

## NEWS

May 2017

### Commencement 2017

The College held its 2017 commencement ceremony on May 19 with 246 students participating in the 41st annual ceremony. A capacity crowd witnessed the commencement exercises, which were held inside Hourglass Fieldhouse on the Miramar College campus.

This year, the College conferred 871 associate degrees, an increase of 15% from a year ago when 758 associate degrees were conferred. Another 469 Certificates of Achievement were earned this year.



Veronica Hughes, 31, delivered a heart-warming commencement address to her fellow graduates. The mother of three from Poway spoke of her time living in her Nissan as she struggled to support her 3 children. Hughes persevered and on May 19 graduated with two associate degrees (Anthropology and Visual Arts). She will attend San Diego State University in the fall. The San Diego Union-Tribune featured Veronica's story. Click [here](#) to read the article.



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## Invest in Success

The Miramar College Foundation raised \$37,157.62 during its 2017 Invest in Success Fundraiser held May 6 at a private residence in Coronado, Ca.

This year's fundraiser was attended by 110 guests who enjoyed a night of food, spirits, silent auction bidding and pretend casino gaming.

The Foundation sold 95 tickets to the event that generated \$8,900.00. Forty-one donated silent auction items sold for a combined \$5,100.00. The Foundation's community partners and individual donors contributed another \$29,980.00 in sponsorships.

The Foundation wishes to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions: AFT Guild, Sara Agonafer, Ema Baskovic Wine Tasting, Jenny Benson, Don & Fu-Ping Boas, California Coast Credit Union, Carolina Caparros, Dr. Constance Carroll, Frederick & Deborah Gerlach, Kathleen Gustafson, Hom Family Fund, Dr. Patricia Hsieh, Mike & Veronica Johnson, Mary Kjartanson, Donna Lee, Marie Martinelli/Student Insurance, Daniel & Christina Miramontez, New Cars, Inc., Tony & Dr. Priscila Pizarro, San Diego Hua Xia Chinese School, The Well Grow Foundation,



David Tran, Union Bank, U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo Bank.

A photo gallery of the evening can be accessed [here](#).

The 2018 Invest in Success fundraiser is scheduled for May 5 and will be held at a private residence in Rancho Santa Fe, Ca.



## Strong Workforce Marketing Campaign

The College's Strong Workforce marketing campaign has completed its first month and is scheduled to continue running through August 2017. Over 1,000 spots on both radio and television will run over a 4-month period. The digital component of this campaign guarantees thousands of impressions. Our :30 tv spots are airing regularly on NBC7, KUSI, and CBS8. The CBS 8 partnership includes a YouTube buy, that to date, has produced 25,714 views of our 2 spots. To view the :30 tv spot click [here](#). To view, the :15 second spot click [here](#). As for radio, 880 spots began airing on Channel 93-3 and Jamin 95.7 on May 1. There is digital component to this ad campaign as well. The :15 tv spot has been shared on the iHeart Radio digital platform 85,102 times with 235 clicking through to the college website. The radio campaign runs through the end of August. Grant funding from the state is paying for this campaign.



Mojica Authors Article

Rechelle Mojica authored an article in Women Encouraging Living Donations (WELD) on May 10. In the article, she shares the story of how she gave the gift of life to her mother through a kidney donation. Click [here](#) to read the article.



Business Club Elections

The Miramar College Business Club has appointed the following to its Executive Board for the '17-'18 academic year: Madison Dodd, President; Barbra Madlova, Vice President; Unica Nicolas, Treasurer; James Ngo, Secretary; Haris Bhatti, Public Relations; Ehsanullah Ahmadi, Public Relations; Raika Djalali, Associated Students Representative; Angela Lammi, Associated Student Representative (Alternate).

Classified Staff Awards

The Classified Staff Awards were held May 9 to honor those who have been with the District or the College for 5 years or more. A list of those earning service awards is below. Classified Employee of the Year honors went to Rachel Martinez. The annual Classified Luncheon was also held on May 22.

YEARS OF SERVICE

Roberto Barnet.....	5
John Nicholson.....	5
Bill Pacheco.....	5
Sara Cadena-Javier.....	10
Daniel Galvez.....	10
Yolanda Giang.....	10
Jennifer Lasley.....	10
Tien Nguyen.....	10
Sean Young.....	10



Cequine Burton.....	15
Tony Gutierrez.....	15
Joan Mize.....	15
Diane Pack.....	15
Anna Liza Soriano.....	15
Dennis Aquino.....	20
Reynaldo Batenga.....	20
Miguel Contreras.....	20
Kurt Hill.....	20
Dane Lindsay.....	20
Katinea Todd.....	20
Robert Benton.....	25
Tom Longfellow.....	25
Victor Wims.....	25
Carol Reagan.....	35

Safety Conscious Award

Lezlie Allen, from the Student Health Center, won the 2017 Miramar College Safety Conscious Award for her efforts in providing information to our campus that ensures the prevention and safety of our students, faculty and staff.

# QUICK HITS

## Rite of Passage Ceremony

The 5th annual Rite Of Passage Ceremony for district-wide black graduates and transfer students was held on May 17 at Mesa College.



## New Student/Parent Open House

The New Student/Parent Open House was again a huge success! In its third year, the event drew another 200 future students and their parents to campus on May 3.



## Excellence in Planning

The Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges Excellence in Planning Award arrived at the College earlier this month. A group, led by Daniel Miramontez, was in San Francisco last month to accept the award.



## Love on a Leash

In an effort to help students cope with the stresses brought upon by finals, therapy dogs were once again on campus the week of May 22. The San Diego Humane society and its volunteers brought the lovable creatures to campus for four straight days. Volunteers and our counselors roamed campus with the dogs.





## Student Piano Recital

The Arts & Humanities Department hosted a Student Piano and Guitar Recital on May 15 in H-210. The performers were students from the Piano II and Piano III class of professor Ruth Weber and Arthur Golden's College Guitar class. Our students performed pieces by Moszkowski, Bartok, Clementi, Tchaikovsky, Malotte, Burguller, Giuliani, Sor, Streabogg, Pieczonka, Ogilvy, Bizet, Lalo, Chopin, Shearer, Gershwin and Bach.



## Woods Presents at Board Meeting

Miramar College student DeAndrea Woods presented at the May 11 SDCCD Board of Trustees meeting. She was

part of a larger group that presented on the districtwide Honors Program.

## MLTT Program Accreditation

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences reaffirmed the accreditation for the College's Medical Lab Technician program on April 17, 2017.

## Classified Staff Week

Classified Staff Week was celebrated on campus May 22-26. The Classified Luncheon held May 22 in KI-107 was attended by 167. Panda Express was served. There was a movie day screening of Office Space on May 23, a PERS retirement workshop on May 24, and the festivities concluded with a breakfast potluck and Classified Pride Day.



# PEOPLE

**Nathaly Arvizu** has joined Miramar College as a Student Services Technician and is located at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar (MCAS), where she will be responsible for serving as a liaison between the students, College, and military commands.



**Damaris Garduno, Lena Vanda and Suzette Nguyen** have joined the Career Center. Garduno has been added as

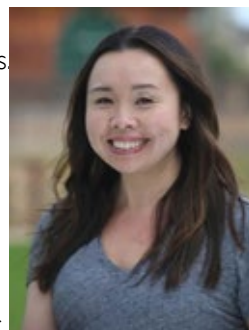


a student services assistant and Vanda and Nguyen join as adjunct counselors.

Professor **Donnie Tran** has accepted the position of Learning Assistance/



Learning Skills – Faculty Coordinator for Academic Success here at the College, effective July 1, 2017. Donnie currently serves as an assistant professor of mathematics at the College.



Assistant Professor **David Mehlhoff** has been appointed as the College's Faculty Flex Coordinator starting 7/1/2017.

Professor **John Salinsky** has been selected to assume the faculty evaluation coordination assignment starting Fall, 2017.

On May 26 the College bid farewell to **Kare Furman** (retiring), **Denise Borey** (retiring) and **Brett Patterson** in an on campus celebration.

**Rob Meyers** will be leaving the Miramar College Bookstore on June 30 to become the new store supervisor

at Mesa College. **Lily Cava** will become the acting supervisor in Rob's place.

Dean of Students **Adela Jacobson** has announced she will be retiring. Her last day will be November 30, 2017.

Dr. **Paulette Hopkins** will become acting Vice President of Instruction starting July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

**Dovie King**, an adjunct instructor in the Paralegal program has accepted a job at Harvard Law School and will be moving to Boston in June.

## 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](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/calendar).

### Stay informed...

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

### Summer School First Session Begins

June 5

### Summer School Second Session Begins

June 12

### Summer School Third Session Begins

June 19