

NEWS

Summer 2020

New President Starts

On July 1, Wes Lundburg officially began his assignment as president of San Diego Miramar College. President Lundburg is an experienced community college leader who for the past five years has been serving as Executive Dean and CEO of the Ammerman Campus at Suffolk County Community College on Long Island, NY.

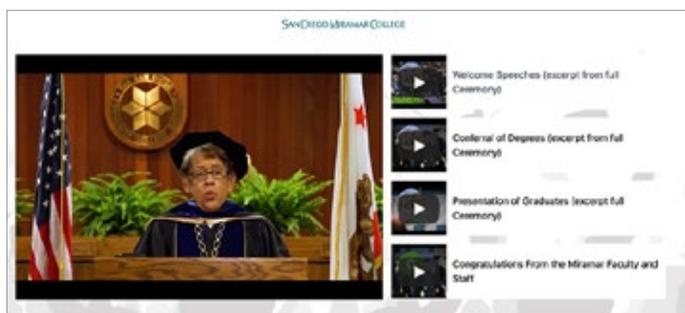


Ammerman is the largest of Suffolk County Community College's three campuses with more than 17,000 credit and non-credit students. Suffolk County Community College is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system.

You can get to know more about President Lundburg and his vision for the college in [this video](#).

Virtual Commencement

It's not what anyone had envisioned when the 2019-2020 academic year began, but San Diego Miramar College made the best of a bad situation for its graduates. Unable



to host an in-person commencement ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Miramar College hosted a virtual ceremony to celebrate its almost 1,250 graduates.

The virtual ceremony took place Friday, July 17 with almost 500 attendees. A link to the ceremony can be found [here](#).

CaWorks/EOPS held its own special drive through graduation celebration for about 50 students on July 30. Students entered off Black Mountain Road onto Miramar College Driveway and proceeded through parking lot 1. President Lundburg was present to help hand out the awards. Students also received a special certificate, a grad pin and an EOPS sash.

Graduation Numbers

During the 2019-2020 academic year, Miramar College conferred 1,228 associate degrees. Included in that total is



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590 students who graduated with an Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT). Another 565 certificates of achievement were awarded.

“In these unprecedented times, we are very proud of each and every one of our students who stayed the course and completed their degree programs under such challenging circumstances,” said Wesley Lundburg, president of San Diego Miramar College. “I can’t begin to express to the graduates how much I admire their perseverance.”

Of note, the College graduated 27 foster youth and 119 active duty military/veteran/dependents. Two hundred-fifty-four first generation college graduates made up 20% of the 2020 Miramar College graduating class.

** 2019-2020 degree and certificate numbers are preliminary figures*

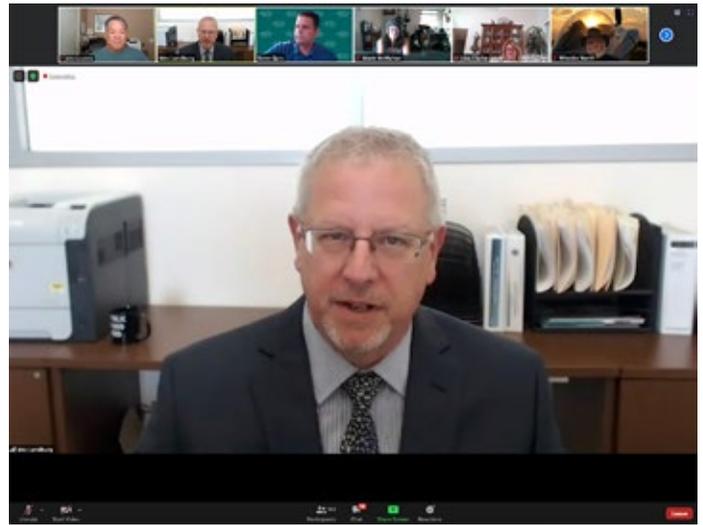
Convocation Recap

For the first time in school history, Fall Convocation was held via Zoom. More than 171 attendees took part in the



August 13 event. The morning began with the district’s portion of convocation with an address by Chancellor Carroll,

Board of Trustee Maria Nieto Senour, and AFT President Jim Mahler. Miramar’s event began a little past 9 am. The theme was Opening Day 2020 Sharing the Space: Moving Toward Equity. After brief remarks by President Lundburg, that focused on the college mission, and all the traditional key stakeholders,



the group broke into three hour long sessions. Equity on Campus was facilitated by Laura Gonzalez and Nessa Julian. Who Are Our Students and What are Their Needs was led by Monica Demcho, Xi Zhang, and Clarissa Padilla. Communication & Collaboration Strategies; How Do We Share the Space was facilitated by Ben Gamboa, Marian Edelbrock, and Pablo Martin. The group reconvened around 11:15am to further discuss the break-out sessions. A word cloud wrapped up convocation. President Lundburg closed by asking everyone to smile at each other when they finally get to see one another back on campus.

Gamboa Named Acting VPI



Ben Gamboa has been chosen to serve as acting vice president of Instruction, effective June 16, 2020, following the retirement of Dr. Paulette Hopkins on June 15. Ben will continue to serve as the associate dean for Strong Workforce managing various

career education programs including Perkins and Strong Workforce funding, career services, job placement, work-based learning, and work experience. Ben's career spans 19 years in the community colleges including classroom instruction, distance education support services, EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs, institutional research, and business services. Ben holds a bachelor's degree in Political Economy and a master's in Business Administration.

Landicho Added to Team USA Volleyball Coaching Staff

Miramar College men's volleyball coach John Landicho was named part of the coaching staff for the 2020 USA Volleyball Men's Junior A1 National Training Team Program. The roster was announced July 15, 2020 by USA Volleyball.



The Men's Junior A1 Program is the National Training Team Program for USA Volleyball in the Men's Junior age group (born in 2001 and 2002). The athletes who participate in this program are in strong contention to fight for a position on the U.S. Men's Junior National Team in 2021. Participating athletes train as a group for five days. Training is conducted by some of the top High Performance Pipeline coaches in the country and features an intense international skill and system focus, including hands-on opponent scouting training. The team was to train for seven days, in conjunction with the 2020 USAV High Performance Championships. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all 2020 USA Volleyball High Performance training programs were cancelled, but USA Volleyball formed and announced the teams for all programs. Landicho had previously worked with multiple members of the MJAI team, in previous USA HP programs.

The appointment continues a long relationship between USA Volleyball and Landicho, dating back to the 1996 USA Men's Olympic Team. Landicho, who led Miramar College men's volleyball to a state #5 ranking in 2020 before the season was halted by the CCCAA, will enter his seventh season leading the Jets MVB program in 2021.

Fall Sports Moved to Spring

On July 9, the CCCAA announced that all fall sports

will be moved to spring 2021. The CCCAA Board of Directors overwhelmingly approved implementation of its Contingency Plan providing a return to intercollegiate athletics for the 2020-21 academic year that shifts all sports, including football, to the spring season.

The Contingency Plan was among three potential scenarios approved by the Board in early June. Each plan was wholly dependent on which phase of reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic the state of California was in on the CCCAA's previously announced July 17 decision date. The return to athletics in January will only occur if it is safe to do so, a decision that will be guided primarily by state and local health guidelines.

The Contingency Plan can be viewed [here](#).

The most ambitious was the Conventional Plan, which kept all sports except men's and women's basketball in their traditional places on the calendar. However, it was reliant on California being in Phase 4 of its reopening by mid-July. The Board, based on a recommendation from the CCCAA's COVID-19 Work Group, decided to approve immediate implementation of the Contingency Plan rather than wait for July 17.

"I know I speak for the entire CCCAA Board that moving Fall athletics to Spring 2021 is a huge disappointment," said Dr. Erika Endrijonas, Board Chair and President of Pasadena City College. "However, the need to keep our student-athletes and the amazing coaches and athletic trainers who work with them safe was simply the only option available with the virus spiraling out of control across the state."

The Contingency Plan originally had men's and women's cross country, and women's golf competing in the fall but was slightly modified in its latest version to move those three sports to the spring with the remainder of the CCCAA's 24 sports. They'll start practice in mid-January and begin competition in February along with basketball, football, soccer, women's volleyball, water polo and wrestling. Badminton, baseball, beach volleyball, men's golf, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and men's volleyball are scheduled to start practice in late March before commencing competition on April 10.

All sports will have a 30% reduction in the maximum number of contests or competition dates that they are currently permitted and will also have regional postseason competition. Formats for the postseason will be

announced at a later date. The CCCAA will not have state championships in 2020-21.

“We were very hopeful that we could go forth with the Conventional Plan,” said Jennifer Cardone, Interim Executive Director. “It’s the closest to what everyone is used to and provides for the least disruption to our student-athletes and colleges. Unfortunately, California’s reopening progress has slowed, and it’s become apparent that we would not be in position to put it into action on July 17. “The health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches and staffs are our top priorities,” she added. “While the Contingency Plan has the most drastic changes, it’s also the one that provides us the best opportunity to return to competition.”

The CCCAA has 110-member colleges and approximately 24,000 student-athletes.

10 News Profiles Miramar College Student Retraining for New Career Post COVID-19

10 News profiled Miramar College student Billie Guinto who enrolled in our Entrepreneurship program this summer after losing her event planning job due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the story [here](#).

Circle of Change Forums

A pair of Circle of Change Forums were held in June to start a discussion on where the campus is in relation to race. Both events were well attended and led by Interim President Gable. Keeping up with this new tradition, new president Wes Lundburg held a third Circle of Change Forum in July, just after his appointment as president.



Biotech Program Featured

KPBS broadcast a feature on our Biotech program and its relationship to job creation in the San Diego region. The

story started airing on PBS stations across the state back in October 2019, but finally aired in the San Diego market on June 15. You can view the feature [here](#).

Hugs and Bags Food Give-Away

The Jet Fuel Pantry created a partnership with Hugs and Bags* for a weekly food distribution which took place on the Miramar campus all summer. Hugs and Bags is working with World Central Kitchen and receives hot lunches (protein, veggie and starch), four days a week and distributes these meals throughout San Diego County. Targeted emails to a variety of internal student distribution lists kept the distribution manageable. Any student wishing to participate was required to complete a registration form. In addition, one meal for each member of the student’s household was provided.

College volunteers distributed lunches on campus every Monday from June 1 through the end of summer from 11:00 am – Noon.

News 8 covered the give-away on June 8. Click [here](#) to view the story.



QUICK HITS

New ASG elected

The following students have been elected to an ASG leadership position for the 2020-2021 school year: **Sanam Azai**, President; **George Rahmoun**, Vice-President; **Amy Matthews**, Treasurer; **Medina Danish**, Secretary; **Brennan Pearson**, Senator; **Ananto Sarowar**, Senator

Regional Entrepreneurship Center Presentation

Julius Alejandro, community organizer, presented a virtual workshop on relationship management for authentic networking for student entrepreneurs on June 26.

Jets Jump Start

Our annual Jets Jump Start was a virtual 3-day affair that took place August 10-12. Designed to assist new and returning students to navigate the upcoming schools year, the event featured three sessions. On August 10, a Welcome to Miramar College session explored how students can be successful in remote learning. The August 11 session covered student services, while the August 12 session covered mental health and wellness.

Williams Receives ASG Award

Associate Professor of English and ELAC Denise Maduli-Williams received the ASG Champion of Student Success Award in June. The award goes to an instructor who



provided exceptional contributions to the students of Miramar College during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Gonzalez Fights Racism

Back in June, Anthropology Professor Laura Gonzalez collaborated with University of Toronto press to support anti-racism education by releasing the Race and Ethnicity chapter of her book Through the Lens of Cultural Anthropology for free.

Click [here](#) to read her book.

PEOPLE

After 21 years in the Miramar College counseling department, **Rick Cassar** has retired. His final day was August 2.

The Classified Senate Elections Committee is pleased to announce the results of their 2020 election.

President: **Sean Young**
Vice President: **Clarissa Padilla**
Treasurer: **Sandra Marquez**

Senator, Area A: **Lynne Campbell**
Senator, Area C: **Cheyanna Morence**
Senator, Area K: **Anna Liza Manzo**

These individuals began their terms in office effective July 1, 2020.

Professor **Laura Gonzalez** has been named our new Professional Development Coordinator.

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.

Add/Drop/Refund Deadline for Primary 16-week Session

August 28

Labor Day

September 7

Constitution Day

September 17

Pass/No Pass Grade Deadline for 16-week Primary Session

September 23

Miramar College Forum with Chancellor Carrol

September 23 • Via Zoom • 2:30pm