

NEWS

February 2019

NC3 Signing Day

Over 140 students from the San Diego Unified High School District braved the winter weather to attend the first ever Miramar College Career Education Signing Day held Feb. 21 on campus.

Almost 50 of the 140 students signed letters of intent to enroll at the College in a career education program such as Administration of Justice, Advanced Transportation Technology, Diesel Technology, Biotechnology and Fire Technology.

Like the National Letter of Intent signing day for athletes, Miramar College introduced a new twist to the "signing day" concept by focusing on education.

In addition to students pledging their commitment to study at Miramar College, there were demonstrations and hands on activities for those students who are interested in career technical education. Advanced Transportation students paired up with current Miramar College students to get a firsthand experience in the classroom. Biotech students took part in a forensic crime lab demonstration, while Administration of Justice students were allowed to use the patrol car driving simulators.

"Our event was bigger than we had anticipated," said Ben Gamboa, associate dean, Strong Workforce Programs at San Diego Miramar College. "It was rather heartwarming to see kids, who just two months ago didn't see themselves in college now have a chance to make a college decision that will lead to a high paying career and security for themselves and their families."

Participants received a tour of their career training program, signed their letter-of-intent to attend Miramar College,

received program swag, and enjoyed a meet-and-greet with faculty and employers over lunch.

Providing the keynote speech was Ray Rivera, a diesel technology program graduate who went through the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) apprenticeship program. Rivera is currently employed at MTS as a Quality Assurance Inspector.

CBS 8 covered the event and you can view their coverage by clicking [here](#). A photo gallery of the event can be found [here](#).



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Board of Trustees Meeting

The SDCCD annual Board of Trustees meeting held on the Miramar Campus took place Feb. 14. There were two presentations that highlighted the College. A presentation on Career Services Center at Miramar College was one of the featured presentations. Associate Dean Benjamin Gamboa, Career Counselor Mona Patel, student Ryan Fischer, and Hawthorne Caterpillar Vice President Kirk Fowkes took part.

The second feature presentation was on Best Practices of the Fire Technology and Emergency Medical Technician Program. Program Chair Darren Hall, students Leah Ouimet and Chad Jeremiah, Cal Fire, and Tony Mecham of San Diego Fire all took part.



Phi Kappa Theta Winners

A pair of San Diego Miramar College students have been named to the 2019 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic team. Hanna Ostapchuk and Sirena Orona will be recognized at a PTK awards luncheon at the Sacramento Convention Center on Monday, March 25.

PTK is an international honor society for two-year colleges, and students are nominated based on their GPA, awards and honors received, leadership abilities, and community service.

Students move on at SkillsUSA Competition

The results from the Region 6 SkillsUSA competition have officially been posted and three Miramar College students have placed and are eligible to attend the SkillsUSA state competition in April.

Jesus Mendoza received gold while Haider Al-Haddad received silver in the Diesel Equipment Technology competition. Ashley Martinez received gold in the Automotive Service Technology Competition. The competition was held at Universal Technical Institute on Feb. 2.

Miramar College Alum Named Junior Sailor of the Year

Miramar College alum Michael E. Cruz was named Junior Sailor of the Year by the US Navy in January 2019. Yeoman Second Class Michael E. Cruz has been serving in the US Navy for five years and is an administrative assistant at Naval Base Kitsap in Washington. He was chosen for his exemplary leadership qualities and personal achievements. Cruz graduated from Mira Mesa High School in 2007 and earned an associate's degree from Miramar College in 2013.

Click [here](#) to see his story as it appeared on KUSI-TV.

Entrepreneurship Classes Featured on Channel 10

Professor Tanya Hertz was featured on Channel 10's "Making it in San Diego" segment on Feb. 19. Her new Entrepreneurship classes were featured. Click [here](#) to see the story.



Campus Cares

Miramar College is participating in a pilot project sponsored by the State Chancellor's Office entitled Caring Campus. The first cohort of 15 classified professionals started the training on Feb. 1. President Hsieh welcomed the group as they embarked on their training. The Caring Campus initiative is specifically for Classified Professional Staff, who

through their participation in a number of workshops, will receive evidence-based coaching on how to increase student connectedness to the college to directly enhance student engagement and success.

Each campus participating designates one or two classified professionals (front line staff who interact with students on a daily basis) from various departments across campus for a total of 20 to 30 participants. This core group will be responsible for attending all of the required workshops and for bringing the information they learn back to others in their departments. This “train-the-trainer” model will then be the foundation for creating a campus-wide environment focused on increasing student connectedness. The next 3 hour workshop is March 8. In between each three hour meeting, the participants will need to spend approximately 2 hours sharing the information with their fellow department members in order to create a culture of caring.

SDG&E/Wells Fargo Grants

The San Diego Miramar College Foundation received \$13,000.00 in sponsorship donations from Wells Fargo Bank and SDG&E to support student success.

On Jan. 25, 2019, San Diego Gas & Electric made a \$10,000 donation to the Miramar College Fire Technology program.

“The College plans to use this donation to upgrade our locker room facility for our firefighting candidates,” said Darren Hall, director of the Miramar College Fire Technology Program.

In addition, Wells Fargo Bank made a \$3,000 contribution to support the Miramar College Foundation’s annual Invest in Success fundraising event to be held May 4, 2019 in Coronado.

The goal of this year’s Invest in Success is to raise \$45,000.00 for the Freshman Scholarship fund.

Are you interested in attending and/or supporting the event, [click](#) here.

Science and Technology Video

Several of our Biotech students along with Sandy Slivka, director of Southern California Biotechnology Center, Professor Patricia Willy, and Lauren Shipp, outreach

coordinator at Amgen Biotech appeared in a Supply Chain Experience Scholarship Program video produced by the San Diego Foundation and Biocom Institute. The students and instructors talked about their experiences over the fall 2018 semester.

The Supply Chain Experience video was presented in “science fair” style at the Jan. 31 Science and Technology: The Next Generation convening held in downtown San Diego.

Click [here](#) to see the video.

Quincy Troupe Visit

On Feb. 7, ex-California Poet Laureate Quincy Troupe helped celebrate Black History month on campus with a series of poetry readings in K1-107. Troupe is a former UC San Diego literature professor, who in 2002 was briefly the first California State Poet Laureate in the state’s history. A 2010 American Book Award for Lifetime Literary Achievement honoree, Troupe is perhaps best known for co-writing the autobiography of jazz giant Miles Davis.



STEM Grant

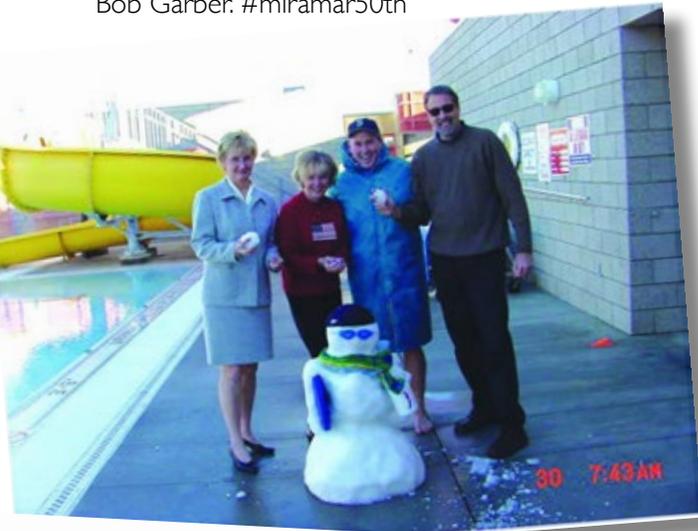
Miramar College has been awarded the California CCAP STEM Pathways Academy Program, worth \$1.4 million in grant funds. The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, Academic Affairs Division acknowledges the quality of applications and the ability to meet diverse regional sector needs on behalf of Miramar College. Pending Board of Governors approval as well as the availability of funds, commencement is April 1, 2019. Miramar College is the only college in the district to be awarded this funding.

50th anniversary

As the College celebrates its 50th Anniversary, we are using our social media platforms to take a stroll down memory lane each and every day. Here is a sampling of some of this month's posts:

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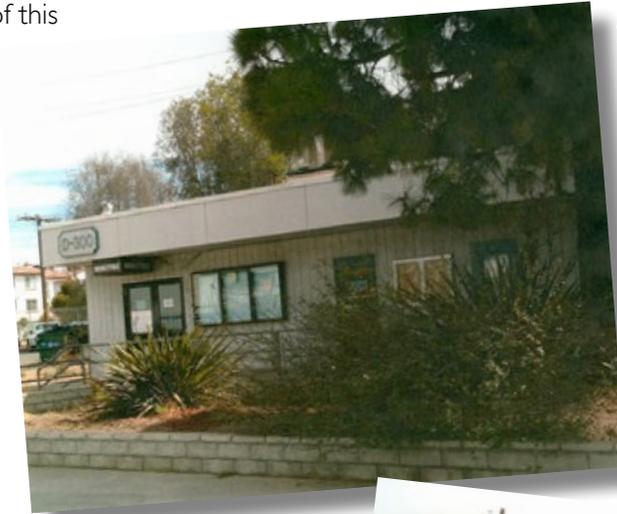
Opinions vary if it was hail or if it actually snowed in Feb '02. Whatever it was, there was enough of it to make a snowman at the pool. L-R: @SDMiramar President Pat Kier, VP Admin Services Peggy Manges, Hourglass Park Coordinator Dan Gutowski and VPSS Bob Garber. #miramar50th



between Autotech and the S5 building opened in 2007. About the only thing remaining of that area is the brick walkway and fountain. #Miramar50th

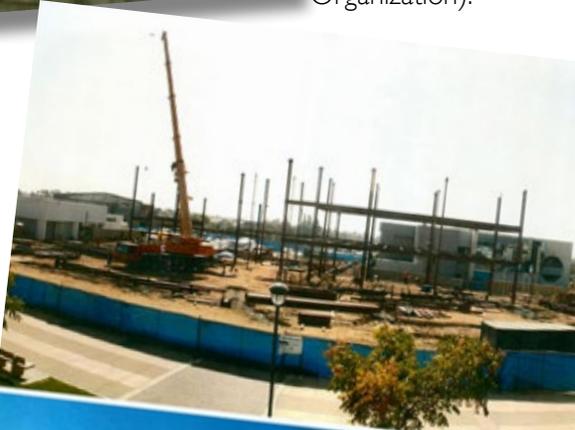
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In 1981, the bookstore bungalow opens thanks to \$40,000 in funding from ABSO (Auxiliary Business Service Organization)!



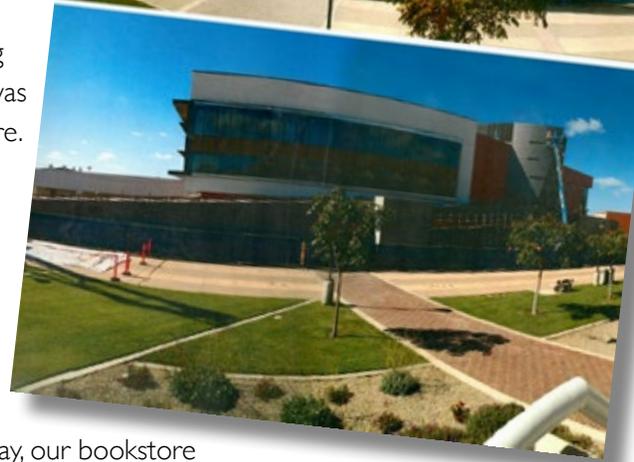
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Construction started in 2011 and by 2013 the new KI Student Services building had taken shape! #miramar50th



2/1/19

Not too long ago D-300 was our bookstore. It looked like a place off Route 66 where one would go to buy lottery tickets and Twinkies. Today, our bookstore rivals that of any college! #miramar50th



2/8/19

In 1981, Miramar College creates a Regional Fire Science Academy. The class has 34 graduates. #miramar50th



2/20/19

Before there was a S6 Science building, before there was any parking structures, there was Leave A Legacy Plaza. The park



Logo Wear Available for Purchase

Don't forget! 50th anniversary logo wear is now available for purchase in the bookstore. Proceeds are going to the Miramar College Foundation to support student scholarships. The price of those items: T-shirt: \$9.95/each Polo shirt: \$23.50/each Coffee mug: \$7.95/each.



QUICK HITS

WDI Tour

On Jan. 31, a group from the American Association of Community College's (AACCS) Workforce Development Institute annual conference toured the campus. The WDI's annual conference was held in San Diego. Not even the rain could dampen their enthusiasm. Tours of Auto Tech, Fire Tech, and our Science programs were given.



Vectors and Pizza

The Physical Science Department held a "Vectors and Pizza" Workshop on Friday, Feb. 1st in the Science Help Center (S6-110). Faculty and students bonded over right-angle geometry and Costco Pizza.

State of the Union Viewing Party

A State of the Union viewing party was held Feb. 5 in the student lounge and it was a tremendous success. Well over 40 students were in attendance and an excellent discussion about the President's speech followed. Professor Igou and Professor Romero led the discussion of items impacting the nation.

MIRAMAR DREAMERS



DACA Workshop

A Know Your Rights Workshop for undocumented or mixed status residents and their families was held on Feb. 20 in K1-209. Immigration attorney Dulce Garcia was present to answer all questions.

Hsieh Attends Summit

President Hsieh attended the State Chancellor's Office 2019 Diversity Summit in Los Angeles, CA Feb 8-9 at the DIEC's request to support the college's effort in supporting equity and diversity.

Free Farmers Market

Another successful Free Farmers Market was held Feb. 13. The event served over 400 people with zucchinis and pears and other wonderful rescued vegetables.

Business Club Gets Financially Literate

California Coast Credit Union continued their Financial Literacy Speaker Series here at Miramar College as they co-hosted and sponsored the Business Club's February meeting. Members received enlightening conversation about a wide array of financial topics. Afterwards, a Q+A session was held.



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.

Men's Volleyball vs. Santiago Canyon

March 1 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Pass/No Pass Grade Option Deadline

March 4

Men's Volleyball at El Camino

March 6 • 6:00pm

Miramar's 50th Anniversary Open House

March 9 • 8:00 am – 2 p.m.

San Diego Science Festival of Science & Engineering

March 9 • 9:00 am – noon

Open Dialogue Session with Paulette Hopkins

March 13 • 1:00pm-2:00pm • K1-107

Men's Volleyball at Mesa

March 13 • 6:00pm

Miramar College Planning Summit

March 15 • 8:30am-2pm • K-107

Men's Volleyball vs. Grossmont

March 15 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Open Dialogue Session with Brett Bell

March 19 • 2:30pm-3:30pm • M-108

Men's Volleyball vs. St. Katherine

March 20 • 6:00pm • Smith Gym in San Marcos

Open Dialogue Session with Brett Bell

March 20 • 1:00pm-2:00pm • K1-107

Deadline for Names to Appear in Commencement Program

March 22

Men's Volleyball vs. Palomar

March 22 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse