

NEWS

January 2018

New Dean Hired

Dr. Linda Woods is the new dean of the School of Mathematics, Biological, Exercise and Physical Sciences (MBEPS). Linda earned her Ph.D. at the University of California, San Diego in Chemistry, where she also received her M.S. in Chemistry.



She possesses two bachelor degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley and completed her post-doctoral research at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla. Her research interests and skills include experience in organic and organometallic compound synthesis and isolation.

Dr. Woods has an extensive teaching history at several universities and colleges including Miramar College, MiraCosta College, and the University of San Diego. She has vast experience teaching organic chemistry labs and lectures, as well as those for general chemistry. In her 10 year-tenure at Miramar College, Dr. Woods also served in many leadership roles including Physical Sciences Department Chair, 2010 Accreditation Co-Chair, PIEC Co-Chair, Academic Affairs Co-Chair, and Hiring Committee Co-Chair. Notably, in 2015, Linda was honored with the San Diego American Chemical Society Outstanding Chemistry Educator Award.

Three Miramar College Students Named JCK Semifinalists

Miramar College students Restileon Asuncion, William Deeley and Daria Zavyalova have been named semifinalists

for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The JCK Foundation has selected 534 high-achieving community college students from across the U.S. as semifinalists, from a pool of nearly 2,500 applicants. This highly competitive scholarship will offer selected finalists as much as \$40,000 per year for up to three years to complete their bachelor's degrees at selective four-year colleges and universities.

Miramar College has produced at least one winner in each of the last 5 years.

Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholars will be selected in April, based on their academic performance, leadership, perseverance, and service to others.

\$8,000.00 Grant Received

The Miramar College Foundation will ring in the new year by accepting a generous grant of \$8,000.00 from the Ellen G. & Edward G. Wong Family Foundation. The grant will go toward the College's general scholarship fund.

"We are extremely grateful for the support of the Ellen G. & Edward G. Wong Family Foundation," said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, president of San Diego Miramar College. "Each year, thanks in part to donors such as the Ellen G. & Edward G. Wong Family Foundation, the College is able to provide crucial scholarship dollars to students in need. The College cannot sustain these types of financial gifts without the continued generous support of our community partners."

In 2017, Miramar College hosted its 23rd annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and gave out \$155,274.95 in scholarships. In April 2018, the College will again host its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 25 in the L-105 auditorium.



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MLK Events

Miramar College staff and students had a busy Martin Luther King Jr. weekend around town. The fun began on Friday morning when administrators and staff attended the MLK Jr. Human Dignity Awards Ceremony at the Town and Country. A day later, a delegation from the college attended the MLK Educators Breakfast at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. The highlight of the weekend was the parade which took place on Sunday along Harbor Drive in downtown. The final event attended was the All People's Celebration on Monday, Jan. 15 at the Balboa Park Activity Center.



Thanks to the leadership of ASG President Alana Bermodes, Joseph Hankinson, and Dean Cheryl Barnard, and the excellent work and collaboration of ASG, the 2018 Miramar College MLK Parade Float was a huge success.

Congratulations to ASG and all the others who contributed to the great Float!

Panera Fundraiser

In an effort to raise money for our Freshman Scholarship Fund, the Miramar College Foundation is hosting a fundraiser at the Mira Mesa Panera location (10751 Westview Parkway) on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The event takes place from 4pm-8pm. A flyer has been emailed and you must bring the flyer to the restaurant on the day of the event for the Foundation to receive a percentage of the sales. Panera will donate 20% of the proceeds to the Miramar College Foundation. Proceeds will go toward the Foundation's goal of raising \$375,000 to endow our Freshman Scholarship program. Each year, the College provides 15 incoming freshman, from our feeder schools, with a \$300.00 scholarship. If you need an extra flyer or have not yet received one via email, please feel free to contact Steve Quis.

Union Bank Donates \$2,500.00

The San Diego Miramar College Foundation received a \$2,500.00 sponsorship donation from Union Bank to help support its annual Invest in Success fundraising event to be held May 5, 2018 in Rancho Santa Fe. The annual Invest in Success Fundraiser is the College's main vehicle for raising funds for its Freshman Scholarship program.

"Again this year, Union Bank has been gracious enough to serve as a sponsor of our successful Invest in Success

fundraiser and we can't thank them enough," said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, president of San Diego Miramar College. "Union Bank's sponsorship of this event will help us to meet our goal of raising \$45,000.00, which will move us closer to endowing the College's annual Freshman Scholarship program."

Each year, the Miramar College Freshman Scholarship program provides a \$300.00 scholarship to 15 incoming freshman, three from each of the College's service area high schools of Mira Mesa, Serra, Scripps Ranch, University City and Twain Mesa School. These scholarships are awarded each April at the College's Scholarship Awards Ceremony held on campus.

The Foundation has an ambitious overall goal of raising \$375,000.00 to endow the annual freshman scholarships.

New Food Options

Smart Market vending machines have been installed in the Student Services building just in time for the start of the spring semester. This vending system will augment existing food services on campus and will be available evenings and Saturday when other food services are closed. There will be a wide selection of snacks, drinks and meals. Smart Market staff was on site the first week of school to provide customer training on use and setting up accounts.



Guided Pathways Dialogue Begins

A Guided Pathways dialogue took place during Flex Week. A variety of topics were discussed. The expectation for this meeting was to give the campus community an opportunity to learn the following: more about the statewide initiative; understand the Guided Pathways self-assessment document and the process for completing this document, reviewing the completed self-assessment document, and encourage classroom faculty to be involved in the Guided Pathways plan. A total of 139 faculty, classified professionals, managers, and students attended the Dialogue. The participants had an opportunity to learn/be reminded of that together the California Community Colleges (CCC) GP's framework is based on student experience with a focus on student success for all students. By reviewing the completed CCC GP Self-Assessment, the participants commented on some of the gaps that the College must address. For example, course sequencing. The comments solidified the need to encourage faculty's collaboration with Student Services at a deeper and broader level by using data in addition to sharing their expertise in the classroom. Per the state chancellor's email in May 2017, this is one of the goals that California community colleges are expected to focus on within CCC GP framework. The next step is for constituency leaders to share with their constituency members the Academic Senate's authored GP proposal emailed to the constituency leaders on 12/12/2017 afternoon. CEC will discuss the feedback received from each constituency at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, 2/6/2018. As communicated, CEC is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

QUICK HITS



Diesel Building Painted

The C-1 diesel technology building was painted over the break and now looks marvelous.

Spring Adjunct Meeting

The Spring 2018 adjunct faculty meeting was held on January 23.



Campus Expo

An information, health and fitness expo was held on Jan. 10. Various vendors were in K-107 to offer their services to staff and students who took the time to stop by.



Gonzalez Presents

Laura González (Anthropology), and her co-author Erik Ozolins from Mt. San Jacinto College, gave the keynote presentation at the California Community Colleges Anthropology Teachers Conference on January 13, 2018 in Paso Robles, CA. The title of their presentation is "Supporting Transgender and Non-Binary Community College Students on Campus."



Community College Night

The outreach team attended the Poway Unified School District's Community College Night on Jan. 30. The event took place at the Rancho Bernardo High School Performing Arts Center. Prospective students learned about the College's services. Student ambassador Barbara Madlova was part of a four-person panel that represented area community colleges and provided information for the more than 500 in attendance.



PEOPLE

Lilly Cava is the new Miramar Bookstore Supervisor. Lily has been a part of the Campus Store for 23 years (13 years as a contract staff member) and has been committed to student success and dedicated to the Miramar community every day.

Cassie Morton is the new supervising manager for the School of Business, Technical Careers & Workforce Initiatives (BTCWI). Cassie has worked with City College and the San Diego Community College District since 1991 as a dean of Business, Information Technology, Cosmetology and Child Development, program director of City Middle College, manager of Economic and Workforce Development, associate dean, vocational education grant



facilitator, and recently as a counselor at City College.

Cassie Morton earned her M.S. in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from San Diego State University, and her Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles. She has also completed classes in Educational Leadership at the University of San Diego.

In her professional career, Cassie has been a part of, or chaired, many committees and community councils including San Diego Workforce Investment Board, California Youth Connection Board of Directors, Coronado Historical Association Board of Directors, in addition to various other community leadership roles.

The Counseling Department is proud to announce that **Kirk Webley** was elected to serve as our department chair for the remainder of the term that goes through June 30, 2019.

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.

Men's Volleyball vs. Santa Barbara

February 2 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Mt. San Jacinto

February 3 • 5:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Panera Fundraiser

February 7 • 4:00pm-8:00pm • Mira Mesa Panera

10751 Westview Parkway

Men's Volleyball vs. Antelope Valley

February 7 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball at Desert

February 7 • 5:00pm

SDCCD Board Meeting at Miramar College

February 8 • 4:00pm • L-105

Men's Volleyball vs. Long Beach

February 9 • 2:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Palomar

February 9 • 7:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Add/Drop/Refund Deadline

February 9

Men's Volleyball vs. San Bernardino Valley

February 13 • 5:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Selma Film Screening

February 13 • 12:30pm • Student Lounge K-101 Building

ASC Grand Opening

February 14 • 1:30pm-3:00pm • L-101

Men's Basketball at MiraCosta

February 15 • 6:00pm

Men's Volleyball vs. Golden West

February 16 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Volleyball vs. Orange Coast

February 21 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Men's Volleyball at Fullerton

February 23 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Savage Acts Film Screening

February 27 • 7:00pm • H-104

Men's Volleyball vs. Irvine Valley

February 28 • 6:00pm • Hourglass Fieldhouse

Find a class for Spring 2018 <http://schedule.sdccd.edu>

Save the Date

May 5, 2018 • 4:00-7:00pm

Tickets purchased before April 9, 2018:
\$125/person • \$200/couple
Buy 10 tickets before April 9 for \$1,000

Tickets purchased after April 9, 2018:
\$150/person • \$225/couple
Buy 10 tickets after April 9 for \$1,250

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