

NEWS

November 2016

Miramar College Named Military Friendly

Miramar College has been designated a 2017 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, publisher of *G.I. Jobs®*, *STEM Jobs*, and *Military Spouse*.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from Victory Media's proprietary survey. More than 1,600 schools participated in the 2017 survey; 1,160 were awarded with the designation. Ratings methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Victory Media with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

"We are very proud of this annual distinction," said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, president of San Diego Miramar College. "With San Diego being a military town and our close proximity to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, we understand and value the important role we play in the educational journey of many service members and their families."

In 2015-2016, San Diego Miramar College served the needs of 2,198 students who declared as active duty military or veteran. This number represented 10% of the student population for the academic year.



Miramar College will be showcased along with other 2017 Military Friendly® Schools in the annual *Guide to Military Friendly® Schools*, special education issues of *G.I. Jobs®* and *Military Spouse Magazine*, and on militaryfriendly.com.

Veterans Day Event

The College celebrated Veterans Day with an hour long celebration on Nov. 10 in K1-107.

The annual event featured guest speakers, patriotic music and military exhibitions. Speakers included: Jeremy Mazur, president of the Miramar College Student Veterans Organization and former US Marine Corps; Peter Zschiesche, SDCCD Board of Trustees and US Army veteran; Cleon Platts, Student Services Assistant and former US Marine Corps; and Duane Short, professor of business and former US Navy.



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Judy Patacsil Visits White House

Dr. Judy Patacsil celebrated Filipino American History Month by presenting at the White House on Oct. 24. Ironically, that was the same day President Obama was visiting San Diego for a fundraising dinner. Patacsil presented in the South Court Auditorium. She spoke in honor of FANHS Founders Uncle Fred and Auntie Dorothy Cordova. Patacsil is the president of FANHS National (Filipino American National Historical Society). A live stream of her presentation was seen at WhiteHouse.gov.

In The News exhibit

On November 17, Johnny Gonzales, adjunct professor of history at Miramar College, presented a lecture on "The Free Speech Movement in San Diego" as part of opening night for the Gaslamp Museum. The "In the News" exhibit featured vintage newspapers from 1850-1917, including a copy of the first Gaslamp Gazette and will continue at the museum for several months. Visit gaslampfoundation.org for more info on the museum.

Virtual Reality Shoot

Next month, the College will debut a virtual reality tour that can be accessed by prospective students on our



website. A photographer was on campus the week of Nov. 14 to capture the top imagines from the campus. The tour is currently under construction. When it is finished, PIO Steve Quis will share it with the campus. Look for its debut in mid-December.

AJ Club Debuts with 120 Members

Miramar College now has an Administration of Justice Club. The club debuted during the Fall 2016 semester and is named "The Law and Justice Society." David Mehlhoff, assistant professor in the Administration of Justice program is serving as the club's faculty advisor. The focus of the club is to bring in criminal justice professionals to share with our students the unique career opportunities that exist in the criminal justice profession. The club will encourage and facilitate professional networking with our guest speakers, AJ department faculty, and other criminal justice agencies and organizations to assist our students with success in finding the job they want after they graduate from Miramar College.

As of now, the club has approximately 120 club members.

Farkiya to be Honored



Councilmember Chris Cate will honor Miramar College alum and current employee Kaanchan Farikya with a commendation at the December 5 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting. This past summer, Kaanchan was named Ms. Asian North America at a pageant in Las Vegas.

Pink Patch Numbers

The local Pink Patch Project, held by the

SDCCDPD, exceeded its goal by raising \$5,500 for City of Hope.

The Pink Patch Project collaboration grew to eighty-two (82) public safety agencies across the nation, including police, sheriff, fire, EMS, and Federal agencies in California, New York, Colorado, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New



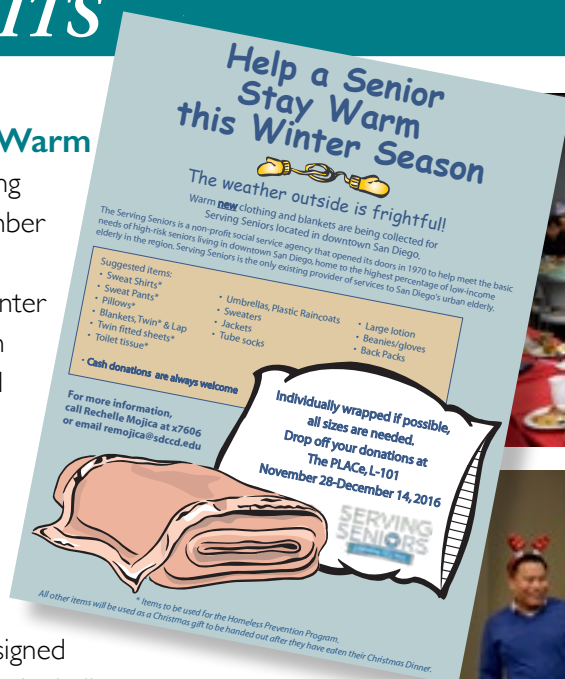
Mexico, Indiana, Iowa, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Maryland.

Over 28,000 pink patches were distributed nationally and the proceeds from these fundraising efforts went to fund breast cancer education, research, and treatment programs throughout the country.

QUICK HITS

Help A Senior Stay Warm

Rechelle Mojica is accepting donations through December 14 for her annual "Help a Senior Stay Warm this Winter Season" campaign. You can drop off your clothing and blanket donations at The PLACe (L-101)



Tut Signs Letter of Intent

Sophomore men's basketball player Dor Tut signed a letter of intent to play basketball next season at Humboldt State. The 6'6 forward is scoring almost 10 points a game for the Jets basketball team.



Holiday Luncheon

The annual holiday luncheon was held on Nov. 28 in KI-107. Lunch was provided by the President's office.

Teddy Bear Drive

Join the movement! Help College Police and local Law Enforcement Agencies collect teddy bears for the children at Rady Children's Hospital!



PEOPLE

Shui Chi “Jackie” Wan-Szitta is the new Certifying Official (Student Services Technician) in the Veterans Affairs Office at Miramar College. Jackie brings to Miramar College a wealth of experience in Student Services, spanning 30 years among Miramar, Mesa, and Palomar Colleges. Currently, she serves as a Student Assistance Technician at Mesa College EOPS evaluating the needs of economically disadvantaged students, complying with State regulations, monitoring and analyzing highly complex budgets, and facilitating various events to support the campus community.

Caroline (Carrie) De Moll joins Miramar College as Administrative Technician for Administrative Services. Carrie is replacing Joe Kruse in the Business Office and will be the campus point of contact for purchasing and travel. Carrie had been working at Horizon Christian Academy for the past 24 years as an Administrator/Principal.

Rachel Martinez has been promoted to Administrative Secretary for the Miramar College Office of the Vice President for Student Services. Rachel has served as our Senior Secretary to the dean of Matriculation and Student Development for the past 2 years. She will begin her new assignment December 1, 2016.

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.

Men’s Basketball vs. Cuyamaca

December 2 • 5:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Academic Senate Meeting

December 6 • 3:30pm-5:00pm • Room M-110

10th Annual Honors Student Research Symposium

December 6 & 7 • 11:00am-1:00pm • Room L-105

Men’s Basketball at Santa Barbara Tournament

December 8 • TBA

Holiday Ball

December 9 • 6pm-10pm • MCAS Miramar Officers Club

Academic Senate Meeting

December 13 • 3:30pm-5:00pm • Room M-110

Classified Senate Holiday Potluck

December 15 • 9:00am-12:00pm • Room U4-100

Men’s Basketball vs. Mesa

December 16 • 5:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Christmas Break

December 19-January 2 • No Classes

Men’s Basketball at Imperial Valley Tournament

December 28 • TBA