

## NEWS

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### Mahamoud Named Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Winner



For the 5th consecutive year, San Diego Miramar College has had at least one Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship winner. Ishak Mahamoud was awarded a 2017 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship on April 19 during a surprise ceremony in Dean Adela Jacobson's office. Mahamoud is one of only 55 community college students, from a nationwide pool of nearly 3,000 applicants, selected for this honor. The scholarship is for up to \$40,000.00 per year and is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses-including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees-for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree at a 4-year college or university.

"It was a huge surprise, I certainly didn't expect to win this," said Mahamoud. "It helps a lot because I have 5 other siblings in my family that are all trying to go to college and my parents can't pay for all of them, so this helps tremendously."

Mahamoud, 21, is one of six children born to parents who emigrated from Somalia. He plans to graduate from San Diego Miramar College this May and is still waiting to hear back on acceptances from colleges. He hopes to study electrical engineering next fall at either Cal or UCLA. Mahamoud is a graduate of Mira Mesa High School.

While at Miramar College, Mahamoud was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (Beta Iota Lambda Chapter) Honor Society and was responsible for the construction of the chapter's website.

"This is the kind of student that sat in the front row of my class and had a thirst for critical thinking and knowledge," said Dr. Carmen Jay, director of the San Diego Miramar College Honors Program. "I am beyond excited for Ishak, it has been a journey of a couple years and here is the prize." Ishak and the region's three other winners, were featured in an April 25 U-T article. Click [here](#) to read it.

### Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Miramar College hosted its 23rd annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 12 in L-105. This year, the Miramar College Foundation administered 36 scholarships totaling \$80,325.00. An additional 65 external awards, totaling \$74,949.95, were awarded to deserving students bringing the grand total awarded to \$155,274.95.



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## Accreditation Process Begins for Business Department

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) has accepted San Diego Miramar College's candidacy for ACBSP accreditation of business degree programs offered through its business department.

As a candidate for ACBSP accreditation, San Diego Miramar College will be assigned a mentor to help guide the College through the accreditation

process. The College will be required to prepare a self-study of the current business program. Peer evaluators will then follow-up with a site visit. The ACBSP Associate Degree Board of Commission will grant final approval of accreditation.

"We are delighted to have San Diego Miramar College as a candidate for ACBSP accreditation," said Dr. Steve Parscale, chief accreditation officer for ACBSP. "The fact that Miramar College is pursuing ACBSP accreditation shows their commitment to providing the highest quality business education for their students."

Established in 1988, ACBSP is the only organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels, from associate to baccalaureate to doctoral degree programs. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the business programs offered through the San Diego Miramar College Business Department meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

"San Diego Miramar College is pleased to be affiliated as a member college of ACBSP as they represent the gold standard in measuring the quality of business education at two-year colleges," said David Wilhelm, assistant professor of Business at San Diego Miramar College. "We look forward to strengthening our partnership with ACBSP as we begin the evaluation process toward becoming a nationally accredited program in business." San Diego



"San Diego Miramar College is honored to assist financially in the educational journey of our students," said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, president of Miramar College. "It gives all of us at the College great joy to celebrate this day with our winners and their families."

This event was organized by the College's Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

Miramar College offers more than twenty-one certificates, associate degrees and transfer programs in business or business-related fields of study and the college serves more than 14,700 students of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds each semester.

### Pecenco Quoted in New York Times

Our very own Professor Laura Pecenco was quoted in an April 2 New York Times article on successful prison art programs. Click [here](#) to read the feature as it appeared in the New York Times.



### Kathy Cordes Recognized with Hall of Fame Honor

Former Physical Education Chair Kathy Cordes was inducted into the Society of Health of and Physical Educators Hall of Fame.

Click [here](#) to read the article on Cordes as it appeared in the San Diego Union-Tribune.



### Diesel Technology Program Receives NATEF Accreditation

The Miramar College Diesel Technology Program was recently awarded a Certificate of Accreditation from NATEF for medium/heavy duty trucks in the following areas:

brakes, diesel engines, drive train, electrical/electronic systems, heating and air conditioning, hydraulics, preventive maintenance, and suspension and steering. This is the first time the Diesel Technology Program has received NATEF accreditation.



### Former Foster Youth Initiative

On behalf of the College Connection, Access, & Mentoring Program, Phi Theta Kappa will once again be collecting grocery gift card donations to help support this program. Thanks to the Miramar College family's generosity, we were able to donate almost \$700 last year! We encourage you to purchase gift cards from more affordable retailers (ARCO gas, Food 4 Less, Big Lots, etc.). Please place your gift card in a sealed envelope labeled Former Foster Youth Initiative (C. Jay). Your kind and much appreciated donations can be securely submitted to Carmen Jay in the honors office located inside of Counseling: K-203. DEADLINE: MAY 5. THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

### The Really, Really Free Closet

The RRFC had a great turnout last month! We are happy to report that we provided service to over 189 attendees and gave away over 1,842 pieces of clothing/accessories!



For those interested in knowing what happens next, some clothing items will be stored on campus and the rest will be picked up by a local charity. If you know someone in need of this resource, please connect them with REACT. To learn more about REACT (Researching Equity, Action, and Community for Transformation), please visit us at : <https://miramarreact.com/>

### District Launches Advertising Partnership with CBS8

The San Diego Community College District will continue its partnership with KFMB-TV, San Diego's CBS affiliate, as part of the "Imagine the Possibilities" enrollment marketing campaign. The TV ads, featuring the Miramar College Business Program, are set to air starting in May and will run through October.



Current Miramar College student and Business Club President Josh Nunn will be featured in this round of Miramar College spots. The spots will focus on promoting fall enrollment for the business programs and the college. Last year's spots focused on the Fire Tech and EMT programs. Spots include 90-second and 30-second messages. The KFMB partnership also includes 5-second on-air

"billboards" mentioning the district as a news sponsor. CBS News 8 is consistently rated San Diego's most-watched news program.

### Athletic Banquet

The 3rd Annual Miramar College Athletic Banquet was held April 28 at Stoneridge Country Club in Poway.



Current Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Commissioner John Woods was the featured speaker. The following awards were handed out: men's volleyball coach **John Landicho** was honored as **Coach of the Year** after his volleyball club won its first PCAC conference title in just their third year of existence. **Female Athlete of the Year** went to soccer player **Katie Maddox**, while volleyball player **Levi Vermuielen** won **Male Athlete of the Year**.



### Business Club Meeting

On April 7 the Miramar Business Club hosted two representatives from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC, one of the Big Four accounting firms in the United State who shared information with students about a college internship opportunity which promotes the development of leadership skills at their accounting firm. The Elevate Program is targeted to sophomore level accounting students and is targeted to the college's highest performing



students approximately 24 months from starting a full time career in public accounting. Students gain valuable insight into the work of an accounting firm while discovering leadership skills that can be used throughout one's career. The program is also designed to help students experience

PwC's culture and values through a variety of community service, team-building and networking activities. The meeting was attended by 57 students who were invited from Miramar, Mesa and City College.

### President Hsieh Quoted in Inside Higher Ed

Miramar College President Dr. Patricia Hsieh was in New Orleans this past April to present at the annual meeting of the American Association of Community Colleges. During her presentation, Dr. Hsieh was quoted in [this](#) Inside Higher Ed article about changing the perception of vocational training at 2-year colleges.



## QUICK HITS



### Planning Award

A group of delegates from the College were in San Francisco on April 20 to accept the Research and Planning Group Excellence in Planning Award for our "Student Success Framework for Long Term Integrated Planning" submission which was awarded first place. Click [here](#) to read more about the award.

### Hoefert Wins SkillsUSA Competition

Miramar College student Julian Hoefert placed first in the SkillsUSA Diesel Skills Competition held April 22 on campus. Hoefert now qualifies for the national championships held June 19 in Louisville, KY.



### Distracted Driver Event

For the second consecutive year, the campus hosted a distracted driver's event on Compass Point. The event was organized by the good folks at the Health Services Center.



## Fair Day

April 19th was a busy day on campus. Several employers and 4-year institutions visited campus for the Job Fair (Runway to Your Future), CTE Fair and the Transfer Options Fair. Upcoming graduates, through Grad Fair, also had a chance to purchase their cap and gown for our May 19 commencement ceremony.



## Delta Partnership



San Diego Miramar College has been selected as one of 38 Aircraft Maintenance Technician (AMT) schools nationwide by Delta Airlines. Over the past several months, Delta TechOps evaluated these 38 schools and found that they were determined to meet FAA standards as well as Delta's high principles that exceed industry standards. This partnership will benefit Miramar College aviation students by gaining Delta as a resource for continuous improvement of the AMT program along with Delta's assistance with

marketing the program to prospective students. Additionally, partnering with Delta will broaden access to the benefits of AMT careers available within the global aviation industry.

## A-100 Grand Opening

San Diego Continuing Education held a grand opening ceremony for the newly remodeled A-100 building that will be used for Continuing Education classes. Vice President Ramsey attended the April 27 ceremony on behalf of the College.



## Civil Rights Festival Promoted in U-T

Miramar College held its annual Civil Rights Film Festival on Saturday, April 29. The festival garnered coverage in the San Diego Union-Tribune on April 27. Click [here](#) to read the article.

# PEOPLE

**Bob Bacon**, who was a tennis instructor and past Academic Senate President at Miramar College passed away in March. A gathering to celebrate his life was held April 20 at the 94th Aero Squadron.



Dr. **Becky Stephens** and Dr. **Stefanie Johnson Shipman** have been selected to share the position of Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) Coordinator for San Diego Miramar College for the two-year period of fall 2017 through spring 2019.



**Sandra Romero** is the new senior secretary for the Student Affairs team. Sandra is not a stranger to San Diego Miramar College, she studied Business Administration at Miramar and comes to us with a wealth of experience. Sandra has 16 years of experience in a variety of business settings. She

has previously served as an office manager, supervisor and controller assistant. Sandra briefly worked in Student Affairs at Miramar College many years ago and has experience with commencement and student clubs – certainly an added benefit. Her first day was April 17.

**Terrie Hubbard** has been re-elected as president of the Classified Senate. **Val Sacro** has



been elected as secretary.



The Miramar College men's volleyball racked up plenty of post-season All-PCAC awards:

1st Team: **Levi Vermeulen** and **Zach Wissing**  
2nd Team: Noly Mon and **Nik Gettman**  
Honorable Mention: **Grant Dunlop**  
Coach of the Year: **John Landicho**

# 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/faculty/governance](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/faculty/governance). College Executive Committee (CEC) meetings are open to all interested parties.

### Spring Into College Open House

May 3 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Room L-105

### SDCCD Honors Program Reception

May 3 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • The Prado Restaurant Balboa Park

### Invest In Success

May 6 • 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Coronado, CA

### Miramar College Classified Awards Ceremony

May 9 • 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. • Room L-105

### Summer School Enrollment Begins

May 16

### Commencement

May 19 • 11:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Hourglass Fieldhouse

### Memorial Day

May 29 • Campus closed