

New President Named

P. Wesley Lundburg, 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, New York, has been named the new president of Miramar College. Lundburg will begin his post July 1, 2020.



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.

"The San Diego Community College District's Board of Trustees and I were impressed by Wes Lundburg's student-centered approach," said SDCCD Chancellor Constance M. Carroll. "Also impressive is his commitment to cultivating an environment where diversity is a priority, his dedication to ensuring equity in implementing policy, and his track record of building programs and curriculum that are inclusive."

"I'm thrilled to be joining the faculty and staff at San Diego Miramar College in serving the students and community," said Lundburg. "This college has a rich history of offering high quality academics with a truly comprehensive array of programs. Having grown up in Penasquitos, I'm particularly invested in the community and am excited to have the opportunity to return home and contribute to the place I love. The faculty and staff are clearly a dedicated group, and

I am honored to have been selected to join them and work alongside them."

At Suffolk County Community College, Lundburg oversaw the Ammerman Campus's development and continued growth of a new cybersecurity program, an expanding Automotive Technology program certified by numerous automobile manufacturers, the completion of multiple capital improvement projects, and annual increases in enrollment. He also served as an adjunct English professor who taught composition and literature courses.

Prior to arriving at Suffolk County Community College, Lundburg served as Dean of Bristol Community College's New Bedford Campus in Massachusetts; Interim President and CEO at Prince William Sound Community College in Valdez, Alaska; Dean of Instruction/Chief Academic Officer at Prince William Sound Community College; and Dean of Academic Affairs at Minnesota State Community & Technical College – Fergus Falls following eight years as an English professor.

Lundburg is currently completing his PhD in Education, Community College Leadership from Walden University, where he also earned a master's degree in educational research. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in English Literature from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He also has an associate degree from Fresno City College.

Lundburg is a Coast Guard veteran who for several years owned and operated a full-service fishing charter boat company.

SDCCD Board President Maria Nieto Senour says Lundburg's leadership qualities will benefit the campus



and community. "The board was unanimous in supporting the appointment of Wes Lundburg," said Board President Senour. "All five board members value the many educational contributions of Miramar College to our community and believe that Mr. Lundburg's educational experience, as well as his experience in the military and private sector, and his commitment to all forms of diversity will provide the leadership the college needs for the future."

His appointment is subject to ratification by the SDCCCD's Board of Trustees at the board's June 11 meeting.

Presidential Candidate Forums

Prior to the appointment of P. Wes Lundburg as our next president, a pair of candidate forums were held. In mid-May, the two finalists of the presidential search met the campus via Zoom. On May 12, P. Wesley Lundburg, Executive Dean/CEO of the Ammerman Campus at Suffolk County Community College in Long Island, NY, joined us via Zoom. Lundburg said he is mission driven and "has a talent for getting people to work together and I do that through trust." Lundburg comes from a college that is quite similar to Miramar College. Lundburg's current college features Auto Tech, a police academy, a childcare center (with accreditation) and they are in the beginning stages of implementing Guided Pathways. One hundred-forty participants took part in Lundburg's forum.

On May 13, Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, vice president of Student Services at San Diego Continuing Education, took part in her forum. Star was a past director of Student Support Services at Miramar College and had an office in the old bungalows. Star understands the culture of the district and feels she has a unique ability to unify constituency groups.

Candidates were introduced by moderator Pam Luster, president of Mesa College, who served as chair of the Miramar College Presidential Search Committee. Candidates then had between 3-5 minutes to introduce themselves followed by 30 minutes of answering questions submitted by the constituency groups. An open question period took place over Zoom and the forums concluded with a closing statement by each candidate. Attendees then took part in polling to rate the candidates.

Second Laptop distribution

Miramar College distributed another 30 of the 300 laptops it purchased for students on Friday, May 1. Eleven



volunteers assisted students with pick-up. Eighty laptops were distributed April 18th. Students are able to borrow the laptop for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020 academic terms, provided that they are enrolled at San Diego Miramar College for each term. Students not returning to the college for the summer or fall had an opportunity to return their lap tops on June 1 on campus.

Scholarship Winners

A pair of Miramar College students each won a \$20,000 UCSD Chancellor's Associates Scholarship to attend UC San Diego in the fall. Khoa Nguyen is an EOPS student majoring in general biology. Sara Mohammadias is the second Miramar College student to win the honor. She plans to study Bio-Chemical Engineering at UCSD. The Chancellor's Associates Scholarship is worth \$10,000 a year over 2 years.



Athletic Department Awards

Female Athlete of the Year went to women's soccer player sophomore **Sophie Underwood**.

Sophie has a 3.6 GPA. She was a team captain and played center back for the Jets this season. Sophie showed tremendous growth both on the field and as a teammate. She worked hard despite struggling through a hip injury that will eventually require surgery. Sophie has committed to play at Fresno Pacific University next fall.

Male Athlete of the Year went to volleyball player **Rex Vasquez**. Rex is a three-year member of the Miramar Men's Volleyball program. His first year was cut short by a season-ending injury. He came back in his second season to start every match at outside hitter, took the most swings (223), finishing the season as our second leading scorer (93 points), second best passer at 2.21 (2.00 is the standard), team leader in aces (29), and second in digs with

62. This season Rex was the team captain for the state #5 ranked Jets. He was the Jets Swiss Army knife, playing as an outside hitter, setter, and primarily as a serving specialist. Off campus, Rex is a shift manager at Chick-Fil-A Mira Mesa, working 25-40 hours a week depending on school commitments. Due to his solid work in the classroom (3.10 GPA over 80 units, with another 13 in progress), and his great work in Miramar's Athletic Training Room with Tosh & Jen, Rex will transfer next Fall into the esteemed Athletic Training program at San Diego State.

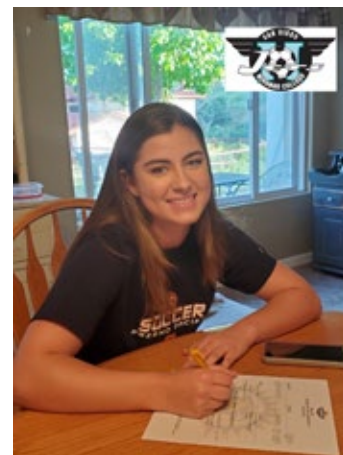
Coach of the Year went to women's water polo coach **Sheri-Gallegos Lewis**. Sheri and the Lady Jets posted the best women's water polo seasons in many years. Her team finished with a 12 and 12 record overall.

Soccer Signees

Miramar College women's soccer players Sophie Underwood and Allison Eveland each signed letters of intent to continue their soccer careers at Fresno Pacific University next school year.



Sophie Underwood



Allison Eveland

Picone Signs with CSUN

Redshirt freshman volleyball player Joe Picone signed a letter of intent to play men's volleyball next season at CSUN. Picone becomes the first men's volleyball player from Miramar College to sign with a Division I program.



Men's Basketball Awards

Michael Tate Jr. was named **MVP** of the 2019-2020 Jets men's basketball team. **Cameron Barry** was named **Offensive Player of the Year**, while Damien Miller was named **Defensive Player of the Year**; **Brannon Bell** was named **Most Improved Player**.

Virtual Commencement Sponsor

Miramar College has signed on as the title sponsor of KYXY 96.5's virtual graduation celebration for San Diego County high school seniors. The virtual commencement took place May 29. Click [here](#) to view the ceremony.



WiFi Lot Opens

Beginning May 7, Miramar College debuted drive up WiFi services to its students. Students can now access WiFi in parking lot #2 off Black Mountain Parkway nearest the

H Building. Students have been allowed to park in lot #2 Monday-Thursday from 8am-8pm and from 8am-3pm on Friday's. Parking is allowed in lot #2 only and students must remain inside their vehicles. In order to social distance, the College has asked that students park in every other space and leave one empty space between each car. Students may park in marked staff and student spaces. Only owners of a valid disabled placard may use disabled spots.

Students do not have access to any buildings or restrooms. Only members of the same household may be in each vehicle and campus police continue to monitor the parking lot.



QUICK HITS

Story Time!

The Miramar College Child Development Department held a storytelling event on May 19 with the fabulous Marilyn McPhie reading to the center's children and their parents.

Miramar College to Hold Virtual Commencement Ceremony

May 29 was to be the College's annual on campus commencement ceremony. However, the COVID-19 pandemic caused its postponement. The College will now host a Virtual Commencement Ceremony for our 2020 graduates on July 17. Outside vendor Marching Orders has



been hired by the district to host the online ceremony. The College is in the process of reaching out to prospective graduates in hopes they will register to take part in the ceremony.

Heroes Are Made Here Campaign

To highlight the San Diego Community College District's role in training local first responders, health care professionals, and other essential workers, the district has produced a new TV commercial entitled "Heroes Are Made Here." The 30-second spot, featuring each of the district's presidents, is also intended as a thank you to everyone in San Diego who has helped the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. President Gable took part in the May 8 filming on campus.

Miramar College Interim President Marsha Gable is seen walking across the "grinder" at the college's fire technology program, where future firefighters receive training. The program is part of Miramar College's School of Public Safety, which trains the majority of the region's first responders including fire, police, EMTs, and lifeguards. Click [here](#) to view the spot.



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.

First Summer Session Begins

June 3

Virtual Job Fair

June 5 • via Zoom • 10am-1pm

Fall Schedule Available Online

June 8

Virtual Job Fair

June 10 • via Zoom • 10am-1pm

Deadline to Apply for Fall Priority Registration

June 11

Primary Summer Session Begins

June 15

Fall Registration by Appointment Begins

June 22

Pass/No Pass Grade Deadline (primary summer session)

June 30