

NEWS

March 2018

Pham Recognized



Lonnie Pham, financial aid technician, was recognized as San Diego Miramar College's Classified Employee of the Year nominee to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Lonnie was recognized at the Feb. 22 SDCCD Board of Trustees meeting at the District Office,

where her nomination was accepted and approved by the Board of Trustees.

In 2009, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges announced the establishment of the first annual Classified Employees of the Year award. This prestigious award honors community college classified employees who are nominated by their colleagues for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges.

Hoops Honors

The following men's basketball players were awarded post-season honors by the PCAC Conference: Takoda Browne and Deion Alston were named 1st team; Chris Jones named 2nd team; Dallas Haupt and Blake Seits were honorable mention. The Jets won their first round playoff game vs. West LA College before losing in the second round to Citrus College.

Student Visits NASA

Miramar College student Christian Pratt traveled to NASA's Johnson Space Center to participate in the NASA



Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) onsite experience Feb. 13-15. Pratt was one of 171 community college students from across the United States to take part in the NCAS onsite experience. The five-week online activity culminated with a four-day on-site event at a NASA Center and offered students the opportunity to interact with NASA engineers and others as they learn more about careers in science and engineering. While at NASA, students form teams and establish fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team is responsible for developing and testing a prototype rover, forming a company infrastructure, managing a budget, and developing communications and outreach. The onsite experience at NASA includes briefings by NASA subject matter experts, information on how to apply for internships and a tour of NASA's unique facilities.

College Wide Planning Summit

The annual College Wide Planning Summit held March 16 was attended by over 120. The theme of this year's



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summit was Student Success Comes Alive! The lively discussions among the cross functional participants were extraordinarily impressive. The reports generated from the group discussions provide invaluable information to the participants.

Faculty Expert David Wilhelm

Assistant Business Professor David Wilhelm was featured as a faculty expert, in not one, but two articles published by Wallethub.com. Wilhelm offered his advice in a piece about unsecured credit cards and the best no annual fee credit

cards. To read the piece on unsecured credit cards click [here](#). To read the piece about best annual fee credit cards click [here](#).

PTK All-Academic Team

Miramar College students Kelly Clemen and Nhan Nguyen were named to the Phi Theta Kappa 2017 All-California Academic Team. The 2018 PKT Awards luncheon will be held April 2, 2018 at the Sacramento Convention center where the duo will accept their awards.



QUICK HITS

Science Festival

Over 550 attendees visited campus on March 3 for the annual Science Festival. This event's success is indicative of the passion of the students, staff, faculty and the administration of Miramar College to provide STEM based opportunities to the community. Click [here](#) to see a video of the science festival.



Gutowski Appears on National TV

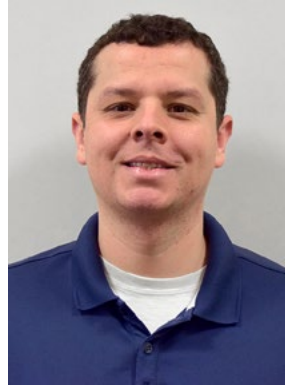
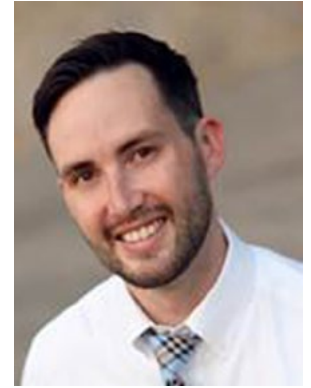
Remember our Veterans Day sand sculpture on campus? It's creator, our very own Dan Gutowski, appeared on the TV series Sand Blasters which debuted March 11 on the Travel Channel.

PEOPLE

With over thirty years of service to the San Diego Community College District, and after nearly six years as San Diego Miramar College, Vice President of Student Services **Gerald Ramsey** has announced his retirement, effective Friday, August 17, 2018. Please be sure to mark your calendars for VP Ramsey's farewell reception, scheduled on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in L-108.



analysis, which is a great asset to not only the career education area but also the entire Miramar College team. He holds a BS degree in Political Economy from the Regis University in Denver and an MBA from the University of Redlands.



Benjamin Gamboa joins Miramar College as our Associate Dean of Strong Workforce. Ben comes to us from Crafton Hills College in the San Bernardino Community College District and brings a wealth of knowledge and extensive background in institutional research and labor market

Francisco Navallez, Stock Clerk I, has been promoted to Receiving/Stockroom Supervisor at San Diego City College. His last day at Miramar College was Feb. 23.

Save the Date

May 5, 2018 • 4:00-7:00pm

Tickets purchased before April 9, 2018:
\$125/person • \$200/couple
Buy 10 tickets before April 9 for \$1,000

Tickets purchased after April 9, 2018:
\$150/person • \$225/couple
Buy 10 tickets after April 9 for \$1,250

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EVENTS

Want to know what's going on?

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

Stay informed...

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

Late Start 8-Week Classes Begin

April 2

Men's Volleyball at Grossmont

April 4 • 6:00pm

Men's Volleyball at Saint Katherine

April 6 • 1:30pm

Men's Volleyball at Palomar

April 11 • 6:00pm

Sports Banquet

April 13 • 6:00pm • Room L-105

Withdrawal Deadline

April 13

Miramamar Scholarship Award Ceremony

April 25 • 1:00pm – 4:00pm • Room L-105

Open House

April 26 • 6:00pm – 8:30pm • Room L-105