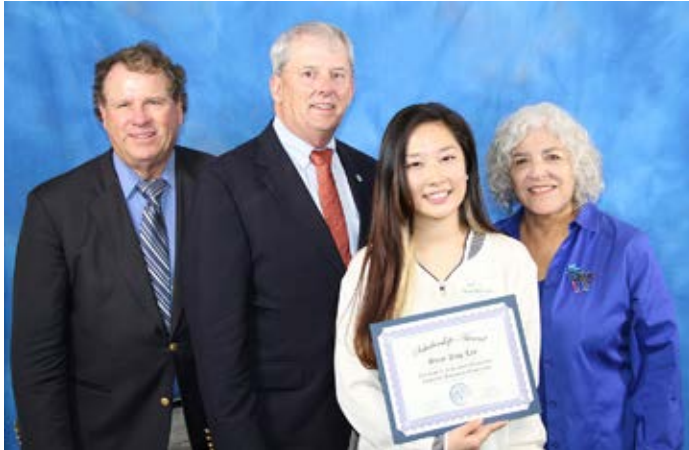


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**The Gift of  
Education is  
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# Miramar College Foundation



*At the age of eight, Suzy Lee's biological parents passed away. During her high school years she was placed in the Foster Care System and struggled with the various challenges of living with a different family. Through all the personal tragedy, she has always managed to maintain good grades. However, she never had the financial resources to emerge from the Foster Care system and become a college graduate. Suzy has always believed that education was the one thing that she could depend on. She has been at Miramar since 2012 and has completed 61 units. This past April, Suzy won the San Diego Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship. This was the first time that Suzy had applied for a scholarship, and she plans to use the money to pay for textbooks, supplies, uniforms, lab equipment and other items relating to her pursuit of a Master's degree in nursing!*



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## 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.*

*The Foundation seeks to keep higher education accessible to San Diego Miramar College students through scholarships and grants and by funding innovative educational programs to prepare students for future workforce and career needs.*

## San Diego Miramar College

### Mission

*Our mission is to prepare students to succeed in a complex and dynamic world by providing quality instruction and services in an environment that supports and promotes diversity, equity, and success, while emphasizing innovative programs and partnerships to facilitate student completion; for transfer, workforce training, and/or career advancement.*

### Profile

One of three 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 14,000 students annually with 67 associate degrees and 90 career technical education certificates. Miramar College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). A recent Community College Week study found that Miramar College is the nation's 17th fastest growing community college with at least 10,000 students. Partnerships with industry and the City and County of San Diego prepare students for high demand and well-paying careers in the highly competitive labor market. Miramar College is home to the *Southern California Biotechnology Center, Advanced Transportation and Technology Center, and San Diego Regional Public Safety Institute*. Since 1969, the college has provided training for nearly all law enforcement officers and firefighters within San Diego County. With completion of the campus facilities master plan nearing completion, enrollment is expected to reach 19,000 students by 2019, increasing need for scholarship support.

Founded: 1969  
Enrollment: 14,000  
Cost: \$46 per credit unit, CA resident  
Age: 50% under 25, 19% - 25-29, 17% - 30-39, 15% over 40  
Gender: 58% male, 42% female  
Ethnicity: 0.4% American Indian, 14% Asian/Pacific Islander, 5% African American, 39% Caucasian, 24% Hispanic, 7% Filipino, 9% Other/Unreported.

### About the Foundation

A Board of Directors – San Diego Miramar College staff members, community and business leaders, committed to assist the College in its continuing goal to provide the community an excellent educational resource, manages the Miramar College Foundation. There are no salaries or monetary compensation to Board members for serving on the Foundation Board.

*As a nonprofit, 501(C) (3) organization, contributions are tax deductible. Tax ID or EIN: 33-0630560.*

## Giving Opportunities

The Miramar College Foundation welcomes your one-time gifts, annual contributions or payroll deduction of any amount. Ongoing support from alumni, business and industry, college faculty and staff create lasting changes in the community and ensure San Diego Miramar College's standard of excellence in the future.

### Circle of Friends

- Gold Circle: \$5,000 or more
- Silver Circle: \$2,500-\$4,999
- Bronze Circle: \$1,000-\$2,499
- Friend of the Foundation: \$1-\$999
- Alumni Lifetime Membership: \$100
- Alumni Association: \$50

### Scholarships

- Endowed funds, named scholarship funds, general foundation scholarship fund • Miramar College Foundation-sponsored scholarships: Bernard Osher Foundation Scholarship, High School Scholarships, San Diego Miramar College Scholarships, Outstanding Leader Scholarship

### Commemorative Activities

- Leave a Legacy
- Named Scholarship
- Facility Naming

### Event Sponsorships

- Invest in Success
- Scholar Fest
- Outstanding Leader Award

### Friends of Jets Athletics

- Men's basketball
- Women's soccer
- Men's water polo
- Women's water polo
- Men's volleyball

*For details on sponsor benefit packages, click on [www.sdmiramar.edu/foundation](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/foundation).*



# Invest • Scholarships

## Thaimae Le Named 2016 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship Winner

Miramar College student is one of 75 students to win the honor nationwide



San Diego Miramar College student Thaimae Le has been awarded a 2016 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Le is one of only 75 community college students, from a nationwide pool of 2,400 applicants, selected for this honor. The scholarship is for up to \$40,000.00 per year and is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses-including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees-for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree at a 4-year college or university.

"This has been a grueling process since the application opened last October," said Le at a surprise ceremony held in her honor. "I have had a lot of self-doubts, but I said to myself 'I can do this, I can show people that I not the same person I was 10 years ago' and now I will be the first person in my immediate and extended family to attend a university."

Le, 28, graduated on May 13, 2016 with an Associate Degree for Transfer after majoring in English while at Miramar College. She will enroll at UCSD this upcoming fall to study English Literature. Her goal is to become a college professor.

While at Miramar College, Le was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (Beta Iota Lambda Chapter) Honor Society serving as vice president and public relations director. She also served as a supplemental instruction coach at The PLACe, Miramar College's on campus tutoring center. Le was named to the 2016 All-California Academic Team, was named a 2015 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, is the co-founder of Miramar College's Pay It Forward Experience, and is the editor of PTK Press.

### The Gift of Education is the Gift of a Better Future

#### Invest in the Future

The Foundation seeks to keep higher education accessible to San Diego Miramar College students through scholarships and grants and by funding innovative educational programs to prepare students for future workforce and career needs. More than \$20,000 is distributed annually through Miramar College Foundation scholarship support.

#### Invest in Scholarships

**Endowed Funds** — are established at \$5,000 or more. The funds may be named at the donor's request and may be directed for scholarships or other special purposes.

**Named Scholarship Funds** — gifts of \$500 or more per year (minimum five-year commitment) will establish a new named scholarship fund. These funds may carry an individual's name or the name of an organization. Consider creating a career niche or academic program-specific scholarship. Our scholarship coordinator will assist with the development of criteria and selection, if so desired. Gifts of any amount may be directed to existing named funds.

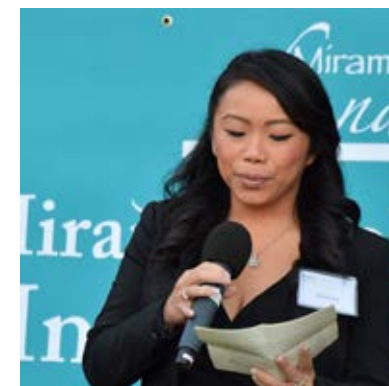
**General Foundation Scholarship Fund** — gifts of any size may be directed to the General Foundation Scholarship Fund, which supports annual scholarships for continuing San Diego Miramar College students and graduating seniors from area high schools who plan to attend San Diego Miramar College.

**Miramar College Foundation Osher Scholarships** — Miramar College Foundation Scholarships, Miramar College Foundation Freshman Scholarships, Miramar College Foundation Outstanding Leadership Scholarship, Miramar College Military & Government Veterans Scholarship.

A list of available scholarships can be found at [www.sdmiramar.edu/scholarships](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/scholarships)

### Invest in Success

San Diego Miramar College raised \$25,000 for scholarships at its annual Invest in Success fundraiser held May 7. Nearly 100 attendees gathered at a private residence in Coronado, CA for an evening of food and entertainment. Much of the money raised will go toward endowing the College's freshman scholarship program. The Miramar College Foundation hosted the event.





# Scholarship Award Ceremony



## Miramar College awards \$147,000 in scholarships at awards ceremony

Miramar College hosted its 22nd annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 105 of the LLRC (Library Learning Resources Center). This year, the Miramar College Foundation administered 37 scholarships to 170 recipients totaling \$85,799.00. An additional 57 external awards, totaling \$62,101.00, will be awarded to deserving students bringing the grand total to \$147,900.00.

"Being able to assist our students to reach their educational goals by off-setting the cost of higher education is a top priority for San Diego Miramar College," said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, president of San Diego Miramar College.

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.

"We cannot continue to provide this type of support and impact as many lives without the contributions made by our community partners and our employees," said Hsieh. "Under the leadership of the Miramar College Foundation, our students benefit greatly from the generosity we receive on an annual basis from local businesses and by the faculty and employees of both the college and the San Diego Community College District. We are grateful for their continued support."

This event was organized by the College's Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.





# Community Partners





# Activities and Sponsorships



2016 Distinguished Alum San Diego Fire & Rescue Chief, Brian Fennessy.



*"I am a first generation low income college student, divorced single mother of three, cancer survivor and veteran of nine years active duty military service. I survive on financial aid, scholarships, my GI Bill and minimal child support. I supplement my income with multiple jobs and struggle every day to make ends meet so that one day, I can provide a future for my children and a living example they can be proud of." - Franchesca Gade*

## Sponsorship

Partnership with the Miramar College Foundation represents a strategic community investment that creates real value for your company and makes good business sense. Consider the following benefits:

- Connect your brand with powerful and compelling stories of personal determination and achievement, often despite staggering obstacles;
- Demonstrate your company's commitment to education and the potential of historically underserved populations and communities;
- Increase corporate visibility and build in-roads to diverse communities across San Diego County;
- Investment opportunity for your company to partner with tomorrow's business leaders;
- Satisfaction of knowing your marketing dollars are helping those in need and presenting your company in a favorable light to a large and diverse audience;
- Increase opportunities for positive media coverage highlighting corporate community investment and partnership.

## Commemorative Activities

### Leave a Legacy

Give your name a permanent place at the college, honor graduates, family members and friends, or celebrate a special event or memory in a unique and lasting way. Your laser engraved brick, bench, flag or sponsored tree will become a permanent part of the beautiful *Leave a Legacy Plaza*. Personalized bricks make a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime gift.

### Facility Naming Opportunities

Due to the successful passage of two local bond measures, the San Diego Miramar College campus is in the midst of tremendous expansion, including construction of a new science building, library/learning resource center, a fieldhouse, new classroom buildings, and a student services center. The increased number of students served by the expansion will require increased support by the Foundation. Contact the San Diego Miramar College President's Office if you would like to discuss building naming requirements.

## Event Sponsorships

Each year, San Diego Miramar College hosts events that touch the lives of thousands of students, faculty, staff, business, community members, civic, political and educational leaders. Various levels of sponsorship place your name or business in front of targeted audiences. Contact the college Public Information Office (619) 388-7865 if you are interested in any of the following event sponsor opportunities.

Scholar Fest Annual Scholarship Program & Reception  
Outstanding Leaders Award Luncheon  
Invest in Success Annual Fundraiser  
Welcome Back Festivities  
Classified Staff Recognition Week  
President's Achievement Awards  
Holiday Reception





# Share • Payroll Deduction



*"My ultimate academic goal is to receive my Juris Doctorate from a prestigious university to help others — to be a lawyer who practices for the people, in defense of the general public and their rights. Through hard work and the financial assistance provided by scholarships, I will attain that goal" - Sami Haddad*



Brian Maienschein, assemblymember for the 77th Assembly District, hosted Encore Capital Group scholarship winner Maria Amoranto.

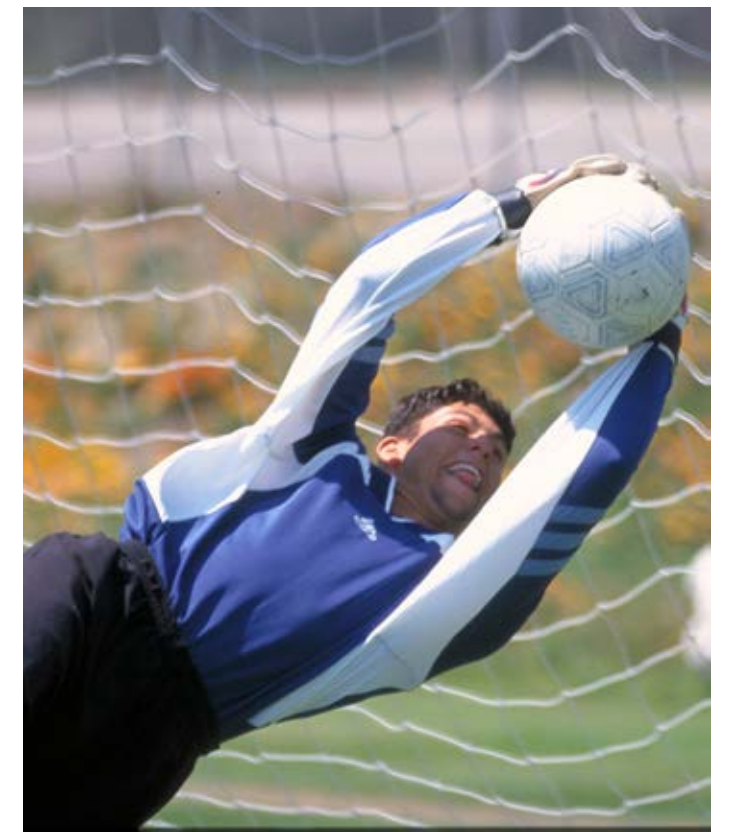


Employees of the San Diego Community College District demonstrate a commitment to education every day.

## **SDCCD Payroll Deduction – Convenient and Simple**

Payroll deduction through the Miramar College Foundation reflects the support and belief in the College by the people who work to make it a great success. By designating a monthly gift of as little as \$5, \$10 or more per month to the *Miramar College Foundation General Fund*, you'll know you're helping make Miramar student's dreams come true.

Simply complete the *Miramar College Foundation Donor Form* and the *SDCCD Miscellaneous Deductions Authorization* card and submit them both to the San Diego Miramar College Administrative Services Office. You'll receive acknowledgment of your tax-deductible contribution from the Miramar College Foundation.





# Contribute • Alumni Club



*My dream is to pursue a flourishing career in community college administration and promise I will use this scholarship for the betterment of my education and I will continue to exemplify my commitment to community service. I thank you for the Miramar College Foundation scholarship, your generosity and support. You have changed my life. - Kanchan Farkiya*

## Calling All Alumni

Since 1969, San Diego Miramar College has trained more than 10,000 law enforcement and firefighter professionals. Since those early days, highly skilled diesel, automotive and FAA-certified aviation technicians, EMTs, bio technicians, paralegals, business, computer and child development professionals have walked across the commencement stage.

Add to those numbers the thousands of San Diego Miramar College students who have successfully transferred to four-year colleges and universities to continue their higher education and you can see why San Diego Miramar College is proud of our legacy.

## Alumni Association

If you are proud to have graduated from San Diego Miramar College, join the Alumni Association (\$50) or become a San Diego Miramar College Lifetime Alumni Member (\$100) and help new San Diego Miramar College students succeed. All donors are recognized in the College's annual report and receive invitations to attend annual donor recognition and other special events. Plus, you'll receive a membership card that entitles you to free admission to home athletics games and other perks.

## Distinguished Alumni

In 1995, the College began a tradition of recognizing Distinguished Alumni. The list includes mayors, police and fire chiefs, scientists, artists, Olympians, small business owners, educators, lawyers, and more. We want to learn what you've been up to since you left San Diego Miramar College. Click on [www.sdmiramar.edu/foundation](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/foundation) to tell us about your success and to learn more about Alumni Association membership.



Gregory Magaril, 2013 Distinguished Alumnus.



## San Diego Miramar College Distinguished Alumni

2016 • Brian Fennessy, San Diego Fire Chief  
 2015 • Shelley Zimmerman, San Diego Chief of Police  
 2014 • Sean Bowers, Head Women's Soccer Coach  
 Rebecca Bowers-Gentry, Chemistry Professor  
 2013 • Gregory Magaril, Technology and Software Executive  
 2012 • Adolfo Gonzales, National City Police Chief  
 2011 • Yanina Gabinskaya, Immigration Paralegal  
 2010 • Shannon Rupert, University Professor/NASA Scientist  
 2009 • Valerie Gotay, Judo Olympian  
 2008 • Monika Fitzsimmons, Emergency Room Nurse  
 2007 • Tracy Jarman, Former Chief, City of San Diego Fire-Rescue  
 2006 • Sam Phu, Business Owner, Automotive Educator  
 2005 • Dr. Michelle Lamantia, Physician  
 2004 • Dr. Rex Vargas, Pharmacist  
 2003 • Officer Paddy Keovoravongsa, San Diego Police Department  
 2002 • Dr. Iyad Houshan, Physician  
 2001 • Linda Reed, Officer, San Diego County Protective Services  
 2000 • Jan Dehesh, Businesswoman/Consultant  
 Peter Davis, Statewide ATTE Director  
 1999 • Elizabeth Barrington, College Professor  
 Dr. Tuyet Nguyen, Physician  
 1998 • Lydia Signorelli, Educator  
 Edward Dacquel, Businessman  
 1997 • Rose DeMarco, Educator/Business Consultant  
 Tom Remy, Corporate Marketing Director, Hawthorne Machinery  
 1996 • Junko Yamamoto, International Artist  
 Tim Cassidy, Attorney/Real Estate Broker  
 1995 • Jerry Sanders, Mayor, City of San Diego (then SD Chief of Police)  
 Monica Higgins, Fire Battalion Chief, City of San Diego Fire Department

## A Few Successful Faces



Monica Higgins



Jerry Sanders



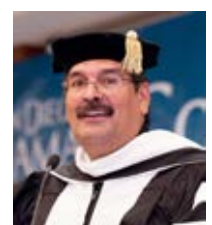
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