

Spring I Athletics Postponed

The San Diego Community College District made the decision at its December 14 Chancellor's Cabinet meeting to opt out of Spring I of the CCCAA Contingency Plan. This means that there will be no practice or competition in men's and women's water polo, men's basketball, women's soccer, or women's volleyball this coming January 2021. Spring II is slated to begin in March and would include men's volleyball. Stay tuned for further updates.



Miramar College Town Hall

A town hall was hosted Dec. 3 via Zoom and attended by 50 participants. President Lundburg, VPI Ben Gamboa, VPSS Adrian Gonzales and VPA Brett Bell all provided the following updates:

President Lundburg

Covid-19: No decision has been made on whether to host in-person classes during summer 2021.

Budget: The budget is dire, and the College is looking at a short fall. The College will look for ways to gain efficiencies in specific areas.

Enrollment: Holding solid compared to others in the state. There is a trend developing of students going part time

during the pandemic instead of full time.

Equity: The College is looking to create an Equity Office, but under what division it will reside remains to be seen.

VPI Search: At President Lundburg's request, the search will reopen to further applicants. Current applicants will roll over.

Ben Gamboa

Ben gave a shout out to Duane Short and faculty for processing 400 curriculum proposals for distance learning in less than a semester.

A new Ethnic Studies degree is in development at the College. The CSU system is now requiring an Ethnic Studies class for graduation.

Competency Based Education and Credit for Prior Learning are hot topics at the state level.

Adrian Gonzales

In our second full semester dealing with Covid-19, the Student Services division will look at how they engage students in the spring. One-point six million dollars in CARES Act funding has been distributed by the College during two rounds of funding. A third round is likely in the spring. The College continues to distribute 70 meals a week to students. There has been a slight increase in our students testing positive for Covid-19, but all positives have been among students attending classes remotely. There will be no drops for non-payment in the spring. Due to Covid-19, students can request an Excused Withdrawal (EW) at any time if circumstances are related to pandemic issues.

Brett Bell

Bell updated the College on what he calls an extremely



complicated budget year. The State has entered a deferral process. District has mitigated these issues by attempting to reduce expenses for the '20-'21 year. However, the district is exploring ways to borrow money from San Diego County through a Tax Revenue Note. Bell doesn't anticipate any budget reductions for the college for the remainder of the fiscal year. Bell expects the State to return to its pre-pandemic tax base during the '21-'22 year. CARES Act purchasing should begin in January.

Business Program Achieves Accreditation

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) granted national accreditation to the business degree programs at the College. As such, the business department at San Diego Miramar College represents the first and only two-year business program in the San Diego region to become nationally accredited by ACBSP.

As an ACBSP accredited program, the faculty at Miramar College conducted a rigorous self-study of the programs, processes and procedures which develop and deliver business education to students enrolled in the program. The self-study evaluation included measurable evidence of how the business program meets the six national standards for quality in business education. At the conclusion of the self-study, peer evaluators from other two-year accredited business schools in the United States conducted a thorough site visit to evaluate the program. As a result of the site visit, the peer evaluators produced a summary report regarding their findings for ACBSP. The ACBSP Associate Degree Board of Commissioners granted their approval for national accreditation after a review of the report.

"We are delighted to have San Diego Miramar College as a nationally accredited business program by ACBSP," said Dr. Steve Parscale, chief accreditation officer for ACBSP. "The fact that San Diego Miramar College has achieved ACBSP accreditation demonstrates their commitment to providing the highest quality business education for their students."

Established in 1988, ACBSP is the only organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels, from associate to baccalaureate to doctoral degree programs. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the business programs offered through the San Diego Miramar College Business Department meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

STEM Grant Awarded

San Diego Miramar College has been selected to receive a \$75,000 grant to support Supply Chain Experience to Improve Career Readiness in Underserved Community College Students (SCE Program) at the Southern California Biotechnology Center at San Diego Miramar College (SCBC). This will be the second time the Miramar College Foundation has received this grant.

This grant support efforts to expand the pipeline of under-represented students pursuing STEM degrees and career pathways at local community colleges, universities, and companies.

The \$75,000 will fund 30 science scholarships at \$1,300 each and 10 Medical Laboratory Technician scholarships at \$3,000 each.

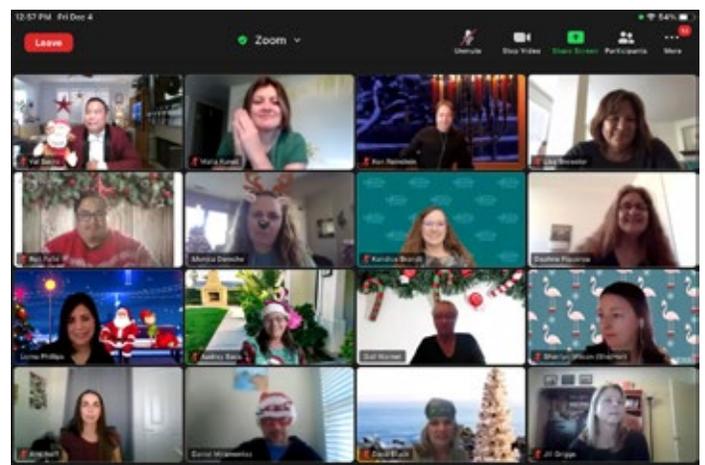
This grant is made possible by the San Diego Foundation.

Holiday Card

Happy Holidays to the Miramar College family! We greatly appreciate your efforts to support students and your fellow faculty and staff during a challenging semester. **Here** is the College's Holiday Card that President Lundburg is sharing with the community on behalf of Miramar College.

Miramar College Virtual Holiday Party

Miramar College had to get creative this holiday season thanks to Covid-19. In year's past, we'd celebrate the season by packing into the student services building for a luncheon. Not the case the case in 2020. This year's party was held virtually on Dec. 4. Attendees had the opportunity to take part in a scavenger hunt, play holiday movie bingo and participate in holiday trivia.





Pack the Pantry

Miramar College raised \$1,110 during the annual Cal Coast Credit Union Pack the Pantry. This total was the highest among the San Diego Community College District institutions. Cal Coast raised over \$18,000 in this year's Pack the Pantry virtual food drive for local community college students which is equivalent to 90,660 meals!

Each college will receive the amount they raised through their donation link. In addition, the remaining funds raised through Cal Coast members, employees and the community will be divided based on student body size. The San Diego Food Bank has a total of \$2,400 in an account for Miramar College when the College is ready to pack our pantry. That is equivalent to 12,000 meals!

Cal Coast Honors

The Cal Coast Cares Foundation selected Physics Professor Brittany Hyland to receive an Educator Grant, worth \$1,050.00 to begin a Women in STEM speaker series.



The Educator's Grant program provides monetary support to the local educational community to fund learning opportunities for students in the STREAM subject categories of science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math. Cal Coast Credit Union recently awarded over \$40,000 in educator grants this year.

McCambly on Exhibit

Associate Professor of Art Jessica McCambly currently has a solo exhibition of her paintings up at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Larchmont, NY. The exhibition, titled *A Pact to Be Tender*, runs from November 13 through December 21.

An exhibition statement and images can be found [here](#).



Self Soother 15, 2020



Self Soother 2, 2020



Self Soother 4, 2020

Investigating ideas of delicacy, sentimentality, and the ephemeral, the work aims to invite reflection.

Influenced by the coastal landscape of San Diego, as well as both the Light and Space movement of Southern California and Minimalism, the work is focused on the idea of splendor within the constraints of simplicity and geometry.

REC Lab Honored

The REC Innovation Lab was a finalist for the Corporate & Social Responsibility: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awards 2020 from the San Diego Business Journal!

The winners were announced on December 10th in a virtual event. Despite not placing, the Rec Lab is proud to be recognized for embracing all of those aspects within the REC Community. One of the main goals of the REC is to create an inclusive environment for people of all different backgrounds to come and learn how to start their own companies.



REC Lab Innovation Awards

The 2020 Fall REC Innovation Showcase, held December 5, was a tremendous success! [Here](#) is a list of this year's winners and judges information.

An intro video for the event can be found [here](#).

If you like to view the 3-hour showcase presentation here is the link: <https://youtu.be/uqL5IHn2pjA>.

Volleyball Signee

Redshirt sophomore Brody Smith will become the Miramar men's volleyball program's second player to move on to a NCAA Division I men's volleyball program. Smith has committed to play at Concordia University Irvine come fall.

A 2017 graduate of Sandra Day O'Connor High School in Phoenix, Smith was a season-long starter on Miramar's 2018 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference MVB championship-winning team.

Smith becomes the 14th player to move on from Jets MVB to a four-year university's MVB program, in the last five years. He joins Joe Picone, who signed with D-I Cal State Northridge earlier this Spring.

Holiday Ugly Sweater and Home Decor Contest

To get everyone into the holiday spirit, the College hosted a Holiday Ugly Sweater and Home Décor Contest. And the winners are:

Best Ugly Sweater: **Damaris Garduno**

Best Home Decor: **Robyn Kabonaizi**



QUICK HITS

Student Selected Optimal Scholarship Winner



The Optimal scholarship board has chosen 26 winners for this quarter's higher education scholarships! And Miramar College student Thomas Lau is one of the 26. Lau won a \$5,000.00 community college scholarship.

Lau studies environmental engineering. He plans to use his studies to build the knowledge base and skillset necessary for addressing climate-related issues. Thomas hopes that, with his degree and dedication, he will be able to contribute to larger efforts to find more forms of renewable energy.

Upon hearing he was a scholarship winner, Thomas told Optimal's scholarship board, "I am absolutely thrilled to be the lucky recipient of this scholarship! This money will alleviate much of my financial worries as I work toward a degree in environmental engineering. Thank you SO much to Optimal for privileging me with this award."

Professor Madrak Published

Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Sheila Madrak has contributed a chapter in the forthcoming book: *Sea Turtle Research and Conservation: Lessons From Working In The Field*, B. Nahill (Ed.)

This case study grew out of her work with green turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) in San Diego Bay. Click [here](#) to read the chapter.

Yang Donates to Foundation

Miramar College Foundation president Sarah Yang donated \$3,000.00 to the Miramar College Foundation. Yang, who serves as senior vice president at Bank of America, will have her donation matched by Bank of America.



Toys 4 Tots

EOPS and CalWORKs hosted a Holiday Toy distribution event in collaboration with the USMC Toys 4 Tots Program. In year's past, this event would be held in person in the Student Services building with an appearance by Santa. This year, the event was a drive-by. Many of our low-income student parents benefit greatly from this event, especially in this economy.

Miramar College Students Care!

Representatives from Miramar's Associated Student Government, Club Spectrum, Biology Club, Chemistry Club, and Student Veterans Association turned out on the day before Thanksgiving to distribute food to over 70 families!



SDCCD Year in Review

This past year has been one that none of us will forget. Chancellor Constance M. Carroll and the Board of Trustees recognize the significant personal and professional challenges faced during 2020 and the enormous progress made under the circumstances. You are invited to view [The Year in Review video](#), as a reminder of the wonderful things we all accomplished together in the year 2020.

PEOPLE



Public Safety Dean **Gail Warner** is leaving Miramar College for a similar position at Imperial Valley College. Dean Warner's last day at the college will be Dec. 31.

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.

Intersession 2021 Begins

January 4

GPS Mapper Event

January 25 • via Zoom • 9am-10am

January 26 • via Zoom • 2pm-3pm

Spring Kick-Off

Wednesday, January 27 • via Zoom • 9am-Noon

Spring Semester 2021 Begins

February 1

