

NEWS

February 2020

NC3 Signing Day

Around 100 students from the San Diego Unified School District attended the second annual Miramar College National Career Education Signing Day held Feb. 20 on campus.

Students signed letters of intent to enroll at the College in a career education program such as Advanced Transportation Technology, Auto Technology, Biotechnology, Child Development and Fire Technology.

The half day program began with an empowering speech from Miramar College Biotechnology alum Tom Nguyen, who is now employed at the San Diego Zoo working to save the endangered White Rhino by turning skin cells into stem cells.

National Career Signing Day is put on by NC3 and their associate director Dan Ramirez spoke to the kids along with Joe Asaro from Snap-on Tools, an event sponsor.

Students also had the opportunity to tour campus and hear presentations from Auto/Diesel, Child Development, Entrepreneurship Innovation Center, and Fire/EMT.



Like the National Letter of Intent signing day for athletes, Miramar College introduced a new twist to the "signing day" concept last year by moving away from athletics and instead focusing on education.

Lunch was provided.

KUSI-TV previewed the event with 4 live shots on their Good Morning San Diego program.

6:17am Live shot

6:50am Live shot



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7:17am Live shot

7:53am Live shot

A photo gallery of the event can be found [here](#).

Miramar College Hosts Science Olympiad

San Diego Miramar College hosted the 2020 San Diego Regional Science Olympiad Feb. 8. Over 1,500 middle and high school students were on campus for the competition.

Students from the following schools attended the event: Westview High School; Torrey Pines High School; Scripps Ranch High School; Mt. Carmel High School; Poway High School; Francis Parker; High Tech North County; La Costa Canyon High School; Steele Canyon High School; La Jolla Country Day; San Dieguito Academy; San Pasqual Academy; Santa Fe Christian; and Mira Mesa High School. In addition, there were students from 11 San Diego middle schools in attendance.

Science Olympiad is a nationwide competition. Students compete in 23 events that include earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Science Olympiad is designed to increase a student's interest in STEM fields and provide recognition for outstanding achievement in team events. Students compete in Science Olympiad with the top teams advancing from regional to state to national levels.

The College provided 30 volunteers to assist.

KUSI-TV spent the morning broadcasting weather live from the event. You can view the coverage here:

8am live shot

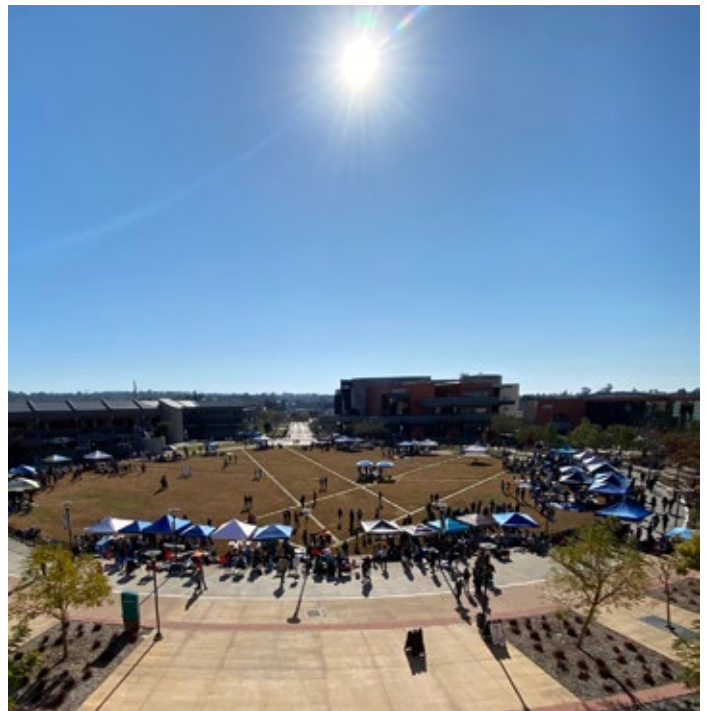
8:30am live shot

9:22am live shot featuring Linda Woods

10am live shot

A second San Diego regional tournament will be held March 21, 2020 at the University of San Diego. Regional winners will advance to the Southern California State

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Tournament in Pasadena on April 4. California winners advance to the Science Olympiad National Tournament at North Carolina State University in Raleigh May 15-16.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The SDCCD annual Board of Trustees meeting held on the Miramar Campus took place Feb. 13.

Paulette Hopkins and Sonny Nguyen presented on our CCAP growth and milestones achieved. Promise Students Luis Garcia and Jennifer Aguilar presented on their experience. Dr. Jae Calanog (Astronomy/Physics) brought out his MiSSION students to talk about the program. Professors Denise Maduli-Williams and Dr. Mardi Parelman explored the interdisciplinary collaboration between Nutrition 153 and English language acquisition students. Dean Jesse Lopez presented videos on his successful programs and brought up Michelle Le to talk about outreach and alumni engagement.



Walk with the President

A dozen faculty, students, staff and community members took part in the first Walk with the President on Feb. 19. Designed to help introduce Interim President Dr. Marsha Gable to the campus, the group started at Leave a Legacy Plaza and walked 2,020 steps throughout campus. All who attended had an opportunity to get to know the president and each other. The next Walk with the President will be held in March with a date and time to be determined.



QUICK HITS

High Tech Fair

Miramar College's Audio Production and Engineering program participated in this year's HIGH TECH FAIR, Feb 6 & 7 at the Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park. Over 800 High School students attended and learned about the Audio Production and Engineering program at Miramar. The College had its own booth alongside other tech companies and schools like NOAA, Solar Turbines, Lockheed Martin, UCSD Neuro-Sciences Outreach, American Society of Engineers, Qualcomm, and Northrup Grumman. Our participation was sponsored by Advisory Board member Rick Wilkenson (on the Audio Production and Engineering Advisory Committee) - Many thanks to him.



Happy Anniversary Promise

The district provided a huge anniversary cake for our students to celebrate the 4-year anniversary of the San Diego Promise. Cake was handed out in front of the bookstore on February 18.



Men's Volleyball Ranked

The Miramar College men's volleyball team was ranked 4th in the state in the first CCCAA men's volleyball rankings of the new season. The rankings were released Feb. 6. You can see the rankings [here](#).

Miramar Alum Place 1st at NASA Event

Recent Miramar College student Charles Duddy, who last attended Miramar this past fall and has now transferred to SDSU, won first place along with his team at the NCAS mission design challenge.



PEOPLE



Francois Beraud has been selected and appointed as the College's Site Compliance Officer (SCO). This is a three-year assignment, and Professor Beraud's SCO assignment is effective immediately. After 30-plus years with the district, Senior Student

Services Assistant **Ellie Atkinson** has announced her retirement. A celebration of her career took place Feb. 24.



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.

Pass/No Pass Grade Option Deadline (primary session)

March 9

Miramar College Planning Summit

March 13 • K-107 • 8:30am-2:00pm

Chancellor's Open Office Hour

March 19 • N-206 • 3:00pm-4:00pm (RSVP required through Chancellor's office)

Deadline for Names to Appear in Commencement Program

March 20