

NEWS

December 2017

Patacsil Travels to DC

Thanks in part to Dr. Judy Patacsil, the efforts of the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetRep) were successful in getting the U.S. Congress and Senate to pass legislation which was then signed into law, finally giving the Filipino WWII Veterans the recognition and respect that they deserve by awarding the Congressional Gold Medal for their service. Mental Health Coordinator/Filipino Studies Professor Judy Patacsil joined in these efforts. Recently, she travelled to Washington D.C., as the next of kin, to receive the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of her deceased father who served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines during WWII.

During December we commemorate the bombing of Pearl Harbor which led to the United States entry into WWII. Hours later, the Philippines (which was at that time a



territory of the U.S.) was also bombed. This led Filipino soldiers to join the United States to fight in WWII. The service of these Filipino WWII Veterans helped General McArthur win the war in the Pacific. Filipino WWII Veterans then had to fight for over 75 years to get the recognition for their service because after the war, the United States passed the Rescission Act of 1946.



This act stripped Filipino WWII Veterans of the benefits that they were once promised. To right this wrong, Retired Major General Antonio Taguba has led a movement for Filipino and Filipino American WWII Veterans to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. He is the leader of the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project.

The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetRep) is a nonpartisan, community-based, all-volunteer national initiative whose mission is to raise awareness through academic research and public information and obtain national recognition of Filipino and Filipino-American WWII Soldiers across the United States and Philippines for their wartime service to the U.S. and the Philippines from July 1941 to December 1946.

Parking Structure Opens

On December 4, students arrived on campus to find the G4 parking garage open for business. This new structure will accommodate 499 cars. This garage is located at the south end of campus and may be accessed by Gold Coast, Black Mountain or North Campus Drive. G4 has 48 marked Staff parking spaces, 9 Disabled parking spaces and 442 Student



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parking spaces. We anticipate increased traffic through the center of campus to G4. Please drive and walk safely.

Business Club Hosts Panel Discussion

The Miramar College Business Club held an “Accounting/ Finance Panel” speaker workshop held on December 1 in Library Auditorium, L-105. Twenty-five participants attended the event. The five guest speakers did a terrific job in sharing their perspective on achieving success in a career path in the accounting and finance profession. They each had valuable experience in representing their respective industries of financial planning, banking, consumer goods and health care. In particular, each speaker provided valuable information on their role and suggestions on

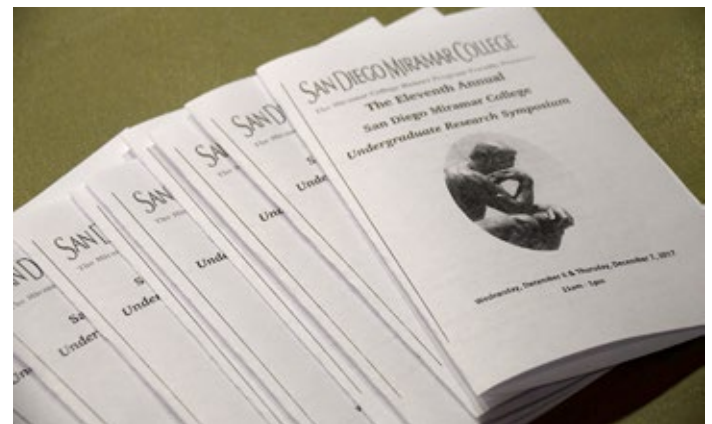


achieving success in the profession and had good insight on the future career opportunities available to students. An Entrepreneurship workshop was held on Dec. 8 and was attended by 13 students.

The Miramar Business Club also created a video to highlight all the activities and events the club took part in during the fall 2017 semester. Click [here](#) to view that video.

Annual Honors Research Symposium

The Honors Program hosted another successful Honors Student Research Symposium over a two-day period in early December. The annual symposium featured research projects, presentations and posters designed by Miramar College Honors students.



Holiday Ball

The 2017 Winter Holiday Ball was held on Dec. 8 at MCAS Miramar Officer's Club. [Here](#) is a photo gallery of the evening. Thanks to the Classified Senate for putting on a memorable evening and Joan Mize for providing these photos.



Annual Report to Community

The 2016-2017 Annual Report to the Community is now available! You can read about the wonderful accomplishments for Miramar College at the [link](#) provided.



QUICK HITS

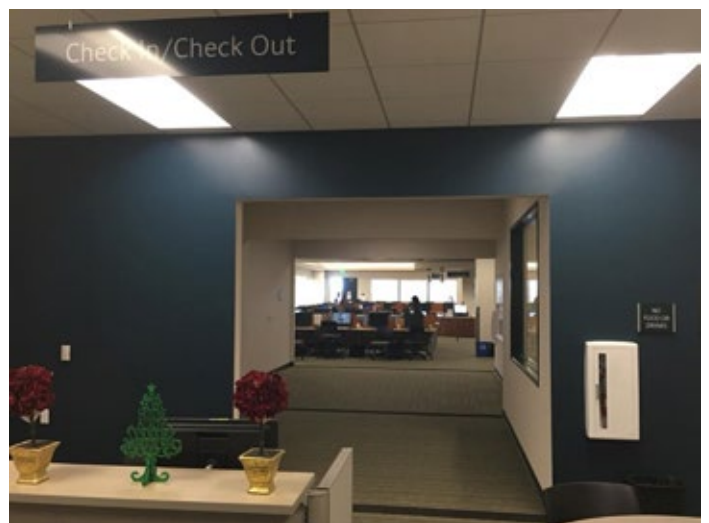
Campus Closed

The San Diego Community College District will be closed for business from Thursday, December 21, through Monday, January 1, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2. During the closure, all campus buildings, the District Office and the District Service Center will be secured. In addition, there will be no heating or air conditioning provided to buildings except in those areas requiring 24-hour monitoring, and there will be minimal police presence on campus. Faculty and staff should not be on site unless prior approval has been received from your campus president or your department Vice Chancellor.

Renovation Complete

The ILC is now connected to the Academic Success Center! A hallway was completed in early December

connecting the two so that students will have better access to the services they need to succeed.



PEOPLE



After 23 years teaching at Miramar College, Sandy Slivka is retiring. A farewell ceremony was held for Sandy on Dec. 6 in M-202. Dr. Slivka began

as a biology professor for the college in 1994. In 2003, she assumed directorship of the Southern California Biotechnology Center. She served as Sector Navigator for the Life Sciences/Biotechnology Sector for the CCCCO from 2013-2017.

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.

Intersession Classes Begin

January 2

Men's Basketball at MiraCosta Tournament

January 2-5 • 12:00pm • MiraCosta College

Men's Basketball at Mt. San Jacinto

January 13 • 3:00pm

Men's Basketball vs. Desert

January 17 • 5:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball at Palomar

January 19 • 7:00pm

Men's Basketball at San Bernardino Valley

January 24 • 7:00pm

Men's Basketball vs. MiraCosta

January 27 5:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Adjunct Faculty Meeting

January 23 • 5:30-7:30 • L-105

FLEX Week

January 22-26

Spring 2018 Classes Begin

January 29