

Gable Announced as Interim President

Dr. Marsha Gable began her tenure as Miramar College interim president on Nov. 20. Dr. Gable comes to us from Grossmont College where she serves as the Vice President of Student Services. She will provide leadership and support to Miramar College during the academic year 2019-20, until the selection and employment of a permanent President on or shortly after July 2020.

Dr. Gable has almost twenty-five years of distinguished



service in higher education. Since 2015, she has served as vice president of Student Services at Grossmont College, where she is responsible for leadership, planning, and fiscal management of the Student Services division. In this role, Dr. Gable provided leadership in convening the college's Guided Pathways reform through collaborative involvement, and in the development of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise Program in partnership with Grossmont Union High School District. Her prior service includes dean of Counseling Services and Admissions & Records at Cuyamaca College, associate dean of Student Services EOPS/CARE at Santa Ana College, and associate director of University Outreach Programs at CSU San Marcos. Her instructional experience includes serving as an adjunct faculty member at MiraCosta College, Mt. San Jacinto College, and CSU San Marcos.

Dr. Gable earned a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and a master's degree in Sociological Practice from CSU San Marcos. She earned her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University.

A welcome reception was held for Dr. Gable on Nov. 20. The college will begin a search for a permanent president in the coming months.

PBS Features Bio Tech Program

Back in September, PBS California was on campus to feature our Bio Technology program for Inside California Education. After an aggressive pitch, we were one of four community colleges in the state selected to be featured. The story began running Nov. 5 on PBS stations across the state. It debuted on the PBS station in Sacramento. This story is scheduled to run on KPBS San Diego in January. Click [here](#) to see the story.



Miramar College Deemed a Great Return on Investment by Georgetown University Study

Using newly released federal workforce data, Georgetown University researchers tried to answer the age old question- Is College really worth it?

The answer, based on data provided from the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University, is a resounding YES! Especially for graduates of San Diego Miramar College.

The study, *A First Try at ROI: Ranking 4,500 colleges*, ranks San Diego Miramar College in the top 450 of the nation's more than 4,500 colleges and universities for return on investment (ROI). Miramar College ranked 431 nationally in its 10-year NPV (Net Present Value) with an average of \$171,000. The net present value is how much a sum of money in the future is valued today. This metric includes costs, future earnings, and the length of time it would take to invest and earn a certain amount of money over a fixed horizon.

Filter by public community colleges and Miramar College ranks #1 in San Diego County and #11 in the state. Nationally among public community colleges, Miramar College ranks 72nd.

Using data from the expanded College Scorecard, this report ranks 4,526 colleges and universities by return on investment. Findings conclude community colleges and many certificate programs have the highest returns in the short term and 10 years after enrollment.

In addition, Miramar College scored 475th over 15-years with \$326,000 NPV; 645th over 20-years with \$466,000 NPV and \$908,000 over a 40 year period—almost a \$1 million ROI for graduates over their entire career.

The study, *A First Try at ROI: Ranking 4,500 Colleges*, can be found [here](#).

Discover Your Drive

Over 100 students from the San Diego Unified School District spent Friday, Nov. 1 on campus for the 2nd Annual Discover Your Drive event. During this event, students participated in hands-on demonstrations and presentations. This special event was engaging and allowed students to learn about the amazing career education programs at Miramar College. This exposure will influence the careers these students pursue after high school. In fact, many of



these students did not consider college a feasible option. Also, these events strengthen the partnership between SDUSD and Miramar College. In fact, several SDUSD counselors and faculty attended this special event to learn more about our programs. Students that attended were from the following high schools: Clairemont, Madison, Crawford and Mira Mesa High School.

The event was sponsored by Mossy Toyota. Dale Snow, director of After Sales at Mossy Toyota, and Miramar College alumnus, brought a number of Toyota cars for display.

[Here](#) is short video recapping the event.

Veterans Day Event

The College celebrated Veterans Day with a two hour long celebration on Nov. 12 in Compass Circle. The annual event featured live blues and rock music by Jerry "Hot Rod" De Mink, a patriotic sand sculpture, free barbecue chicken for the first 80 veterans with proof of service, and an abundance of resources.

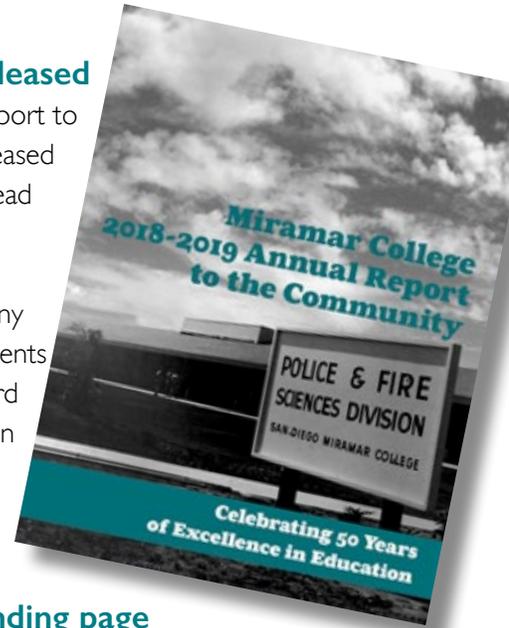


Equity Champions

Five Miramar College employees were honored Oct. 29th as Equity Champions by the San Diego State University Community College Leadership Alumni Group. Laura Pecenco, Laura Gonzalez, Adrian Arancibia, Tonia Teresh and Terrie Hubbard were recognized for their on campus work on DIEC, LGBTQ+, formerly incarcerated and multi-cultural center concept.

Annual Report Released

The College's annual report to the community was released Nov. 4. Click [here](#) to read it. This year the College is celebrating its 50th anniversary and had many wonderful accomplishments that were captured. Hard copies are available upon request from PIO Steve Quis.



Instagram

Campaign with landing page

In hopes of promoting enrollment for Intersession/ Spring 2020, the College has entered into an agreement with Instagram, through a third party vendor, to run an advertising campaign. Current students at San Diego State, UC-San Diego and University of San Diego are being geo-targeted in hopes they can find a value friendly transferable class during January. The ads will be tweaked in January to promote spring offerings to a different targeted demo. The Instagram ad will send students to this [landing page](#).

Claude Jones Talk

People from disadvantaged backgrounds can feel like imposters in the world of technology and entrepreneurship; they often think they don't belong; they can see the big



plays but aren't able to make the winning goals for the world to see. It's time to get off the sidelines. Claude Jones spoke about his personal path to becoming a leader in business and technology and shared his *Guidelines to Get Off the Sidelines!* on Nov. 5. His talk took place in L-105 and was sponsored by the Miramar College Business Club and Asst. Professor Tanya Hertz's Entrepreneurship class. Claude Jones is head of the technology division of Walmart, and a leader in San Diego tech innovation. Networking with food and drinks took place in the rear patio following the event.

Diverse Voices in Science

Diverse Voices in Sciences Lecture Series successfully launched its pilot event on Nov. 5th. It was launched as an effort to recognize and celebrate the diversity of our students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), but also to expose them to successful individuals from diverse backgrounds. Research shows that people of color, women, and other underrepresented populations have low rates of completion within STEM fields. One of the primary reasons for this finding is that these students struggle to build a social identity within their field, since they cannot find others who are relatable to them. A desirable outcome for this lecture series is to provide our diverse students with such role models, and inspire them to persist through their own journey to success.

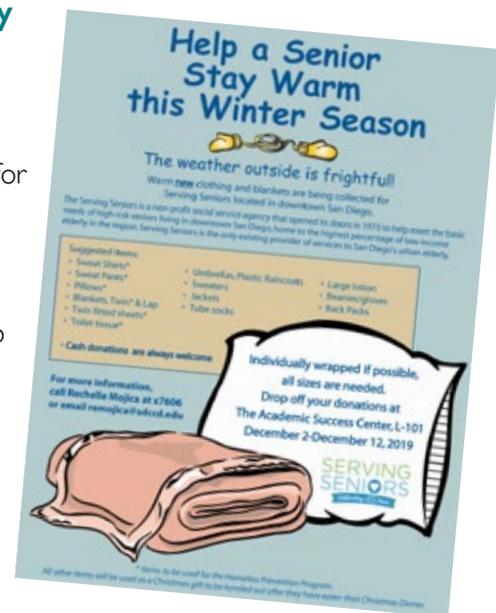
Krysada Phounsiri, a Lao-American who works as an optical engineer for a biotech company, was the speaker for the



pilot. In his talk, he demystified what is involved working within the industry, the skills one needs, how he balances his work with his creative outlets (photography, dance, poetry), and what drives him to succeed.

Help A Senior Stay Warm

Rechelle Mojica is accepting donations through December 12 for her 18th annual "Help a Senior Stay Warm this Winter Season" campaign. You can drop off your clothing and blanket donations at The Academic Success Center (L-101). In addition to personal care items, there is also



a great need for "new" items for the Homeless Prevention Program. We ask that items also be new to give the homeless a sense of "someone cares" when they finally find a place for them to lay their heads down each night. In case you do not already know, the Homeless Prevention Program assists in taking homeless seniors off of the streets & works with them to find a place of their own. Cash donations are also gladly accepted!

Illumina Visit

A group of faculty and chemistry students visited Illumina on Nov. 15 as a part of MINDSET. MINDSET is a mentoring program that involves SDSU graduate students and Miramar College students. Those who attended



received an overview of the company and then 4 Illumina directors met with our group in small pods to answer questions. It was incredibly helpful to our undergraduate students, SDSU graduate students, and to faculty.

Kevin Petti Lecture

On Nov. 14, Professor Kevin Petti delivered an invited lecture at a conference of the Italian Scientists and Scholars of North America. This meeting was held at the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C., with opening remarks by Armando Varricchio, the Italian Ambassador to the United States! In 2019 there is a world-wide observation of 500 years since the death of Leonardo da Vinci, so the theme of the conference was *Science and Beauty: Leonardo's Legacy*, and his talk is entitled *Leonardo: Connecting Art and Anatomy*. Petti attended a dinner, the evening prior, at the Ambassador's residence!



EOPS Working to Lighten Food Insecurities and Basic Needs Concerns during the Holidays

The number of students facing food and housing insecurities in college campuses is astounding. According to a report by The Hope Center, California Community Colleges #RealCollege Survey, 50% of California community college students face food insecurities, 60% have housing insecurities and 19% are homeless. In order to help lighten food insecurity concerns during the holidays, EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKs, in



collaboration with the non-profit organization, Friends and Family Community Connection, will provide 75 students with Thanksgiving Bags which contain items to support a Thanksgiving Meal. As the weather begins to cool down and we enter the winter months, another pressing concern for our homeless students is finding a warm place to spend the night. EOPS in collaboration with Student Affairs is providing a limited amount of blankets and pillows to homeless students on our campus. We hope this small contribution further supports other efforts, such as the Really Really Free Farmers Market and Jet Fuel Pantry, and kindles a conversation across campus on ways to better address this growing concern.

Boo-Tacular

The 2019 Boo-Tacular winners were:



Most Creative: Teresita Escamilla for Miss Miramar College



Funniest: Reylyn Cabrera for Spaghetti



Scariest: Damaris Garduno for Queen of Hearts



Best Group: Humanities for Men in Black

QUICK HITS

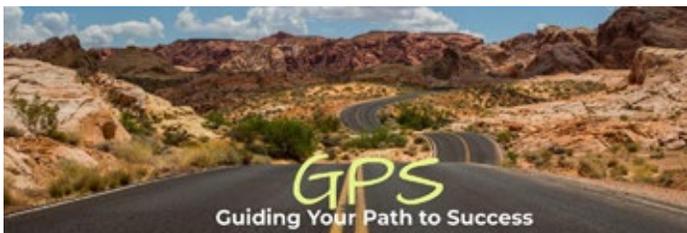
Headshots & Hors d'oeuvres

Our Dreamers Support Services and Career Center offered Headshots & Hors d'oeuvres on Nov. 13. A dozen students stopped by to have their photos taken.



Guided Pathways Gets Official Name

After going through 145 submissions, the Guided Pathways Committee has chosen GPS as the new name for Miramar's venture into Guided Pathways. Dana Stack submitted the winning name which garnered 37 percent of the votes. "Navigation to Graduation" and "Roadmap to Student Success" were the other two finalists.



Friendsgiving

ASG hosted a Friendsgiving lunch on Nov. 21 in the Student Services Lounge. Over 400 students, staff and faculty were served Hawaiian bbq and pumpkin pie.



Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop had a large turnout on Nov. 13



Wellness Wednesday

The month opened with comedian Andrew Norelli joining us in L-105 for Wellness Wednesday. After his comedy routine, Norelli had a very candid and open discussion with our students about mental health.



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.

Open Registration Begins for Intersession/Spring

December 9

Holiday Luncheon

December 16 • K-107 • 11:30am-1:00pm

Last Day of Fall Classes

December 16

Christmas Break

December 23-January 1 • Campus Closed