Art Contest, who was Santiago Lopez. On Friday, Oct. 29, Chancellor Emerita Carroll provided the plenary address and the campus engaged in several presentations and workshops connecting to the theme, *Leading for Equity - Embracing Diversity and Community at Miramar College*. [Here](#) is a link to the Thursday, Oct. 28 presentation by Dr. Carroll.

On Friday, there were four additional **break-out sessions** for folks to attend.



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Chancellor's Forum Progress, Issues, and Plans 2021-2022



Carlos O. Turner Cortez, Ph.D. | Chancellor

Chancellor's Forum

Our first ever Chancellor's Forum with new Chancellor Dr. Carlos O. Turner Cortez was held on the afternoon of Oct. 25. The near two-hour event discussed a number of topics and featured several presenters from the district. Some key points:

Chancellor Cortez acknowledged the unique challenges Miramar College has experienced over the years.

SDCCD is 8th largest employer in San Diego County. The San Diego College of Continuing Education is the largest feeder to the three credit colleges. Traditionally, high schools are the top feeder to community colleges.

Latinx makes up the largest portion of students served at the credit colleges. The gender make up of the credit colleges is 54.8% female, 44.6% male, 0.5% unreported and 0.1% non-binary.

Districtwide final FTES for 2020-2021 was 26,947 for credit college resident. 36,869 total when you add in non-credit and non-resident.

Miramar College FTES for 2020-2021 was 7,894, but the College achieved just over 10,000 FTES when the district spreads out the College of Continuing Education FTES for reporting purposes. This was used a few years back to recategorize Miramar College from a small college to a mid-sized college. The preliminary resident FTES targets for 2021-2022 for Miramar College is 9,670 (7,461 FTES+1,209 in-service FTES).

Dr. Susan Topham discussed AB 927, which removed the pilot status of the community college baccalaureate program and the San Diego Promise program, which has

enrolled 3,980 students over its first two co-horts. She also broke down the enrollment numbers as they pertained to the pandemic. It was a fascinating look at which student populations dropped out and where they were gains. The District did receive \$86 million in HEERF funding. Over \$18 million has been distributed already to our students.

Vice Chancellor, Human Resources Greg Smith gave a COVID-19 update. Jan. 3, 2022 is still the target for a full reopening for the district and its colleges. Dec. 1, 2021 is the deadline for all employees to be vaccinated or to have an approved exemption. Employees who fail to comply will be subject to discipline. VC Smith discussed the safety precautions being taken by the district and the benefits to employees. Paid leave for COVID-19 related issues will be extended until Dec. 31, 2021. There is no requirement at this time to get a booster shot, but that could change with additional guidance handed down by the CDC. Students will not be able to enroll for a class, with an in-person component, this spring without uploading their proof of vaccination.

Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Ann Dowd provide a complex view of the budget and the state's new funding formula. The District understands what its expenses are for the 2020-2021 year, but won't know its revenue numbers until about 8 months into the fiscal year. The 2021-22 adopted budget, approved by the Board of Trustees on Sept. 9, 2021, is \$872,449,308. A breakdown can be viewed on page 46 of the presentation. Miramar's total general fund unrestricted & restricted allocations budget for 2021-22 is \$78,379,863.00. On page 49, VC Dowd outlines the major budget challenges (CalSTRS/CalPERS/COVID-19 impacts/"Hold Harmless").

Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management Chris Manis went over facilities.

While the live presentation was not recorded, a link to the power point presentation can be found [here](#).

Miramar College to Offer Intercollegiate Beach Volleyball Program in 2023

Miramar College announced in October that it will soon offer beach volleyball as its seventh intercollegiate sport. The San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the development and implementation of a women's beach volleyball program at its Oct. 7, 2021 board meeting.



Given its large base of participation and popularity in the surrounding colleges and high schools, the sport of women's beach volleyball is one of the fastest growing sports. The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) currently has 36 college teams competing. Currently, five local community college teams compete in women's beach volleyball (San Diego Mesa College, San Diego City College, Grossmont College, Palomar College, and MiraCosta College).

San Diego Miramar College currently fields a women's indoor volleyball team and adding a beach volleyball team will help complete and compliment both programs. The college also offers state-of-the-art facilities and staffing to support an intercollegiate women's beach volleyball team.

The JETS expect to field a team for the start of the 2023 season. They will play their home matches at the new (under construction) four-court facility located on campus.

New Round of HEERF Funding

Another round of HEERF/CARES Act funding was distributed to Miramar College students through the Edquity app this month. Students had between Oct. 14-19 to apply for the funds. The college had 1,429 applicants awarded a total of \$1.429 million dollars. Eligible students received a \$1,000.00 grant.

As authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Miramar College is offering students emergency relief grants for those experiencing financial need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students enrolled in at least one unit for the Fall 2021 semester are eligible to apply for emergency grants.

The next round of funding for the Fall 2021 term will open

up Nov. 10-20. A third round of funding is likely to open in December. Student are eligible for only one grant per semester.

Art Display at ACCT



Miramar College had our student/faculty art displayed at the ACCT conference here in San Diego on Oct. 15. The College had over 30 pieces of art on display to those attending the conference.

Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day

Miramar College celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day on Oct. 11 by welcoming the award-winning Soaring Eagles Native American Indian Cultural Dance Group of San





Diego County to perform on campus. Free fry bread tacos were served on Compass Point in front of the Student Services building.

Get Vaxxed and Win Awards

On Oct. 13, several of the 460 winners came to campus to claim their prizes for submitting their vaccination

records. The College sponsored an “I Won” campaign along with the other district institutions. Students where incentivized to upload their vaccine records starting with an October opportunity drawing for those who submitted prior to Sept. 27. As of Sept



27, 3,003 Miramar College students had submitted their proof of vaccination. Awards included 10 laptops, 10 tablets, 100 \$200 Visa gift cards and 250 \$100 Visa gift



cards. Opportunity drawings will be held again in early November and December. Student can upload their proof of vaccination at <https://www.sdccd.edu/>

[students/covid19/](#).

Dr. Edelbrock Appears on CBS8

Miramar College mental health counselor, Dr. Marian Edelbrock, appeared as a faculty expert for a CBS8 news report on concerns over suicide among college students. Miramar College was the only area college willing to speak to the media about such an important topic. You can click [here](#) to view the story as it aired Oct. 26.



ASG Gathers In-Person

For the first time since March 2020, the Associated Student Government held an in-person meeting. The Miramar College Associated Student Government meets every Friday, 9–11 am. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ASG is operating in a hybrid format.

In accordance with SDCCD policies, all individuals coming on campus **MUST** be fully vaccinated or be able to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test dated no earlier than the Tuesday prior to each meeting. Again, all individuals who do not have a valid exemption who cannot show proof of full vaccination status or those without proof of a negative COVID-19 test are asked to call in using Zoom for the safety of all. Masks are required to be worn at all times on campus unless eating or drinking.

In accordance with the CA Brown Act and related executive orders, meetings are always open to the public and accessible by remote teleconferencing using the following information at zoom.us/join or from your Zoom Client application.

ASG President Appears on KPBS

Miramar College ASG President Edward Borek along with SDCCD Chancellor



Dr. Carlos Cortez appeared on the KPBS Midday Program to discuss the financial challenges students are facing and the district's recent decision to forgive the debt of more than 11,000 students. You can hear the interview [here](#).

Miramar College Students Showcase at Startup San Diego's Fair and Partner Expo!

On October 8, Miramar College's REC Innovation Lab and its student founders attended the Startup San Diego Fair, hosted by Startup San Diego at Downtown Works Carlsbad. Startup San Diego is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to helping those in the entrepreneurship ecosystem here in San Diego.

After over a year of COVID-19, the event was a breath of fresh air for everyone attending. For the majority of the REC founders, this was the first time they were able to physically meet and engage with others in the San Diego entrepreneurship ecosystem.

The founders did an amazing job showcasing their businesses! They were able to set up their own tables and network with many investors, skilled specialists, and other entrepreneurs. The audience was able to try out products,



look at prototypes, and gain a deeper understanding of the innovation behind each startup.

We are proud of all of the REC Innovation Lab student founders! Keep showing up, showing out, and giving everything you've got!

Miramar College's REC Innovation Lab had the following student founders showcasing their startups:

- **Raj Pabari**, Founder at Off Grid Technologies
- **Paulina Kaloyan & Valeria Rivera**, Founders at Cromchies, LLC.
- **Diana Hertz**, Founder at See Monkey Do
- **Jasmine LeFlore**, Founder at Penture Capital
- **Jakobi Dye**, Founder of VIBESUIT
- **Paula Intravaia**, Cloud Club Collective
- **Filipe Brito**, Sagwee
- **Benjamin Brin & Brent Astrosky**, Agility Field
- **Liam Howlett**, Safety 1st Aquatics
- **Austin Schneider-Kaner & Kelsie Nolan**, Tramigo

Miramar College Students Dominate this Year's SD Startup Month Pitch Competition

On October 14, the REC Innovation Lab at Miramar College partnered with San Diego State University, Tech Coast Angels San Diego, and Connect All at the Jacob Center, to host the San Diego Startup Month Pitch Competition and Tournament.

The competition received hundreds of applications

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PITCH COMPETITION
FINALISTS - LIGHTWEIGHT
DIVISION

Presented by:
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

\$10,000 CASH PRIZE!

Finalists:

- Jessica Octavio, Wubbie
- Rhea Chhabra, VirtuRoad
- Raj Pabari, Off Grid Technologies
- Kim Pendergrass, Algeon Materials
- Paulina Kaloyan, Cromchies, LLC.
- Tib Kuehn, Tib
- Diana Hertz, See Monkey Do
- Dylan Drotman, Neobio
- Eric Shnell, Cratler
- Brian Cuyne, Elbe Works
- Nicolas Villanueva, Four Winds Biotherapeutics, Inc.
- Jasmine LeFlore, Penture Capital

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STARTUP SAN DIEGO



throughout San Diego. Only twelve aspiring, pre-seed, student founders were selected as finalists to participate in the competition. Of those twelve, seven of the finalists came from San Diego Miramar College's REC Innovation Lab!

They each pitched their business ideas through three vigorous rounds of judging to win a \$10,000 cash prize, a Founders Institute Fellowship, a complimentary mentor session with LogicBoost Labs, and Startup San Diego promotion and press. After each round, only a select few

founders advanced, while the rest were eliminated.

We are so proud to have so many of our founders from San Diego Miramar College represented at the competition. Just being chosen as a finalist was such an honor. It is such a win for these student founders! San Diego Startup Month is the quintessential event in the entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Congratulations to San Diego Miramar College students for being chosen for this amazing event! A special shout out to the following Startups and their founders:

- **Rhea Chhabra**, Founder at VirtuRoad,
- **Raj Pabari**, Founder at Off Grid Technologies
- **Jessica Octavio**, Founder at Wubbie
- **Paulina Kaloyan & Valeria Rivera**, Founders at Cromchies, LLC.
- **Till Hartwig & Till Kuehn**, Founders at TilltheApp
- **Diana Hertz**, Founder at See Monkey Do
- **Jasmine LeFlore**, Founder at Penture Capital

QUICK HITS

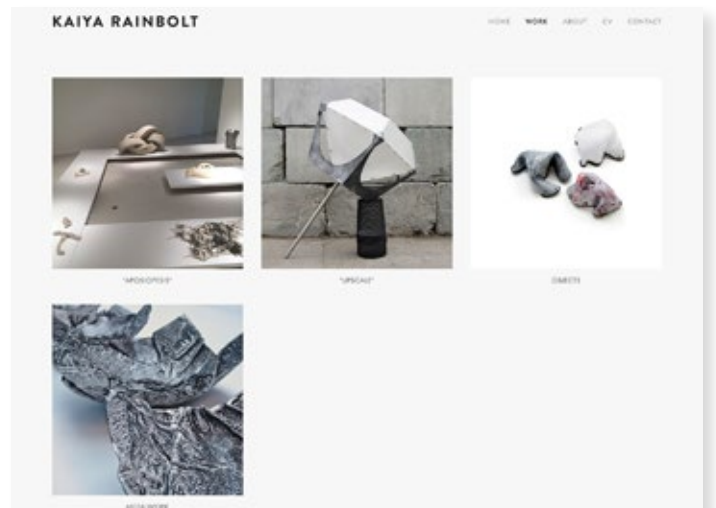


October is Filipinx-American History Month

Miramar College celebrated Filipinx-American History Month on Oct. 13. Filipino cuisine was enjoyed and there was a breakdance performance by CypherST8.

Adjunct Art in Residency

Adjunct Art Professor Kaiya Rainbolt is an artist residency at Bread and Salt Gallery in San Diego. Her art is displayed through Oct. 31. Here is a [link](#) to the gallery.



Undocumented Student Week of Action

Undocumented Student Week of Action took place Oct. 18-22. The state-run initiative was executed locally by our Dreamers Support Services staff. Five days of workshops were held. A list of the events held districtwide can be found [here](#).



François Bereaud Published

Acting Dean François Bereaud recently co-authored an article entitled A Career with his son Nick for *The Twin Bill*. The article is quick read looking at Nick's first and last day as a baseball player over twelve seasons and Francois who lived it all.



The Twin Bill is a quarterly online literary baseball publication founded in 2020 at the start of the pandemic. The site celebrates the rich history of the game while also recognizing its vibrant present through essays, fiction, poetry, interviews, and visual art. *The Twin Bill* welcomes writers of all levels and experiences. For more, you can read their profile in *The Writer* magazine.

Read François' article [here](#).

Club Rush

Miramar College held a Halloween themed Club Rush on Oct. 27 on Compass Point. A Mariachi band played in honor of Dia de Los Muertos. There was food and raffle prizes. Health Services also provided free flu shots.



EVENTS

Want to know what's going on?

Check "all" or search by category in the Master Calendar: Athletics, Civic Center Activities (campus rentals), Community Events, Hourglass Complex, Internal College Activities, Student Activities, Student Services at www.sdmiramar.edu/calendar.

Stay informed...

Committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at www.sdmiramar.edu/campus/governance. College Executive Committee (CEC) meetings are open to all interested parties.

Interession/Spring 2022 Registration by Appointment Begins

November 5

Veterans Day Celebration Sponsored by Student Veterans Organization (SVO)

November 10 • 12-1:00p.m. • Room K1-210

Postcard Writing Campaign for Active Military and Retired Veterans, "Then & Now" Photograph Gallery of Miramar Veterans in the Service and Now, Celebration for Marine Corps Birthday, Resources for Veterans, Live Music, Free Food for the First 100 Veterans

Veterans Day (No Classes)

November 11

Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)

Nov. 22-Nov. 26