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Mira Mesa HS Biotech Students, Congressman Peters, SD Workforce Partnership, AMGEN, and SCBC VIPs



L-R, Rozan Badiozamani, president, and Dianna Ratsamy, public relations director, Beta Iota Lambda, Miramar PTK Chapter



Miramar Alumna Shelley Zimmerman, new SDPD Chief

Top Ten

Miramar College is now listed in the top ten colleges and universities in San Diego County, ranked by spring 2013 enrollment, as published recently in the *San Diego Business Journal*. Miramar is #9 of 18 colleges and universities included in the rankings.

Congressman Scott Peters Tours Miramar-Supported Program

For many years, *Amgen Labs*, *San Diego Workforce Partnership* and the *Southern California Biotechnology Center (SCBC)* at Miramar College have provided teacher training and equipment to area schools. The biotechnology program at Mira Mesa High School has drawn the attention of Congressman Scott Peters, and on Feb. 24, he observed the program in action. Dr. Gloria Bañuelos, SCBC's program activity manager and Dr. Sandra Slivka, Director, Sector Navigator California Life Sciences Initiatives, coordinated demos of the curriculum.

Honorable Mention

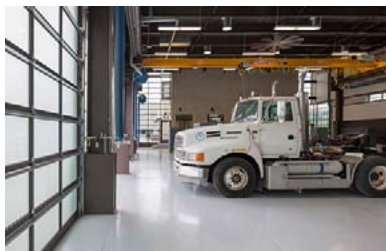
Congrats to Miramar honors students Rozhon Badiozamani and Dianna Ratsamy on their recent selection for the *2014 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team*. Badiozamani, who serves as president of Miramar's honors chapter, Beta Iota Lambda, and Ratsamy, who is public relations director for the chapter, will be recognized at an awards luncheon, sponsored by the Community College League of California in conjunction with Phi Theta Kappa on March 28 in Sacramento.

New Top Cop a Miramar Alumna

Miramar alumna, former Assistant San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman was recently appointed the city's first-ever female Chief by new San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and confirmed by the City Council, voting 8-0 on March 4. Zimmerman, attended the 13th Regional Academy at Miramar in 1982 and graduated in February 1983. She is a 31-year veteran with SDPD and has worked in several units during her career, including patrol as an officer and supervisor, internal affairs, the mayoral protection detail and narcotics. Zimmerman joins other proud Miramar alumni to have led SDPD as Chief -- Jerry Sanders (1993-1999), David Bejarano (1999-2003) and Interim Chief John Welter (2003). Chief Bill Kolender (1975-1988) graduated from the Academy prior to its permanent relocation at Miramar.



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California State Skills USA Competition to be Held in Miramar's New State-of-the-Art Diesel Facilities

Skilled Techs Compete for National Spot

Miramar College will host the diesel component of the *California State Skills USA* conference on Saturday, April 26, 2014. High school and post secondary student contestants will participate in competition that includes 12 stations, aligned with the stations of the national *Skills USA* competition -- engine component measuring, chassis identification, torque theory and fastener identification, failure analysis, preventive maintenance, axle differential, mobile hydraulics, electrical, job interview, live engine diagnostics, and air brakes. According to Gene Choe, Miramar diesel technology professor, with the addition of the new building and new equipment, an air conditioning diagnostic section has been added to the competition this year. The auto department, Hawthorne Machinery and EW Truck and Equipment will provide judging support. Students will have 30 minutes in each station, and, after eight hours, a winner will be determined in each category (high school, post secondary). Winners will be awarded prizes at their hotel conference room on April 27. It is hoped that the California representative will go on to win the national competition.

SSSP Update

provided by Gerald Ramsey, VP Student Services

Last year, the State passed *Senate Bill 1456* and, as a result, Miramar received \$383,822 to augment matriculation activities. The amount is just slightly more than the total amount cut from our matriculation program over the last six years. *SB 1456* focuses on student success & support programs (SSSP) and will help more students to identify and complete their goals in an orderly and timely manner. It requires that every entering student be provided prescribed services including orientation, assessment and education planning services. Information on the SSSP plan was shared at the November 12, 2013 CEC meeting. College progress to date includes:

- Developed initial spending and activities plan and mapped proposed expenditures to campus and District strategic goals
- Made significant progress in developing education plans for students who have more than 45 units
- Received District approval to fill a new Dean of Matriculation & Student Development position
- Assigned Counselor Kirk Webley to provide faculty leadership and coordination of Freshman Year Experience (FYE) and Jump Start (will work collaboratively with instructional deans and faculty to structure an enhanced program)
- Counseling Department provided with additional adjunct support
- Transfer Center provided with additional faculty hourly support
- Approved recruitment of additional classified hourly staff to support FYE, Jump Start and the Counseling Office
- Established regular meeting schedule with Basic Skills Coordinator, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and the VPI
- Scheduled appointment an online orientation software program demonstration

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MIRAMAR COLLEGE

VETS-2-JETS UPDATE

provided by Gerald Ramsey, VP Student Services

Thanks to *SDGE* and a \$25,000 grant provided for Miramar Veteran scholars, we are off to a great semester start-up!

- Assisted 33 disabled Veteran scholars, three of whom were added this semester.
- Assisted seven students acquire text books.
- *California Coast Credit Union* will conduct financial literacy workshops for Veteran scholars. First workshop was held February 26.
- Student Services staff members are working to identify community and agency resources that will assist our scholars with emergency resources, and welcome input and referrals. Please contact Joseph Hankinson in the Career Center with recommendations.
- During the next few weeks, the Career Center will offer workshops that will assist students to develop entrepreneurial skills.



INVEST IN SUCCESS

Sponsors, Auction Items Coming In

Join colleagues, students, corporate friends, and emcee, former news anchor LeeAnn Kim for an afternoon of international entertainment, diverse food stations, presented by Encore Catering, and exciting silent auction packages, all for a good cause at the *Miramar College Foundation's 4th Annual Invest in Success* event on Wednesday, April 16 in the beautiful, new Student Services Center on campus. Thanks to

early event sponsors *Wells Fargo, California Coast Credit Union, Union Bank, AFT, Hua Xia Chinese Language School, and The Horn Family Fund*. Silent auction packages include sports memorabilia, game tickets, maritime adventures, home, beauty and spa merchandise and experiences, and so much more!



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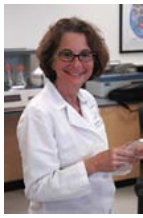


Purchase tickets (\$100 per person/\$150 per couple) and RSVP or donate online at www.sdmiramar.edu/community/foundation/invest. Individual and corporate sponsorships are also available. **RSVP by March 31, 2014.** Unless otherwise specified, all proceeds will be directed to the *Miramar College Foundation General Fund/Unrestricted*, which supports scholarships and other campus projects that directly benefit San Diego Miramar College students. For information, contact Sandi Trevisan, strevisa@sdccd.edu.

Celebrate Student Success

Wednesday, April 16 is a big day on campus! Witness how dreams come true from 2:30-4:30 PM at the *20th Annual Scholar Fest* scholarship awards ceremony and reception to be held in the LLRC auditorium and patio. While the event is free, reservations are required to attend this inspiring event. **RSVP no later than March 31** to Lonnie Pham, lpham@sdccd.edu or contact the Financial Aid/Scholarships Office at 858-536-7864.

PEOPLE



Dr. Sandra Slivka

Innovator in Education

For leadership in the biotechnology sector and “efforts to improve STEM learning in San Diego,” Dr. Sandra Slivka was nominated for a *San Diego Science Alliance Partnership Award* in the “Innovator in Education” category. Congratulations on this impressive recognition!

Fit and Formidable

Congrats to Team Miramar, which dominated yet another obstacle course race (OCR) held on Feb. 21 at Vail Lake in Temecula.



**Rod Porter, 1st Place
Atlas Obstacle Course Race**

On short notice, fitness professor Rod Porter put together a team of 30+ faculty, staff, students and friends to take on the 5-mile and 9-mile Atlas Obstacle Course Race. Porter took 1st place in his age group in the 9-mile race and finished 10th overall. Alice Nelson took 2nd in her age group in the 9-mile race. Amy Jennings gave birth just weeks ago and flew through the 5-mile course for her first OCR finish ever. AnnaLiza Soriano ran a charity 5K that morning and then showed up to finished the 5-miler with ease. Sara Agonafer lost her grip on a 30 foot vertical cargo net climb crashing down on her shoulder at mile 2, popped up, refused to see the medic, and powered through 7 more miles to finish with a big victory smile on her face!

According to Porter, along with these superstars, Team Miramar -- the second largest team on the course, had too many top-5 age group and team finishes to list.



Team Miramar (without AnnaLiza Soriano)

FACILITIES

Temporary Road Closure

The Westview Parkway entrance will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning Monday, March 10 through mid-April to allow contractors to complete roadway enhancements onto campus.

During the closure, parking structure #3 and Police Substation can be accessed via Hillary and North Campus Drive.

March • Women’s History Month

Friday, March 7, 7 PM, I-101 • Free • FLEX #76082

Evening with the Experts: The Mango Bride, presented by Author Marivi Soliven

sponsored by the Diversity/International Education Committee

Copies of *The Mango Bride* will be available for sale. Book signing available.

Contact: Judy Patacsil, 619-388-7564, jpatacsi@sdccd.edu

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS continued

March • Women's History Month

Friday • March 14 • 12-1:30 PM • M-110 • FREE • FLEX #76102

Brown Bag Lecture Series: Mindfulness to Reduce Stress, presented by Donnie Tran, Assistant Professor, Mathematics

hosted by the School of Mathematics, Biological, Exercise & Physical Sciences

Explore mindful practices and learn how you can incorporate them into your life and become a more calm and centered person.

Cookies and coffee will be provided.

Contact: *Melanie Cordero, mcordero@sdccd.edu*

Saturday • March 15 • 9 AM - 12 Noon • RAIN or SHINE • FREE

FLEX #75830 for faculty attendees

Science Fun for Kids 9 to 99

Bring the entire family to experience the fun and excitement of science and, new this year, a gaming truck with wellness activities!

Check out the following demos

Rm S5102 How to Get DNA from Anything: You have what you need in the kitchen pantry!

Rm S5212 Sensory Perception: Make sense of your senses.

Rm S5100 Marine Critters: Fun with marine organisms.

Rm S5202 Slime and other activities

Rm S5200 Air bag

Outside Watch a volcano erupt!

Rm S5111 Make like MacGyver! Airplanes

Rm S5109 An Epidemic: How germs spread

Contact: *Dr. Rebecca Bowers-Gentry, rbowersg@sdccd.edu*

Democracy Week • March 17-19, 2014

Tuesday • March 18 • 12:30-2:30 PM • Student Lounge, K-211

"Iron Jawed Angels" movie and popcorn

sponsored by the Diversity/International Education Committee

Contact: *MaryAnn Guevarra, mguevarr@sdccd.edu*

Tuesday • March 18 • 2:30-4:30 PM • Student Lounge, K-211

"Election" movie and popcorn, presented by ASC

Contact: *Adela Jacobson, ajacobso@sdccd.edu*

Wednesday • March 19 • 1-2 PM • L-105 Auditorium

Traffic Court System, presented by Ken Gosselin, San Diego County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem

Contact: *Adela Jacobson, ajacobso@sdccd.edu*

Thursday • March 20 • 11 AM - 2 PM • LLRC Entrance

Stuent Public Circle Free Speech & Information Sharing Booth

Contact: *Adela Jacobson, ajacobso@sdccd.edu*

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS continued

Thursday • March 27 • 4-5 PM • L-105 Auditorium
SDCCD Board of Trustees Miramar College Site Meeting

Contact: *President's Office, lwest@sdccd.edu*

Coming Soon ...

April 16 • 2:30-4:30 PM • Scholar Fest • LLRC

April 16 • 5-7 PM • Invest in Success • Student Services Center

May 7 • 2-4 PM • Classified Service Awards

May 8 • 11:30 AM - 1 PM • Classified Luncheon

May 13 • 3:30-4:30 PM • Chancellor's Office Hour

May 16 • 1 PM • Commencement

Plan Ahead ... New Building Celebrations

August 22 • 9 AM • Administration Building Grand Opening

September 3 • 10 AM - 1 PM • Student Resource/Welcome Center Open House

September 11 • 9:30 AM • Fire Science/EMT Training Center Grand Opening

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
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meetings are open to all
interested parties.