



Coronavirus Response

Miramar College worked diligently the week of March 16-March 20 to convert its services and classes to remote operations. Campus was closed to students starting March 16 and on Wednesday, March 18 non-essential employees were sent home to begin working remotely. By Friday, March 20, all employees began working remotely.

The instructional division converted a total of 812 face-to-face classes to an online format in a collaborative manner. Only 22 face-to-face classes faced canceled at time of publish. Another 75 face-to-face classes that are subject to a later start during the spring semester are now being evaluated to see if they can be converted to a remote modality.

The Academic Success Center was successful in launching online tutoring, and the Math Lab and The Well (Writing and English Language Lab) are assisting in the tutoring and other ways of supporting students in a virtual environment.

While the College's Student Health Center is closed, they are assisting students via phone taking calls on medical, nurse, and mental health needs Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm. All perishable food pantry items were distributed to

students and staff in need prior to suspension of classes and closure. The staff is working with the SD Food Bank for local options for students who are food insecure during campus closure. In an effort to assist employees working at home remotely, the IT department successfully transitioned just under 100 lab-used laptops for employee use along with downloading essential software for remote access to office computer files.

Daily COVID-19 updates can be found at www.sdmiramar.edu/covid-info or at the college's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) feeds.

New Deadlines Announced for Spring Semester

As you know, classes were paused for one week to prepare for remote instruction. We hope that you are adjusting to these new methods and we encourage you to hang in there. Below you will find important resources and updates to class deadlines.

NEW DEADLINES:

Withdraw from Class

New Deadline: May 8, 2020 (primary term)

Any student who withdraws from classes between March 9 and May 8, 2020 will have their W changed to an Excused Withdrawal (EW). After May 8, 2020, a petition will be required. The EW symbol will show on a student's official transcript but will be annotated with 'COVID-19' to indicate the reason. It does not count against the student for academic standing purposes or as a repeat for enrollment purposes.

Be Aware: If there is not a change in regulations by the federal government, students receiving federal financial aid and/or Veteran's benefits may be required to pay



money back to these funds.

Financial Aid students may be impacted:

- Loans may be reduced if units enrolled drops below half-time (6 units) prior to the disbursement
- Repayment of Federal funds may apply*
- May affect Satisfactory Academic Progress status for the 2020-2021 aid year*

* Note: This is subject to change due to pending legislation.

Refund of Enrollment Fee

New Deadline: May 8, 2020 (primary term)

Students with the EW grade may be given a refund of enrollment fees and non-resident tuition. Enrollment fees that were waived or paid by a third party will not be refunded to the student. There will not be a refund of the student health/accident fees, student representation fees, dosimetry fees, golf fees, Associated Student membership or parking permits for classes that have already begun.

Be Aware: Processing time could take several weeks. Keep your address current as fees paid by cash or check will be refunded through a mailed check.

Extend P/NP Deadline

New Deadline: April 17, 2020

The Pass/No Pass options for specific courses will have an extended deadline. It is typically set at the 30% point in a course.

Be Aware: Many transfer institutions do not permit a P/NP grade in courses required in the major. You may want to check with your transfer institution prior to selecting this option.

Diverse Voices in Sciences

Diverse Voices in Science was one of the final events held on campus before the campus closure. Claire Dorman,



astrophysicist that studied the nature of the Andromeda Galaxy, shared her journey to become a data scientist. Dorman now works for Pandora using her data science skills to help program individual playlists.

CCCAA Postpones Spring Sports

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Board of Directors voted unanimously on March 19 that the remainder of the 2020 spring sports season will be canceled, the spring season of competition for approximately 9,500 student-athletes will be restored and face-to-face recruiting and recruiting-related travel is being prohibited immediately but will be re-evaluated next month. This shutdown ended the season for the Miramar College men's volleyball team, who was ranked 5th in the state.

The CCCAA, which oversees and governs athletics for 109 member institutions, postponed the spring seasons in early March due to concerns over COVID-19 with hopes of possibly returning to competition. However, with campuses throughout the state closed and most classes taking place online, and with the uncertainty about when conditions will improve, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the spring sports seasons.

Additionally, nontraditional seasons and practices outside of regularly scheduled classes are canceled through June 30, 2020.

The Board of Directors subsequently voted that nearly 9,500 student-athletes who competed this spring will have their season of competition restored, provided they had not quit or been cut from their teams prior to the seasons being postponed by the CCCAA on March 12. The restoration only applies to the student-athletes' status within the CCCAA. The NCAA, NAIA and other collegiate governing bodies are currently addressing similar issues and the CCCAA will continue to work with them to help student-athletes who wish to eventually transfer.

In light of the state and federal guidelines related to COVID-19, the CCCAA has also instituted a temporary ban on face-to-face recruiting - and any travel related to recruiting - until April 15 at which time the CCCAA will review and decide whether to continue the ban or not. It's similar to recruiting restrictions put in place by other collegiate governing bodies.

"College athletics are facing unprecedented circumstances

and we are doing our best to address the concerns that have come about as a result,” said Jennifer Cardone, CCCAA Interim Executive Director. “Undoubtedly, it’s a challenging time but student-athletes are at the center of our focus as well as what’s in the best interest of our institutions.”

The CCCAA canceled its men’s and women’s basketball championships at West Hills College-Lemoore last week and later canceled its 2020 CCCAA Convention

in Ontario. The association will continue to disseminate pertinent information as it becomes available.

Basketball Honors

PCAC Men’s Basketball All-Conference Awards have been announced! We are proud and excited to announce the following awards! 1st Team All-Conference: Fr. Guard **Cameron Barry** and Soph. wing **Michael Tate Junior**. Honorable Mention: Soph. Guard **Damien Miller**.



Freshman Guard Cameron Barry



Sophomore Wing Michael Tate Junior



Sophomore Guard Damien Miller

QUICK HITS

College Wide Planning Summit Canceled

The annual College Wide Planning Summit scheduled for March 13 was postponed. The theme of this year’s summit would have been guided pathways as it pertains to career exploration! No make-up date is yet planned.

Science Festival Canceled

The March 14 Science Festival was canceled due to coronavirus concerns.

Invest in Success Postponed

Invest in Success has been postponed until the Fall. Originally planned for May 3, 2020 at the Farmer and the Seahorse in Del Mar, the Miramar College Foundation will convene in June to decide on a new date.

PEOPLE

Guided Pathways team leads: **Lisa Brewster** and **Lisa Clarke** are the GPS Project leaders; **Wendy Kinsinger**, On Boarding Team Lead; **Mary Kjartanson** and **Cheryl**

Reed, Course Sequencing Team Leads; **Mona Patel**, Program Communities, Career and Academic Interest Areas Team Lead; **Channing Booth**, Communications and Technology Team Lead.

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.

Spring Semester Resumes

April 4

Late Start 8-Week Classes Begin

April 6

Pass/No Pass Grade Deadline (primary session)

April 17