

College Wide Planning Summit

The annual College Wide Planning Summit held March 15 was attended by over 100 faculty, staff and students. The theme of this year's summit was teaching students soft skills for career success. This year's summit was quite interactive with a presentation on the Career Center's Coffee Chats, a demonstration by students in the college's Firefighter I Academy, mock interviews with students conducted by Business Professor Tanya Hertz. There was also an EOPS presentation and a student perspective panel. Lively table discussions with industry partners regarding soft skills and

what's needed for our students to succeed took place after lunch.

Chemistry Students Visit Walker Elementary

Six Miramar College students from the Chemistry Affiliate visited Walker Elementary on March 1. They promoted the Science Festival by dressing up as chemists and passing out fliers. They also gave a brief introduction of the periodic table to a pair of after school programs.



Basketball Honors

PCAC Men's Basketball All-Conference Awards have been announced! We are proud and excited to announce 5 players! 1st Team All-Conference: So. Guard Blake Seits and Fr. Guard Damien Miller. Honorable Mentions: Fr. Guard Artis Chapman, Fr. Forward Cole Cummings, and Fr. Guard Kobe Gatti.

Walsh Named Grand Marshal

Fire Tech Professor Marty Walsh served as Executive Grand Marshal of the 2019 Saint Patrick's Parade. Walsh received this honor for his work and leadership in the San Diego Irish-American Community.



Since the Parade theme this year is "Celebrating Irish Music," Walsh's membership in the Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums made him a perfect fit for this honor. This is the largest Saint Patrick's Day parade west of the Mississippi.

Making it in San Diego

Channel 10 visited Miramar College for its Making it San Diego segment. The focus was how high school students could save money on the cost of college tuition by taking dual enrollment courses at the community college level. Click [here](#) to view the story.



Coronado High School Visit

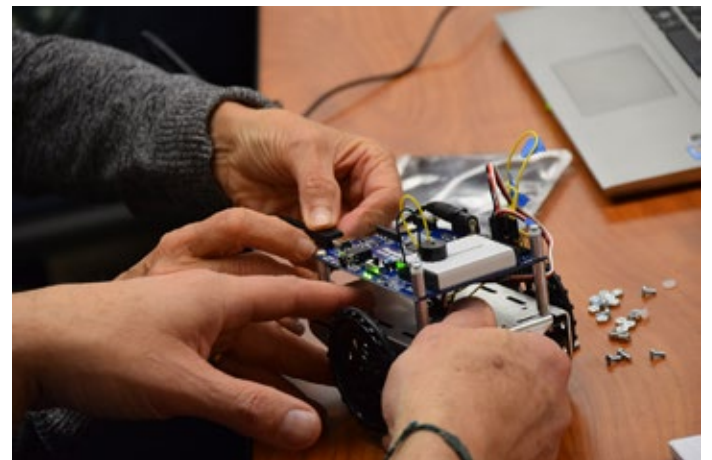
A few dozen Coronado High School students, interested in CTE programs, visited our campus on March 5. Monica Rosas from the San Diego Imperial Counties Regional Consortium, requested the visit and brought the students to campus. Students enjoyed the tour and learning about the awesome programs San Diego Miramar College offers. Dr.



Linda Woods led a Bio Tech demonstration while Professor Alex Stiller-Shulman spoke to the kids about computer training.

Robotics Event

Move over Elon Musk! The Physical Science Department at Miramar College hosted a STEM professional development for educators event on March 1 in M105. Instructors and local teachers built robots and whizzed them around the room.





Athletic Talk

Lori Okimura, the Chairwoman of the Board of USA Volleyball, visited with our student athletes to discuss humility, loyalty, and determination in the realm of the student-athlete. Okimura visited campus on March 18th and spoke in L-105. The men’s volleyball team attended in lieu of that day’s practice.

Perfect Evals

Congratulations to the Office of Instruction for a 100% completion rate for Fall 2018 contract faculty evaluations. The District’s Human Resources department was very complimentary of the process.

Otto’s Old Computer

Here’s a neat story as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. If you have ever been by Economics Professor Otto Dobre’s office in the M-building you may have noticed an advertisement for the \$99.95 personal computer. In 1981, the Timex Sinclair



1000 was the rage of the personal computing space. It was the first computer priced under \$100.00. Turns out, former CISC Professor Ed Brunges had one in his office. Earlier this semester, Brunges presented it to Dobre.

Gonzalez Honored

Professor Laura Gonzalez was nominated for California Assembly Member Dr. Shirley Weber’s “Salute to Women Leaders.” This is an annual celebration of women who live in the 79th California Assembly District. Gonzalez was one of three winners in the Education – Post Secondary category.



Seits Signs with San Marcos

Sophomore basketball player Blake Seits signed a letter of intent to attend Cal-State San Marcos and play basketball for the Cougars next year. Seits scored 18 points per game this past season for a Jets team that qualified for the state playoffs.



Firefighter I Academy

Firefighter recruits attending the Regional Fire Academy offered through San Diego Miramar College and Heartland Fire Training participated in "Fire Control 3B". This course includes attacking live fire, coordinating ventilation and rescue operations simultaneously. Fire recruits encounter live fire conditions as a requirement to the state certified Firefighter I Fire Academy. Miramar students may take this 16 week Firefighter Academy or spread out the training over ten courses on our campus, including the Live Fire Attack Fire Control 3B course at Heartland! Classes start Summer!



Drag-Tacular

The first annual Miramar College Spring Drag-Tacular was held March 20th in L-105. The event was attended by over 100. Attendees took part in a Q & A, viewed a video history of Drag, and enjoyed several performances. There was also a lip sync battle between audience members. The Miramar College LGBTQ Alliance with support from professional development, diversity and Club Spectrum presented the event. Dean Ben Gamboa opened the program with a heartfelt message to the attendees.



Spring Fest

Spring Fest took place on March 20-21. However, Mother Nature did not cooperate on March 20. Rain and sleet forced the event to be cut short while attendees ran for cover. Day 2 (March 21) was moved indoors into the K-building.



QUICK HITS

Science Festival

Over 500 attendees visited campus on March 9 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.



UCSD Visit

Dr. Synthia Chang (adjunct instructor at Miramar College) coordinated a great tour of UCSD for the Chemistry Affiliate on March 8. Dr. Carlo Ballatore from UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences hosted our students for a 3 hour tour that included the x-ray facility, high-throughput screening facility, biology lab at the Center for Discovery and Innovation in Parasitic Diseases, medicinal chemistry lab, virtual reality facility, and lunch.



PEOPLE

Faculty chair appointments: **Jordan Omens**, ADJU; **John Couture**, Business; **Gina Bochicchio**, physical science; **Mary Hart**, library; **Dan Igou** was elected to continue in his role as department chair, and **Molly Fassler** was elected to continue in her role as assistant chair for Social and Behavioral Sciences; **Kirk Webley**, counseling; **Andrew Lowe**, Biology; **Francois Bereaud** will continue as chair and **Julia McMenamin** as assistant chair for the Math department; **Joe Young**, Auto; **Dawn DiMarzo**, Child

Development; **Mary Kjartanson** has been reelected to the position of Emergency Medical Technician/Fire Protection department chair; **Namphol Sinkaset**, Chemistry; **Nick Gehler** and **Kevin Petti** have been elected to serve as chair and assistant chair for the Department of Health, Exercise Science and Nutrition, respectively; **Pablo Martin**, Arts and Humanities; **Jessica McCambly** co-chair; **Carmen Jay**, chair and **Richard Halliday**, co-chair of English and World Languages.

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 1

Men's Volleyball at Grossmont

April 3 • 6:00pm

Men's Volleyball vs. Saint Katherine

April 5 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Volleyball at Palomar

April 10 • 6:00pm

Miramar Scholarship Award Ceremony

April 10 • 2:00pm-4:00pm • L-105

Withdrawal Deadline (primary session)

April 12

Spring Open House

April 25 • 6:00pm – 8:30pm L-105