

NEWS

March 2016

Future Firefighters Put to the Test at Miramar College

Our state-of-the-art Fire Technology and Emergency Medical Technology facility will serve as a Candidate Physical Ability Testing (CPAT) center thanks to a \$44,000.00 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant provided by the County of San Diego. Previously, firefighter candidates had to travel to Orange County or Sacramento to undergo their mandatory CPAT training. The Firefighter Candidate Testing Center (FCTC), the agency that administers the CPAT examinations, has also selected Miramar College as the state's third testing site.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant will allow for the purchase of vital equipment necessary to successfully prepare local firefighting candidates.

San Diego Fire Chief Brian Fennessy, CalFire Unit Chief Tony Meacham, San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts, Yvonne de la Pena, executive director of the Firefighter Candidate Testing Center, and George Beitey, dean of the School of Public Safety at Miramar College gathered to make the announcement at a March 15 news conference on campus.



This story generated positive media attention. Links to each story are provided below.

U-T San Diego article:

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/mar/15/miramar-college-firefighter-testing/>

NBC 7 coverage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQmEsuoqkal>

KPBS-TV coverage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfnpaDsHiFY>

Daily Business Report-SD Metro Magazine:

<http://www.sandiegometro.com/2016/03/daily-business-report-march-16-2016/>

Dexter and Le Make All-California Academic Team

Phi Kappa Theta President Randy Dexter and Vice President Thaimae Le made the All-California Academic 2nd Team. They were honored at a March 24 awards ceremony in Sacramento. This prestigious honor is handed down by



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Phi Theta Kappa and the California League of Community Colleges. The criteria to make an all-academic team includes: leadership; academic excellence; and service to the community.

Summer Advertising Shoot

In effort to assist with summer enrollments, the district is launching a new TV ad campaign for all its colleges and CE. Miramar's upcoming TV spot was filmed on March 25 at the Fire Tech/EMT building. The new spots will feature alums Kristen Magpuri (EMT), Andrew Young (San Diego Fire), and counselor Kirk Webley. The ads will run on KFMB-TV starting later this spring and will be :30 and :90 seconds in length. The spots will feature our Fire Tech and EMT programs but also discuss Miramar College becoming a more comprehensive college.



Adjunct Appreciation Day

Adjunct Appreciation Day was held on Feb. 24 in KI-107. Those who attended were fed and greeted by Dr. Hsieh, Academic Senate President Marie McMahon, VPI Hopkins,



several deans and AFT President Jim Mahler. Mahler led a brief discussion on the need for adjuncts to register for priority of assignment. Miramar College currently has 318 adjuncts working the Spring 2016 semester; a significant increase over last spring.

Science Festival Draws Hundreds to Campus

The Science Department pulled off another successful Science Fun Day on Saturday, March 12. Over 500 attendees and volunteers made it a very exciting and special day for the community. Here is a list of the demonstrations that took place: How to Get DNA from Anything; Sensory Perception; Marine Critters; Blast off with Diet Coke and Slime; An Epidemic; and Math Puzzles



and Activities. Sandy Slivka appeared on the radio program Living Better in San Diego on Sunday, March 6 to help promote the event. Click [here](#) to listen to her radio appearance.

Planning Summit Tackles Variety of Issues



Miramar's annual College Planning Summit took place on March 11 in KI-107. Almost 75 faculty and staff members came together to identify gaps and explore ways to better serve students. Break-out sessions featured deep discussions on transfer volume and rate, degrees and certificates, CTE rate, number of course sections; course completion (SEP Metric), and outreach programs/activities. Campus tours introduced faculty and staff to areas of the College they may not have been previously familiar with. Dr. Hsieh addressed the group to begin the summit.

AMSA Holds Physician's Conference

Miramar's American Medical Student Association hosted a physician's conference on March 4 in the new science building. The conference was designed to educate our students about medical school and nursing school admission standards. About two dozen students showed up to hear from Dr. Keith Roby, a dermatology resident at UCSD Medical Center. Internal medicine physician Dr. Ravi



Komatireddy shared his journeys into medicine while Dr. Paddy Barrett, cardiologist at Scripps, spoke on how to find fulfillment in the medical field.

2nd Annual Sports Banquet is April 28

The 2nd annual Miramar College All Sports Banquet will be held at the Hall Of Champions in Balboa Park on Thursday, April 28. The event will start at 6 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. This will be a great way to honor the hard work and accomplishments of our fine student-athletes. Longtime San Diego radio personality "The Coach" John Kentera is scheduled to speak at the event. The cost to attend the event is \$25.00 and dinner is included. Student athletes may attend at no cost. Please RSVP to Francine McCorkell at fmccorke@sdccd.edu by April 15.

Artist Visits Campus

Visiting Artist Kevin Greenland, from the Golden Working Artist Program, visited Professor Jessica McCambly's classes in the Art Department on March 3. Speaking to students enrolled in a variety of studio courses, including all levels of Composition in Painting, Life Drawing and Freehand Drawing, he presented an exciting and interactive workshop demonstrating the various techniques and effects possible with the use of Golden Paints various acrylic paint products as well as Williamsburg Oil Colors and the new QoR Watercolor Paints. In addition to the demonstration, Greenland educated students on the chemistry of paint, the importance of understating the science of art materials, art restoration and the structural differences and similarities between acrylic, oil and watercolor paint.

Students had the opportunity to interact with wet and dry paint samples as well as sample boards of each technique discussed, providing an understanding of the materials in





Kevin Greenland visits campus on March 3

real time. Afterwards, each student who attended was given generous sample kits of Golden Acrylic Paint, Williamsburg Oil Colors and QoR Watercolors.

Kevin Greenland is a practicing artist and art educator living in Southern California. Kevin teaches a variety of classes in acrylic painting, bookmaking and mixed media approaches to painting and sculpture. He holds a Master of Fine

Arts degree and a Bachelor of Science in Art Education. Greenland has taught art at Memphis College of Art and Vanderbilt University where he was also the assistant director of the Sarratt Studio Arts Program. Additionally, he was the recipient of a Hohenberg European Travel Fellowship and has participated in a number of residency programs, including a program at Wackers Academy in Amsterdam.

QUICK HITS

P-51 Dedication Ceremony Moved to April 9

There has been a date change for the P-51 Mustang dedication ceremony. Initially reported to take place on March 26, the ceremony will now be held on April 9 at the Allen Airways Flying Museum. The World War II era plane, that our aviation students have been working to restore, is close to completion at Gillespie Field. The program is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with a meet and greet. The P-51 Mustang will be presented to former Tuskegee Airman Capt. Roscoe Brown, in late April, during a ceremony in New Orleans at the National World War II Museum.

Horatio Alger Association Invite

The Horatio Alger Association has invited San Diego Miramar College to participate in its **Collegiate Partners Program**. Horatio Alger Collegiate Partners are colleges and universities that agree to work with the organization in assisting Horatio Alger scholarship recipients (Scholars) attending their institutions. The Scholars were all raised in

families with limited financial means and many have faced other adversities as well.

Ice Cream Social

The American Federation of Teachers visited campus on March 8 and brought ice cream. An ice cream social was held in the new employee lounge. All employees were invited. Thanks to Jim Mahler and AFT.



ECWL Hosts Development Day

The ECWL (English, Communications Studies, and World Languages) Department hosted a professional development event on Saturday, March 12th with CATESOL. CATESOL is a professional organization for teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. Over 200 educators from San Diego and Imperial Counties registered to attend. These teachers are from K-12, adult education, community college, and universities, so it will be quite the gathering of minds. The plenary speaker was Dr. Eniko Csomay, an applied linguist, professor, and associate dean from SDSU. Featured speakers included: Kelly Shah from SDSU American Language Institute; Donna Price from SDCCD Continuing Education; Sylvia Ramirez from MiraCosta College; Jason Greeno & Allan Pascua from SDSU American Language Institute; Dr. Karen Russikoff from Cal Poly Pomona and CATESOL President-Elect; Richard Lederer from KPBS's A Way with Words, the San Diego Union-Tribune, and Language Magazine. Our very own Stephanie Johnson Shipman was published in the CATESOL News detailing the event. Click [here](#) to read her article.

Biotech Retreat Held at Miramar

Miramar College hosted the Statewide Biotech Faculty Retreat Conference on March 18-19. Sixty-three representatives from 29 California colleges registered to attend.



Vernal Pools Tour

Members of the Citizen's Oversight Committee took a tour of the Vernal Pools on March 9. While the weather was a tad chilly, the tour came just days after a rain storm and made for a perfect environment.

PEOPLE



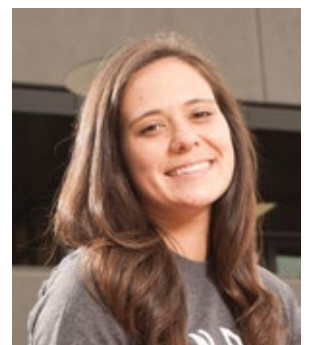
Carmen Jay was recognized for her 15 years of service as a Phi Theta Kappa advisor to the Beta Iota Lambda Chapter at Miramar College. Dr. Jay received a commemorative pin from the President's Office.

Kevin Petti has been invited by the University of Palermo in Italy to speak to their medical school faculty about the international courses he teaches. Twice a year, Kevin travels to Italy teaching courses that enroll anatomy professors from around the world seeking continuing education,



or undergraduates in study abroad programs. Kevin has accepted the invitation to travel to Palermo this summer (June) and deliver the lecture Anatomia Italiana: Art and Anatomy in the Italian Renaissance.

Sara Haddad has become an official contract employee. Sara is a legacy alumna from Miramar and has continued to work as an Outreach Ambassador, mainly as the senior student aid and the only dedicated outreach support person for our office since her arrival in 2011. She brings years of direct Miramar College Student Services experience, in addition to being the face of our campus on many occasions.



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.

Cesar Chavez Day

April 1 • Campus closed

SkillsUSA State Finals

April 2 • 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Advanced Transportation Technology Buildings (C-1 through C-4)

Academic Senate Meeting

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

Men's Volleyball vs. Orange Coast

April 6 • 6 p.m. • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Recreational Mathematics Workshop

April 7 • 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. • Room M-205

Invest in Success RSVP's Due

April 8 • Please RSVP for May 7 event. Price to attend increases after this date.

Student Veterans Club Meeting

April 8 • 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Room K1-202

Men's Volleyball at Irvine Valley

April 8 • 6:00 p.m.

P-51 Mustang Dedication

April 9 • 10:30 p.m. • Allen Airways Flying Museum at Gillespie Field

Rape Aggression Defense Training

April 9 • 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Room TBA (women only)

Distracted/Impaired Driving Event

April 11 • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Compass Point

Scholarship Award Ceremony

April 19 • 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Room L-105

Men's Volleyball vs. City College

April 13 • 6 p.m. • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Volleyball vs. Mesa

April 15 • 6 p.m. • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Rape Aggression Defense Training

April 16 • 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Room TBA (women only)

Civil Rights Film Festival

April 16 • 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. • H-Building

Academic Senate Meeting

April 19 • 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Room L-309

How to Work a Job Fair

April 19 • 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. • Room K1-308

Spring Job Fair

April 20 • 10:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Compass Circle

2016 Opportunities Expo

April 21 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Compass Point

Recreational Mathematics Workshop

April 22 • 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. • Room M-205

Men's Volleyball at CCCAA Playoffs

April 22, 28, 30 • Location TBA

New Student/Parent Open House

April 26 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Room L-105

All-Sports Banquet

April 28, 2015 • 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. • San Diego Hall of Champions