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# ABOUT SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

SAN DIEGO  
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One of three credit colleges within the San Diego Community College District, San Diego Miramar College offers associate degrees, certificates of completion, and the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Founded in 1969, and located in Mira Mesa, the college services 16,000 students annually with 42 programs that offer 75 associate degrees and 97 career technical education certificates.

Partnerships with local industry and the City and County of San Diego prepare students for high demand and well-paying careers in the highly competitive labor market, including biotechnology, paralegal (ABA approved), aviation (FAA-certified), automotive, diesel and advanced transportation and energies. Miramar College is home to the Southern California Biotechnology Center, Advanced Transportation and Energy Center and the San Diego Regional Public Safety Institute, which comprises the San Diego Law Enforcement Academy and the Fire Technology & EMT program. Since 1969, the college has provided training for nearly all law enforcement and firefighters in San Diego County. Miramar College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## P. Wesley Lundburg, Ph.D.

I am pleased to share with you this Report to the Community and some highlights from the 2022-2023 academic year. This past academic year had all of us at the College feeling more like the pre-pandemic "good ole days." Enrollment trended up and the demand for students to return to campus for instruction was noticeable. Now that we have moved past the pandemic, we've gotten back to the basics, how can we better support ALL our students?

We have worked closely with local partners and government officials to unearth more funding. The academic year started with a sizable grant from local assemblyman Brian Maienschein to upgrade resources for our Veteran and active duty military students and their dependents. The funding was part of Governor Gavin Newsom's 2022-2023 state budget. These funds have provided enhanced services and infrastructure for the College's military community. Miramar College is using a majority of the funding to renovate and complete its long planned Veterans Resource Center, now located on the ground floor of the I-Building, with continued expansion in the works. With our close proximity to MCAS Miramar and the surrounding community, we are delighted to upgrade this area of campus as well as our on-base presence and service at MCAS in support of our military-affiliated students.

For the first time, Miramar College joined its fellow San Diego Community College District institutions as a Hispanic Serving Institution. We accepted a \$2.7 million DHSI/STEM Éxito Project grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant allows the college to participate in the development of expanding programs and improving Latino/a and low income students' success outcomes, specifically in STEM fields.

We also started off the year launching a Program Mapper to assist students on a Guided Pathway to degree or certificate completion. While we love having our students around, our focus is to get them graduated and out into the workforce or on their way to a university. The Program Mapper provides students an access tool that allows for exploration of the degree and certificate options available to them. Students will find the Program Mapper organized into groups of similar programs, or what we call academic and career pathways (ACP's). This ACP project took a lot of work on behalf of the college faculty and leadership. And we are proud of the progress we've made on it!

Guided Pathways is an on-going California Community College Chancellor's Office initiative that is a structure to provide all students with clear enrollment avenues, course-taking patterns and support services.

There are so many good things happening on campus that will benefit the community! We hope you can stop on by and say hello!

Sincerely,



Dr. Wesley Lundburg, President, San Diego Miramar College



SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

Dr. Wesley Lundburg  
2023 Commencement

## Mission Statement

San Diego Miramar College's mission is to prepare students to succeed by providing quality instruction and services in an environment that supports and promotes success, diversity, inclusion, and equity with innovative programs and partnerships to facilitate student completion for degrees/certificates, transfer, workforce training, and/or career advancement.

## Vision Statement

San Diego Miramar College will be the center of education innovation, and services to support our diverse students and community.

San Diego Miramar College, in keeping with this vision, supports and emphasizes the following guiding values:

- Access to learning and support services, for all students to successfully achieve their educational and career goals
- A culture that embraces and promotes equity, inclusion, civility, responsibility, sustainability, from a global perspective
- Diversity, equity, inclusion and success of our students, classified professionals, faculty, administrators, and programs that reflect our community
- Creativity, innovation, flexibility, and excellence in teaching, learning, and services
- The ability to recognize and respond to opportunities and challenges emerging from a complex and dynamic world
- Strategic resource and partnership development to support curriculum and program innovation
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Effective participation in governance with respect and professionalism, through intentional, purposeful and effective communication embraced by the college community
- Transformative processes that include a culture of evidence, collaborative inquiry, and action for promoting student success





Yuhan Liu, Student

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

## Yuhan Liu is Winning in Her Own Lane

**"She silently stepped out of the race that she never wanted to be in, found her own lane and proceeded to win."**

**– Anonymous**

Lately, quotes like the one above are providing Miramar College student Yuhan Liu with the motivation to follow her dreams. While Liu's education and employment aspirations are relatively straightforward (complete her Business Administration associates program and obtain work in the same field), her journey toward these goals requires a custom-made route.

As a student with cerebral palsy, Liu must pace herself, taking no more than two courses per semester in order to maintain a great GPA.

"It may take other students an hour to complete an assignment, but for me it may take three or four," she said.

In addition to building a sustainable schedule, Liu ensures a successful academic experience by connecting with professors before each semester begins to arrange all necessary accommodations. For so many students with disabilities, this proactive approach can make all the difference in navigating college life.

Still, certain assumptions persist in the classroom that are beyond Liu's control.

"I would like staff and classmates to not underestimate me when they meet me for the first time," she said. "It may look like I can't do the assignment or participate in the class discussion, but in reality I can. It just takes a little more time."



### Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) department

## Driving Her Own Destiny

Liu noted that her ability to attend college is made possible through [Miramar's Disability Support Services and Programs \(DSPS\)](#).

While DSPS indeed provides a strong support system to help reduce common education and employment barriers, Isabelle Martin, Liu's DSPS counselor, gives her all the credit for driving her own destiny.

"She was still in high school and a few months away from graduation," said Martin, recalling their first meeting in 2017. "She wanted to inquire about DSPS services and assess the differences between high school and college. That's when I discovered that she takes school seriously and that she likes to be prepared to ensure her success."

Initially, Martin assisted Liu by acting as the primary liaison between the student and her professors and helping create an individualized strategy for accommodations (particularly with test taking and classroom participation).

"I feel privileged that [she] trusted me to advocate on her behalf," said Martin.

As Liu's self-advocacy skills developed, she became more comfortable and confident articulating her needs with instructors, whom, according to Martin, "have always had positive comments about her class participation."

**"Her positivity makes it easy to tackle any situations that come along the way," said Martin. She is determined and a hard worker."**

## A Trail Blazed

Liu's hard work and determination reach beyond the classroom; she also utilizes these traits to gain relevant work experience in her desired career field.

"I did two internships with [Upkey](#) last year," she said. "The first was all about different kinds of jobs and careers that are available in the business field. The second was mainly focused on marketing. I was able to do a few projects for Upkey during my two internships. I think I would take the leadership skills with me to my next place of employment."

As Liu moves toward her degree and career, she is already putting those leadership skills to good use. In Spring 2021, she shared her perspective at Miramar's Campus-wide Planning Summit as well as the District-wide [DSPS Advisory Committee](#) Meeting. These events rely on perspectives like Liu's to ensure that DSPS shapes its programs around the lived experiences of the students it serves. In this capacity, Liu's story is not just a reflection on her individual achievements, but a trail blazed for prospective students with disabilities to build brighter futures for themselves through higher education.



Assemblymember Brian Maienschein and Assemblymember Kevin McCarty presented \$2.5M grant to our Veterans Resource Center

## Miramar College Receives \$2.5 Million for Veterans Resource Center

Miramar College was granted \$2.5 million dollars from California to upgrade resources for its Veteran and active duty military students and their dependents. The funding, spearheaded by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, was part of Governor Gavin Newsom's 2022-2023 state budget. These funds provide enhanced services and infrastructure for the College's military community.

Miramar College used a majority of the funding to renovate and complete its long planned Veterans Resource Center, now located on the ground floor of the I-Building. The newly constructed facility expanded from its current 1,000 square foot space to 3,000 square feet. The expanded VRC is now equipped with new furniture, a private study and meeting rooms along with a student lounge. The College also built a computer lab.

Infrastructure enhancements include: LCD screens; projectors; laptop loaners; and internet upgrades. A Hy-flex technology room is planned for construction. In addition, Miramar College will provide an upgrade to its satellite teaching facility at Marine Corp Air Station Miramar (MCAS).



Expanded services include: additional peer mentoring; tutorial; admissions; orientation and mental health counseling services.

A portion of the funding will be used to provide emergency grant aid that will assist our heroes with basic needs.

"As a Veteran myself, I can't thank Assemblymember Maienschein enough for his attention to the needs of Veteran students, active duty military and their dependents," said Dr. Wesley Lundburg, president of San Diego Miramar College. "We are in the shadows of MCAS Miramar and Miramar College even has a location on the base to teach. We feel compelled to support these students the best way possible. However, we can't do it alone and now we have the resources to support these heroes."

Assembly Member Maienschein, who represents the 77th California Assembly District, presented Miramar College with a check for \$2.5 million at an October 12, 2022 celebration held on campus.

"California has the highest population of Veterans than any state, and a significant amount of those are here in San Diego," said Assemblymember Brian Maienschein. "Taking care of our Veterans is critical, which is why I am proud to have secured this funding to help enrich the educational experience and resources available to Veterans, active duty service members, and their families."

Fellow Assembly Member Kevin McCarty (7th California Assembly District) also attended the event. McCarty currently chairs Subcommittee #2 Education Finance Committee.

Each year San Diego Miramar College provides a comprehensive set of enrollment and student support services to approximately 2,000 Veterans, active duty military and their dependents through its Veteran Resource Center (VRC). The VRC supports the transition from military life to civilian life by providing all military affiliated students with support in accessing VA benefits and federal financial aid; enrolling in courses; accessing academic counseling and mental health services; and by providing dedicated academic support services such as tutoring, access to computers, and career development resource information. The VRC also provides military affiliated students with a dedicated space to meet and talk with peers who have had shared experiences.

Here is a video recap of the event: [youtube.com/watch?v=JDmLz\\_CLQrA](https://youtube.com/watch?v=JDmLz_CLQrA)

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Miramar College Awarded Developing Hispanic Serving Institution Grant

Miramar College joined its fellow San Diego Community College District institutions as a Hispanic Serving Institution grant recipient after SDCCD Board of Trustees approval to accept a \$2.7 million DHSI/STEM Éxito Project grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant allows the college to participate in the development of expanding programs and improving Latino/a and low income students' success outcomes, specifically in STEM fields.

"This is a very rewarding day in the history of Miramar College," said Dr. Wes Lundburg, president of San Diego Miramar College. "We have made becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution a priority at the College over the past few years. It takes a tremendous amount of work to meet the criteria but our dedicated folks made it happen for our institution and the Hispanic students we serve."

Miramar College will receive \$2,779,956 between October of 2022 and September of 2027 to better serve its growing Hispanic population.

The purpose of the U.S. Department of Education DHSI-Title V grant (STEM) is to assist Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) like San Diego Miramar College in expanding and improving Latino/a students' attainment of education goals and opportunities, particularly in STEM fields. These grants also enable HSIs to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability on a broader base for Miramar College students.

Miramar will use grant funds to help ensure success and retention for low-income and Latino/a students, support equity-minded pedagogy, and strengthen institutional infrastructure to improve student outcomes.



STEM Éxito Project objectives include the following:

- Clarifying and enhancing a STEM Guided Pathway to Degree Completion
- Integration of Student Support Services and Academic Interventions specifically in STEM
- Improve Teaching and Student Success through faculty and staff professional development

The Title V DHSI grant earmarks funding for a 1.0 Program Activity Manager who will coordinate and administer grant programs and activities.

On May 31, Ivan V. Gutierrez started his tenure as DHSI/STEM Program Director.



**Ivan V. Gutierrez, DHSI/  
STEM Program Director**





## NATIVE AMERICAN

### STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM

Celebrating Native American Heritage Month on November 30. Drum and dance performance by the Soaring Eagles of Southern California

# Miramar College Accepts Native American Student Success Program Funding

In June 2023, Miramar College accepted \$600,000 of funding from the Educational Services and Support Division of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to support Native American students.

Serving the Native American student population is core to the California Community Colleges' mission. Assembly Bill 183, Article 11, allocates one-time funding to the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to establish a Native American Student Support and Success Program (NASSSP) for the purpose of developing local Native American student support and success programs and services.

The CCCCCO identified San Diego Miramar College as one of twenty colleges within the State that were selected to receive NASSSP funding based on a set of selection criteria, which include: 1) the number of American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) population by district service area; 2) The average number of local CCC student head count who are AIAN over the past six academic years 3) Course success rates, in the past four academic years; 4) All cohort students who persisted from primary term of enrollment to subsequent primary term; 5) All cohort

students attained the Vision Goal completion definition within three years; 6) all cohort students who transferred to a four-year postsecondary institution with four years.

"Miramar College is excited to receive this very important funding for this underserved population," said Dr. Wesley Lundburg, president of San Diego Miramar College. "The College is continually striving to become more equitable and this will assist us and Native American students in reaching their educational goals."

The Native American Student Support and Success Program will assist with establishing the following:

- Strengthening K-12 pathways to and through the California Community Colleges for Native American students, including student transfer to the University of California and the California State University systems
- Ensuring the educational success of Native American students
- Developing Native American leaders
- Increasing the number of Native American mentors to empower future generations



Juneteenth Celebration on June 20, 2023

## Juneteenth Celebration

The Miramar College Black Student Union held a well-attended Juneteenth Celebration on June 20 to celebrate Juneteenth. The event took place in L-108 and featured guest speakers. The group then took a photo of the newly raised Juneteenth Flag flying above the college.



## Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Grant Awarded to Miramar College

Miramar College received a \$150,697 Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) student achievement program grant. The grant was awarded by the Educational Services and Support Division of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO). The San Diego Community College Board of Trustees approved acceptance of the grant at its June 15, 2023 board meeting.

"Assembly Bill 183 appropriates on-going funding for California Community Colleges to provide culturally responsive services to enhance student educational experiences and promote higher education success of low-income, underserved, and first generation Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students and other under-represented students under the Education Code," said Dr. Wesley Lundburg, president of San Diego Miramar College. "San Diego Miramar College will utilize the AANHPI grant funds to address multiple aspects of student needs with the goal of supporting educational success among AANHPI students."

The objectives of the AANHPI grant include the following:

- Culturally responsive learning communities
- Advising and counseling services
- Mental health counseling and awareness services
- Career development, career readiness, and employment services
- Supplemental instruction and tutoring
- Asian American, Pacific Islander studies courses and curriculum development
- Leadership development, internships, and mentorships



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RISING SCHOLARS



## Miramar College Receives Rising Scholars Network Grant

In December 2022, the San Diego Community College Board of Trustees approved a \$382,500 Rising Scholars Network Grant to Miramar College from the Educational Services and Support Division of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students attain their educational goals. Serving this underrepresented demographic is core to the California Community Colleges' mission, critical to the CCCCCO's DEIA Call to Action, and closely aligns with the Vision for Success goal to reduce equity gaps among traditionally underrepresented student groups.

The focus of the Rising Scholars Network Grant is to establish and support programs serving formerly incarcerated students enrolled in community college or to provide face-to-face instruction to community college students in prison or jail.

"The grant focuses on students' re-entry into their communities with the goal of seeing this underrepresented group succeed," said Dr. Wes Lundburg, president of Miramar College. "A major aspect of our efforts will be to offer an Associate of Science in Entrepreneurship degree program for students incarcerated at the Miramar Naval Consolidated Brig (MNCB)." The MNCB is a military prison and is unique in that it is one of only three naval consolidated brigades in the United States.

Another major aspect to Rising Scholars at Miramar College, in addition to academic instruction, will be to offer incarcerated students dedicated student support services by College staff and mentorship by industry experts. The second aspect of the program will be to support formerly incarcerated students on campus. For these students, Miramar College will offer application and financial aid assistance, a summer orientation program, one-on-one academic and counseling support, direct student aid, and access to a student club to promote community-building and networking. The program's wrap around services will be provided in a space that promotes collaboration, creativity, and supports mental health.

Associate Professor of Sociology Laura Pecenco was selected to serve as the Faculty Coordinator for the Rising Scholars program. Laura began serving in this role at the start of the Spring 2023 semester and will continue through the Spring 2025 semester.

The terms of this agreement run from January 1, 2023 through July 31, 2025.



## Miramar College Honored for Excellence in Equitable Course Placement

Miramar College was recognized by The Campaign for College Opportunity as one of only 56 California Community Colleges honored for implementing landmark placement policy AB 705, championed by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and signed into law in 2017. The College was one of three honorees in the category of Campus wide Transfer-Level English Success.

Prior to AB 705, the vast majority of incoming community college students were being placed into remedial math and English courses that ultimately discouraged and derailed students on their college journeys. Over a decade of research has shown that students' likelihood of earning a degree decreases when they start college in remedial courses.

### Honorees:

**Campuswide Transfer-Level English Success** - California Community Colleges supporting students to complete transfer-level English within one year of initially enrolling in an English course.

San Diego Miramar College  
Coastline Community College  
Foothill College

## M.E.S.A Grant Awarded to Miramar College

San Diego Miramar College has received a 5-year M.E.S.A. grant from the state Chancellor's Office totaling \$1.4 million for the creation of a Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement program (MESA).

"The California Community College Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program is designed to help underserved and disproportionately impacted students majoring in the sciences achieve their goals, particularly in transfer-oriented programs," said Dr. Wesley P. Lundburg, president of San Diego Miramar College. "This is fantastic news, and a testament to our commitment to our students and our community!"

MESA programs are nationally recognized and operate collaboratively within statewide consortia to broaden participation and improve academic outcomes for underrepresented students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education.

MESA USA has a vision where students of color are empowered to achieve their dreams in these fields to create prosperity in our communities. Miramar College will focus on infrastructure, design, and student outcomes, especially as it relates to comprehensive academic and student support. Professional development, internship opportunities, and workforce advisory board collaboration will also be a focus throughout the length of the grant.

San Diego Miramar College has been funded for five years for a total of \$1,400,000. The funding levels per year are:

- Year 1 (2022-23) \$280,000
- Year 2 (2023-24) \$280,000
- Year 3 (2024-25) \$280,000
- Year 4 (2025-26) \$280,000
- Year 5 (2026-27) \$280,000





## Program Mapper Launched to Assist Students on a Guided Pathway

In an effort to provide a Guided Pathway for students to better navigate completion of their degree/certificate program(s), Miramar College created a program mapper, which debuted in July 2022.

“The program mapper provides students access to a tool that allows them to explore the degree and certificate options available to them,” said Dr. Michael Odu, vice president of Instructional Services at Miramar College. “Students will find the mapper organized in groups of similar programs, or what we call academic and career pathways.”

Students are encouraged to visit the program mapper to ensure they can quickly achieve their educational goals. The new program mapper can be found here:

[san-diego-miramar.programmapper.com/academics](https://san-diego-miramar.programmapper.com/academics)

Guided Pathways is an on-going California Community College Chancellor's Office initiative that is a structured to provide all students with clear enrollment avenues, course-taking patterns and support services. The four pillars of Guided Pathways are: create clear curricular pathways to employment and further education; help students choose and enter their pathways; help students stay on their paths; and ensure learning is happening with intentional outcomes.



## Degree Completion

In May 2023, Miramar College conferred 1,029 associate degrees. Included in that total is 476 students who will be graduating with an Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT). Another 525 certificates of achievement will be awarded.



## Automotive Technology Program Has Accreditation Re-affirmed

The Miramar College Automotive Technology department has had its ASE Education Foundation accreditation extended through June of 2028.

To achieve this coveted recognition, the college's automotive technology program underwent rigorous evaluation by the ASE Education Foundation. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

ASE recently received the on-site evaluation results for the College's general automobile technician-training program and the results indicate that the program continues to meet the requirements for *Master Automobile Service Technology Accreditation* — the highest level of program accreditation recognized by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE commended the Miramar College staff for maintaining program standards and continuing to meet the industry's requirements.

The Automotive Technology program at San Diego Miramar College provides both classroom theory and extensive hands on (shop) entry-level employment training as well as professional upgrading to persons in the automotive industry. The program provides training for each of the areas tested for National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification, and Bureau of Automotive Repair training for state licenses as well. Certificates of Achievement are offered in Automotive Chassis, Automotive Electrical, Automotive Engine Performance, and Automotive Transmissions. A Certificate of Performance is offered for Advanced Emissions Specialist.



## Discover Series Makes Triumphant Return to Campus

More than 300 students from the San Diego Unified High School District descended on Miramar College during February for the return of Miramar College's popular *Discover Series*.

For the first time since 2019, Miramar College was able to host these popular outreach events now that the COVID-19 pandemic has become manageable.

The first event, *Discover Your Drive*, was held on February 9. The next was the *Discover Your Passion* event on February 13. These two events are designed to introduce current high school students to the Career Training Education classes offered at Miramar College. A total of 340 students were in attendance.

*Discover Your Drive* drew 215 high school students interested in three areas of study: Auto, Aviation and Diesel. Students received a hands on opportunity to meet with current faculty and take part in program demonstrations. All students went through a three-program rotation.

Baker Cook, a senior from Clairemont High School, volunteered to taxi an aircraft for take-off at Montgomery Field as part of the flight simulator demonstration offered by Aviation Faculty Member Josh Birnbaum.

**"It's been really awesome,"** said Cook. **"I decided to come today to try to understand what jobs are available and what I might get paid during my career doing these types of jobs."**

Josh Birnbaum teaches Aviation 101 Private Pilot Ground School and its concurrent lab, which features 12 flight training devices. "I saw a lot of great reaction from the students that came through here," said Birnbaum. "It's something I wish I got when I was in high school. I am a trying to be the poster child of this program. I started in this program, and in the same class I am currently teaching. I just fell in love with this program and flying, so much that I left my career at Apple after 12 years to pursue teaching here at Miramar." Birnbaum continued, "I'm not saying I regret my previous career choice, but if I had started this sooner how much more enjoyment would I have had in life?"

## 2022-2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Auto students were able to get under the chassis of more than a half dozen cars, while diesel students took turns operating a backhoe provided by Hawthorne-Cat. Penske brought in two trucks for inspection, one gas powered and the other electric powered. Solar Turbine tabled at the event and representatives from the Alaska Airlines talent acquisitions team was present to meet with students.

"We're very excited to bring this series of events back after the pandemic," said Claudia Estrada-Howell, associate dean for Career Education at San Diego Miramar College. "The intent of the Miramar College *Discover Series* event(s) is to strengthen the College's K-14 CTE pathways by exposing students to the college's Career Training Education."

Miramar College also hosted *Discover Your Passion* on February 13. This event was focused on the College's Business & Entrepreneurship, Paralegal and Child Development programs. One-hundred and twenty-five students attended the Monday event.

*Discover Your Passion* attendees visited the Regional Entrepreneurship Center (REC) Innovation Lab and were shown how to start a new business

and concluded by participating in a pitch presentation to their classmates. At the Child Development Center, the students learned through play at 4 different stations that included painting, manipulatives, and much more. Paralegal showed the students how to identify legal issues simply by reviewing childhood stories, such as 3 Little Pigs and Sleeping Beauty. Business shared with students strategies on how to construct a sales message while Finance played a game called Financial Football, in honor of the recent Super Bowl.

Students were provided lunch, a swag bag and were able to win prizes during both events.

Visit the photos of the event. The links provided below:

### **Discover Your Passion:**

[flickr.com/photos/195788696@N02/albums/72177720306005173](https://www.flickr.com/photos/195788696@N02/albums/72177720306005173)

### **Discover Your Drive:**

[flickr.com/photos/195788696@N02/albums/72177720305892710](https://www.flickr.com/photos/195788696@N02/albums/72177720305892710)



The Science Olympiad March 4, 2023

## Science Olympiad Draws Thousands

The Science Olympiad returned to Miramar College for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic on March 4. Between 3,500-4,000 attended throughout the day. Of the attendees, about 1,500 were students from regional middle schools and high schools. Visit the link to see the list of schools in attendance: [scilympiad.com/sdso/Reg/School](https://scilympiad.com/sdso/Reg/School).

At the Science Olympiad, students worked together in teams of up to 15 to compete in 23 events. The events change from year to year, covering fields and topics including: anatomy and biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, geology, mechanical and structural engineering, and technology.



Inaugural match on March 3, 2023

## Beach Volleyball Debuts

The Miramar College women's beach volleyball team debuted in 2023 as Miramar College's 7th intercollegiate sport. The Jets held their inaugural home match on March 3 and beat City College. Visit this url to see a video about the team: [youtube.com/watch?v=sbxbLpCY0iU](https://youtube.com/watch?v=sbxbLpCY0iU)



Pride Flag Celebration on June 15, 2023

## Pride Flag Celebration

Miramar College held a Pride Flag Celebration on Thursday, June 15 in front of the Administration Building. The college's Leading Equity, Anti-Racism and Diversity (LEAD) Office along with the LGBTQ+ Alliance, Club Spectrum and the Pride programs and resources hosted the event. Attendees learned about the history of the Pride Flag and what its raising means. Members of the Miramar LBGTQIA+ community spoke. A small reception was held after the event.



The Miramar College LGBTQ+ Alliance received recognition at the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on June 27

## LGBTQ+ Pride Alliance Receives Board of Supervisors Proclamation

The Miramar College LGBTQ+ Alliance received recognition at the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on June 27. The Pride Month proclamation was co-sponsored by Chairwoman Nora Vargas' office (Supervisor, District 1) and Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer (District 3). Professor Laura Gonzalez was chosen to give brief remarks.



Dr. Allison Douglas-Chicoye, Dean of Student Development

## Dr. Allison Douglas-Chicoye Named Dean of Student Development

Beginning February 6, 2023, Dr. Allison Douglas-Chicoye took over as the new Dean of Student Development.

Douglas-Chicoye has over 20 years of experience in higher education and has served as a senior administrator in both the university and community college setting. Most recently, she served as the Dean for Student Success and Support at Riverside City College where she oversaw the areas of Counseling and Matriculation, Library, Academic Support, College Promise and the Student Equity and Achievement.

In her role with Miramar College, she provides support and oversight to the general counseling unit, the Transfer Center and the programs under the EOPS/CARE umbrella.

Douglas-Chicoye has a master's degree in educational counseling and a Ph.D in higher education administration from New York University.



Dr. Michael Odu, Vice President of Instruction Services



## Dr. Michael Odu Honored by San Diego Business Journal

Dr. Michael Odu, Vice President of Instruction Services, was named one of the top 50 Black Leaders of Influence for 2023 by the San Diego Business Journal. You can see entire list here:

[sdccd.edu/docs/District/cpr/SDBJBlackLeadersofInfluence20232-27-2023.pdf](https://sdccd.edu/docs/District/cpr/SDBJBlackLeadersofInfluence20232-27-2023.pdf)



Lisa Cole-Jones, Director of Development and Entrepreneurship

## Lisa Cole-Jones Named Director of Development and Entrepreneurship

Lisa Cole-Jones joined Miramar College as Director of Development and Entrepreneurship on May 1, 2023. Lisa joined the College in a new position created by the District to bring parity across the SDCCD colleges and to bolster our philanthropy/fundraising efforts. Lisa will work closely with administration and the Foundation.

Lisa brings over a decade of fundraising experience to Miramar College. She initially joined the San Diego Community College District in 2017 to facilitate fundraising in support of the San Diego Promise. In that role, Lisa implemented an annual fundraising plan that included diverse fundraising activities, such as monthly and payroll giving, major gifts, grant writing, planned gifts, and major events, all of which led to more than \$2.6 million in philanthropic giving.

Prior to joining the District, Lisa served as the Associate Director of Development at the National Conflict Resolution Center.



Lucy Gates, Women's Water Polo Coach

## Lucy Gates Named Women's Water Polo Coach

Director of Athletics Nick Gehler named Lucy Gates as the new head women's water polo coach at San Diego Miramar College on December 19.

Lucy brings over twelve years of competitive coaching and playing experience to the Jets program.



# Legendary Volleyball Coach John Landicho Retires

Miramar College volleyball head coach John Landicho, the only coach the men's program has had since its inception in 2015, announced his retirement from coaching at the end of the 2023 season.

A veteran of 31 years in the sport, Landicho was hired by Miramar College in the spring of 2014 to develop men's and women's volleyball programs for the College. Men's volleyball competed for the first time in 2015, with women's indoor volleyball following in 2018 and the accompanying women's beach program the spring of 2023.

In its first nine years of existence, the Jets men's volleyball program produced four PCAC championships and five state Top 10 rankings, while placing 16 student-athletes into four-year university MVB programs. Landicho was honored as the 2017, 2018, 2022, and 2023 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference men's volleyball Coach of the Year. He also served as women's indoor volleyball head coach in 2022, guiding the program through its first post-COVID season. Throughout his tenure at Miramar College, Landicho has been instrumental in the development of all three programs, as well as Miramar's new four-court sand volleyball court complex.

"For 30+ years I've tried to develop dynamic young men and women through championship-level volleyball," says Landicho. "While those seasons didn't all produce championships, it did produce better human beings, and there can be no better outcome from intercollegiate and interscholastic athletics. That I've been able to experience a ridiculous amount of winning is also a byproduct of our program, and is a testament to our players understanding, embracing, and flourishing in our process."

Landicho will continue to remain active in the sport of men's volleyball as the president of the California Community College Men's Volleyball Coaches Association (CCCMVCA), where he will continue to provide leadership to the sport while advancing initiatives to grow the sport in the California JC system.

Landicho remains a professor in the Dept. of Exercise Science, Health & Nutrition at Miramar, a position he'll continue in through December of 2023.



John Landicho, Men's Volleyball Coach



Ryan Millar, Assistant Men's Volleyball Coach

## Volleyball Assistant Honored

Miramar College assistant men's volleyball coach Ryan Millar has been presented with the All-Time Great Male Indoor Athlete Award by USA Volleyball. It is the highest award given out by the USA Volleyball Federation. Millar traveled to Dallas, TX in May to accept his honor.



Gino Gamboa, Men's Volleyball Coach

## Miramar Athletics Appoints Gino Gamboa As New Men's Volleyball Coach

With the end of the Miramar men's volleyball season, efforts turned to finding the replacement for retiring head coach John Landicho. The search did not progress far as Director of Athletics Nick Gehler kept the hire in-house, by elevating assistant coach Gino Gamboa to the head coach's role, effective immediately.

Gamboa rises to the head coach's position after joining the Jets program midway through the 2023 season as an assistant coach.



Ernie Reyes, Women's Soccer Coach

## Ernie Reyes Named Women's Soccer Coach

Ernie Reyes was introduced as the new head women's soccer coach on December 20, 2022.

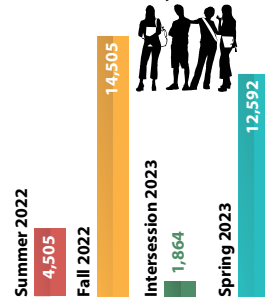
Prior to arriving at San Diego Miramar College, Reyes served as the head varsity girls' soccer coach at Mount Miguel High School, a position he had held since 2018.

Enrollment  
Total 2022-2023  
FTES 7,140

Annual Unduplicated  
Headcount 2022-2023  
23,043



### Headcount by Term



### Mode of Instruction Fall 2022

43%

On-Campus 11,360



57%

Online 15,308



### Sections Offered Fall 2022

46%

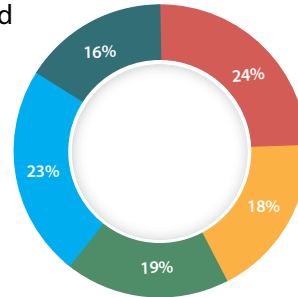
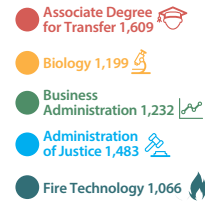
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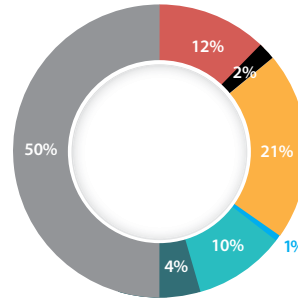
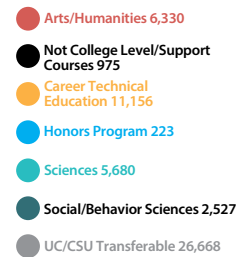
54%

Online 544

### Top 5 Majors Selected by Students Fall 2022



### Enrollment by Course Type Fall 2022



### Degrees/Certificates Awarded Fall 2022-2023

AA/AS Degree

1,029



Associate Degrees for Transfer

(this number is included in 1,109 total degrees awarded)

476

Certificate of Achievement

525

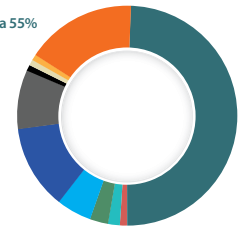
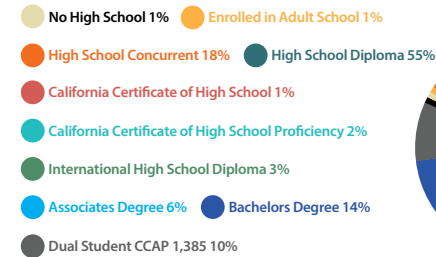
Total Degrees and Certificates

Note: Only state approved certificates are reported here

1,554

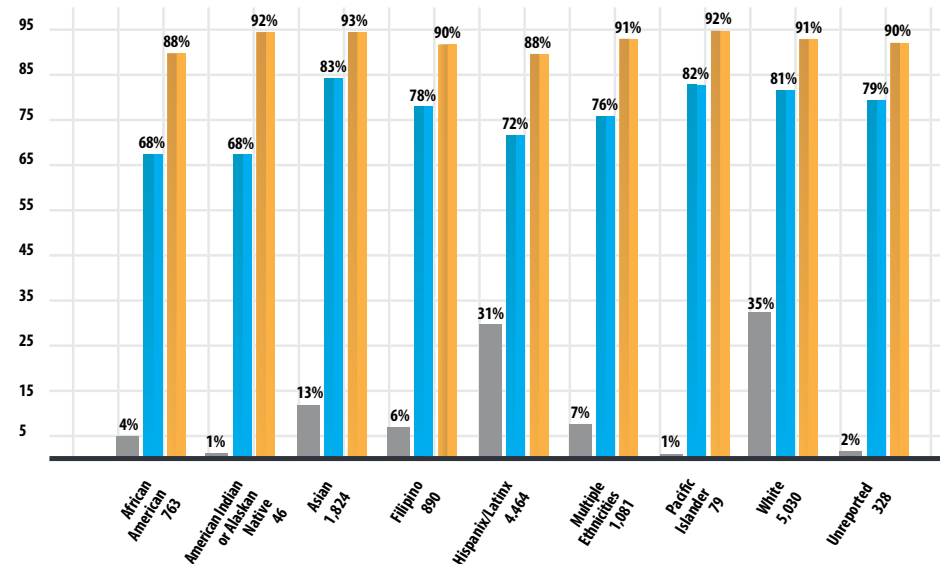
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Categories are not mutually exclusive

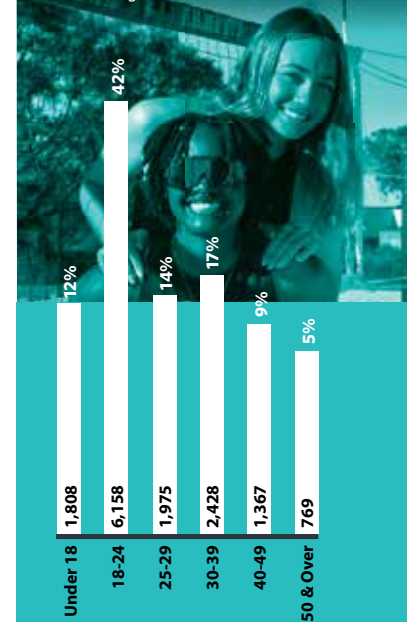


### Success and Retention

Race/Ethnicity - Fall 2022 Success Rate Retention Rate



### Student Age



First generation college students Fall 2022  
**26%**



37% Students receiving financial aid Fall 2022  
**8,485**



4% Students receiving DSPS services Fall 2022  
**822**

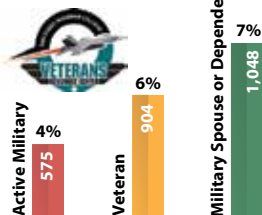


Student course load  
Full-Time 1,855 | 13%  
(12 or more credits)

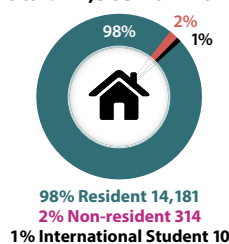
Part-Time 12,650 | 87%  
(Fewer than 12 credits)



Military Status Total:  
2,527 | 17%



Headcount by Residency  
Total: 14,505 Fall 2022



San Diego Promise  
Fall 2022

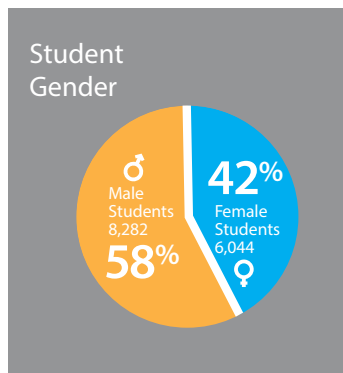


Employment Status at Time of Application  
Fall 2022

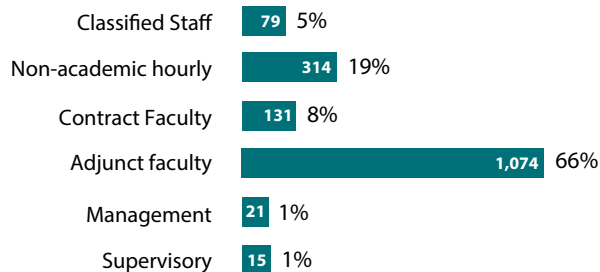
23% < 40 Hours

45% ≥ 40 Hours

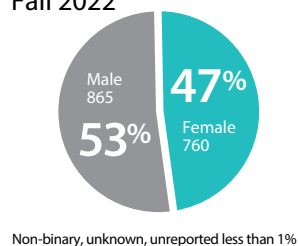
32% Not working



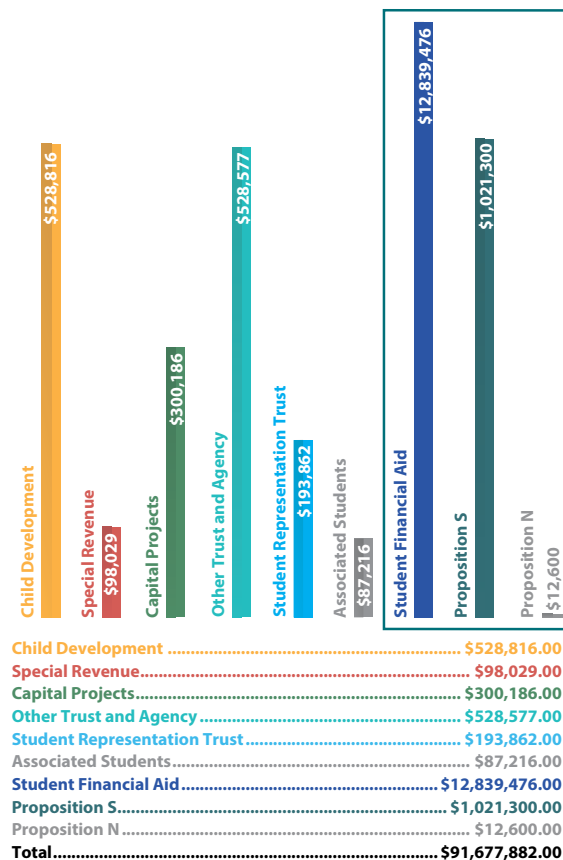
Employees 1,634



Employee Gender  
Fall 2022



Operating Budget  
Fiscal Resources



Fall 2022-2023

Restricted  
Resources generally from an external source that are required to be used for specific purposes.



Unrestricted  
Resources available for the general purposes of district operations and support of its educational programs.



Edward Borek, Alumnus

2022 Fall Cupcakes and Bubbles with Club Spectrum and LGBTQ Allies

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# Edward Borek

"Community isn't just something you find, virtually or otherwise," penned San Diego Miramar College alumnus Edward Borek in his 2021 short story titled *To Find Community*. "And that's because, to find community, you have to build community." And, that is exactly what Borek set out to do during his time as a Jet and still does to this day.

When he enrolled at Miramar College in fall 2020, isolation resulting from the pandemic was very evident in his life. Borek, who had been laid off from his job that summer and was living alone, said that he was desperate to find some sort of community.

"Everyone was feeling the pangs of pandemic loneliness," he said. And, knowing school was continuing on virtually, he decided to reach out to every Miramar College club he could. That is when he met Laura Gonzalez, a professor and the faculty advisor for the college's Club Spectrum, a LGBTQ+ student organization, who invited him to a club meet and greet event online.



While the first meeting had many attendees, subsequent encounters became just he and another student. So, Borek, who identifies as a bisexual, cisgender male, took it upon himself to help build up the community by promoting the group during other club and student government meetings and creating a website for Club Spectrum.

Eventually he went on to become the club's president, as well as the college's Associated Student Government president and a student representative on the District's Board of Trustees, as well as for the LGBTQ+ Alliance, a student and employee advocacy committee. It was in these positions where Borek was able to further advocate for the LGBTQ+ community including an added amendment in the ASG constitution to recognize preferred pronouns and increased the availability of gender-neutral bathrooms — of which there are now five at Miramar College and more than 30 districtwide.

"A lot of work had been laid out before me," he said. "Bringing Club Spectrum, as well as the LGBTQ+ Alliance and the District Queer Alliance into the fold — recognizing them as important stakeholders — was important to me."



SDCCD at the San Diego PRIDE Parade 2023

By the time Borek graduated with his associate degree in business administration in spring 2022, Club Spectrum was having regular, well-attended events including virtual game nights, providing volunteer opportunities at campus food distributions, and participating in community events like the San Diego AIDS Walk and Pride Parade (the latter of which the District and Board of Trustees has participated in since 2015).

Borek isn't the only one advocating on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community to make sure the District has available safe, welcoming spaces for what he terms a "minoritized" population.

In 2017, Gonzalez, who introduced Borek to Club Spectrum, developed a Safe Zone training program for Miramar College. Today, she and District Research and Planning Analyst and Mesa College alumna Jaime Sykes Seiverd together educate faculty, administrators, and classified professionals with a program that provides knowledge about LGBTQ+ language, tools to increase inclusivity in the classroom and in the workplace, and ideas to build a more sensitive environment. While each SDCCD college has its own Safe Zone training process, Gonzalez and Sykes are working toward standardizing a districtwide program.

"We want to create an environment in which everyone can be their authentic selves with dignity and respect," Gonzalez said. "We want to provide not only education but also practical things that people can do to support the community in their workplace."

At Miramar College, a list of those who have been Safe Zone trained and consent to having their names listed — approximately 120 to-date — is published on the college's LGBTQ+ Resources page. Similarly, at San Diego Mesa College, the Ally/Out List is available as a resource noting those faculty, staff, and administrators who identify themselves as members of the LGBTQ+ community or allies who proudly serve as advocates for respect, inclusivity, and acceptance.



"While I think there is a lot that needs to happen beyond Safe Zone trainings to ensure LGBTQ+ students feel included, supported, and valued for who they are, I think the Safe Zone program is a positive step forward," Sykes Seiverd said. "It provides committed college employees with the ability to better support their students, knowledge of how to move forward when they make a mistake, and how to see and accept students for who they are and not who they are assumed to be."



Cameron Newby, Student



Sonya Shafir, Student

## Miramar College Students Selected for the 2023 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team



PHI THETA KAPPA  
HONOR SOCIETY

Two students from Miramar College were selected for the 2023 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team, a recognition of their academic achievements, community service and leadership. They were among 112 students chosen from California community colleges for the honor.

PTK recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. It has more than 3.5 million members in the United States and worldwide.

Cameron Newby graduated in spring 2023 with a transfer degree in Business Administration. He plans to continue his studies in business administration at San Diego State University, and hopes for a career in project management at a technology or software company. Before coming to Miramar College, Newby attended Marantha Christian School. He has a 3.85 GPA and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Sonya Shafir also graduated in the spring of 2023 with a degree in human biology. Shafir plans to transfer to a four-year university and get a medical degree so that she can become an OB-GYN physician and help couples trying to conceive children. She is a resident of Rancho Bernardo and attended Westview High School.

# STUDENT SUCCESS

## Sonya Shafir Named Coca-Cola Scholar

Miramar College student Sonya Shafir was named a 2023 Coca-Cola Academic Team Bronze Scholar and received a \$1,000 scholarship. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually.

Shafir is the child of Ukrainian Jewish refugees. The first generation American is in her second year at Miramar College studying Human Biology. Shafir plans to transfer to either UCLA or UC San Diego in the fall. The Westview High School graduate hopes to attend medical school and become a physician with a specialization in gynecology/fertility.

Shafir was the president of Miramar College's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She also served as the vice president of the Biology Club.

Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members were recognized in both local and state-wide ceremonies and were also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, held in Columbus, Ohio, April 2020-2022.



**COCA-COLA  
SCHOLARS  
FOUNDATION**



Sonya Shafir, Student



Calvin Hill, Student



Michael Raska, Student

**JACK KENT COOKE**  
FOUNDATION

## Two Named Cooke Undergraduate Scholarship Semifinalists

Two Miramar College students were named semifinalists for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Award. Calvin Hill and Michael Raska were among 459 semifinalists named across the United States of America. In 2023, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation received 1,700 applications from students that attend 215 community colleges in 38 states.

Calvin Hill is a 2021 graduate of Del Norte High school and a second year student studying Economics at Miramar College. Hill is part of the San Diego Community College's Pathway Program and was accepted to UC San Diego where he will study Economics. Hill is also completed an Associates Degree for Transfer, and with it, acceptance into San Diego State University. The first generation college student is the oldest of three children born to a single mother. Hill describes himself as a role model to his two younger twin siblings. "I wanted to show my siblings that they can do anything in education," said Hill, who recently paused his work career to finish his studies and the results were straight A's.

Michael Raska graduated from Miramar College in May 2022. Raska received his Associates Degree for Transfer in History. While at Miramar College, he achieved a 3.9 grade point average. He has been accepted to San Diego State University where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in Military History starting in the fall of 2023. Raska calls himself, "a real life Jimmy the Jet" after serving in the United States Navy as an aviation structural hydraulics mechanic and plane captain airman in Strike Fighter Squadron 22. He routinely helped launch air strikes off the deck of the USS Carl Vinson on terrorist targets in Syria and Iraq from 2013-2015. He trained for combat at the Navy's Top Gun Flight School.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awards community college students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, leadership, service, and a determination to complete their bachelor's degrees at top four-year institutions.

The Cooke Transfer Scholarship is designed to create a clear pathway to a four-year degree by offering up to \$55,000 per year along with academic advising and access to a network of peers.



## Diesel Duo Wins Gold and Silver at State Championships

Miramar College Diesel Technology students, Andres Geurts-Barreto (left) and Travis Digenan (right), earned the Gold and Silver medals respectively at the 2023 Region 6 SkillsUSA California Diesel Technology Championship.

"Andres and Travis have put in an immense amount of hard work and dedication to their studies and preparation for the competition," said Gene Choe, Diesel Professor at San Diego Miramar College. "Their success is a testament to their exceptional skills, passion, and commitment to the diesel technology field. As the chair of the Diesel Technology Program, I am thrilled to see our students excel in such a prestigious competition. It's a testament to the dedication and hard work of our faculty and staff to provide our students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the industry."

Andres Geurts-Barreto won the Gold medal and Travis Digenan won Silver. The duo competed at the Ontario convention center in April 2023. Both started at Miramar College in spring of 2022. They will graduate soon and afterwards both have accepted a position as technician apprentices at Hawthorne machinery in Rancho Bernardo.

Andres was unable to compete in the national tournament in Atlanta due to a back injury. Travis Digenan was allowed to take his place.

Travis traveled to Atlanta in June to compete in 2023 National SkillsUSA Diesel Technology Championships where he competed in the rigorous 14-station Diesel Technology event.



## Jack LeDuff Named PCAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year

Jets men's volleyball student-athlete Jack LeDuff was named the 2023 PCAC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year in the PCAC!

Jack was a three-year member of the Miramar men's volleyball program. He was part of the Jets 2021 team, a group that showed extraordinary dedication and tenacity as it trained all year without the opportunity to play due to the COVID pandemic. His efforts as a starter contributed to a Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) championship in the team's return to competition in 2022 and earned him first-team All-PCAC honors. Jack led the Jets to a second straight PCAC title this Spring, earning 1st-team All-PCAC honors for the season as well as being named the 2023 PCAC MVB Athlete of the Year. The on-court attributes of hard work and studiousness has also led to Jack achieving success in the classroom, with a 3.51 GPA in 55 units through fall of 2022. His efforts on the court and in the classroom led him to be named to the 2023 American Volleyball Coaches Association Two-Year College Sophomores to Watch list.

Jack has given back to his community with volunteer work that includes coaching youth basketball, time spent at a center for senior citizens, and work with the developmentally disabled. A great indicator of his dedication to his future: with no men's volleyball programs in his area, Jack has driven nearly an hour daily to Miramar (from Temecula) for the last 3 years, to chase his goal of being a student-athlete at the four-year university level. That dedication has paid off, as Jack has committed to Cal Lutheran University to continue his volleyball and academic career—the 18th player the Miramar MVB program has helped to a four-year university's MVB program in eight years.



Jack LeDuff, Student



2022 Men's Basketball Team

## Basketball Wins PCAC Title

With a victory on February 17, the Jets men's basketball team won their very first PCAC title. The Jets won the conference by 1 game over City College.

### Post-Season Men's Basketball Awards

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR & NAMED ALL-STATE:** Jakob Milling was named to the 2023 California Community College Men's Basketball Coaches Association All State team. During the 2023 season, Milling 15.7 points, 12 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 block a game.

### FIRST TEAM ALL-PCAC:

Alex Mirhosseini and Michael Batchelor

### HONORABLE MENTION:

Jake Elfstrom

### COACH OF THE YEAR:

Nick Gehler





Mia Fox, Student

Elif Solmaz, Student

Melisa Strokis  
StudentJaalyn Sotoa-Stuebing  
Student

## Four Make Beach Volleyball All-PCAC Team

Two pairs of Miramar College beach volleyball players made the All-PCAC Team in the sports' first season on campus. The duo of Mia Fox and Elif Solmaz, along with the duo of Melisa Strokis and Jaalyn Sotoa-Stuebing were named First Team All-PCAC.



Samdrea Hsu, Student

## Samdrea Hsu Named Female Athlete of the Year

Miramar College Beach Volleyball player Samdrea Hsu was named the Miramar College Female Athlete of the Year.



## Beach Volleyball Duo Makes State Tournament

The duo of Jaalyn Sotoa-Stuebing and Mia Fox qualified for the May CCCAA State Tournament in Women's Beach Volleyball becoming the first duo in Miramar College history to qualify.



Mia Fox, Student

Jaalyn Sotoa-Stuebing, Student



2022 Men's Volleyball Team

## The Miramar College men's Volleyball Wins PCAC title

For the second straight season, the Miramar College men's volleyball team won the outright Pacific Coast Athletic Conference regular season title. The Jets finished the season with a 12-5 record and made the playoffs where they lost in the opening round at Orange Coast College. The team was coached by John Landicho who retired at the end of the season. Landicho was named Coach of the Year in the PCAC.

### Post-Season Men's Volleyball Awards

#### FIRST TEAM ALL-PCAC:

Parker Brown, Soph. OH  
Garrett Garcia, Soph OPP/S

Jack LeDuff, Soph. OH  
Joshua Valencia, Fr. Libero

#### SECOND TEAM:

Cooper Buchanan, Fr. MB

#### HONORABLE MENTION:

Noah Lim, Fr. OPP and Jeremy Pineda, Fr. S

#### ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Jack LeDuff

#### COACH OF THE YEAR:

John Landicho





Alex Mirhosseini  
Student



Jaume Arnal  
Student



Artis Chapman  
Student



## Basketball Commitments

Jets guard Alex Mirhosseini committed to West Virginia Wesleyan College to continue his college basketball career.

Jaume Arnal has signed with Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana to continue his college basketball career. Arnal was a member of the 2023 Jets PCAC Championship team.

Fellow Jet's men's basketball player Artis Chapman has committed to Mayville State in Mayville, North Dakota to further his basketball career.



The 2023 queens — From the left: Miss Junior Teen Poway Emma Polston, Miss Poway Karoshi Nanavati (Student) and Miss Teen Poway Rishika Kulkarni. Photo by Don Sheffler

## Miramar College Student Named Miss Poway

Miramar College student Karoshi Nanavati, a graduate of Rancho Bernardo High School, was named Miss Poway for 2023

Story located here: [bit.ly/45SCLgd](https://bit.ly/45SCLgd).

 Miss Poway Scholarship Pageant

Building up civic-  
minded, academic  
centered, confident  
young women.



Cade Miller, Student

# Cade Miller to Intern at Department of Energy

Cade Miller was accepted to the US Department of Energy Community College Internship (USDE CCI) program. He was also offered a spot at Stanford's (SLAC) National Accelerator Laboratory for this summer where he will be conducting research on how algorithmic language can be leveraged to facilitate magnet controls infrastructure development.



## Student Elections

Here are the results of 2023-2024 Associated Student Government Elections held in May.

**President:** Namod Pallek

**Vice President:** Saigel Ghotra

**Secretary:** Yurika Mahr

**Senators:**

Kayla Deleon	Seojin Park
Tonhi Dinh	Anderian Sawa
Kylee Guiriba	Amaan Shaghel
Brian Hall	Aditi Verma
Victoria Miller	



Signing Day on April 13 for local high school students

## CTE Signing Day Returns

Miramar College's Career Technical Education program hosted a "Signing Day" on April 13 for local high school students pledging a commitment to attend a Miramar College CTE program after high school graduation.

Thirteen San Diego area high school students attended the event and pledged a commitment to study either Automotive Technology or Diesel Technology at the college. Two lucky students received the newly created Career Education Inspire Scholarship.

"Our Career Education Signing Day celebrates the life-changing moment when a student chooses to commit to their future careers," said Claudia Estrada-Howell, associate dean, Strong Workforce Programs at San Diego Miramar College. "Participating students will be individually recognized for their dedication to learn in-demand skills for industries like automotive and diesel technology, aviation, entrepreneurship, among other high-paying fields. These workers of tomorrow will choose an industry-aligned degree or certification program with the potential of financial and employment security earlier in life than their fellow classmates who attend a 4-year school right after graduation."

Participants signed a letter-of-intent to attend Miramar College, received program swag, and enjoyed dinner.

Although this event was intimate, college staff made a huge impact and the room was filled with lots of smiles and cheers.

Providing the keynote speeches were USMC Veterans, Valentino Nevarez and Kevin Croan. Both are diesel technology program graduates and are currently employed at FedEx as diesel mechanics. Croan also holds a BS in Mathematics. They have each returned to Miramar College as adjunct professors in the diesel technology program as well.



ASME on April 29

## Engineering Club Students Compete at ASME

On April 29, Miramar College had a team of nine students from the Miramar Engineering Club compete at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers EFX Conference held at Cal Poly Pomona. They competed against four year universities from Las Vegas, New Mexico, Cal Poly, and a team from Saudi Arabia to see who could build a 3D printed drone and run it through an obstacle course.



## FACULTY UPDATES: CELEBRATING THEIR IMPACT AND JOURNEY

## Passings

Aviation Professor **Lonny Bosselman** passed away unexpectedly in March of 2023. Professor Bosselman was considered an outstanding faculty member and an expert aviation mechanic who had taught aviation maintenance courses at Miramar College since 2006. He was an advocate for career education, industry engagement, and student success. Professor Bosselman began his career at Miramar College as an adjunct faculty member and was hired as a contract faculty member in fall 2008. He officially retired from Miramar College February 2020 and then returned as a pro rata faculty member in fall 2020. Professor Bosselman worked tirelessly to update course materials and lab equipment to ensure long-term academic and professional success for our students. He was an instrumental stakeholder who worked with building architects, planners, and district personnel to create our state-of-the-art aviation hangar. Most recently, as Program Director for the Aviation Maintenance program, he helped the program maintain FAA compliance.



**Bryce Lyon** passed away on November 30th. Bryce had been with us since 2014. Bryce served as an Ed Tech in the Math Lab from spring 2014 until spring 2020, and helped transform the place into a welcoming space for students to engage around math. Over the last two years, Bryce has served as an Advanced Tutor in both math and English. Students regularly had sought out Bryce for tutoring due to his student-centered approach in making math less intimidating. Bryce was also well-respected by our faculty, who frequently requested him to serve as an Embedded Tutor in their courses.



Adjunct professor **Robert Perry** passed away in November 2022. Robert had taught political science courses for Miramar College since 2016. He was a strong advocate for the CCAP program and most recently taught courses at Scripps Ranch High School. Robert was considered an outstanding faculty member and dedicated family man.



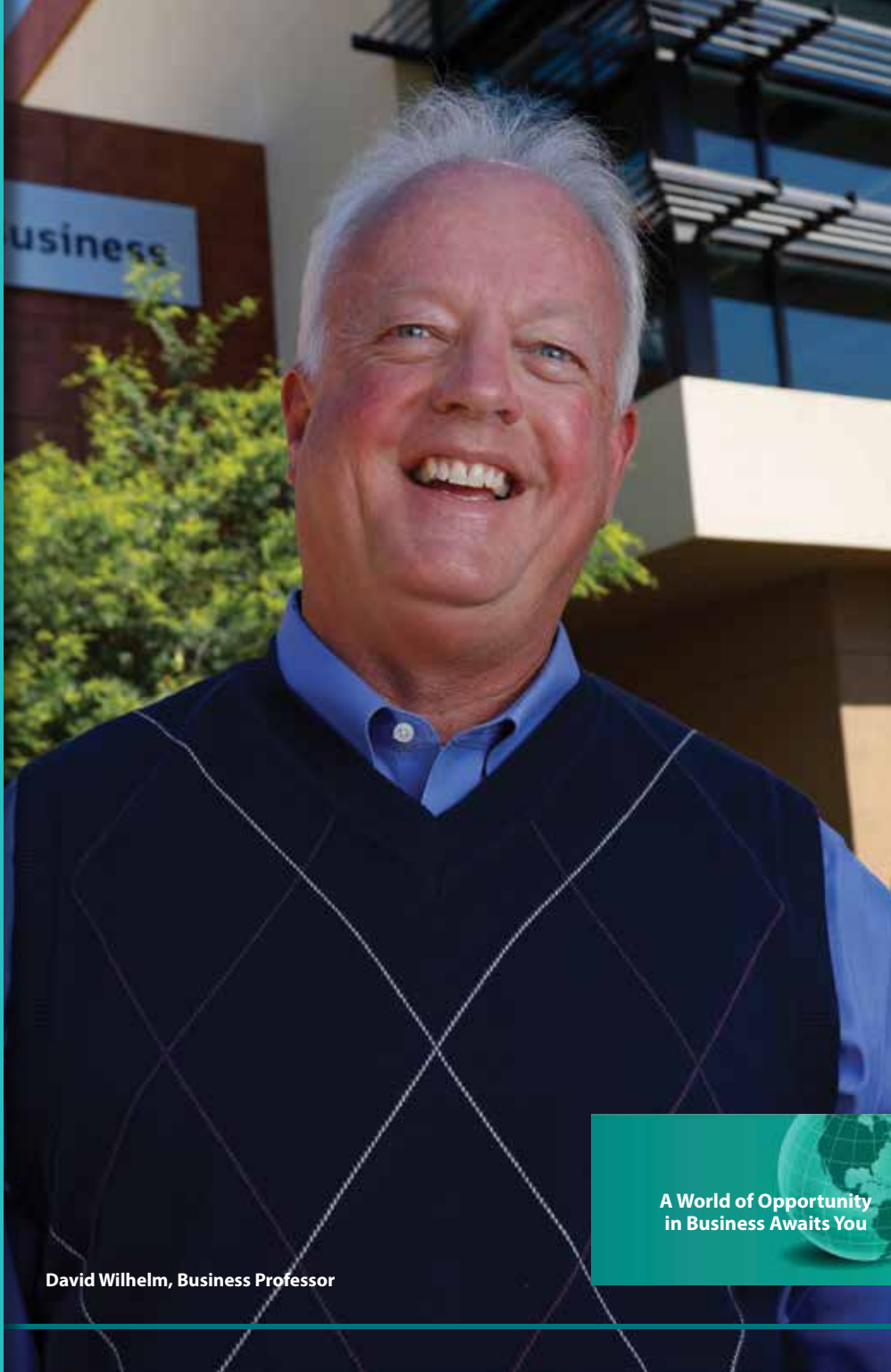
## Good-Byes

School of BTCWI Dean **Jesse Lopez** left Miramar college after 5 years to accept a similar position at San Diego City College. Claudia Estrada-Howell was named acting dean of BTCWI as of July 1, 2023. With Claudia's elevation to acting dean, Mona Patel was named acting associate dean of Career Education.

**Yolanda Giang** left Miramar College to become the new Instructional Support Supervisor at San Diego Mesa College's Library Learning Resources Center. Yolanda worked at Miramar College for over 15 years and has been an integral team member for the School of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE), Library & Technology.

**Eli Manalastas** served as an Administrative Technician for the Office of Instruction at San Diego Miramar College for five years. Eli's experience in course scheduling, faculty assignments and evaluations, and strategic enrollment management will be an asset in his new role as a Business Systems Analyst, for San Diego Community College District, focusing on the curriculum management.

**Tali McLemore** has left his Miramar College Transfer Center position to accept a position as an evaluator with the San Diego Community College District.



David Wilhelm, Business Professor



A World of Opportunity  
in Business Awaits You

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

## Miramar College Business Professor Aims to Make Cents

After two decades of working in finance, management, and marketing, David Wilhelm made the bold move to turn to teaching. Wilhelm, who has taught business courses at San Diego Miramar College for eight years now, said he decided to make the career transition because he wanted to educate others about finance and finding success in their business careers.

Since joining Miramar College, he has done more than educate students. He played a large role in achieving the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs for the college — making it the only nationally accredited two-year business program in the region.

In addition to teaching, Wilhelm regularly contributes to WalletHub, a website that offers educational information about personal credit, and serves as a financial expert to other outlets. The biggest financial advice he has for everyone?

**“Set a specific goal, spend less, and save, save, save!”**

Wilhelm spoke to the San Diego Community Colleges’ *With Excellence (WE)* magazine about what drives him, his curriculum, and what kind of legacy he hopes to leave at Miramar College.

**What makes your classes stand apart from other typical business classes? What kind of lessons do you try to incorporate in your curriculum?**

My broad industry experience in functional areas of marketing and finance complements my academic background because the knowledge gained has guided



and shaped curriculum improvements, which help students understand how concepts introduced in the classroom apply in practice.

One approach, which has been tremendously successful with students over the years, is to discuss current events in business and how they relate to the concepts introduced in the course. A student pairs with another student in class to review and discuss the topic and how the current event relates to the concepts introduced in the class.

**What is the best day you have had as a business professor at Miramar College?**

The best day for me is every day when I first walk into the classroom and see 40 eager students who represent the future as business professionals in our community. It is a privilege for me to be able to influence and encourage them to achieve their full potential in life, which makes it my best day.

**Of course, your job is to teach students. But, sometimes professors can learn a thing or two from their students. What have your students taught you over the years?**

Several students literally teach me how to use new generations of technology. I am from the Baby Boomer generation and many of us resisted technology until forced to use it. They also remind me how similar they are in the challenges faced in daily life, and the need to



be flexible and adapt to change that is often beyond one's control, such as the effects of the pandemic.

**Have any past students reached out to you to tell you about the success they've found in the business world thanks to what they've learned from you?**

I hear from several former students on a regular basis — many of whom are enrolled in graduate school or working as a professional in an organization with tremendous potential for future success. One former student, who graduated from SDSU with a degree in finance, is currently working for Vanguard Investments as a financial manager and has been promoted twice in the firm. I feel so fortunate to have known and worked with many of these very bright and talented individuals while they attended Miramar College.

**When you retire someday as a business professor, what do you hope your students will say about you?**

I hope they say that I was someone who motivated them to achieve their full potential and made a valuable contribution in their life!

# Miramar College Adds Faculty

During the 2022-2023 academic year, Miramar College added 17 new contract faculty members (15 instructors, 2 counselors) running its current total to 128 contract instructors.

Poly Zweigle is our new Child Development faculty member. Pantelidou-Zweigle has been in the field of Child Development for over 25 years. She has worked in the field as a Program Director, Senior Field Recruiter, Onboarding and Training Coordinator and taught preschool. Poly is certified as a PITC trainer, and loves researching infant brain development. In addition to teaching Child Development courses at Saddleback College, she is the University Supervisor for practicum at UMASS Global for the Child Development BA degree program. Higher Education is Pantelidou-Zweigle's passion. Her work with first time college students, nontraditional students, and those returning to school is what motivates her to continue learning how to engage students online as well as in the classroom, elevate teaching practices and how to get her students to degree completion.



**Poly Zweigle, Child Development Professor**

Dr. Ashlee Lain, a north county local, born and raised in San Marcos is deeply rooted in the local community. As a student-athlete, Ashlee earned degrees in Biology and Mathematics from the Northwestern State University of Louisiana. Throughout college, Ashlee spent summers in San Diego mentoring underserved students through the Upward Bound and GEAR UP programs at Palomar College. After graduating, Ashlee moved to Houston, where she completed her Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from Baylor College of Medicine. Ashlee's research looked at the progesterone



**Dr. Ashlee Lain  
Biology Professor**

receptor- dependent gene regulatory networks underlying mammary gland branching morphogenesis. While at Baylor, she was involved in the Graduate Student Council, Early College Awareness Project, the Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity Program, and was a founding member and President of the Association for Graduate Student Diversity. Ashlee also served as a mentor for the SMART summer research program at Baylor, where she discovered her passion for teaching and mentoring college students.

After moving back to San Diego, Ashlee served as the STEM Director at The Inspired Mind Learning Center and started as an adjunct professor at Palomar College and Miramar College. In 2018, Ashlee was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching from Palomar College. Ashlee has also served on the Active Learning Leaders Conference planning committee at Palomar and is committed to teaching students with diverse backgrounds, using a student-centered learning approach. Ashlee is passionate about increasing science literacy and awareness and looks forward to working more closely with our diverse student population at Miramar.

Professor Elizabeth (Liz) Hubert earned her B.A. from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2004 with a double major in Chemistry and Environmental Studies. After graduation, she worked for a year at 3M in St. Paul as a laboratory technician in the analytical division working on sample preparation, data acquisition, and maintenance of 4 different NMR instruments. Liz then moved to San Diego to attend graduate school at UCSD and earned her M.S. in Chemistry in 2007. Since 2012, Liz has taught as an adjunct instructor at Miramar, Southwestern, UCSD, and USD at various times.



**Liz Hubert  
Chemistry Professor**

# FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## Heather Paulson

Heather Paulson, English Professor

Professor Heather Paulson is a writer, scholar, educator and world traveler. Heather was the first in her family to attend college and is an alum of San Diego Miramar College and the University of California Berkeley, completing a B.A. with highest honors in English and Gender and Women's Studies. She is passionate about serving underrepresented communities and has taught various educational levels predominantly in low-income schools for nearly a decade during which she also earned a Master of Education degree at the University of Hawaii, Manoa before returning to get her M.A. and Ph.D. in Literature at UCSD. In the past decade, Heather has also lived and taught abroad in London, England and has traveled to over 30 countries. As a Ph.D. Candidate in Literature with a specialization in Critical Gender Studies at UCSD, she has been funded through various fellowships including the Preparing Accomplished Transfers for the Humanities Program (PATH) Mellon Foundation grant in collaboration with SDCCD, the Institute of Arts and Humanities, Jewish Studies program, Frieda Daum Urey Endowment and by the Working-Class Studies Association. Both her experience as a first-generation college student and her research on class, race and gender continue to influence her pedagogical philosophy centering on social justice and equity. She is immensely excited to be returning to Miramar College as an Assistant Professor of English and looks forward to giving back to the community she was raised in.



## Bear Wolf

Bear Wolf, English/Ethnic Studies Professor

Professor Bear Wolf is a poet, writer, musician, and performer with an M.A. in Creative Writing and Native American Studies from the University of South Dakota and a B.A. in English with emphasis in Multi-Cultural Literature from Northern Illinois University.

Wolf will be releasing his second book of poetry, *Word Tornadoes*, this September, and has been a featured artist at the Nuyorican Poets Café in NYC, *Busboys & Poets* in Washington, DC, competed in the National Poetry Slam in Albuquerque, NM, in 2008, and performed at various other venues nationally and internationally, sharing the stage with several acclaimed poets and spoken word artists such as Taalam Acey, Saul Williams, Buddy Wakefield, Theresa Davis, Taylor Mali, Kai Coggin, and several others. His first book, *2020 D//Vision*, and its companion CD, *Haiku, Tanka and Senryu, Oh My!*, are still available from Changeling Studios and Amazon.

He has been the creator and curator of *Hearing Marginalized Voices in Poetry*, a program bringing modern poets into the classroom, not only to perform, but to discuss with students their experiences and circumstances that led them to using poetry as a modern form of oral history to tell stories of inequality, social justice, and revolution through their art.

Wolf has a long and distinguished history of teaching students with extremely diverse backgrounds, and we look forward to him bringing some new perspectives to our campus.

## 2022-2023 FACULTY &amp; STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## David Castañeda

**David Castañeda, Music Professor**

Born in Oakland, and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, David Castañeda is a multi-percussionist, composer, arranger, podcaster and educator. While completing his undergraduate degree at UCSD, David studied and collaborated with faculty such as Kamou Kenyatta, David Borgo, and Mark Dresser. After graduating with honors from UCSD, he was accepted into the Afro-Latin Master's of Music program at California State University, Los Angeles. David studied arrangement under Dr. Paul DeCastro, and Afro-Latin percussion performance under Grammy Award-winning drummer Euro Zambrano and renowned Cuban percussionist Calixto Oviedo. His M.M. thesis consisted of systemic and historical analysis of the development of salsa, beginning with the Cuban changüí in the late nineteenth century and culminating in the solidification of a distinct aesthetic in the mid-1970s among Caribbean youth in New York City. Upon graduating from CSULA, he was accepted into the M.A./Ph.D. program at the University of California, Los Angeles. Working closely with Dr. Steven Loza, David made topics pertaining to globalization and intercultural dynamics the focus of his research. David focused his doctoral studies on intercultural dynamics, completing a dissertation that explored the lives and careers of six internationally acclaimed musicians from across the United States and Latin America: Joyce Moreno, Ed Motta, Dayme Arocena, Miguel Zenón, Etienne Charles, and Lupita Infante. The project utilized an approach steeped in ethnography, and relied on polyculturalism as its primary framework. Outside of his studies, David continues to perform as a percussionist and artist. David leads his own sextet, which features his arrangements and composition influenced by North American, Brazilian and Latin American music. He also leads a six-piece salsa band, Kini Kini, catering to the San Diego Latin dance community. David focuses his academic training into a podcast named the People + Art Podcast. Serving as host, David speaks with artists locally and abroad, exploring and appreciating their work through an ethnographic lens.



## Amy Alsup

**Amy Alsup Sociology Professor**

Professor Amy Alsup is the new Sociology faculty member in the School of Liberal Arts. Amy is an educator, writer, and social justice advocate with an MA in Sociology from the University of Minnesota. Amy has taught Sociology, Gender Studies, and Academic Writing & Research courses in various higher education settings. She is passionate about promoting equity and educational opportunities for historically marginalized communities.

Prior to accepting a contract position at Miramar College, Amy spent several years as an adjunct professor in the San Diego Community College district. She has participated in several equity-focused campus communities. Recently, Amy worked alongside colleagues to create learning resources on Miramar's Land Acknowledgment website. She has also served on Miramar's Academic Senate and various campus committees.



## Matthew Jewett

**Matthew Jewett, Academy Director/Professor**

Matt comes to Miramar College from Las Positas College, having served there as a full-time Fire Technology Coordinator/Instructor, teaching in both the Fire Technology and Fire Academy Programs.

Prior to becoming a faculty member at Las Positas College, he served as the Dean of the Public Safety Division at Oxnard College, overseeing the Fire Fighter I/II Academy, EMT Program, Lifeguard Academy, Wild land Fire Fighter Academy & Fire Technology Program. Prior to Oxnard College, Matt spent 6 years at Sierra College as a tenured full-time Fire Technology instructor, teaching in both the Fire Technology and Fire Academy Programs. Matt had a 10-year career as a firefighter with the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, where he acquired extensive experience as a Fire Academy Drill Instructor and Training Division Instructor.

Matt earned a BS Degree from the CSU Maritime Academy with a 3rd Mates Unlimited Coast Guard License and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Later, while at Sierra College, he earned a Master's of Science in Organizational Leadership from Union Institute and University.



## Dr. Joel Palhegyi

**Dr. Palhegyi, History Professor**

Joel Palhegyi is a historian and educator who earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego in 2019. Joel's research concerned public history in Eastern Europe, specifically the role of museums in Croatia during and after state socialism. He has taught throughout San Diego county since 2017, including San Diego State University, UCSD, Palomar, Southwestern, and Cal State San Marcos. For nearly a decade, Joel worked as a teaching assistant for UCSD's Making of the Modern World History and Writing Program. He is passionate about World and U.S. History and, when able, he likes to sneak in some Eastern European stories.

Joel is a first-generation college graduate and proud product of the California community college system, having attended Palomar Community College for three years before transferring to UCSD. He is passionate about teaching and believes deeply in the role of community colleges to empower students of all backgrounds.



## Dr. Janina Moretti

**Dr. Janina Moretti**  
Chemistry Professor

Dr. Janina Moretti is the newest MBPES faculty member. She grew up in Los Angeles and earned her undergraduate degree in Biology and Chemistry from Harvey Mudd College in 2007. After graduating, she moved to San Diego to study biochemistry at UCSD where she worked on developing novel catalytic RNA molecules related to origins of life chemistry. After completing her PhD, she started teaching community college chemistry and has taught students at Miramar, Southwestern, Palomar, Mira Costa, and El Camino College. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys hiking, playing ultimate frisbee, and exploring San Diego by bike.



## Judy Wu

**Judy Wu, Physics Professor**

Professor Judy Wu joins MBPES as a physics professor. Wu is a native New Yorker but has spent the majority of her life outside the Empire state. Although they earned their B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, they quickly realized that wasn't their passion. They then earned their M. Ed. and taught high school math and served as an instructional math coach for a number of years. Wanting to learn more about how schools work, they took a break from teaching to pursue an M. Ed. in School Leadership. With this new perspective, Wu returned to the high school classroom before dabbling in the community college waters at Mesa. Wu returned to school one last time to study combinatorial algebra and earn an M.A. Outside of the classroom, they enjoy all things outdoors: running, hiking, camping, backpacking, photography and traveling! They are looking forward to working in the supportive environment of Miramar College to help our students be happy and successful.

## 2023-24 Academic Senate Executive Team

President **Pablo Martin** | Vice-President/President-Elect: **Carmen Carrasquillo** | Secretary: **Josh Alley**

Treasurer: **Monica Demcho** | Contract Member at Large: **Heather Paulson**

Adjunct/Part-Time Member at Large: **Theron Page** | Chair of the Chairs Committee: **Kevin Petti**

Chair of the Curriculum Committee: **Darren Hall**



Judy Patacsil, Faculty Equity Coordinator

## Patacsil Wins Palomar Board Seat

Judy Patacsil (Area 1) won a seat on the Palomar Community College Board in November 2022. In Area 1, which includes most of the district south of Highway 78 and west of I-15, incumbent Mark Evilsizer retired after 20 years of service on the board. Patacsil ran against Frank Xu. The new Governing Board members were sworn in during a special organizational meeting of the board on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Patacsil has 30 years of experience as a higher education professional, with both counseling and classroom experience at several institutions in the region, including San Diego State University and San Diego Miramar College.

## Gene Choe Honored

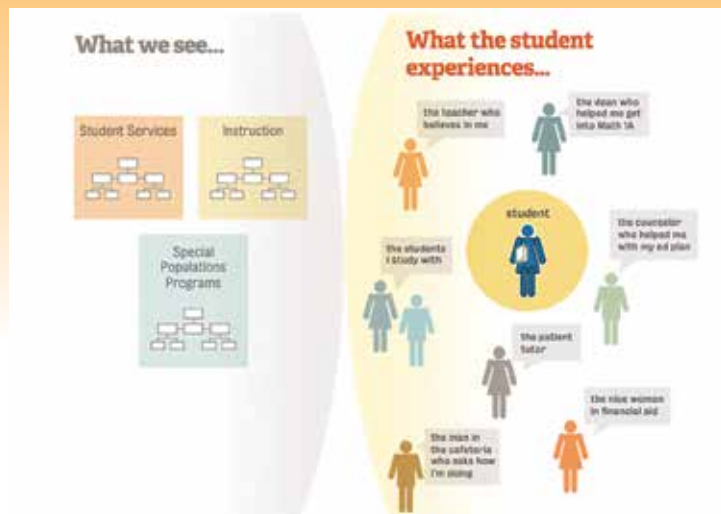
Diesel Technology Professor Gene Choe was honored by San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate for his dedication to his students and the Mira Mesa Community. December 1, 2022 will forever be known as Gene Choe Day in San Diego. A brief reception was held after the commendation ceremony. Gene was joined by his son.



Gene Choe, Diesel Technology Professor and San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate



Diesel Technology Students Supporting Gene Choe Day



Lisa Brewster, Communication Professor and Lisa Clarke, Counselor recognized as Holistic Support Leaders

## Brewster and Clarke Honored for Guided Pathways Work

Former State Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and his California Futures Foundation has recognized our very own Lisa Brewster and Lisa Clarke as Holistic Support Leaders. The Guided Pathways duo can be found among the list of the 46 educators honored on page 3 of the link provided: [bit.ly/3Ovz1vR](https://bit.ly/3Ovz1vR)



Laura Pecenco, Sociology Professor

## Pecenco Named Rising Scholars Faculty Coordinator

Associate Professor of Sociology Laura Pecenco has been selected to serve as the Faculty Coordinator for the Rising Scholars program. Laura began serving in this role at the start of the Spring 2023 semester and will continue through Spring pf 2025.

The Rising Scholars program supports formerly incarcerated students enrolled in community colleges and provides face-to-face instruction to community college students in prison or jail. Laura has extensive experience with supporting students who have been justice impacted, including participating in regional events and serving as a club advisor for this student population.

## Francois Bereaud Named Site Compliance Officer

Francois Bereaud was selected and appointed as the College's Site Compliance Officer (SCO). This is a three-year assignment, and Professor Bereaud's SCO assignment began in December of 2022. Professor Bereaud was hired in the Mathematics department in 2005. He has served on several campus committees, working closely with his peers, administrators, and students. In Fall 2013, he was elected the Mathematics Department Chair and is continuing to serve the College in this capacity. He also continues to teach various level math classes with rave reviews from his students.



**Francois Bereaud, Mathematics  
Professor and Site Compliance Officer**

## Ken Reinstein New Faculty Evaluations Coordinator

Ken Reinstein will serve as the Miramar College Faculty Evaluations Coordinator for 2023-2025. An effective evaluations process is critical to ensuring institutional excellence, and Ken's extensive experience and campus involvement makes him a wonderful fit for this role.

Ken has served in multiple chair and coordinator roles since joining Miramar in 2008, including co-chairing the Department of English & World Languages and serving as ESOL/ELAC Program Coordinator. He has also engaged deeply in committee and shared governance work, with terms on the Academic Senate, SEEM Committee, Technology Committee, and Curriculum Committee, just to name a few.

Ken's chair, committee, and coordination roles demonstrate his high level of commitment to the Miramar mission, and to his colleagues campus-wide. His organization, communication, and collaboration skills will provide excellent support to Miramar's evaluations process. He also brings a wealth of strong technical and data-management skills to the role.

**2022-23 PCAC  
COACH OF THE YEAR**  
Coach Nick Gehler



## Gehler Named PCAC Coach of the Year

Congratulations are in order to men's head basketball coach Nick Gehler! Gehler has been named the '22-'23 PCAC Coach of the Year after leading the Jets to its first ever conference title.



Ashlee Lain, Biology Professor

## Lain Wins Faculty Scholarship

Miramar College Biology Professor Ashlee Lain was chosen to receive the Suanne Davis Roueche Faculty Scholarship to attend the NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence. The conference took place May 27-30 in Austin, TX.



## Dr. Stefanie Shipman Nominated for the William P. Foster Dissertation of the Year Award

Dr. Stefanie Johnson Shipman, associate professor of English/ELAC, was nominated for the William P. Foster Dissertation of the Year Award from the Department of Leadership Studies at the University of San Diego. Her dissertation is titled, "Questioning and Disrupting Narratives of Motherhood and Leadership: The Experiences of Deans, Presidents, and Other California Community College Mother-Leaders." Stefanie completed her dissertation while on a sabbatical in Fall 2022.

In her dissertation research, which was grounded in matricentric feminism and community college leadership theory, Stefanie applied a matrifocal approach. She conducted sixteen interviews of women who identify as both mothers and community college leaders across the state of California, including several deans, vice presidents, presidents, and a vice chancellor from both instructional and student services divisions. Her thematic analysis revealed the ways that participants experience dominant narratives related to mothering (e.g., the perfect mother construct, patriarchal motherhood, and intensive motherhood) and community college leadership (e.g., gender and leadership, the ideal worker assumption, hierarchy-based leadership). Although participants reported experiences with dominant narratives that can dictate mothering and leadership and lead to pressures, the mother-leaders were active in resisting these narratives through a complex meaning-making process. Stefanie's dissertation illuminates counternarratives that demonstrate a move from prescriptive motherhood expectations to empowered mothering and a shift from traditional conceptions of leadership to more people-centered wholehearted approaches.



**Rod Porter,**  
Exercise Science  
Professor

## Porter Headed to England

Rod Porter, Exercise Science professor, is off to Manchester, U.K. for the HYROX age-group World Championships after placing in a spring 2023 regional qualifier in Los Angeles! He will be competing against the top athletes in his age group from all over the world.

HYROX is the original fitness race that consists of eight workout stations (1,000 meter skierg, 450lb sled push, 330lb sled pull, 80 meter burpee broad jump, 1,000M row, 200 meter farmer carry with 140lbs, 100 meter lunge with 70lbs, & 100 wall balls with 20lbs) all with a 1,000 kilometer run between each station for 5+ miles total or running with top finisher times between 70 to 90 minutes.

This is his second year qualifying for both the HYROX World Championships and the DEKA World Championships which will be held in December in Texas.



**Darren Hall, FIPT Program Chair / Director**

## Darren Hall

Darren Hall was selected as the Miramar College Curriculum Chair for 2023-2025. Darren is passionate about developing and coordinating curriculum that serves the diverse needs of our students and fully meets the expectations of employers and the community at large.

With nearly 30 years of experience as a firefighter, and more than 17 years as a Fire Technology Program Director, Darren has extensive knowledge of development, implementation, and maintenance of curriculum in compliance with state and local standards. Most recently, Darren led Miramar College's successful efforts to gain provisional approval to offer a Baccalaureate degree in Public Safety Management. As the campus works to develop this new award, and to more closely align existing curriculum with state and workforce requirements, Darren's professional experience will be invaluable.

As Curriculum Chair, Darren will also help the campus to focus on ensuring student success with an emphasis on inclusion, diversity and equity. He is excited to build strong campus relationships and to help support all departments and schools with their curriculum needs.



#### FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

## Heather Paulson

A career in the humanities is coming full circle for San Diego Miramar College Assistant English Professor and Ph.D. Candidate, Heather Paulson. A profession she achieved through the Preparing Accomplished Transfers to the Humanities (PATH) Integrated Fellowship Initiative, a partnership between the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) and the University of California, San Diego Division of Arts and Humanities.

**“Great mentors have helped me on my journey toward earning a doctoral degree,”** said Paulson, a first-generation graduate of Miramar College. **“PATH has been influential, I wanted to become a full-time community college professor because of the transformational experience I had as a student and to get to do that now is a dream.”**

Heather Paulson, English Professor

# PREPARING ACCOMPLISHED TRANSFERS *to the* HUMANITIES

Prior to being selected for PATH, Paulson taught English at Miramar College as an adjunct instructor. Now she teaches as an assistant professor while achieving her Ph.D. in Literature and Critical Gender Studies at UC San Diego.

PATH is funded by a 3-year grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which benefits both UC San Diego Ph.D. Arts and Humanities students and SDCCD transfer students. The PATH Integrated Fellowship Initiative develops leaders in teaching, administration, and mentoring to introduce fellows to a wide range of academic teaching and leadership positions within the community college system. Additionally, for no-cost, PATH guides SDCCD transfer students from City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges into Arts and Humanities majors at UC San Diego. Students receive transfer guidance, weekly meetings with a mentor, and academic and professional development opportunities.

“Studying the humanities is just as important and meaningful as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math,” said Paulson. “There is a significant divide in this country, pursuing the humanities allows for a deeper more holistic view. Humanities affect how we behave, how we vote, and how we understand the world.”

At Miramar College, Assistant Professor Paulson is developing her students as critical thinkers as they themselves become PATH applicants. She teaches English 101 from a global perspective, students learn about the relationship between the United States toward other countries through literature, and in her English 205 course, students focus on rhetorical analysis in social political movements such as the advocacy of Civil Rights, Farm Workers, Chicanos, Me Too, and Black Lives Matter.

Paulson started working in academia as a Corps Member for Teach for America, teaching elementary children on the islands of Hawaii. Prior to her arrival at Miramar College, Paulson worked as a Ph.D. Fellow at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, as an English Teacher at Cal Coast Academy, as a Graduate Student Instructor at UC San Diego, as well as a world traveler, taking a gap year backpacking through Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, India, and Europe.

Paulson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Gender and Women’s studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of Arts in Literature from UC San Diego.

## Administrative Services Highlights for 2022-23

### Administrative Services Reorganization

Administrative services was reorganized in 2023 to provide enhanced service to the college community and students. This reorganization changed Administrative Services from a horizontal organizational structure with only one manager, the Vice President of Administrative Services, to a vertical structure with three new directors and operating units. Under the leadership of the Vice President of Administrative Services these three new operating units have structures that allow for succession from classified to supervisor, manager/director, and vice president. The departments of Budget, Purchasing, Travel, Employment, Payroll, and Student Accounting have been combined under the leadership of the newly established Director of Administrative Services. The departments of Reprographics, Mailroom, Switchboard, Stockroom, Hourglass Support Services, Civic Center, Facilities and Occupational Health and Safety have been combined under the leadership of the newly established Director of College Facilities and Operations. The most significant change to our operations was the addition of College Technology. The departments of Instructional Computing, Administrative Computing, Audio Visual,

and Web Services were moved from the school of Planning, Research, Institutional Effectiveness, Library, and Technology to Administrative Services under the leadership of the newly established Director of College Technology.

### Improved Wi-Fi in Automotive Complex

While the college is planning for a college-wide upgrade of IT infrastructure to support Wi-Fi it became clear that there were significant gaps in service within the Automotive classroom buildings. These gaps in coverage were significantly impacting teaching, learning, and success. Through collaboration with District IT, campus resources were identified to immediately upgrade several classrooms and labs that had weak to no Wi-Fi coverage.

### College-wide PC Upgrade

Miramar has a long-standing process that utilizes Physical Plant and Instructional Support (PPIS) funding to purchase new classroom computers. The replaced computers often meet current standards for administrative computers. When appropriate, these computers are rolled-down to faculty and administrative workstations. These PPIS resources typically range from \$50,000-\$500,000. Over the past two years, Miramar has received significant increases to this restricted one-time funding source. This opportunity allowed Miramar to purchase and replace over 700 classroom/lab desktop computers and over 260 lab

laptops. Roll down desktop computers with Windows 10 operating systems, 8GB RAM, and SSD hard drives were re-deployed to faculty and administrative workstations bringing current most administrative workstations on campus.

### Personnel Additions

With the collaboration and support of Chancellor's Cabinet, Miramar has made progress in adding permanent contract personnel. In the 2022-23 fiscal year, Miramar added:

- 2 New Contract Counseling Faculty
- 4 New Classified Professionals
  - Administrative Assistant IV – Enrollment Services
  - Lead Production Services Assistant – Reprographics
  - Research Associate – Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness
  - Program Support Technician – EOPS
- 1 New Supervisor
  - Student Support Supervisor – Basic Needs
- 4 New Managers
  - Director, Financial Aid
  - Director, Administrative Services
  - Director, College Technology Services
  - Dean, Enrollment Services

### Veterans Center and Honors

In 2021-22 Miramar built and established its first Veteran's Resource Center. Subsequent to its completion, Miramar received additional \$2.5M to expand the facility and services. In collaboration with District Facilities

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Management, Miramar has engaged the services of the architectural firm Steinberg Hart to renovate the I-building to expand the Veteran's Center. This expansion will also benefit and relocate the Honors Center and will improve building flooring and restrooms.

## Instructional Services Highlights for 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 academic year was a transformational year for Instructional Services and Miramar's Vision as a "Student-Ready College." At the core of Instructional Services is the Student's Journey, meeting them where they are and for who they are, while simultaneously facilitating retention, persistence, and success/completion.

Through several grants, action plans were developed, and implementation started to address the needs of our students whether they are a first-year, traditional, adult learner, disproportionately impacted, career-tech ed, transfer, STEM, or "undecided" student. This year, Miramar College was awarded the following, additional grants:

- Designated Hispanic Serving Institution (DHSI; \$2.8 million over five years)
- Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA; \$1.4 million over five years)

- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy and Practices Grant (\$300K)
- Zero Textbook Costs (\$20K)

With continued work using the Guided Pathways framework, and interweaving the college's Equity Plan into institutional planning, Instructional Services has also made good progress with strategic enrollment management and success teams for students. Academic Year 2023-2024 is destined to be a year in which the scaffolding started for students to persist and be successful can be strengthened. Towards this end, each of the Instructional Schools have highlights of their own as follows:

### School of Math, Biological, Exercise and Physical Sciences

- Successfully launched ACP STEM and Health Sciences Teams in Fall 2022
  - Recorded program videos for each program in MBEPS
- MBEPS were awarded \$1.5 M for Implementation of the MESA program from the State Chancellor's Office for 2022-2027
- MBEPS were awarded \$2.8 M for Title V DHSI STEM grant for 2022-2027, work has begun in Spring 2023 term
  - STEM Faculty to Student Mentor Program
  - STEM Faculty and Teaching Learning Institutes
  - Peer-Team-Learning Workshops inaugural semester
  - Research and internship coordination for STEM students

- Successfully hired an HSI STEM Director to start June 2023
- Physical Science Faculty was awarded \$700 to run the NASA Space grant
- Successfully hired one Biology, one Chemistry, one Math, and one Physics Faculty
- Successfully hired two science Instructional Lab Techs, one additional athletic trainer with start date of Fall 2022
- Promoted 1 biology and 1 physics faculty to Associate Professor starting Fall 2023
- Successfully hosted the first in-person Science Olympia since February 2020
- Successfully hosted the first in-person CHEMExpo since October 2019
- Successfully piloted one cohort of MATH and PERG courses in Fall 2023 to increase success in the Math class
- Hired math tutors and PLTL to support math and science student success and retention
- Improved enrollment and success rates of online classes with on-campus exams for selected courses in Math and Chemistry lectures
- The Math Lab Testing Center has expanded the test proctoring services for students enrolled in non-math classes at the Miramar Campus. This collaboration with faculty in other disciplines helps provide a service for faculty and students that is both beneficial and instrumental in providing flexibility for students and meeting students' needs
- Offered DSEC grants funded classes to expand the pipeline for students getting lab hands-on training
- Provided DSEC funded internships at local biotechnology companies for 10 students in Summer of 2022

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- Offered two sessions of Supply Chain Experience with some student scholarships from the San Diego Foundation
- Procured San Diego Foundation Funding to provide scholarships to SCE students
- Proctored Credit by Exam for Biology 131 for regional high school articulation agreements — 22 schools, over 800 students possible testing
- Provided Biotech Career Jumpstart (CCAP grant) offerings of field trips to local STEM events, completed cohort 4 recruitment and offered summer lab training activities
- Involved in national project to proctor BACE (Biotechnician Assistant Credential Exam)—testing Mira Mesa High School students June 2023 for feasibility pilot for articulation agreement
- SDUSD discussions for re-implementation of HS student enrollment in Bio 132/133 for students that have participated in the articulation exam at UCHS and MMHS (could include Canyon Hills HS) in future MOU
- Successful implementation of research-based chemistry in the independent study course, Chem 290
- Chemistry faculty plan to adopt OpenStax textbook for the general chemistry sequence
- Chemistry faculty are actively engaged in lab curriculum development to include more research-focused experience or OER manuals
- The Math department continues to work with the district, our articulation officer, counseling, and our sister colleges to successfully implement AB 705/AB 1705
- The Math department has launched multiple new curriculum for implementation in Fall 2023 aimed to increase retention for STEM majors and streamline math course sequence for STEM majors
- The Math department continues to increase the number of X courses offered to increase student success and retention

- Physical science faculty collaborated with other non-STEM faculty on implementation of i3 grant
- Physical science faculty have started to explore OER and zero textbook options for physics
- Physical Sciences department continues to hold
  - Miramar STEM Summer Internship Opportunities Networking (MISSION) Event
  - Double Star Seminar
  - Women and Non-binary in STEM
- Physical Science faculty are increasing work base learning project in their classroom
- Personal Training and Yoga Teacher programs have continued to increase local partnerships, leading to more internships and employment opportunities
- Women's soccer player Kjersti Stolan was awarded the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Goalkeeper of the Year
- Beach Volleyball kicked off the inaugural season. Five pairs made it to the PCAC Championship, and one pair made it through to the Southern California Regionals and advanced to the State Tournament at West Valley College on May 12
- Men's Volleyball won the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Championship. Jack LeDuff was named the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year. John Landicho was awarded the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year
- Men's Basketball won the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Championship. Jakob Milling was named the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year as well as First Team All-State. Nick Gehler was awarded the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. The Jets went 25-4 and were ranked in the top ten as well as reached the Southern California Regionals
- The two Championships (Men's Volleyball and Men's Basketball) and the state

tournament run by Mia Fox and Jaalyn Sotoa mark the most successful season in San Diego Miramar College athletics history

- Cameron Barry closed out his San Diego Miramar College career with a National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators Scholar Athlete finalist and was awarded the California Community College Scholar Athlete of the Year
- Jack LeDuff and Jakob Milling were awarded the San Diego Miramar College Male Student-Athlete of the Year
- Samdrea Hsu was awarded the San Diego Miramar College Female Student-Athlete of the Year

### School of Public Safety

- Established and updated Instagram and ACP Canvas page to enhance communication with students
- Re-established CCAP courses and attended career-pathway events at Mira Mesa High School and Scripps Ranch High School
- Beginning Fall '23, will offer fully on campus ADJU 101 courses at City and Mesa Colleges
- Participated in strategic enrollment state-wide initiative with campus management
- Modified SDRPSTI Basic Academy curriculum to now be four sections instead of one section to provide greater service to our law enforcement community
- Ongoing collaboration with our job placement coordinator to provide job opportunities and internships for ADJU students
- Fire Technology Faculty and SDCCD District Curriculum members closely worked with the Region and State Emergency Management Stakeholders including San Diego County Fire Chiefs, San Diego County Officer of Emergency Services, California Fire Chiefs, California State Firefighters Association (CSFA), California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI),

San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E), and California State Fire Training to develop a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety Management embedding industry certifications leading to certification in Emergency Management

- Hired a new Tenure Track Fire Academy Program Director/Instructor
- Certified and graduated 67 CA State Fire Training Fire Fighter 1 students
- Fire Academy Program delivered 938 specialty certifications to our Fire Academy students
- FIPT Program delivered 847 State Fire Training specialty certifications including embedded industry certification courses for Entry level Firefighter, Company Officer and Fire Prevention Degree tracks
- Completed and implemented the Academic Career Pathway for Fire Technology students
- Participated with the District and College Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Committees and designed align industry certification courses with Fire Technology degree courses, fast tracking professional fire service members seeking higher education opportunities
- Purchased: Self-Contained Facepieces, 2 x Type 1 Fire Engines, Equipment to outfit the new Fire Engines
- Safely delivered 2 Fire Control 3 (Live Fire Training) Courses for the first time using the new prop purchased in 2021-2022
- Developed a new Fire Academy Instructor Manual
- Developed a new Fire Academy Student Manual/Syllabus
- Calculated the annual "total cost of ownership" for the Fire Academy Program
- Created a new Fire Academy Instagram Page November 22 which now has over 1,000 followers
- Successfully applied for Perkins Funding and received over \$42,000 for Program Expansion focusing on non-traditional

students in the purchase of a used Fire Engine including Miramar Fire Academy graphics

- Participated in the Nuventive work group weekly meetings
- Continue to provide culturally responsive education and training to EMT students- Utilization of FEMA Diversity Awareness Course and targeted culturally competent therapeutic communication and diffusing role playing
- Developed and supported industry-driven report writing assignments to transition EMT students to the workforce
- Prepared and supported cohort of 5 Health Science and 14 Kearny High School seniors through EMGM 105A, EMGM 106, EMGM 50A and EMGM 296 in preparation for the NREMT-EMT Cognitive Examination and subsequent employment
- With the support of the ASC, provided tutoring across EMGM 105A classes to support and achieve successful course completion and NREMT-EMT Certification
- With the support of Mental Health Counseling, provided Suicide Prevention Training across all EMGM 105A classes
- With the support of the Dean of Student Affairs, provided CalFresh application access to EMGM 105A student cohorts
- Partnered with Student Health Services to prepare students (vaccination and TB testing) for the clinical component across EMGM 105A classes
- Continued revision of the Miramar EMT Program website to recruit, support student success, and assist with job placement post course completion and EMT certification
- Provided Skills Competency Verification and continuing education hours to 70 practicing EMTs
- Partnered with Falck Ambulance to support the EMT course clinical component across EMGM 105A classes

- NREMT-EMT Cognitive Exam Report 1/2022-5/2023 (88%) pass rate

Attempted The Exam	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts
285	88% (250)

### School of Liberal Arts

- Six full-time faculty started teaching for English (2), Fine Arts, History, Music, and Sociology
- The Liberal Arts Faculty have further developed and implemented the Guided Pathways framework and its Academic and Career Pathways (ACPs): Creative Arts, Languages, and Communications and Social and Behavioral Sciences and Education
- Liberal Arts faculty continue to oversee and further develop the DECC program. DECC stands for "Data and Equity Coaching Community," and it is a professional development program that teaches faculty to utilize important student data to make their classes more equitable
- Liberal Arts faculty also continue to lead the campus in implementing the PATH Integrated Fellowship program which is a partnership with UC San Diego that focuses on equity in the classroom and diversity on campus
- Liberal Arts faculty continue to lead and develop the Faculty Mentor Program
- The School of Liberal Arts continues to oversee and expand the Honors Program
- Honors Scholarships were awarded to outstanding students
- Dedicated Honors courses were created to be offered in 2022-2023

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**School of Business, Career Tech, and Workforce Initiatives**

- A new contract faculty in Child Development started teaching
- The [REC Innovation Lab](#) and its website has been greatly enhanced for entrepreneurship students
- Continued to implement re-engagement and marketing resources, which can be viewed on the [Miramar Career Education YouTube channel](#)
- Brought the “Discover” series and Signing Day events back on-campus, collaborating with San Diego Unified School District
- The Career Education Advisory Board (CEAB) met to provide stakeholder input and offer guidance to support Career Education. The CEAB will be the primary advisory group for strategies and investments related to Career Education. This includes Career Education initiatives funded by unrestricted, categorical, and grant-funded budgets
- Secured regional SWP (Strong Workforce Program) funds to support various projects, such as research, instructional support, and the remodeling project for the Regional Entrepreneurship Center (REC) Innovation lab space
- Developed a CTE marketing plan aimed at increasing career education enrollment
- Career Ambassadors were employed as part of the Academic & Career Pathways (ACP) Success Teams. They created resources, engaged with the students, and assisted the ACP Success Teams to share information regarding career services with new and continuing students
- Partnered with Student Affairs to host a Spring Career Expo. The Expo was created to engage students in conversations related to major exploration, job search tools, and resume and cover letter writing resources

**LEAD OFFICE 2022-2023 Highlights**

- Led Circle of Change conversations on the following topics: DEI & belonging; Courageous Conversations/Difficult Dialogues
- Hosted the 2nd Annual Equity Summit in October 2022 – Building Community through Cultural Humility featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Luke Lara
- Hosted Black Student Success Week watch party events
- Developed the 2022-25 Student Equity Plan
- Co-lead and co-facilitated the Region 10 Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) workgroup
- Engaged in the Community of Inquiry during fall 2023 for our Black / African American and Latinx Students and a Community of Practice during spring 2023
- Hosted/co-hosted the following college-wide activities with the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Antiracism (IDEA) Committee:
  - Co-hosted Latinx Heritage Month (September/October)
  - Co-hosted LGBTQIA History Month (October)
  - Co-hosted Black History Month (February)
  - Co-hosted Women’s History Month (March)
  - Co-hosted Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May)
- Led Spring 2023 Kick-Off focused on Cultural Humility as a Path to Equity
- Supported the re-establishment of the Black Student Union club
- Represented Miramar in District Committees: EEO Advisory; Cultural Diversity Advisory
- Supported Achievement and Recognition Ceremonies for DSPS, Latinx – La Raza, AAPI, Rite of Passage

**2022-2023 School of PRIEL Accomplishments****Institutional Effectiveness**

- Submitted ACCJC Annual Report 2023.
- Continued the Accreditation ISER 2024 Process (including the vetting of Drafts 2, 3, and Final)
- Vetted the Quality Program Review Process (pending constituency approval)
- Designed and implemented the new Program Review/Outcomes Assessment Platform (Nuventive)
- Established collegewide priorities based on benchmarking process
- Facilitated the Collegewide Planning Summit 2023
- Started to align Institutional Effectiveness, Guided Pathways, and Equity efforts across the college
- Vetted the Annual Planning Calendar 2023-24 (pending constituency approval)

**Learning Resources**

- Engaged in comprehensive professional development training with the Academic Success Center team and tutors on culturally responsive practices. Topics included presentations on cultural humility, the Black and Latinx student experience, intersectionality, and cultural frames of reference
- Hosted over 75 Workshops on basic computer skills, study tips, note-taking, managing midterm madness, ELAC — subject/verb agreement, APA, MLA, and Chicago style citations, and more
- Collaborated with various departments on events and workshops

- Career Services: Career Possibili-TEAS, National Career Development Week, and Resume workshops
- Transfer Center & Financial Aid: Personal Insight Questions and Scholarship Prompt Workshop
- Veterans Affairs: Writing, Math, Chemistry, and Physics tutoring
- Disabled Student Programs & Services
- College 2 Career: One-on-one tutoring support in collaboration with students and career coaches
- Hired Academic and Career Pathway Tutors in support of Guided Pathways and Success Teams
- Library lowered fines for laptop damaged/ replacement to be equitable to students who are currently experiencing financial hardship
- Library worked with Basic Needs Resource Center to have student laptops easily accessible for student checkout
- Library worked with instructors who purchased textbooks through additional grant funds. This allow students to utilize textbooks for their courses for a duration of the entire semester
- Library increased library workshops offered each semester from biweekly to weekly workshops
- Library acquired and expanded digital resources (e-books) collection to support students on-campus and off-campus
- Library purchased additional resources to support gender equity curriculum, inclusiveness curriculum, and additional resources to support ethnic studies program
- Library acquired numerous individual streaming video titles requested by faculty across disciplines

## Student Services Division 2022-2023 Highlights

The Miramar College Student Services Division focused this year's efforts on the re-engagement of students as our staff were making a full return campus. We did this through increased outreach activities, expanded availability of on-campus services, development of new funding sources, and an overall restructuring of the Students Services Division to support the College's efforts with enrollment management.

### Increased Outreach Activities

Across the Division, each department participated in College wide efforts to increase outreach across campus and into the community. Some examples include: the return of an in-person Super Saturday event (an open house event for prospective students), in-person high school visits and community events, revamped webpages to ease user navigation, and the increased use of workshops, text messaging, social media, and on-line chat tools to share information.

Some selected activities and outcomes shared by the team include:

### Financial Aid Office

- Manned an information booth during the Mira Mesa Tet Festival which resulted in over 800 community contacts during the event
- Revamped College's Financial Aid webpage to improve navigation and accessibility
- Established Instagram and Linktree accounts to keep students informed of important information/events coming up

- Followers rose to 259 (+12.1%)
- Reached 584 accounts (+141%)
- Engaged 51 accounts (+96.1%)
- Profile visits increased to 93 (+12%)
- Utilized Ocelot texting software for information campaigns and launched "Fuel Your Finance" newsletter to communicate with faculty, staff, and students

### Basic Needs Office

- Increased CALFresh Outreach activities on campus
  - CALFresh Outreach Coordinator participated in a variety of campus events and hosted informational workshops
  - Information sessions reached 150 students

### DSPS Office

- Conducted 27 outreach and in-reach presentations educating employees, students, and the general public about DSPS services. These efforts included Classroom visits, Department visits, Fair and Resource tabling, High School visits, FLEX trainings, and Campus and Community events
- Partnered with the district DSPS office to create 5 Student Spotlight Articles Highlighting Miramar Students with Disabilities
- Partnered with the Disability Services offices from San Diego State University and the University of California San Diego to increase transfer awareness opportunities
- Partnered with feeder High School Special Education counselors to support student transitions to Miramar College

### Student Health Office

- Provided on-campus outreach services for students and staff on such topics as: NARCAN information, Free Flu Shots, and COVID Information
- Utilized outdoor triage spaces to provide COVID-19 tests prior to clinical visits

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- Began sharing information about the opioid epidemic and distributing Naloxone (medication to reverse the effect of opioids) in June of 2022. In Spring of 2023, this information campaign and distribution effort was expanded through our partnership with San Diego County

**Mental Health Office**

- Conducted 40 workshops and presentations which provided information and activities to help students manage stress. (As of April 2023, this touched 491 participants)
- Provided free access to "Headspace" in March 2023, a mindfulness and meditation app, to support students in decreasing stress, increasing focus and improving sleep
- Disseminated information and resources to the campus community about various topics including: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month; Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Black History Month; Women's History Month; Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; and Mental Health Awareness Month
- Initiated an Instagram account to increase outreach and marketing efforts
- Developed a Mental Health video in collaboration with the Guided Pathways initiative to increase student awareness of available services

**NEXTUp (Foster Youth program under EOPS)**

- Invited Dreams for Change to assist students in completing taxes and accessing new Foster Youth Tax Credit – which resulted in students receiving \$3,000-\$4,000 in tax credits
- Developed departmental (EOPS/CARE/CW) Internal Community Resource Packet for students needing food, housing, clothing, and utilities assistance

- Offered presentations and campus tours to San Pasqual Academy, the Probation Office, Independent Living Service, and the San Diego Homelessness Network to increase visibility and outreach to foster youth
- Collaborated with Just in Time, Promises2Kids, and the John Burton Foundation to connect foster youth to additional support services

**Expanded Availability of Services**

Along with increased outreach activities, the Student Services Division worked to increase the level of in-person services available on campus, while still offering the availability of on-line services.

Some examples of accomplishments include:

**Financial Aid Office**

- Implemented a new Award Management software to allow students to apply for scholarships electronically. As a result, 1290 scholarships were submitted in 2023 compared to 342 in 2022. A total of \$183,000 in scholarships were awarded this year

**Dreamers Office**

- Formalized a partnership with the Higher Education Legal Services (HELS) to provide FREE immigration-related legal services to students and employees. Appointments were offered on-campus
- Established partnership with Dreams for Change to provide FREE tax-related services to undocumented students
- Offered 29 informational workshops that were attended by 436 individuals—a 33% increase over last year
- Served 86 individuals during one-on-one appointments—a 13% increase over last year

**Admissions Office**

- Served at total of 14,490 students (up from 13,209 for 2021-2022)
- Additional services provided:
  - 1,637 students applied for degrees/certificates
  - Enrolled 483 students in the Police Academy
  - Enrolled 3,754 students in Administration of Justice (ADJU) In-Service courses
  - Enrolled 25 International Students (up from 16 for 2021-2022)
  - Enrolled 2,969 CCAP students
  - Enrolled 711 students into Learning Community courses
  - Enrolled 1,385 students in Instructional Service Agreement (ISA) courses
  - Processed 284 Honors Contracts

**Veterans Office**

- Opened a new Veterans Resource Center (VRC) in Fall 2022
- Certified enrollment for 920 VA students (up from 885 for 2021-2022)
- Hosted several in-person events and activities, such as New Student Veterans Orientation, Final Stretch, Career Possibili-Teas, and a Spring Social

**Basic Needs Office**

- Expanded services to include: clothing closet, hygiene support, technology assistance, transportation support, housing navigation, internal and community resource referral, and emergency funding
- Distributed 62,500 pounds of food
  - 42,000 distributed via the Jet Fuel Pantry in partnership with the Retail Rescue Program
  - 20,500 distributed via the Really, Really Free Farmers Market in partnership with Feeding San Diego

- Approximately 6,820 student contacts were logged via the Jet Fuel Resource Center (5,630 visits) and the Really, Really Free Farmers Market (1,190 visits)

### DSPS Office

- Conducted 27 High Tech Center trainings for students. Topics included Otter, Intro to the High-Tech Center, Zoom, Canvas, and the MySDCCD portal
- Instituted an in-person drop-in counseling pilot program
- In 2021-2022 DSPS served 691 students. This was a 9% increase over 2020-2021

### Student Health Services

- Coordinated the distribution of over the counter free At-Home COVID Tests. This year the staff distributed over 3,400 test kits to faculty, staff and students
- Approximately 1,600 office visits were recorded in the 2022-2023 academic year
- The Office administered 540 immunizations, including 200 COVID-19 vaccinations
- Health Services provided support, home care plans and return to class notifications for 150 students who tested positive for COVID-19

### Mental Health

- Mental Health offered a hybrid format of in-person and remote counseling and group services to students to include student appointments, Mental Health drop-in hours, Thoughtful Tuesday (mindfulness activities), and various support groups
- The following in-person and remote counseling appointments occurred:
  - Fall 2022- 217 appointments for 78 individual students
  - Spring 2023 (as of 4/20) — 189 appointments for 71 individual students

- Conducted 40 workshops/presentations/ events which provided information and activities to manage stress to over 491 participants (as of 4/20)
- Rolled out free access to Headspace app in March 2023, a mindfulness and meditation app created to support decreased stress, increased focus and improved sleep to support students' academic success

### Student Life and Leadership

- Supported ten students to attend the California Community College Student Affairs Student Leadership Conference in October 2022
- Coordinated the certification process of 18 clubs, which is near the College's all-time high prior to COVID
- Held numerous voter registration drives and get out the vote events in fall 2022 and completed and submitted Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan
- Attended the SSSCC General Assembly in Long Beach with six Associated Student Government members
- Assisted in the design and coordinated the planning and building of the float representing the SDCCD in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade on January 15, 2023. The float won second prize in the Education category
- Designed and facilitated a six-part Leadership Workshop series attended by 54 students as of April 13th
- Held a variety of Re-Engagement Events
  - Fall — 17 re-engagement events attended by 1,210 students
  - Spring — 30 re-engagement events attended by 447 students (as of April 10)
- Supported the campus community in the establishment of College Hour. Participation for these events is as follows:
  - Fall Semester: 294 events attended by 4,846 individuals

- 19 Student Services departments and programs and all ACPs participated
- 12 Student organizations participated, holding 73 meetings with 530 participants
- Events were held 69% in-person, 28% virtually, 2% hybrid, and 1% were held off-campus
  - Spring Semester (as of April 15): 201 events attended by 1,738 individuals
- 21 Student Services departments and programs and all ACPs participated
- Events were held 70% in-person, 27% virtually, 2% hybrid, and 1% were held off-campus

### Growth in Special Population Programs

- NextUp (Foster Youth program under EOPS): 66% growth in number of foster youth served compared to the prior year, reaching an all-time high of 25 NextUp foster youth
- EOPS Foster Youth: 22% grown in non-NextUp foster youth served compared to prior year, for a total of 36 foster youth served this year
- CARE: 59% growth in single parents served reaching 27 students, an all-time high in the last ten years
- CalWORKs: 17% growth in CalWORKs students compared to prior year – 48 students served

### New Funding Sources

In an effort to support students in new ways, the SS Division has been active in pursuing new resources being made available at the State and Federal level. The majority of these new funds required staff to develop and submit grant proposals and/or develop detailed program plans that would meet program requirements.

Some examples of new funding awarded include:

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**Financial Aid Office**

- Learning Alignment Employer Program (LAEP): this program offers state work-study funds to community college students and required us to develop new processes and infrastructure to issue awards. The program required that at least 1 student be enrolled by the Spring 2023 semester, but we were able to enroll 4 total students
- Golden State Education & Training Grant Program (GSETGP): this program provided resources to students who lost their job due to the pandemic. As of April 2023, we have been able to award 66 students a grant of \$2,500 to utilize in reskilling, upskilling, and accessing educational/training programs to get back into the workforce

**Veterans Services Office**

- Received a \$2.5 million in state funding through the support of Assemblymember Brian Maienschein to upgrade resources for the veteran and active duty military students and their dependents. Expanded services include: expanded peer mentoring, tutorial, admissions, orientation and mental health counseling services. A portion of the funding will also be used to provide emergency grant aid that will assist veteran students with basic needs. In addition, the funds will support upgrades to the teaching facility at Marine Corp air Station Miramar (MCAS)

**Student Affairs Office**

- Rising Scholars: a multi-year grant to support formerly incarcerated students enrolled in community colleges and provides face-to-face instruction to community college students at the MCAS brig
  - Rising Scholars in conjunction with "The Access Project", a non-profit legal services organization, hosted Clean Slate Clinic. Students who

attended were provided with assistance to complete the forms necessary to petition to the Court to expunge their records

- Established a support program for LGBTQIA+ students and employees
  - Hired Project Assistant to assist development of engagement programming and administration of Safe Zone training
  - Offered 3 workshops that were attended by 45 individuals:
    - Equitable Employment hiring event featuring 8 local LGBT-friendly companies
    - Drag Queen Story Hour
    - Navigating Safe Spaces & Family with Mental Health Counseling
  - 28 individuals have signed up to receive ongoing updates
- Native American Student Support Services Grant: a five year grant for \$1.5 million dollars to develop services and activities to support Native American students and Alaskan Natives
- Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program (AANHPI SAP): a new program to support colleges in providing educational experiences to promote success for low-income, underserved, and first-generation AANHPI students

**Restructuring of Student Services Division**

In an effort to better support enrollment management efforts across campus, the Student Services Division realigned its organizational structure to create a new Enrollment Services area. This re-structuring pulled together Outreach, Admissions & Records, and Financial Aid under a newly

created dean position. Previously each of these three offices reported to three separate managers. We expect that this new structure will allow for increased collaboration between these three offices and the campus as a whole and also streamline the process by which students enroll at Miramar. Below are key staff hires that are supporting the growth of the Student Services Division:

**Financial Aid Office**

- Established and hired a new Financial Aid Director Position
- Hired Financial Aid Officer

**Student Affairs Office**

- Hired a new Basic Needs Coordinator

**DSPS Office**

- Hired new Full-time DSPS Counselor

**Enrollment Services**

- Established a new Dean of Enrollment Services position

**Counseling Office**

- Hiring 3 replacement Full-Time General Counselors
- Hiring 1 replacement Full-time Transfer Center Coordinator
- Approved the transfer of 2 Full-time General Counselors to Miramar College



## SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE | FOUNDATION

### Invest in the Future

*The mission of the Miramar College Foundation is to make a positive difference in the lives of San Diego Miramar College students, offering opportunity for advancement and learning, for a life of better citizenship, increased productivity and satisfaction of attained goals.*

### Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Miramar College awarded deserving students just over \$183,000 at its 29th annual scholarship awards ceremony held on campus April 12. Miramar College students, their guests and families, along with the College's classified professional staff and faculty, San Diego Community College District officials and community partners gathered in L-105 to watch the celebration.

This academic year, the Miramar College Foundation administered 66 scholarships to 192 recipients totaling \$183,594.

The Miramar College Foundation itself presented 40 scholarship awards totaling \$114,612 up from last year's \$77,750 awarded. Another 26 awards, totaling \$68,982, were given by external donors.

The Miramar College Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, was officially created on August 21, 1994 and is committed to supporting the diverse population of Miramar College students by raising scholarship funds.

The annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony is organized by the College's Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

You can view a list of the scholarships and winners here: [bit.ly/3OslPqk](https://bit.ly/3OslPqk)

**"I am very proud that through the ardent support of the Miramar College Foundation and generosity of our community partners that the number of scholarships and the amount of those awards continue to grow each year."**

**Dr. Wesley P. Lundburg, president of Miramar College**

**"It takes extremely hard work, dedication, and financial resources to pursue one's educational goals. We, as a College, are delighted to support these students with scholarship aid."**

## Invest in Success

The College's annual Invest in Success fundraiser returned after being cancelled three consecutive years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Held at Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island, the October fundraiser generated \$17,000.00 in revenue which will be used to fund scholarships. One-hundred and sixteen attended the event. A photo gallery of Invest in Success can be found here: [flickr.com/photos/195788696@N02/albums/72177720302589035](https://www.flickr.com/photos/195788696@N02/albums/72177720302589035)



**Sarah Yang, President  
Miramar Foundation**

## Foundation Finances

July 1, 2022

Total Restricted Fund Balance	\$247,094.39
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$139,736.26
Unrestricted Reserve for Scholarship	\$391,000.00
Total Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$530,736.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$777,830.65</b>

June 30, 2023

Total Restricted Fund Balance	\$245,580.05
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$249,357.42
Unrestricted Reserve for Scholarship	\$391,000.00
Total Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$640,357.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$885,937.47</b>

## Miramar College Foundation Student Scholarships

Year	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
<b>Total* Number Scholarships Issued</b>	57	72	66
<b>Face Value of all Scholarships Issued</b>	\$143,346	\$118,049	\$183,594
<b>Total MCF** Scholarships Issued</b>	16	28	40
<b>Face Value of MCF Scholarships</b>	\$6,200	\$9,500	\$114,612

\*Total = Scholarships funded by private donors, corporate donors and Miramar College Foundation Unrestricted (General) Fund.

\*\*MCF = Scholarships funded solely from Miramar College Foundation Unrestricted (General) Fund.



Miramar College Students at Invest in Success

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2022-2023

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## Vets-2-Jets Awards



The San Diego Miramar College Foundation received a \$10,000.00 grant from San Diego Gas & Electric for its Vets-2-Jets program.

Miramar College created the Vets-2-Jets program to remove the financial barriers that negatively impact the academic success of disabled Veterans. Through the career placement center, the program is able to assist Veterans, who have a 20% or greater VA disability rating, with textbook assistance, laptops for loan, scholarships, and at times, provide emergency grants that help with utility bills, housing and transportation needs. The funds are also used to sponsor on-campus activities student engagement activities for all Veterans. To date, the Vets-2-Jets program has purchased textbooks for over 200 Veterans.

With its close proximity to MCAS Miramar, San Diego Miramar College served the needs of 2,527 students who declared as active duty military, veteran or military dependent during the 2022-2023 academic year.

In 2022-2023, the following community partners generously donated to the Miramar College Foundation: Susan Topham, American

Federation of Teachers, Roberta Baade, Bank of America, Clara Blevins, Lynda Armenta, California Coast Credit Union, Caterpillar-Hawthorne, California Masonic Fund, Bonnie Ann Dowd, Bernie Rhinerson, Don and Jenny Boas, Robert E. and Gaye M. Dingeman Trust, Rechelle Mojica, Triple-K Manufacturing, Lily Cava, Children's Museum, Kristen Iniguez, Dr. Wes Lundburg, Harrah's Southern California, KUSI-TV, Miramar College Accounting Office, Rene McKee, Poway Veterans Organization, Museum of Music, John Hansen, Jr, Steve Quis, San Diego Air And Space Museum, Save our Heritage Museum, San Diego Foundation, San Diego Gas & Electric, San Diego Gulls hockey, San Diego Sockers, San Diego Botanical Gardens, SDCCD Management Association, Stephen Schmidt, Miramar College Management Association, San Diego Firefighters Emerald Society, In N' Out, Kurt Hill, San Diego Hua Xia Chinese School, Sara Yang, Union Bank, The NAT, USS Midway, and UC San Diego.

Their generosity has produced thousands of dollars in scholarship aide to Miramar College students and has endowed the Foundation's Freshman Scholarship program for years to come.

**Classified Professional's Awards 2022–2023 was held May 31 on campus. Below is the list of service time honorees and award winners:**



**5-Year Service Awards**

Adrian Acain  
Cattleya Parnsoonthorn Amezcua  
Lynda Armenta  
Michael Brown  
Brandon Copeland  
Jill Griggs  
Luis Hernandez  
Paul Hosfield  
John Loewenberg  
Cheyanna Morence  
Rebecca Nipp  
Carlos Pelayo  
Robert Spatafore  
Mandy Tang  
Maria Trujillo  
Sharilyn Wilson



**10-Year Awards**

Carrie Green  
Betty-Anne Reichard  
Emmanuel Saltis  
Tosh Tepraseuth  
Maria Del Socorro Velazquez



**20-Year Awards**

Noel Gines



**15-Year Awards**

Atala Arreola  
Juli Bartolomei  
Elizabeth Daugherty  
Epifanio Garcia-Lorenzo  
Lorna Phillips  
Daniel Stillson  
Lorena Telo  
Xi Zhang



**25-Year Awards**

Maria Rico

**Classified Professional's Awards 2022–2023**

*These awards are Peer level awards for Classified Professionals open to Supervisors and Staff. The purpose of these awards is to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of Classified Professionals here at Miramar College.*



**Biggest Fan**

Chantal Hernandez



**The Communicator**

Malia Kunst



**Community Leadership**

Kaanchan Farkiya



**Dream Team  
Department Award**

Career Services/Center



**The Energizer**

Stanley Herivaux



**The Innovator**

Elizabeth Whitsett



**The Mentor**

Carol Sampaga



**The Team Player**

Val Sacro



**Rookie of the Year**

Sharilyn Wilson



**Unsung Heroes**

Adrian Acain



**Outstanding Classified  
Professional of the Year**

Malia Kunst



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Cam Barry Named CCCAA Scholar Athlete

Recently graduated Miramar College men's basketball player Cameron Barry has been selected as one of just two 2023 California Community College Athletic Association Scholar-Athletes. This honor is the highest bestowed on the more than 24,000 annual participants in the CCCAA. Barry will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a watch commemorating his accomplishment.

In May of 2022, Barry was named the 2022 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) Student Athlete of the Year. Barry achieved a 4.0 grade point average and completed 80 units over 3 years at Miramar College. What sets Cameron apart from all the others was his completion of a bachelor's degree the same year he completed an associate degree. Barry, alone, completed 30 units during the spring 2022 semester all while being named PCAC "Player of the Week" 6 times.

Barry received a bachelor's degree from San Diego State in Business Finance. His AA degree from Miramar College was in Business. While attending two different universities at the same time, Barry managed to also carry a 3.87 GPA over the course of his San Diego State studies.

How did he do it?

"It was all about time management," said Barry. "At San Diego State they allow you to take up to four leaves of absences, so I strategically took two of them during my Miramar basketball seasons. That is how I stayed on track. I took half my units there (SDSU) and the rest here (Miramar College) and they transferred right over."

On the right: Cam Barry, Alumnus



Barry, Cam, and Nick

Barry also dazzled on the court where the Jets point guard was a two-time All-Pacific Coast Athletic Conference First Team selection. He left Miramar College as the school's second all-time leading scorer, the career three-point leader, and holding the record for most three-pointers in a game with eleven.

**"Cam is such a special kid,"** said Nick Gehler, athletic director and head men's basketball coach at San Diego Miramar College. **"His dedication to both his academics and athletics truly sets him apart from anyone I have ever coached."**

Barry will be honored at the 2023 CCAA Celebration of Scholar Athlete's luncheon on Wednesday, March 29 in Sacramento.

Barry played NCAA basketball for Cal-State Dominguez Hills during the 2022-2023 season where was the Toros second leading scorer at 12.7 points per game.

A feature on Barry's accomplishments while at Miramar College and San Diego State can be found here: [bit.ly/3s98A6T](https://bit.ly/3s98A6T)



Bent Koch, Alumnus

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Miramar College Alum Named Fire Chief

Miramar College alum Bent Koch has been named the new Chief of Heartland Fire and Rescue. Read more about his appointment here: [bit.ly/3smZfbp](https://bit.ly/3smZfbp)



Regional Public Safety Training Institute instructor Lisa Hartman

## Leading with Pride: Miramar College Instructor Changing Hearts and Saving Minds

KPBS featured Regional Public Safety Training Institute instructor Lisa Hartman during Pride Month. Officer Hartman works closely on providing mental health care to aspiring officers in the academy.

Read and view the story here: Leading with Pride: San Diego police officer changing hearts and saving minds, one recruit at a time | KPBS Public Media: [bit.ly/46c2fWh](https://bit.ly/46c2fWh)



Firefighters with the San Diego Fire Department participate in a fire control exercise at a training facility on December 16, 2021. / Photo by Adriana Heldiz

## Miramar's Pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree Featured

In late January 2023, Miramar College officially submitted a proposal to begin offering its first ever bachelor's degree in Public Safety Management. Recently, the Voice of San Diego took an interest in our College's pursuit and requested an interview with President Lundburg and Dean of Public Safety Dan Brislin. The article, published February 2, looked at the college's proposal and the challenges to becoming the district's third institution to offer a bachelor's degree. To read the story:

[voiceofsandiego.org/2023/02/03/miramarcollege-wants-a-bachelors-degree](https://voiceofsandiego.org/2023/02/03/miramarcollege-wants-a-bachelors-degree)

# MEDIA EXPOSURE



Breanna Hinojosa, Miramar College Mentor

## KPBS Profiles Dual Enrollment

Local PBS affiliate KPBS visited campus on June 12 to explore the College's long running dual enrollment program which allows local San Diego Unified students to take college courses while still enrolled in high school.

To read the story: [youtu.be/DU-BmUehgKc](https://youtu.be/DU-BmUehgKc)



Sheila Madrak, Biology Professor

## Mysterious Eggs

When a cluster of mysterious eggs appeared on a local beach, CBS8 made one call and it was to Miramar College Assistant Professor of Biology Sheila Madrak. Madrak tried to make sense of the findings in this report that aired in November of 2022:

[youtube.com/watch?v=GIVnDJq26xg](https://youtube.com/watch?v=GIVnDJq26xg)





Sheila Madrak, Biology Professor

## Vernal Pools Featured on Earth 8 Segment

Miramar College's vernal pools were featured on CBS 8's very popular Earth 8 segment hosted by Shawn Styles. CBS 8 visited campus during the end of the rainy season to shoot the segment, which features Miramar College Biology professor Sheila Madrak. Here is the segment: [youtu.be/3Q9\\_AKVia10](https://youtu.be/3Q9_AKVia10)



Right: Allen Kuo, ASG President with Dr. Wesley Lundburg, President

## Kuo Pens Union-Tribune Op-Ed Piece

Miramar College ASG President Allen Kuo had his Op-Ed piece detailing how community college gave him a second chance. Published in a recent San Diego Union Tribune article. Kuo graduated from Miramar College with a degree in bioengineering and will be transferring to UCLA. He lives in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

Link to article: [bit.ly/49gvQ3r](https://bit.ly/49gvQ3r)



The Campaign for  
**College  
Opportunity**

## U-T Covers Excellence in Placement Award

Miramar College was recently recognized by the Campaign for College Opportunity at its second “Excellence in Placement” award ceremony. The college was honored for implementing the college placement policy Assembly Bill 705, signed into law in 2017.

For supporting students to complete transfer-level English within one year of initial enrollment: San Diego Miramar College. The U-T published an article about the honor.

Link to article: [sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2023-05-30/excellence-in-placement-awards-go-to-community-colleges](https://sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2023-05-30/excellence-in-placement-awards-go-to-community-colleges)

2023 Miramar Commencement

**Ivan V. Valdovinos**

started his tenure as DHSI/STEM Program Director on May 31, 2023.

**Sharilyn Wilson** was selected as the new Administrative Technician for the Vice President of Instruction Office. Since 2018, Sharilyn has been supporting the Dean of Student Development and Matriculation at Miramar College.

**Alexandra Hofler** has been named Acting Project Director for our Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM Éxito Project. Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM Éxito Project.

**Aaron Trapp** has been named Miramar College Food Service Supervisor.

**Sheila Madrak** joins the Éxito team as the Faculty Mentor Coordinator.

**Anne Gloag** joined the Éxito team as the Teaching and Learning Coordinator.

**Anastasia Doan** has been hired as the new athletic trainer for the Miramar College Athletic Department. Doan joined Miramar College from Mesa College.

**Jae Calanog** joins the Éxito team as the Research Internship Coordinator.

**Chris Johnson** joins Miramar as astronomy instructional lab tech.

**Juanita Ledesma** will be serving as an adjunct Career Counselor within the Career Center.

**Robert Spatafore** was promoted to Accounting Technician from Senior Account Clerk with Miramar Student Accounting.

**Jennifer Aase** joined Miramar College as our new contract counselor.

**Nessa Julian** has been promoted to Dean of Equity.

**Abby Kramer** has joined the College as a Biology Instructional Lab Tech.

**Heather Paulson** was selected as the Miramar College Faculty Coordinator of the PRIDE Program.

**Caitlyn Morgan** joins the Office of Student Affairs as the Basic Needs Coordinator.

**Haruko Takeshita** joins Miramar College as Senior Account Clerk.

**Vincent Ngo** was promoted to Director of Financial Aid. Vincent recently served as the Miramar College Financial Aid Officer since 2016.

**Catrina Gillus** joined the Disability Support Programs and Services Department as a full-time DSPS counselor.

# PEOPLE

**Katie Pack** is the new Instructional Assistant for Studio Art.

**Carlos Pelayo** is Miramar College's new Multimedia Specialist.

**Cheyanna Morence** moves from Admin Assistant 4 in BTWCI to the School of Public Safety as Administrative Technician.

Here are the results of our 2023 Classified Senate Election.

- **Vice President:**  
**Malia Kunst**
- **Secretary:**  
**Sandra Marquez**
- **Senator-at-Large:**  
**Lynne Campbell**
- **Senator, Area B:**  
**Elizabeth Whitsett**

**Evan Smith** is the newest department lead in Reprographics, Switchboard and Mail Services Department.

**Saribel Morales-Rivera** is the new Administrative Assistant IV for our Enrollment Services unit and dean's office.

**Samantha "Sam" BeuMaher** is the new Student Services Technician for the Counseling Department.

**Emmanuel "Manolis" Saltis** will serve in a supervisory capacity role in the Financial Aid & Scholarship Services Office.

**Daniela Perez Padilla** joins the office of Outreach and School Relations as Student Services Technician.

**Patti Manley** was appointed as the Collegewide Program Review and Outcomes Assessment Facilitator.

These newly-elected executives and senators began their terms on July 1, 2023.



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