

NEWS

April 2016

Distracted Driver Event

Student Wellness Services put on an amazing distracted driver event that drew awareness from the community and the local media on April 11. The interactive event featured a virtual reality simulator and a jaws-of-life extraction demonstration by San Diego Fire.

A joint press conference was also held, in front of the LLRC, with representatives from CHP, San Diego Fire and Rescue, AT & T, MADD and RADD speaking on the dangers of distracted driving. Dean Adela Jacobson spoke on behalf of



the college. The event drew plenty of media attention. Links to the media placements can be found below.

Click [here](#) to view CBS News 8 coverage. Click [here](#) to view KUSI coverage. Click [here](#) to view CW6 story.

P-51 Mustang Dedication

Hundreds of aviation buffs gathered on April 9 for the dedication ceremony of Miss Kentucky State, the completely restored WWII era P-51 Mustang that our aviation students helped to bring back to life. The project took 100 weeks to complete and when finally finished, three Miramar College alums and two Miramar College interns were part of the completion team.

Vice President of Instruction Paulette Hopkins was a featured speaker during the program which took place at Allen Airways Museum. The airplane was quickly disassembled and placed on a truck for transport to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. It was dedicated on April 21 with over 1,000 in attendance. The



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San Diego Union Tribune published an article about the project's completion on April 2. Click [here](#) to read it.

CW6 also ran a feature story on the dedication ceremony. Click [here](#) to view.



Miramar College intern David Caceres at April 9 dedication ceremony at Allen Airways Museum.



David Buser, Paulette Hopkins and Lonny Bosselman at April 9 dedication ceremony at Allen Airways Museum.



Dr. Hopkins with FlyboysAeroworks Chief Engineer Rolando Gutierrez at April 9 dedication ceremony at Allen Airways Museum.



P-51 dedication ceremony on April 21 in New Orleans.

District Launches Advertising Partnership with CBS8

The San Diego Community College District has established a partnership with KFMB-TV, San Diego's CBS affiliate, as part of the "Imagine the Possibilities" enrollment marketing campaign. A series of TV ads featuring district students and alumni began airing April 25 and will run through the first week of October.

Miramar College alums Kristen Magpuri (EMT) and Andrew Young (San Diego Fire & Rescue) are featured in the Miramar College spots. Spots include 90-second and 30-second messages. The ads will run on KFMB-TV CBS 8, during the local news as well as "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert." The KFMB partnership also includes 5-second on-air "billboards" mentioning the district as a news sponsor. CBS News 8 is consistently rated San Diego's most-watched news program, giving the district considerable exposure.

Click [here](#) to watch Kristen Magpuri's spot and [here](#) to watch Andrew Young's spot.

Fire Chief Named Commencement Speaker

Newly appointed San Diego Fire and Rescue Chief Brian Fennessy will deliver the keynote address during San Diego Miramar College's commencement ceremony on May 13.

Chief Fennessy graduated from the October 1990 Fire Academy at Miramar College and progressed through the ranks of the Department. He was named the city's 17th fire chief on November 12, 2015.

As Chief, he directs a department of more than 1,200 firefighters, lifeguards, paramedics, and civilian personnel



and presides over an annual budget of \$220 million dollars. Fennessy began his public service career as a firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau and Land Management just after graduating high school. He later received his bachelor's degree while in the midst of his San Diego Fire and Rescue firefighting career.

"For somebody that early in my life didn't value education as I do now, this is a huge privilege to be asked to speak," said Chief Fennessy. "What Miramar does here, not only for firefighters or police, is pretty important to our community."

Chief Fennessy received his bachelor's degree in business administration through distance learning later in life when it became apparent that he would need a postsecondary degree to advance in his career. "To this day, I tell people don't take my path. I got my degree so late in my career that it was hard to balance everything. Looking back I should have forgone a few of those early years on a land management firefighting crew to get my education."

Miramar College will hold its 2016 commencement ceremony on Friday, May 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Hourglass Field House.

Scholarship Awards Banquet

Miramar College hosted its 22nd annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 13. This year, the Miramar College Foundation administered 37 scholarships to 167 recipients totaling \$84,169.00. An additional 57 external awards, totaling \$62,101.00, were awarded to deserving students bringing the grand total to \$146,270.00.

"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.





Community College District. We are grateful for their continued support.”

This event was organized by the College’s Financial Aid and Scholarship Office and catered by the Miramar Café.

Athletic Banquet

The 2nd Annual Miramar College Athletic Banquet was held April 28 at the San Diego Hall of Champions. Long-time San Diego radio personality John Kentera was the featured speaker. The following awards were handed out during



“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





the ceremony: men's water polo coach **Troy Merkel** was honored as **Coach of the Year-Men's Sport**. **Coach of the Year-Women's Sport** went to head women's water polo coach **Amy Jennings**. **Most Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year** went to women's water polo player **Kelsie Telson**. Men's basketball player **Brice Robell** was named **Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year**.

Miramar Hosts SkillsUSA Finals

Miramar College's Automotive and Diesel Departments hosted the 49th annual SkillsUSA California Automotive Service and Heavy Equipment Technology State Finals April 2 on campus. The winners advanced to Louisville, KY for the national finals on June 20-25.

"This is a premier career technical education event that Miramar College takes great pride in hosting each year," said Professor Joe Young, Honda PACT Coordinator at San Diego Miramar College. "The College has such great facilities to accommodate the brightest minds in auto tech and heavy equipment technology fields from around the state. The students, in turn, get to show off the skills they have acquired since joining their CTE programs."

Automotive competitors took part in 14 test exercises ranging from suspension and steering to how to perform at

a job interview. The competition was held in the Advanced Transportation and Technology buildings (S-2 and S-3 buildings).

Diesel Equipment Technology competitors were tested at 15 different stations. That competition took place in the HDATT (diesel technology building) C3-100.

The SkillsUSA Championships is a showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels.

Industry support of the event will be provided by: American Honda Motors; Toyota America; Fiat Chrysler; General Motors; ALLDATA; Mercedes Benz USA; RSC & Associates; Suzuki Motor America; BMW of North America; Mazda USA; Hawthorne Machinery; Snap-on Tools; and Republic Waste.

The 2016 winners were: Post-Secondary Division Gold medal went to Martin Alvarez of Riverside Community College. Ben Hurley of San Luis Obispo High School won the Gold medal for the Secondary School Division.

Miramar Entrepreneurs Go Head-To-Head in Business Pitch Competition Finals

A team of Miramar College students placed second at the "Idea2Innovate" regional competition hosted by San Diego Mesa College on April 8. Our students presented their business plan pitches in front of a panel of judges made up of local business leaders as they competed for scholarship prizes (\$500 to \$2,500 first place) and a chance to represent San Diego and Imperial counties in the statewide "Get a Taste of Success" business plan pitch competition in Sacramento, CA on May 6. **PARKit** was the Miramar College entry presented by: Brian Huh, Gio Ricacho, and Joshua Nun. **PARKit** is an application that provides multiple features to help quickly resolve any parking scenario. Download the app to avoid wasting valuable resources like time, energy, and gas!



QUICK HITS

Blood Drive

The Miramar College AMSA & Red Cross Club held a successful Blood Drive on April 11 in K-107. Thank you to those of you who donated.



Social Justice Speaker Series

The Social Justice Speaker Series began its first of four presentations on April 8. Robin DiAngelo presented her research on Whiteness Studies. Kimberly Dark presented on April 15 with Amer Ahmed on April 22. Laura Rendon presents on May 6. All presentations are held in L-105 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Dr. Carmen Jay with Robin DiAngelo

Child Development Accreditation Maintained

After submitting its annual report, the Miramar College Child Development Center was notified that its program's accreditation has been maintained by NAEYC.

Feeding America San Diego

The Miramar Anthropology program volunteered on Friday, April 15th for the Feeding America San Diego food bank



for a day of service. Professor Laura González and a terrific group of anthropology students gleaned, weighed, and bagged over 1,200 pounds of fresh produce for FASD's Diabetic Wellness program. This program aims to reduce the effects and cost of Type II diabetes for those struggling with food insecurity. Professor González's Honors Cultural Anthropology students are researching food insecurity on campus this semester.

Spring Job Fair

Several employers came to campus looking for potential employees during the 2016 Spring Job Fair held on April 20. The following day, the campus held its annual Opportunities Fair.

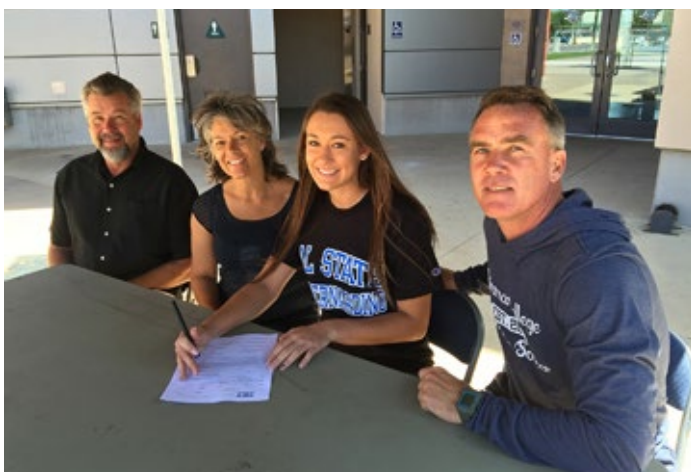


Earth Week

As a part of Earth Week, an Englemann Oak was planted in front of the H building and tours were given of the vernal pools project. A dinner at nearby Daphne's helped raise money for the Environmental Stewardship Committee.



PEOPLE



Miramar College soccer players **Bianca Scodellaro** (above) and **Stephanie Martinez** (below) signed their Letters of Intent on April 22. Scodellaro will play next year at Cal-State San Bernardino while Martinez will play at UC Riverside.



Armando Gonzalez and **Brett Patterson** joined the college on April 18 as our new Senior Student Services Assistants in the Admissions & Records Office, supporting Residency and International Students.

Armando Gonzalez brings a wealth of administrative and leadership experience gained from his service in the United States Marine Corp. Additionally, since 2013, Armando has contributed greatly to the success of our students at Miramar College through his roles in Veterans Affairs and Admissions & Records. As a lead Veterans Affairs work study, he helped improve services for Veterans and their dependents and has also been instrumental in the hiring and training of new VA work studies. Currently, as a Project Assistant, he provides essential backfill support to Admissions & Records during the Campus Solutions/ PeopleSoft project.

Brett Patterson comes to us from City College Student Affairs, where he currently aides students in the various aspects of campus life and advises the Associated Students Government and 33 campus clubs. Prior to working at City College, he was a Project Assistant in the Miramar College Admissions & Records Office, supporting student access and enrollment activities. Additionally, his work experience has included being a Lead Admissions Counselor at Ashford University, Faculty Advisor mentoring K-12 scholars, and a Student Advisor assisting high school students in navigating college admissions.

Todd Williams takes over for **Janice Hecksel** as District IT Enterprise Network Specialist. Todd has been working with the Academic computing team at Miramar College for the past 8 years.

Professors **Becky Stephens** and **Stefanie Johnson** have been named BSI Co-Coordinator for the 2016 – 2017 academic year.

Lezlie Allen, Dane Lindsay, Vuong Nguyen and **Tosh Tepraseuth** have been nominated for the Safety Conscious Recognition Award. The winner will be announced on May 11 at the Safety Committee meeting.

Christine Barlolong, Lily Cava, Terrie Hubbard, Joe Kruse, Brian Sherk, and Robin Watkins have been nominated for Outstanding Employee of the Year. The winner will be announced May 3 at the Miramar College Awards Ceremony.

EVENTS

Want to know what's going on?

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

Stay informed...

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

Academic Senate Meeting

May 3 • 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Room L-309

Miramar College Classified Awards Ceremony

May 3 • 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. • L-105

Recreational Mathematics Workshop

May 5 • 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. • M-205

Social Justice Speakers Series-Laura Rendon

May 6 • 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. • L-105

Invest In Success

May 7 • 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Coronado, CA

Everything About Internships

May 11 • 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. • K1-308

Commencement

May 13 • 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Gymnasium

Classified Luncheon

May 19 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Day

May 30 • Campus closed