

NEWS

Summer 2016

Basic Skills Secures \$1.3 Million Dollar Grant

In July, the College secured a \$1,368,876 grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office to help drive a state effort to improve basic skills outcomes for incoming community college students.

In California, more than 75% of incoming students are placed into one or more basic skills courses in English writing, English reading, or Mathematics. This grant will provide additional resources for use by Miramar College basic skills students.

"Like our counterparts statewide, Miramar College struggles to assist our basic skills students complete their coursework in Math and English and progress to college level classes," said Paulette Hopkins, interim vice president of instruction at San Diego Miramar College. "Recently, we have developed many practices to assist our basic skills students and these funds will further allow for us to bolster those efforts as well as begin new initiatives to support our basic skills students."

In fall of 2016, San Diego Miramar College is scheduled to offer 38 sections of basic skills English and another 35 sections of basic skills math.

San Diego Promise Orientation at Miramar

Miramar's collection of San Diego Promise students was on campus for a July 6 orientation. The free community college movement has officially arrived in San Diego with the selection of the first students to participate in the program. A pilot program of the District, the San Diego Promise will cover the costs of enrollment fees and provide book grants for 201 incoming freshmen at City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges during the 2016-17 academic year. Miramar College is enrolling 41 students this fall as



San Diego Promise recipients visits campus on July 6

part of the Promise. Modeled after more than 130 similar programs elsewhere in California and around the country, the San Diego Promise aims to ensure that no deserving student is denied access to college due to lack of resources. The SDCCD has budgeted approximately \$215,000 in non-state funds to cover the program's first-year costs.

Among the first San Diego Promise students are 175 graduating seniors from 21 high schools in the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD). The remaining 26 students will come from San Diego Continuing Education.

A total of 317 SDUSD students applied to be part of the San Diego Promise. Miramar received 48 such applications. Students were selected by the SDUSD based on a combination of need, including barriers and challenges they have faced in high school, and commitment to completing a college degree, certificate, or transfer program.

Pilot program participants will be required to be enrolled in



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at least 12 units for both fall and spring, participate in eight hours of community service each semester, and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Following a one-year pilot program, SDCCD leaders are planning to expand the San Diego Promise in 2017. Eligible are incoming freshmen from feeder high schools in the district's service area – which overlaps with SDUSD's boundaries in the City of San Diego. In a typical year, the SDCCD's three colleges serve about 2,000 to 2,500 new students coming from feeder high schools. As such, the district will be seeking philanthropic support from local corporations and individuals to assist with funding the annual cost of the program.

Congressman Scott Peters Visits Summer Bootcamp

Congressman Scott Peters visited a cohort of local high school students taking part in the annual Life Sciences Summer Institute (LSSI) summer bootcamp on June 28. Twenty-four students completed 48 hours of lab work before embarking on BioTech internships around San Diego County. A collaboration between the San Diego Workforce Partnership, the Southern California Biotechnology Center (SCBC) at Miramar College, and BIOCUM, LSSI began in 2005 to strengthen science and math education in San Diego County and inspire more high school students to pursue careers in the region's burgeoning life sciences industry.

Over 400 applications were received for this summer's bootcamp.



Congressman Peters spent time answering questions from the students and viewing their lab work. Representative Peters also discussed the importance of funding scientific initiatives in the future.

General Automotive Training Program Receives NATEF Accreditation

The General Automotive Training Program at San Diego Miramar College has received accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). The accreditation period runs through 2021. This is the second automotive program at Miramar College to secure NATEF accreditation. The Honda PACT/Toyota T-Ten program received its NATEF accreditation four years ago.

To achieve this coveted recognition, the school's automotive training program underwent rigorous evaluation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

Audi Partnership

The news got even better for the General Automotive Technology Program in mid-August when it was announced that the College had entered into a partnership agreement with Audi of America to become part of the Audi Education Partnership (AEP). The AEP will assist the College in the training of technicians who will be able to diagnose and repair some of the most advanced luxury vehicles on the market.

As part of the partnership, Audi will provide information and support to San Diego Miramar College, while the school will assist Audi in placing top technicians at Audi dealerships throughout the country upon completion of the program.



"Audi of America has established the Audi Education Partnership to help meet the growing and predicted future demand for dealership technicians," said Dan McGowan, technical curriculum design & recruitment specialist for Audi. "The purpose of the program is to attract skilled technicians to Audi dealerships across the country. The goal of the program is to increase awareness of the Audi brand among students in the automotive program at each participating school."

Audi of America is providing Miramar College access to the resources and equipment to train students. Once a student nears completion of the Audi service program, the College will provide a list of top graduating candidates to Audi for potential employment at various Audi dealerships nationwide.

Kevin Petti Lectures in Italy

Kevin Petti, professor of Science and Health, was invited to lecture at the University of Palermo in Sicily on June 23. He spoke at the University's medical school, Department of Experimental Biomedicine and Clinical Neurosciences, as part of the school's 210th anniversary celebration. The topic: "Art and Anatomy in the Italian Renaissance."



Dr. Kevin Petti interviewed by RAI TV prior to his June 23 lecture in Sicily.

Miramar College Hosts Adaptive Sports Camp

The College hosted the Junior Adaptive Sports Camp July 27-30th. The Adaptive Sports and Recreation Association (ASRA) provides year round competitive and recreational

sports programs for youth, military veterans and adults with physical disabilities throughout San Diego County. Their signature event was this past summer's Junior Adaptive Sports Camp for youth ages 4-18 years of age with a permanent physical disability.



This year the organization celebrated its 30th anniversary. The camp provided over 70 of the most incredibly inspiring youth in the community, an opportunity to try 15 different sports over 5 days.

ASRA is also proud to partner with Rady Children's Hospital and Challenged Athletes Foundation to produce the biggest San Diego AccessAbility Fair. This Fair - in conjunction with the camp - was held at the College.

Campus Construction Update

During the first week of June, improvements to the entrance of Black Mountain Road began. The project is expected to last 6 months and will involve Miramar College Drive, associated sidewalks and marquee signage. Both the



entrance and exit roads (Miramar College Drive) will be closed for different periods of time to complete this project. Scheduled road closures are as follows:

Both exit and entrance open 8/22 – 9/1
South Miramar College Drive closed (entrance)
late September (exact date TBA) – 11/1
Project end 12/2

When either the exit or entrance is closed, traffic will be diverted to the exit/entrance North of parking lot #2. Traffic will only be able to exit to Northbound Black Mountain. Thank you for your patience during this important construction project. Please drive safely.

July Jets Jump Start

One-hundred thirty-two incoming freshman were on campus July 9 for Jets Jump Start. The program has transitioned from an orientation event to more of a transitional event. Many of the 132 attendees: have completed the matriculation steps; came to our Open



House; participated in our high school events; and have been to campus several times for other activities. Thus, Jets Jump Start is now focused more on helping students enroll in classes, navigate Reg –e, learn about student life/clubs, support programs and hear from fellow students what to expect.

QUICK HITS

King Gets Cover

Adjunct faculty member Dovie King made the cover of Paralegal Educator for its summer 2016 issue with a feature on intimate partner abuse on college campuses. Paralegal Educator is distributed widely in the U.S. and is read by community college professors, administrators, and students. King's article can be found [here](#). The article begins on page 17.



Play 4 Say

On July 21, the Miramar Business Club joined approximately 55 other teams as a participating sponsor in the annual "Play 4 Say" fund raising event held at Liberty Station in San Diego. Teams competed in rounds of Bocce, Corn Hole, and Ladder Golf games. The event was attended by 250 guests in support of the mission of SAY San Diego to



David Wilhelm, Terrell Vest, Joshua Nunn and Lisa Schloss at Pay 4 Say Event

“empower youth, adults, families, and communities to reach their full potential.” “The student members of the Miramar Business Club embrace every opportunity to contribute and give back to our local community in support of our valued partnership with SAY San Diego” said assistant professor, Business, David Wilhelm.

Miramar College Well Represented at JKC Scholarship Function

Three Miramar College Jack Kent Cooke scholarship winners Thaimae Le (and mom); Colin Skinner; and Mehrdad Yazdani attended a Scholars' Weekend in Virginia



Thaimae Le with San Diego City College Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship winners in Virginia

during the final weekend in July. All three were Honors Program students and Phi Theta Kappa officers while at Miramar College.

Back To School With KUSI

KUSI-TV and reporter Brad Perry were on campus for the first day of the new semester. **Chancellor Carroll** was interviewed in the first segment. Click [here](#) to see that interview. In the second segment, **Rod Porter** and his personal fitness training program were featured. Click [here](#) to see that interview. The crew then visited the auto tech program in the 9 o'clock hour. Click [here](#) for **Mark Dinger's** interview with Brad Perry.



PEOPLE



Joe Kruse has left Miramar College after winning Classified Employee of the Year honors. His last day was August 26. Joe is moving back to his native Philadelphia.

Jessica Aguilar has left Miramar College after 12 years of service on July 8. On July 11, she began working as a Student Services Technician at Continuing Education's Cesar E. Chavez Campus.

Facilities employee **Divina Burlaza** passed away in July. Funeral services were held on July 24. Divina had worked at Miramar College from November 2014 through July 2016.

Dave Clark is our new contract assistant professor/counselor. He was officially named to the position on July

20. Dave has worked at Miramar College since January 2015 as an adjunct Learning Disability Specialist and DSPS Counselor. He has simultaneously served in this same capacity at Palomar College.

Edith Pollack

has retired after 31 years of service. A retirement celebration was held in her honor on August 29.



Dr. Marian

Edelbrock has joined Miramar College as a fulltime mental health counselor. She holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

from United States International University, now referred to as Alliant University. Additionally, Marian is licensed as a Psychologist in the State of California and has over 20 years of experience working in Mental Health Services. She has been a Clinical Psychologist in private practice, worked in the fields of employee assistance (EAP), addictions, geriatric-psychology, adolescent psychology, infertility, inpatient and outpatient hospital programs, the Director of Behavioral Health at the University of the Rockies and the Director of Psychology at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo, Colorado.

Donna Sanmur has been selected as the Administrative Technician for the Miramar College Library, responsible for the circulation and technical processing areas. Donna has many years in the educational setting, she comes to us from King-Chavez Neighborhood of Schools which is a charter school within San Diego Unified School District.



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.

Add/Drop/Refund Deadline

September 2

Labor Day

September 5 (no classes)

Academic Senate Meeting

September 6 • 3:30pm-5:30pm • Room L-309

Academic Senate Meeting

September 20 • 3:30pm-5:30pm • Room L-309

Pass/No Pass Grade Option Deadline

September 23