

NEWS

May 2015

Commencement 2015



The rain couldn't stop Miramar College from having one of its most successful commencement ceremonies to date. The decision to move the ceremony indoors came on the Tuesday prior and the transition was a smooth one. Hourglass Fieldhouse was more than accommodating for nearly 300 students, who showed up to walk in the ceremony, and their guests. San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman was the commencement speaker. She is Miramar's 2015 Distinguished Alumni after graduating from the Police Academy in 1983. Student speaker Michelle Vick gave an emotional address to her classmates. All told,



Miramar College conferred 755 associate degrees and another 430 certificates of achievement for the 2014-15 academic year. The San Diego Union-Tribune and KUSI-TV both covered the May 15 event. A link to the U-T article on commencement is provided.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2015/may/15/sdsu-miramar-graduation-ceremonies/>

Bowers Wins Coach of the Year

Head women's soccer coach Sean Bowers has been named the 2014-2015 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Female Sport Coach of the Year.

This is the third year in a row that Bowers has won the honor, but his first outright honor. This past season, Bowers



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led the Lady Jets to a 17-3-2 record, a PCAC title, and a berth in the state quarterfinals. The Lady Jets finished the 2014 season ranked 3rd in southern California, 5th in the state, and 18th nationally. Under his direction, the Jets featured seven 1st Team All-Conference players and the PCAC's Defender of the Year. "I am truly honored because this award is not just for soccer, but for all the women's sports in our conference," said Bowers. "There are so many deserving candidates, but I have to give credit to the young women who continue to believe in this program. Their hard work and dedication is the reason why I won this award." The ex-San Diego Sockers player is in his 8th season as head coach of the women's program. Over that time, Bowers has led the Lady Jets to a 126-29-15 overall record and several appearances in the national rankings. He has been named the PCAC women's soccer Coach of the Year four times.

Wells Fargo Donates to Miramar Foundation

The Miramar College Foundation received a \$12,500.00 grant from Wells Fargo Bank on May 5. The money will be used to fund book scholarships for Miramar College students over the 2015-2016 academic year. "Our foundation is not sustainable without the contributions made by our community partners," said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, president of San Diego Miramar College. "Our students benefit greatly from the generosity we receive on an annual basis from Wells Fargo. We are grateful to them for their continued support." Made possible by Mary De Leon, branch manager of the Wells Fargo bank located on Camino Ruiz in Mira Mesa, 50 Miramar College students will each receive a book grant worth \$250.00 for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters. In 2015, the Miramar College Foundation awarded 41 scholarships to 166 recipients totaling \$74,300.00. An additional 58 external awards, totaling \$202,863.00, were awarded, bringing the grand total to \$277,163.00.

Fire Tech & EMT Building Wins Honor

The American Society of Civil Engineers has selected the Fire Technology & EMT Training Facility at San Diego Miramar College as "Outstanding Project" in the Architectural Engineering Project category. The announcement came on May 15 at the Civil Engineering Project Awards program in San Diego. Opened in fall of 2014, The Miramar Fire Technology & EMT Training Center is a 26,000-gross-square-foot, four building complex located on two-acres near the north side of campus. Its architect



was gkkworks with structural engineering provided by KPFF Consulting Engineers.

Two Fire Tech Students Win Award

Miramar College Fire Tech students Phillip Mainini and Brendon Simmons won a 2015 Spirit of Courage Award on behalf of the Burn Institute. In July of 2014, Mainini and Simmons assisted a suicidal man at the Home Depot near campus who had doused himself with gasoline and lit himself on fire. Their brave actions to step in and provide medical assistance saved the man's life. The two were honored at the 43rd Annual Spirit of Courage Awards ceremony on May 14 at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay.

Councilmember Visits Campus

On May 22, San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate (District 6) visited campus and was given a guided tour by President Hsieh. Cate was accompanied by his communications director, Rebecca Kelley. Chris proudly represents the neighborhoods of Clairemont-Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Park Village and Sorrento Valley.



Dr. Hsieh and Councilmember Chris Cate

Classified Service Awards Handed Out



Tali McLemore and wife Pamela at May 5 ceremony

The Classified Employee Service Award Ceremony was held on May 5 in L-105. Thirty Miramar College employees were recognized for their service of 10 years or more. Tali McLemore was named Outstanding Classified Employee.

List of Employees:

10-year awards:

Jessica Aguilar, Julian Arteaga, Lily Cava, Melanie Cordero, Edgar de los Reyes, Roy Givon, Jenny King, Herminio Rosas, Val Sacro, Rakena Sterling.

15-year awards:

Kyle Aquino, Van Bach Chau, Dan Gutowski, Francine McCorkell, Tam Quy Nguyen, Vuong Nguyen, Pamela Phaymany, Stacy Rodgers, Kayhan Salehi, Sam Shoostary, Lynna Vo, Diep Vu.

20-year awards:

Elaine Vega

25-year awards:

Ellie Atkinson, Shaunna Elmore, Kwai-Chee Wan

30-year awards:

Virgilio Afan, Reynaldo Hernandez, Kristine Johnson, Edith Pollack

Charlene Morford Celebrates 40 years

Charlene Morford was honored for 40 years of service to the San Diego Community College District. Charlene works at the campus police station.



Construction Alert in K-I Building

Resurfacing of the concrete floor on the bottom floor of the Student Services Building, K-I began on May 26. This project will be phased and access to the building will be redirected for a period of 6 weeks. Both the convenience store and bookstore have access points directly from the outside which will not be affected. All other services to the K-I building will be accessed via the ramp to the second floor on the East side of the building. The estimated completion date of this project is July 5, 2015.

Book Display Highlights K-I Building

The Diversity and International Education Committee assembled a multicultural book display in May. Students from Professor Jordan Omens' ADJU 101 course built the display located in the hallway leading to the cafeteria just across from the bookstore. The students want to encourage their fellow classmates to reach their potential and to maintain a positive outlook regardless of challenging circumstances they may encounter.



Students in Professor Jordan Omens ADJU 101 Course

Rite of Passage Ceremony

The annual Rite of Passage Ceremony for Black graduates and transfer students was hosted by Miramar College Student Services on May 20 on the back patio of the LLRC.



Classified Luncheon

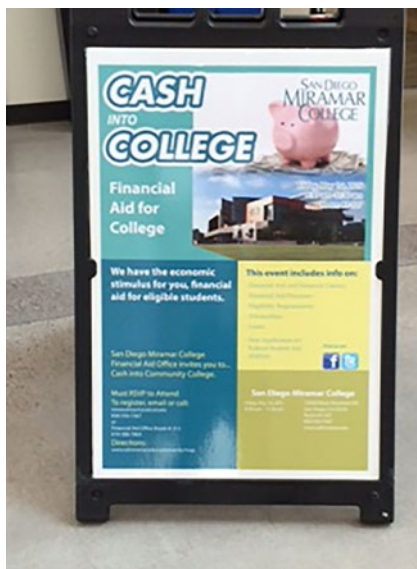
The annual classified Luncheon was held May 21 in K-107. Great BBQ was served and plenty of prizes were handed out to those who wore their classified employee tee shirt.



QUICK HITS

Cash for College

A May 1 Cash for College event drew 45 continuing education students to K-107 to discuss such topics as: FAFSA 101, understanding money, and budgeting.



Michelle Malham, vice president; Olivia Light, Treasurer; Marie Malham, secretary; Josh Nunn, public relations; Angel Torres, public relations; Gio Ricacho, associated students representative.

Outreach Event for Middle Schoolers

One hundred and twenty 7th graders from Black Mountain Middle School Academy came to visit our campus on Thursday, May 14 as part our outreach program.



Financial Aid Workshop held on Campus

Business professor David Wilhelm and the Business Club hosted a MasterYour Money financial literacy workshop on May 1. More than 50 attendees jammed M-105 for the two hour presentation. California Coast Credit Union provided a free lunch for everyone in attendance and they also provided a financial guest speaker.



Business Club Appoints Executive Board

The Miramar Business Club appointed the following people to its Executive Board for 2015-2016: Terrell Vest, president;

Summer Science Program now enrolling

The Summer Science Enrichment Program is now enrolling for its two summer sessions. This program is for kids in 5th grade through 8th grade. The deadline to register is June 5. The cost is \$225.00 and morning snacks are included. The first session runs July 27-July 31 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The second session is August 3-August 7 also from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact Rebecca Bowers-Gentry at 619-388-7241 or s2science@sdccd.edu

PEOPLE



Dean **Paulette Hopkins** will serve as the acting vice president of instruction. This assignment will continue through June 30, 2015, or until an interim vice president has been appointed.

Delia Yvette Valdez, who is in the medical laboratory technician program, was one of eight local students to win a Grossmont Healthcare District Scholarship. Valdez was awarded a \$2,000.00 GHD Health Tech Career scholarship.

Julian Hernandez has taken a transfer opportunity to the district facilities management department. His last day at Miramar College was May 8.

Four women's soccer players signed letters of intent to play at the next level on May 8. **Stephanie Carlson**



signed with Cal-State San Marcos, **Sierra Hall** (UCSD), **Hayden Kelley** (San Jose State), and **Sydni Scolari** (San Diego Christian).



Dan Igou will continue to serve as flex coordinator for 2015-2016.

Mark Manasse has been selected to serve as 2015-2016 BSI coordinator.

Marie McMahon was selected to participate in UCSD's 7th annual PhD Career Conference on May 16. She was part of the PhDs in Education panel. This popular and important event is dedicated to providing concrete and comprehensive perspectives regarding employment and career development for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers.



Judy Patacsil was named Safety Conscious Award winner for counseling our students with depression and aggression issues and keeping them and others safe.

Dr. Cheryl Reed has been appointed faculty editor of the accreditation self-evaluation report.



ACTIVITIES AND 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/faculty/governance. College Executive Committee (CEC) meetings are open to all interested parties.

Inside SDPD

June 13, 2015 • Regional Public Safety Training Institute •
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Summer Classes Begin

June 15, 2015