

### Phi Theta Kappa Duo Honored in Sacramento

Congratulations to Phi Theta Kappans Kelly Clemen and Nhan Nguyen, who were recognized April 2 at an awards ceremony in Sacramento! Kelly is a PATH (Preparing Accomplished Transfers to the Humanities) Program peer mentor; an Honors Program student and plans to transfer to UC San Diego as a Literature/Cultural Studies major. Nhan Nguyen is a member of the Honors Program and co-chair of the Miramar College LGBTQ Alliance Task Force. He plans to transfer to UC Berkeley. NBC7 San Diego featured the duo on an April 4 broadcast. Click [here](#) to view the story.



### Academic Success Center Featured in CC Daily

Our newly rebranded Academic Success Center was featured on the front page of CC Daily on April 5. Click [here](#) to read the article.

### Volleyball Wins PCAC

Congratulations to head coach John Landicho and the Miramar College men's volleyball team for winning the 2018 PCAC Conference Championship. With their sweep over Grossmont on April 4, the Jets received the PCAC's automatic



berth in the CCCAA State Playoffs. In the state playoffs, the Jets lost in the first round at Long Beach City College.

The following Men's Volleyball players were honored by PCAC: 1st team: Nik Gettman, Armando Abarca & Kekoa Pukahi. 2nd team: Joey Hallowell, Chris Ross. Honorable Mention: Brody Smith, David Aguilar, Skyler Marushige. ATHLETE OF YEAR: Kekoa Pukahi and COACH OF YEAR: John Landicho.





### Pecenco Featured in U-T Article

Laura Pecenco, assistant professor of Sociology, was featured in an April 8 San Diego Union-Tribune article entitled Echo Yard, where normal prison rules no longer apply. Peceno teaches an art class at the Donovan Correctional Facility in Otay Ranch. Click [here](#) to read the article.

### Williams Featured in EdSurge

ESOL faculty member Denise Maduli-Williams use of technology in the classroom was featured in an April 26 EdSurge story on Teaching in the Era of Bots. Click [here](#) to read the article.

### GKN Industry Trek

The Miramar College Career Center hosted its first Industry Trek in partnership with Mesa and City on April 6 at GKN, a global engineering business. Fourteen SDCCD students took part in the event including 6 of our very own Miramar students (who did an exceptional job demonstrating their professional skills). GKN was especially impressed by their extensive aviation maintenance and manufacturing knowledge. All student participants were very excited about receiving complimentary professional padfolios that they were able to start using right away!



The company site visit included an exclusive tour, company information session, and a Q & A with recruiters. Students learned how to create stand-out resumes and shine during their interviews. The GKN representatives highly encouraged our students to apply for their current internship and full-time positions.

### Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Miramar College hosted its 24th annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 25. This year, the Miramar College Foundation administered 180 awards totaling \$90,637.00. An additional 64 external awards, totaling \$83,000.00 were awarded to deserving students bringing the grand total awarded to \$173,637.00, an increase of just over \$18,000.00 from the previous year.

“San Diego Miramar College is honored to assist our students financially in their educational journey,” said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, president of Miramar College. “Being able to help off-set the cost of attending college for our students is a top priority at San Diego Miramar College.”

This annual scholarship awards ceremony is organized by the College’s Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. Click [here](#) to view a photo gallery of the event.

### Athletic Banquet

The 4th Annual Miramar College Athletic Banquet was held April 13 on campus. John Landicho and Troy Merkel were honored for each winning PCAC Coach of the Year in their





respective sports. Female Scholar Athlete of the Year went to soccer player Natalia Tsepina, while men's basketball player Dallas Haupt won Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

### UT Reader's Poll

You may recall a year ago that San Diego Miramar College was nominated in the category of Best College or University in San Diego. While we did not win the overall honor, we did get enough votes to receive recognition as a 2017 San Diego Favorite. We're hoping you'll show your Jets pride and help us win this year. Click on this [link](#) to nominate Miramar College in this year's poll. You'll be asked to submit an email address and a zip code. Once you've done that, you can enter San Diego Miramar College in the space entitled College/University. You can nominate once a day.

### Students Published

Miramar students Alex Falatoun, Janet Barrera, Erica Edwards, Jose Garcia, Cheyenne Terronez and Melanie Stewart are now published authors in the Journal of Double Star Observations. They were part of the Astronomy Research Seminar students from Spring 2017 and their papers were recently accepted for publication. Click [here](#) for a link to journal #1 Analyzing the Proper Motion of Two Double Star Systems from Astrometric Measurements or [here](#) for a link to journal #2-Astrometric



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### ASG Attends Leadership Conference in Chicago



Six members of the Miramar College Associated Student Government attended the National Student Leadership Diversity Convention in Chicago in early April. This is the largest national gathering of student leaders and campus based advisors to address the most critical topics of diversity and social justice challenging our campuses today. Through experiential workshops, keynote sessions, and round table discussions teams of students will explore various elements of diversity and how they affect themselves and their campuses. During the conference students were led through facilitated workshops to develop a Campus Action Plan for a program or event that the teams select to work on together on in order to bring back a piece of the NSLDC experience to their own campuses.

### Child Development Hiring Fair

The Child Development Professionals Conference & Career Center Hiring Event, hosted by our Child Development



and Career Center teams on April 14, was a huge success. This event was an excellent example of "connecting college to careers". Our students and employers greatly benefited from this targeted approach to employer engagement and employment preparation. Kudos to our Child Development Center and Career Center teams!

### Student Art Competition

Two of the five finalists in the League of Innovation Student Art Competition are representing Miramar! The finalists are Jenny Tran and Gabe Dimagiba.

Their work will be advancing to the League of Innovation Student Art Competition at the national level and images of their work will be published in a gorgeous, full-color exhibition catalogue. In addition to the finalists, two of the five semi-finalists, Hanna Hunter and Misun Ko are also representing Miramar.

The award winners were celebrated April 20 at the City Gallery at City College!



Caption: Jenny Tran's painting: Two Vietnamese Women Doing Laundry, 2017

### Joint Board Meeting

The April 17 joint board meeting between the San Diego Community College District and San Diego Unified School District featured a proud moment for Miramar College. The college's career pathway program and partnership with Scripps Ranch High School focusing on business entrepreneurship (with an internship component) was one of the highlights of the Board meeting.

In addition, one of the students recognized at the joint board meeting was from Clairemont High School who participated in the Diesel Technology internship program at his high school.

### EOPS Dinner

The 3rd annual Etiquette Dinner was held April 26 at Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club. Sixty-five EOPS students took part in the celebration that featured a 4 course meal and instruction in formal place setting, proper use of silverware, and elegant table manners. Etiquette Expert Cheryl Carlson facilitated the program. See the story [here](#) as it aired on CBS8.



# QUICK HITS



## NBC/Telemundo Visit

Students in Professor Pablo Martin's Journalism 202 class went on a tour of the NBC7/Telemundo 20 station the week of April 9.

## Transfer and Grad Fair

April 18th was a busy day on campus. Several employers and 4-year institutions visited campus for a Transfer, Job and Grad Fair. The Rutman Band provided the entertainment.



## NATEF Credential Presentation

Honda instructor Joe Young awarded shop foreman Robert Murphy, from Hoehn Honda Carlsbad, with a certificate as a thanks for assisting the Automotive Department with its recent NATEF credential process.



## Student Literacy Competition



The League for Innovation held the 1st Annual Districtwide Student Literacy Competition Reading at City College on April 20. Miramar College student Brandon Vu won for Best Personal Essay

entitled The Threshold. Submissions in poetry, fiction, drama, and non-fiction were judged by four external jurors from the literary community. The winners are moving on to participate in the League for Innovation's National Literary Competition.

## CE Day

On April 18, 117 people showed up for Continuing Education (CE) Day hosted by Outreach. Continuing Education provides a great deal of students to the college campuses each year and thus an area that could benefit from tailored outreach services. The program served as a first step in further developing connections between our non-credit and credit programs. This was an internal outreach or "in-reach" effort within our District to determine some of the basic needs that this particular population may have. Miramar College led the development



and coordination of the event with promotional support from CE Counseling, CE Outreach, as well as Miramar Career Services, Transfer Center. Miramar College General Counseling provided the CE to College presentation. One of the College wide priorities is to increase outreach programming and activities, this event served to further connect with our non-credit students and to provide the knowledge and resource for a better transition to credit courses.

### Spring Open House

Hundreds of prospective students were welcomed to



campus on the evening of April 26 for the College's Annual Open House.

### Girls Empowerment Camp

EMT adjunct faculty member Dannie Wurtz took part in the Girls Empowerment Camp sponsored by the San Diego Fire Department. Wurtz assisted with several events at the April camp held at NTS.



## PEOPLE

**Jesse Lopez** is the new Dean of the School of Business, Technical Careers & Workforce Initiatives. His first day on the job was April 9. Jesse earned his Master's in Public Administration at the University of La Verne, where he is currently working on his



Doctorate in Public Administration, his dissertation focusing on learning communities and cohort models. Jesse also received his Bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of La Verne. In his most recent role, Jesse was Director of Career Technical Education at Norco College. Notably, as Director of CTE, Jesse was able to procure over \$2 million in funding through Strong Workforce Proposals, grants and Prop 39. He has ample experience

in Career Education programs, previously working with the Los Angeles County Office of Education as a Career Development Project Supervisor where he coordinated career development services for program participants. **Rose Marine** is the new Student Services Technician-Public

Safety in Miramar College Admissions and Records Office. Rose has over twelve years of providing support services in higher education. She has been working as a Senior Student Services Assistant here at San Diego Miramar College for two years in the EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs office.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING!!!

### From Eli Kryz on Vincent Ngo:

"I was having problems retrieving a check that was lost in the mail for around two weeks, and I stopped in the office last week to seek assistance. Mr. Ngo greeted me at the desk and I have to say, his customer service and attitude far surpassed the expectations I imagine he's even held to. Such an extremely nice man. He assured me he'd do everything within his power to help me track down the check and I took it as he would spend a couple of minutes looking for it as everyone else had done, not be able to find it, then forget about me but that isn't what happened at all. He emailed me right after I left the office informing me

that he had reached out to the district accounting office, and then proceeded to send me two additional emails within the following days making sure I knew he didn't forget about me. Yesterday evening, Mr. Ngo emailed me stating that he had found the check and that he would be in contact with me as to when I should come pick it up.

I try to give credit where credit is due, and I truly believe Mr. Ngo is an extremely valuable asset to your staff and will continue to serve the students and faculty alike of Miramar College to the highest of standards. Just thought you should know!

## EVENTS

### Want to know what's going on?

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

### Stay informed...

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

### SDCCD Honors Program Reception

May 2 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • The Prado Restaurant  
Balboa Park

### Invest In Success

May 5 • 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Rancho Santa Fe, CA

### Miramar College Awards Ceremony

May 8 • 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Room L-105

### Summer School Enrollment Begins

May 8

### Commencement

May 18 • 11:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Hourglass Fieldhouse

### Memorial Day

May 28 • Campus closed