

## NEWS

January 2020

### All College Spring 2020 Kick-Off

The All College Spring 2020 Kick-Off on Jan. 30 was a big hit! About 200 attended the new semester kick-off.

The theme of the hour and half presentation was "Optimism and Living our Mission." Interim President

Dr. Marsha Gable spoke about the need to come together to make Miramar College more awesome. Academic



Senate President Dr. Laura Murphy and Vice President of Student Services Adrian Gonzales presented a recap of all the work that has been done with regards to Collegiality in Action over the last year and half.

Murphy talked about the importance of giving the new structure a chance moving forward. ASG presented on their great work over the past year. Those who attended had a chance to write down



their ideas as to how to make the College more awesome. Those answers were submitted to Dr. Gable. SDCCD Board of Trustees President Dr. Maria Neito Senour and Chancellor Carroll attended the event. Afterwards, tacos were served and rumor has it a record breaking seven tacos were eaten by one individual.

### MLK Events

Miramar College staff and students had a busy Martin Luther King Jr. weekend around town. The fun began the morning of Jan. 17 when administrators and staff attended the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Human Dignity Awards Ceremony at the Town and Country. A day later, a delegation from the college attended the MLK Educators Breakfast at the Jacob Center. The highlight of the weekend was the parade which took place on Sunday along Harbor Drive in downtown. On Monday, January 20, a delegation from the college attended the All People's Celebration breakfast at Balboa Park.

Thanks to Joseph Hankinson, Dean Cheryl Barnard, and the excellent work and collaboration of ASG, the 2020



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Miramar College MLK Parade Float looked great.

### JCK Semifinalists Announced

We are excited to announce that Miramar College has two semifinalists for the 2020 Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Congrats to Rachel Kim and Dao Minh Anh Van. They were chosen from a pool of nearly 1,500 applicants attending 311 community colleges in 45 states and the District of Columbia. Miramar College had 9 applicants.

Winners will be announced in early April.

### Miramar College Launches Financial Aid TV

San Diego Miramar College has launched a Financial Aid Television (FATV) web portal to assist students with all their financial aid needs 24/7. Students and parents can now access FATV from their computer, smart phones or tablets on their terms.

A link to FATV for Miramar College can be found here: <https://sdmiramar.financialaidtv.com/>.

FATV provides short easy to understand videos featuring financial aid content. The easily searchable content is organized by categories and is accompanied by interactive transcripts to provide quick and easy answers. Useful links to topics such as FAFSA and loans are provided.

“The goal of FATV is to assist with financial concerns so that students might obtain maximum benefit from the educational opportunities available,” said Vincent Ngo, Financial Aid Officer at San Diego Miramar College. “FATV is accessible at all hours of the day and you never have to stand in a long line again to get your financial aid questions answered.”

FATV can also be accessed through the Miramar College financial aid office webpage at: <https://www.sdmiramar.edu/campus/financial-aid>.

### Big Numbers for College’s Food Rescue Program

The numbers are in and San Diego Miramar College continues to have a “Best in Class” food rescue program. In 2019, the College distributed 72,679 pounds of rescued produce at its Free Farmer’s Market, which is held once a month on campus. The College also picked up and distributed another 29,200 pounds of food from the Feeding San Diego Retail Rescue Program. In total, 101,879 pounds or 51 tons of rescued food went to persons experiencing food insecurities instead of ending up in a landfill.



### Miramar College to Host Science Olympiad

San Diego Miramar College will host the 2020 San Diego Regional Science Olympiad Feb. 8. More than 1,000 middle and high school students will be on campus for the competition.

Science Olympiad (SO) 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.

Eligible counties: San Diego and Imperial. Schools within San Diego and Imperial counties may send up to 6 teams to compete at the San Diego Regional Tournament.

Miramar College will offer its new state of the art labs for



use. Staff and faculty will also be on hand to offer volunteer support services for the day long competition.

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 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.

**Shaunna Elmone Passes Away**



Former Miramar College employee Shaunna Elmone passed away the weekend of December 14 after a courageous year and half battle with cancer.

Shaunna’s service with the District began on October 2, 1989 as an hourly employee. She completed her career as an Administrative Technician in the Vice President’s Office of Instruction on July

10, 2018 when she officially retired.

A sweet individual who would always offer help to anyone, Shaunna’s sense of humor and radiant smile would light up every room. Her hobbies included photography, painting, and hanging out with her grandson.

A Celebration of Life was held January 25, 2020.

**Sheryl Gobble Passes**

Longtime Miramar College English Professor Sheryl Gobble passed away in December. Sheryl began working for the

San Diego Community College District at City College back in 1989, and transferred to Miramar College in 2006. At both colleges, she taught English and ESOL, and at Miramar College Sheryl was Chair for the Department of English, ESOL, Communications and World Languages from 2007 to 2015. Sheryl then retired in 2017 due to her health condition.



A celebration of life was held for Sheryl on Jan. 25 inside KI-107.

**Making it in San Diego**

ABC 10 was on campus Jan. 15 to do a story on middle skills education for their “Making it in San Diego” segment. Those interviewed were Rick Cassar, President Gable and Miramar College alum Tracy Naputi. The story aired Jan. 31 during the 6 p.m. newscast on ABC 10. Click [here](#) to watch.



**Adjunct Faculty Member Donte Kendricks Honored**

Donte Kendricks has been named a Fall 2019 Outstanding Student at Metropolitan State University. Kendricks, who graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement, was chosen as an outstanding student in the university’s College of Community Studies and Public Affairs. Kendricks has been employed as a police sergeant for the city of Chula Vista, California for four years. Active in community service, he is an instructor and an instructor supervisor in the Chula Vista Citizens and Teen Academy,

which is an extension of the city's Community Oriented Policing. He also works as an adjunct professor at Miramar Community College where he teaches courses focused on law enforcement topics.

## Darren Hall Faculty Expert

Fire Tech Program Director Darren Hall was used as a faculty expert in a KPBS story that explored the rate of fire dispatch calls that relate to the homeless. You can read the story [here](#).

## Fire Fighter I Graduation

On the afternoon of Jan. 31, thirty-four members of the Firefighter I Academy graduated the program. The ceremony took place in L-105. It is the program's fourth such graduation since its debut in 2018 and the 34 members represent the largest graduating class in the history of the academy. The graduates held a demonstration for family and friends inside the Grinder following the graduation ceremony. The Emerald Society Pipes and Drums introduced the Class of 20-01. A photo gallery of the event can be found [here](#).

The class of 20-01 is made up of 5 Navy and Marine Veterans, one active duty Navy helicopter pilot and 6



former college athletes. The class also has 14 candidates who have earned a bachelor's degree.

**Collin Krebill** was named Top Candidate, the Class Leadership Award went to active duty U.S. Navy helicopter pilot **Patrick Baumia**, and the Yaroslav Katkov Memorial Award went to **Jorge Villanueva**.

The program is designed to allow for students to complete an independent academy program prior to seeking



### Invest In Success Update

The San Diego Miramar College Foundation will host its annual Invest in Success fundraiser on May 3, 2020 in Del Mar at the Farmer and the Seahorse Restaurant. Paypal links are now available if you would like to attend the event. They can be found at the Miramar College Foundation website: <http://www.sdmiramar.edu/campus/foundation/invest>.

employment. This academy is one of the examples of faculty's commitment to align curriculum and skill sets with industry standards.

# Save the Date

May 3, 2020 • 4:00-7:00pm • Farmer & The Seahorse  
10996 Torreyana Road • San Diego, CA 92121

Student/SDCCD Employee:  
\$75/person • \$125/couple

Community Member:  
\$100/person • \$175/couple

Table of 10: \$750



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# QUICK HITS

## Spring Adjunct Meeting

The Spring 2020 adjunct faculty meeting was held on January 28 in L-105.



## President Gable Attends Commission Meeting

President Gable attended the meeting of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges held Jan. 15-17 here in San Diego.

## CCLC in Sacramento

Miramar College Associated Student Government President Dao Minh Anh Van attended the Community College League of California's annual legislative conference in Sacramento on Jan. 27. Van had a chance to meet California State Attorney General Xavier Becerra.



# PEOPLE

Professor **Becky Stephens** has been selected for the role of English TEAM Coordinator, and Professor **Melissa Wolfson** has been selected for the role of Math TEAM Coordinator.

Here is a list of the faculty identified to provide leadership to our Guided Pathways workgroups. **Channing Booth** has been selected to serve as the lead for the *Communications and Technology workgroup*. **Cheryl Reed** and **Mary Kjartanson** has been selected to serve as the leaders for the *Course Mapping workgroup*. **Mona Patel** has been selected to serve as the lead for the *Program Mapping*

*workgroup*. **Wendy Kinsinger** has been selected to serve as the lead for the *On-boarding workgroup*.

Each of these faculty will be working closely with **Lisa Clarke** and **Lisa Brewster** to implement our Guided Pathways activities.

**Mara Sanft** has been selected to serve as the *Accreditation Faculty Co-Chair*.

**Wai-Ling Rubric** has been selected to serve as the *Outcomes Assessment Facilitator*.

# 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](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/calendar).

## Stay informed...

Committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at [www.sdmiramar.edu/campus/governance](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/campus/governance). College Executive Committee (CEC) meetings are open to all interested parties.

### Science Olympiad

February 8 • Science Building • 8:00am

### SDCCD Board Meeting at Miramar College

February 13 • L-105 • 4:00pm

### Add/Drop/Refund Deadline

Feb. 14

### NC3 Signing Day

February 20 • 9:00am