

NEWS

September 2020

Fall Semester Kick-Off

Miramar College was the darling of the local media on day 1 of the fall 2020 semester. Both NBC7 and KUSI-TV joined us on the first day of instruction to cover our back to school protocols. Both stations spent the morning covering the start of the Firefighter I Academy. President Lundburg, Student Services Technician Sara Haddad Griswold and students Hiro Fainza and Jillian Fortner were all interviewed and all of them did amazing!

President Lundburg Interview (KUSI-TV)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zUOSDx-DME&feature=youtu.be>

Promise Student Interviews (KUSI-TV)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=si59EqQcnzo>

Fire Tech Interview (KUSI-TV)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Unz2CYJUT4E>



President Wes Lundburg on NBC7



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NBC7 Morning Hits

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpnBlcqAfg4>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZ0hhmmn_bk
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZa_YDVh2Bw

NBC7 11am coverage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0GnQ9ZykSo>

EMT Program Takes Possession of Ambulance

Miramar College's annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony was held Friday, Sept. 11 at noon inside the Fire Tech grinder. The ceremony was a combination virtual



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presentation with an in-person component due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Miramar College Fire Tech/EMT program accepted a donation of a Mercedes-Benz ambulance from Falck in remembrance of fallen first responders. Miramar College offers an accredited Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program which prepares students for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians-EMT examination. Falck presented the keys with leaders from the company personally delivering the vehicle to the college.

“This is really going to add on another dimension to our student’s training,” said Mary Kjartanson, EMT program director at San Diego Miramar College. “It will allow us to contextualize their learning more by providing a legitimate experience and doing assessments in the back of an ambulance. So we are delighted and grateful for all that Falck has done for us.”

The donated vehicle will provide students pursuing a career in first response with interactive and firsthand experience in emergency medical transportation scenarios. “Falck is dedicated to enhancing the education and development of the future EMT and Paramedic workforce, and acknowledging the responsibility and sacrifice of all first responders,” said Falck’s Director of Clinical Operations, Dannie Wurtz. “Having more experienced students and instructors will not only benefit the college but the San Diego region at large. These ambulances will help ensure that students are trained on the latest equipment and graduate their programs prepared to address patients right away.”

The ambulance is stocked with basic equipment to bring realistic training to the classroom, expanding training from

the classroom to an action-based setting. The vehicle will be used for hands-on simulation training with students as they gain an understanding of the life-saving equipment and techniques used by professionals in the limited space inside an ambulance.

Miramar College has implemented remote learning platforms, with opportunities for in-person and safely distant hands-on training. The vehicle is expected to generate excitement among the students and become a vital component in their education. As the global leader in emergency medical and ambulance services, Falck is committed to safeguarding the health of patients, members of the public, and its workforce of paramedics, EMTs, Registered Nurses and physicians.

The delivery of the ambulances included a brief and safely distanced ceremony, incorporating CDC guidelines in accordance with appropriate protocols. As part of its annual 9/11 Remembrance event, the San Diego Miramar College program included a speech from retired SDFD Captain and USAR Taskforce 8 Member, Ron Edrozo. Prior to his speech, there was a flag lowering, ceremonial bell ringing and the playing of live bag pipes.

Chancellor’s Forum Recap

Chancellor Carroll held the final Chancellor’s Forum of her 17-year career in the District’s top spot. The Sept. 23 forum was held via Zoom and was one of the more informative and important to date. The Chancellor will retire in June 2021 and she described this forum as a “business meeting.” Near the end of the presentation, the Chancellor said that there would be no layoffs for contract faculty and employees. She also said she understands the staffing issues needed at Miramar College.

The forum started with Chancellor Carroll expressing her thanks to all us, “While I am excited to move on to the next chapter, I am not excited about leaving the most



remarkable people on the planet.” It was also announced that President Lundburg will chair the SDCCD College Police Review Taskforce.

With an election upcoming on Nov. 3, the Chancellor reminded all of us to vote “our conscious” and look down the ballot for the areas concerning the San Diego Community College District. The board seats of Trustees Bernie Rhinerson and Mary Graham are up for re-election this November.

The Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor, Business and Technology Services Bonnie Ann Dowd went over the new funding formula stressing that 70% of our funding now comes from enrollment. The FTES budget target for the '20-'21 year will be 8,735 FTES for Miramar College. The state is facing a \$54 billion budget deficit that will impact SDCCD. The District’s budget for the year will be \$780 million with Miramar College receiving \$62.6 million (\$40.9 million unrestricted/\$21.7 million restricted). With such significant deficits facing the state and the district, the Board of Trustees will discuss, at its Oct. 8 meeting, the process of borrowing funds to make up for shortfalls.

The Chancellor announced that the district will remain conservative in its approach to COVID-19 and most classes for Intersession and Spring 2021 will remain remote. As for a return to campus for employees, a phased in approach is being discussed for mid-spring if COVID-19 numbers improve county wide.

Miramar College Named NC3 “School on the Rise”

Miramar College was named an NC3 “School on the Rise” at the 7th Annual Leadership Summit hosted by the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3). Only 11 institutions, nationally, won awards for their leadership and innovation in career and technical education. Each year at NC3’s Annual Leadership Summit, awards are presented to top-performing institutions in the NC3 Network.

“This is a wonderful achievement!” said Jesse

Lopez, dean of the School of Business, Technical Careers, and Workforce Initiatives. “This award demonstrates our dedication to offering industry-aligned curriculum and our focus on third-party credentials. Most importantly, this award is a testament to the dedication of our faculty and staff and their commitment to student success.”

The NC3 “School on the Rise” Award is a monthly achievement granted to schools that have shown consistent growth in issued certifications as well as dedication to career and technical education since joining the NC3 Network.

Miramar College joined the NC3 Network in 2014 and has steadily increased its number of issued certifications year-after-year. As an NC3 Leadership School, Miramar College offers 20 different Snap-on Automotive Certifications to its students.

To support its commitment to strong workforce development, the College annually hosts a “Discover Your Drive” event for SDUSD students whereby students participate in hands-on demonstrations and presentations geared toward careers in advanced transportation. This special event allows high school students to learn about exciting careers in automotive, diesel technology, and aviation. This event offers prospective students a special preview of career education programs which lead directly to high-wage careers. In October, the School of BTCWI also holds a similar event, “Discover Your Passion”, for San

Diego Unified students interested in the child development and early education pathway.

Additionally, Miramar College hosts an annual signing day event for Career Technical Education students. The NC3 Signing Day Ceremony normally attracts nearly 100 high school students from the San Diego Unified School District. Students visit the campus to sign letters of intent for a career education program such as Aviation, Auto Technology, Biotechnology, Child Development, Diesel Technology, and Fire Technology.



During the 2019-2020 academic year, the School of BTCWI also piloted a Career Ambassador program to enhance peer-to-peer mentoring on campus. The mentorship program focuses on supporting academic and career success, while increasing access, retention, persistence, and completion.

To learn more about the NC3 Network and to see photos as well as video testimonials from this year's award winners, please visit www.NC3.net. Also, be sure to follow NC3 on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook to further join us as we celebrate these high-achieving institutions!

QUICK HITS



Food Distribution

Once per week during the month of September, Miramar College volunteers gathered outside of the pool area to host a food distribution. Students in need can make a reservation through the Student Services Office to receive items from our food pantry.

Resumes That Work

The Career Center in partnership with The Well held a pair of interactive workshops for students that assisted

students with resume writing. Resumes that Earn Interviews was held Sept. 8 and Sept. 17.

Murphy Receives ASG Award

Dr. Laura Murphy received an ASG Champion of Student Success Award for the 2019-2020 academic year. The award goes to an instructor(s) who provided exceptional contributions to the students of Miramar College during the year.



PEOPLE



Dr. Ali X. Gonzalez has been selected as EOPS/Special Programs Counselor and joins the Miramar Counseling Department as our newest contract faculty member. August 24 was his first day at Miramar College. He has a wealth of experience

working with disproportionately impacted populations, including serving in counseling/advising roles for City College CalWORKs, Cerritos College Counseling and CSU Long Beach College of Liberal Arts.

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.

8-Week Classes Begin

October 12

Guided Pathways Retreat: Part 2

October 16 • Via Zoom • 9:30am-12:30pm

Withdrawal Deadline (Primary Session)

October 23