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NEWS



Rozhon Badiozamani



Dianna Ratsamy

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 April 3 in Sacramento.

Badiozamani has also been named a **2014 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Bronze Scholar**, based on scores she earned in the *All-USA Community College Academic Team* competition, for which more than 1,700 applications were received. Administered by Phi Theta Kappa, the Coca-Cola Foundation awards 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars each year who each receive scholarships and medallions. Phi Theta Kappa will recognize the 2014 Scholars at their annual convention, April 24-26 in Orlando, Florida. Badiozamini is the first Miramar student in college history to receive this national level recognition.



2014 College Wide Retreat

College Wide Retreat Focused on Student Success

Nearly 80 faculty, staff, managers and students attended the **2014 College Wide Retreat** on March 7. With a focus on understanding the student experience through the “loss/momentum” framework, the retreat featured a student/faculty panel to get the discussion going. Students shared

their unique experiences at the college and highlighted the importance of their professors' encouragement and support at those “loss” moments and converted them into “momentum” moments. Faculty from the outcome and research-based BSI and math lab illustrated how the college has transitioned from a culture of evidence to culture of inquiry, and progressed to a culture of action. The wrap up portion of the retreat consisted of comparing the plans and strategies in the current version of the Student Equity Plan with identified student barriers from the morning panel discussions. Thanks to the PIE Committee and the College Wide Retreat planning group for bringing the college together to engage attendees in meaningful dialogues about student support and success.





Student Activities Highlight Democracy

Democracy Week

From March 18 to 20, democracy was the focus of student events that included film screenings of *Iron Jawed* and *Election*, free popcorn, a free speech activity that highlighted the importance of this constitutional right, and more.

High Tech Center Spotlight

In early March, five individuals from Netherlands participating in a program hosted by SDSU Rehab Counseling toured the Miramar campus High Tech Center as an excellent example of resources/assistive technology available to students in the *Career to College (C2C)* program. C2C is a program funded by the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and offered through the SDCCCD that works with students with intellectual disabilities and uses educational coaches to support them in their classes and course work. Several C2C students are enrolled in the DSPS 21 lab, basic skills courses, and CBTE courses on campus.

Student-Athletes in the Community

Each year, a few Jets men’s basketball players visit *Casa de Oro Elementary School* to read and interact with students in the classroom and at recess. This year, Miramar student-athletes were Shane McPherson, Paul Gorial, Marcus McMorris, and Drew Peterson.



Health Services Activities Support ACA Initiative

With a goal to educate students about the *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* and how to sign up via *Covered California*, Miramar’s Student Health Services has reached approximately 600 students so far through outreach activities that have included classroom visits, lunchtime presentations, workshops, and promotions on the college website and monitors throughout the campus.



Science Fun for Kids of All Ages

Science Fun for Kids 9-99

On March 15, more than 450 people of all ages attended *Science Fun for Kids 9 to 99*, an annual event sponsored by the Science Department to support San Diego Science Month. Activities included lab experiences investigating how germs spread, making chemical airbags, making slime, extracting DNA,

dissecting squid and paper airplanes activities. According to event coordinator, Dr. Rebecca-Bowers, “The event was a great day for all people involved, including faculty, staff and many volunteers from our science classes and programs.”



Jose Valdez

“Descubre Tu Talento”

Jose Valdez, a Spanish-speaking student enrolled in Miramar’s aviation maintenance technology program, is featured in a special program being produced by *Discovery en Espanol*. The program explores 12 technical professions. Check out Jose’s clip on YouTube.



Sign Up Today, Stay Connected Tomorrow • Two Ways

An alumni recruitment campaign is underway! Alumni can enjoy real benefits by registering with the *Miramar College Alumni Association*. After taking just a few moments to register, alumni will receive periodic campus news updates, invitations to special events, and a membership card that provides free admission to home Jets games, discounts at the bookstore, cafeteria, and more. It's free and a great way to stay connected with Miramar College.

Being part of SDCCD's *Alumni Connections* is a great way to reconnect with old classmates, read alumni success stories, discover shared interests with fellow members, network with like-minded professionals, and participate in college social events. It's a free new way to connect. Sign up today at www.alumni.sdccd.edu. Students who've attended multiple colleges can easily connect with groups from each college.

SSSP Update

provided by Gerald Ramsey, VP Student Services

- Scheduled assessment sessions for feeder high schools in preparation for *Summer Readiness/Bridge*, *Jets Jumpstart* and *First Year Experience* programs.
- Outreach and Assessment staff provided application and/or assessment services to almost 300 potential students at Mira Mesa High School, Miramar's largest single feeder.
- The College received permission to recruit a full-time counselor position, which will be filled for an August start date.
- The State Chancellor's Office has provided all colleges with the new forms required for SSSP and Student Equity Plans. The plans are due to the State Chancellor on October 17, 2014 and November 21, 2014, respectively. Both plans are campus plans and will require input and contributions from faculty, students, staff and management.



VETS-2-JETS UPDATE

provided by Gerald Ramsey, VP Student Services

- Retired pro-rata psychology Professor, Louis Elloie agreed to conduct a series of workshops and follow-up sessions for project participants.
- The initial workshop, to be held early April, will focus on general coping skills. Future workshop will be based on needs identified by the Veteran scholars.
- Two students were assisted by the project's loan component.



Special Projects Grants for Faculty & Staff: Apply Now

The Miramar College Foundation is currently accepting applications from Miramar College faculty and staff for five **\$500 Special Projects Grants** for the 2014-2015 year. Deadline to submit an application is April 24, 2014. Grants are available to reimburse the actual costs for faculty and staff to develop educational-related projects that directly benefit students and meet the Strategic Goals of the College and Miramar College Foundation Mission.

Proposals are limited to reimbursement of supplies, special activities, and equipment. Payroll compensation, stipends, direct monetary compensation and travel reimbursement are not permitted. The Foundation board will review all requests and notify successful applicants prior to the end of spring semester. Apply online at www.sdmiramar.edu/foundation. You'll find the *Special Project Fund Application* in the **Important Documents** section.

Foundation Signs MOU

The Miramar College Foundation board has formerly approved a *Memo of Understanding* (MOU) between the Foundation and the SDCCD. The MOU defines the working relationship between the two entities. SDCCD Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd joined the Foundation board of directors at their quarterly meeting on March 14 to explain the MOU and answer questions. Foundations at San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College and San Diego Continuing Education signed similar agreements.



Lee Ann Kim, Emcee



**INVEST IN SUCCESS • Wednesday, April 16 • 5-7 PM
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 event sponsors *Wells Fargo, California Coast Credit Union, Union Bank, AFT, Hua Xia Chinese Language School, and The Horn Family Fund*.



圣地亚哥华夏中文学校



Silent auction packages include sports memorabilia, game tickets, maritime adventures, home, beauty and spa merchandise and experiences, a taco party with chef at your home for 35 guests, and so much more!

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.

FOUNDATION

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PEOPLE



Rod Porter -- Fitness is His Game



Dr. Patricia Hsieh
President, SD Miramar College

FACILITIES



Student Resources & Welcome Center



Administration Building Set to Open in August

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.

Team Miramar Wants You!

Want to challenge yourself, stay fit and have fun with your colleagues?

Sign up to participate with *Team Miramar* in upcoming obstacle course races (OCRs) and you'll run through mud, climb walls and crawl under and over obstacles on a weekend morning. According to Rod Porter, OCRs are the new trend in health and fitness and for everyone at every level.

"You cannot put a price on how beneficial it is to spend time with co-workers and students outside of the classroom and workplace while still participating in activities that promote overall health and wellness." Team Miramar will be participating in the *Epic Series San Diego* at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on April 26/27, the *Atlas Race San Diego* on May 7, the *Gladiator Rock'n Run Irvine* on June 14, and the *Gladiator Rock'n Run Super* on August 2nd at the Barona Indian Reservation. For more information, contact Porter at rporter@sdccd.edu.

Presidential Appointments

Dr. Patricia Hsieh has been appointed by the *American Council on Education* (ACE) as a *Presidential Advisor* for the *ACE Spectrum Leadership Program*. She has also been appointed by AACC to the *AACC Presidential Advisory Council on China*.

New Student Resources & Welcome Center Nearly Complete

The full renovation of the former library to serve as a new *Student Resources and Welcome Center* is nearing completion. The interior was completely gutted, and the modernization is providing for complete replacement of the existing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. Site work includes a pedestrian promenade and a visitor parking lot. Target completion is June 4. An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 10 AM – 1 PM to celebrate the new home of Outreach and Student Health Services.

Administration Building Nearing Completion

The 20,000 square foot, two-story administration building project is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ complete. Site improvements include a campus entry plaza, fire lane modifications, connections to the Library/Learning Resource Center and the campus quad, and a vehicle turnabout. Once completed, the project will allow for the existing administration building (A-100) to be converted to a classroom facility to support San Diego Continuing Education programs offered at Miramar. A grand opening celebration has been set for Friday, August 22 at 9 AM.



Science Building Topping Out

Science Building Tops Out

A topping out for the Science Building expansion was held on March 24, marking the construction milestone of reaching the highest structural point in the project. The ceremonial practice started in Scandinavia over 1,000 years ago. Upon reaching the highest point, workers traditionally put into place a small evergreen tree as a symbol of good faith and good luck. In keeping with this longstanding construction tradition, the final vertical beam used for the Science Building expansion was made available for construction crewmembers, campus faculty and staff to sign before it was hoisted into place along with an evergreen and American flag. Check out the entire photo gallery on Facebook.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

April 2014

Wednesday, April 16 • 2:30-4:30 PM • LLRC • Free

20th Annual Scholar Fest • RSVPs required

Contact: *Lonnie Pham, lpham@sdccd.edu*

Wednesday, April 16, 5-7 PM • K-bldg, Student Services Center

Invest in Success

presented by Miramar College Foundation

\$100 per person/\$150 per couple • Tickets available online.

Silent Auction • Reception • Entertainment

Contact: *Sandi Trevisan, strevisa@sdccd.edu*

April 25 & April 26 • FREE • H-building • Friday flex #76077/Saturday #76078

Civil Rights Film Festival: The Journey Continues

Explore a wide range of civil rights topics including gender inequalities, discrimination, and the role of media in reinforcing gender, ethnic, and cultural stereotypes and prejudices. *Sponsored by Miramar College Staff Development Committee, Diversity and International Education Committee, Miramar College Classified Senate.*

Friday, April 25 • 6 PM

Hollywood Films: Through an Analytical Eye

(Films will be discussed during the panel discussion held on Saturday)

Milk • Room H-105

Boys Don't Cry • H-102

Fruitvale Station • Room H-103

The Princess and the Frog • Room H-107

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS continued

Saturday, April 26 • 10 AM – 12 PM
Miss Representation • Room H-210

Saturday, April 26 • 12:30 – 1:30 PM • Room H-210
Panel Discussion
Refreshments will be served

Saturday, April 26 • 1:45-4 PM
Scottsboro: An American Tragedy • Room H-105
The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till • Room H-107
A Force More Powerful • Room H-102
The Black Power Mixtape • Room -103

Saturday, April 26 • 4:15-6 PM
Dark Girls • Room J-105
The Lemon Grove Incident • Room H-107
Scandalize My Name • Room H-102
Reel Bad Arabs • Room H-103

Contact: Parvine Ghaffari, pghaffar@sdccd.edu

Coming Soon ...

May 5 • 2 - 4 PM • Classified Service Awards
May 13 • 3:30-4:30 PM • Chancellor's Office Hour
May 16 • 1 PM • Commencement
May 21 • 11:30 AM - 1 PM • Classified Luncheon

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,
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Activities, Student Services
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