Annual Report to the Community
Miramar College 2015-2016
About San Diego Miramar College
One of three colleges within the San Diego Community College District, San Diego Miramar College offers associate degrees, certificates of completion, and the first two years of a bachelor’s degree. Founded in 1969, and located in Mira Mesa, the college services 14,000 students annually. The College offers 67 associate degrees and 90 career technical education certificates. Partnerships with local industry and the City and County of San Diego prepare students for high demand and well-paying careers in the highly competitive labor market, including biotechnology, paralegal (ABA approved), aviation (FAA-certified), automotive, diesel and advanced transportation and energies. Miramar College is home to the Southern California Biotechnology Center, Advanced Transportation and Energy Center and the San Diego Regional Public Safety Institute, which comprises the San Diego Law Enforcement Academy and the Fire Technology & EMT program. Since 1969, the college has provided training for nearly all law enforcement and firefighters in San Diego County. Miramar College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Mission Statement
San Diego Miramar College’s mission is to prepare students to succeed in a complex and dynamic world by providing quality instruction and services in an environment that supports and promotes diversity, equity, and success, while emphasizing innovative programs and partnerships to facilitate student completion for transfer preparation, workforce training, and/or career advancement.
Message from President Patricia Hsieh

I am pleased to share with you this Report to the Community and some highlights from an exciting 2015-2016 academic year.

Thanks to the passage of Propositions S and N, the San Diego Miramar College campus continues to grow. By the end of the Fall 2015 semester, construction was completed on our new 49,000-square-foot, $34-million dollar science building expansion. The new S6 science expansion houses 9 new state-of-the-art labs, a rooftop greenhouse, ports for 12 telescopes, and 30 private faculty offices. We are now able to expand our science class offerings. The new Science Building is on track to obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

In December, the College completed a vernal pools and interpretive trails project on a 12-acre “underutilized” parcel of land located on the northwest corner of campus. The area features vernal pools, a boardwalk, low-lighted pathways, full perimeter fence with access gates for training classes, decomposed granite path, ecosystem education area and biological garden information signage. It is open to the public Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

This project, sustained by the Miramar College Environmental Stewardship Committee, will serve as an outdoor interpretive lab for the Miramar College Biology department.

A big focus for the academic year was degree completion. I am excited to report that San Diego Miramar College saw a 15% increase in the number of degrees conferred over last year. The College also saw a 13% increase in the number of certificates earned.

The College formed a partnership with Scripps Ranch High School in the Fall of 2015 to offer a 15-unit dual enrollment business program to current Juniors. The first cohort included 63 students, who took Business 100 and Principles of Marketing on the Scripps Ranch High School campus.

For the 5th consecutive year, the College produced a Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship winner. Thaimae Le was awarded $40,000.00 a year, for up to 3 years, to pursue her bachelor’s degree at UCSD. And there’s so much more.

I invite you to peruse this report and learn, in further detail, about all the wonderful accomplishments San Diego Miramar College has achieved over the last academic year!

Vision

San Diego Miramar College will be a hub of education, diversity, and services to our community:

San Diego Miramar College, in keeping with this vision, supports and emphasizes the following guiding values:

- Access, learning, and success of all students to achieve their educational goals
- A culture that embraces civility, responsibility, and appreciation from a global perspective
- Accomplishments of individuals, groups, and the college as a whole
- Diversity of our students, staff, faculty, and programs that reflect our community
- Creativity, innovation, flexibility, and excellence in teaching, learning, and service
- The ability to recognize and respond to opportunities and challenges emerging from a complex and dynamic world
- Sustainable practices in construction, curriculum, and campus culture
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Participatory governance and communication
- A Culture of evidence, collaborative inquiry, and action that focuses on the student experience
Building a Better Tomorrow

Since the passages of Propositions S & N, the campus has grown beyond recognition. While construction is slowly winding down, there are two big additions to the campus for the academic year:

S6 Science Building

In November, grand opening ceremonies were held to celebrate San Diego Miramar College’s newest facility, the two-story, 49,000-square-foot, Science Building addition. The new Science Building is connected to the existing Science Building by a second floor bridge. The roof houses a greenhouse, observatory stands and ports for 12 telescopes, and a telescope storage warehouse. The first floor has two lecture rooms, a storage warehouse, and 30 private faculty offices with several conference, collaboration, and break areas. The second floor houses nine laboratories with over 3,000 square feet of specialty science rooms, technician offices, and supply storage areas. The Science Building is on track to obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification.
Certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) – one of over 40 certified buildings built or planned across the San Diego Community College District.

Vernal Pools

The northwest corner of San Diego Miramar College (Black Mountain Road & Hillery Drive) got “in touch” with its wildlife side at the end of the Fall 2015 semester. Beginning in mid-August, the 12-acre parcel was transformed into a landscape featuring vernal pools and interpretive trails. This section of land is home to the federally protected San Diego Fairy Shrimp, which is a soft bodied crustacean that is less than an inch long when fully grown. The endangered San Diego Mesa Mint plant also grows on the land.

California vernal pools are a rare type of seasonal wetland that exists in very few places on earth. Vernal pools are different from wetlands, ponds or lakes because they only hold water for a few weeks. The area features vernal pools, a boardwalk, low-lighted pathways, full perimeter fence with access gates for training classes, decomposed granite path, ecosystem education area and biological garden information signage. It is open to the public Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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Administration Building Certified LEED Gold

San Diego Miramar College’s Administration building was awarded a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification for sustainable design by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). The USGBC is an organization that recognizes best-in-class green building strategies and practices. The Miramar College Administration building, which finished construction in September of 2014, is one of a total of 43 projects in the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) awarded or tracking certification.
Miramar College Named Military Friendly
San Diego Miramar College has been designated a 2016 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds, and publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM jobsSM and Military Spouse. Now in its seventh year, the original, premier Military Friendly® Schools designation provides service members and their families with transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

San Diego Miramar College received this honor by offering the following services to Veterans, active duty military and their dependents: Classes offered on base at MCAS Miramar; a Veterans Affairs office that staffs a full-time Veterans Affairs Specialist; the college received a sizable grant from San Diego Gas & Electric to develop the “Vets-2-Jets” program. This successful program offers varied grants to cover books, tuition, and living expenses; our transfer center assists military students by providing a pathway for transfer to 4-year institutions; the college’s student health services assists with screening for depression, anxiety, and PTSD; awarding of credit for military training and experience according to ACE recommendation guidelines.

SDG&E Provides $25,000 Grant to Fund Veterans Program
The College received a $25,000.00 grant from San Diego Gas & Electric for its Vets-2-Jets program.

Miramar College created the Vets-2-Jets program to remove the financial barriers that negatively impact the academic success of disabled Veterans. Through the career placement center, the program is able to assist Veterans, who have a 15% or greater
VA disability rating, with text book assistance, laptops for loan, and at times help with utility bills, housing and transportation needs. The funds are also used to sponsor on-campus movie nights and BBQ’s for all Veterans. To date, the Vets-2-Jets program has purchased textbooks for over 100 Veterans.

With its close proximity to MCAS Miramar, San Diego Miramar College served the needs of 2,198 students who declared as active duty military or veteran during the last academic year.

**Miramar Secures Grant to Lead State Effort on Advancing Alternative Fuels and Technology**

The College secured a $2-million grant to drive a state effort that trains technicians to repair and maintain vehicles using alternative fuels and advanced transportation technologies.

The bulk of the three-year grant going to Miramar College’s Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Center will be spent working with community colleges statewide in developing curriculum, acquiring equipment and training instructors who are educating students and faculty about clean fuels technology. The remainder will go directly toward educating technicians already in the workforce in becoming better versed in alternative fuels technology, enabling them to master the maintenance of buses and other vehicles that run on compressed natural gas or electric power.

The money is being provided by the California Energy Commission through its Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program.

**Medical Laboratory Technician Training Program Receives NAACLS Accreditation**

The Medical Laboratory Technician Training program (MLTT) has been awarded initial accreditation for a two year period by the NAACLS (National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences). The Board of Directors’ award is based on the initial accreditation review process that included a site visit in Spring 2015.

“When Miramar College’s MLTT program was approved by the California Department of Public Health back in 2010, there were fewer than 70 licensed MLTT’s in the state,” said Sandra Slivka, professor of Biology and director of the Southern California Biotechnology Center at Miramar College. “Miramar College is one of seven community colleges in the state that worked to address the need for 2-year graduates in MLT with a California license.”

Since the program’s inception, 182 students have enrolled with 101 completing the program to date. Fifty-eight graduates have opted for California licensure; the exam pass rate is 90% or greater. Forty-nine graduates are verified as employed to date with 15 of those securing employment with our clinical partner LabCorps, Inc. Graduates from an NAACLS accredited institution qualify for medical lab technician employment throughout the entire United States and not just California.

**Future Firefighters to be put to the Test at Miramar College**

The College’s state-of-the-art Fire Technology and Emergency Medical Technology facility will serve as a Candidate Physical Ability Testing (CPAT) center thanks to a $44,000.00 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant provided by the County of San Diego. Previously, firefighter candidates had to travel to Orange County or Sacramento to undergo their mandatory CPAT training. The Firefighter Candidate Testing Center (FCTC), the agency that administers the CPAT examinations, has also selected Miramar College as the state’s third testing site.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant will allow for the purchase of vital equipment necessary to successfully prepare local firefighting candidates.

The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) simulates skills needed for search and rescue, high-rise response, forcible entry and other functions. Through CPAT, firefighting candidates can take written and physical ability testing and be certified for hiring eligibility at departments throughout the state.
$147,000.00 in Scholarships Handed Out

Miramar College hosted its 22nd annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 13. This year, the Miramar College Foundation administered 37 scholarships to 170 recipients totaling $85,799.00. An additional 57 external awards, totaling $62,101.00, was awarded to deserving students bringing the grand total to $147,900.00.

TSA Graduation

On July 29, seven TSA employees graduated with a certificate of completion in the Homeland Security Education Transportation Series. TSA contracts with Miramar College for their employees to continue their education by taking three courses: Intro to Homeland Security, Intelligence Analysis and Security Management and Transportation and Border Security. The graduation ceremony was held in L-105.

Dual Enrollment Business Program Launches at SRHS

San Diego Miramar College launched a 15-unit dual enrollment business program at Scripps Ranch High School. Sixty-three high school juniors are currently enrolled in the program which began September 8, 2015. Classes are taught on the Scripps Ranch High School campus by Miramar College faculty.

The course work will apply toward both an associate degree and is transferrable to the Cal-State University system.

“This is being done to address the needs for early workforce development and training for the future,” said Business Professor David Wilhelm. “This is a perfect program for a young entrepreneur or someone who wants to get a jump on college. The units will transfer to most Cal-State schools that the College has an articulation agreement with and the Introduction to Business course will also transfer to most of the ten UC schools.”

“Enrolled students will receive both high school elective credit and college credits for each course completed,” said Ann Menna, principal at Scripps Ranch High School. “We believe that this will give our students a head start on college completion and will give them better opportunities to succeed once they get there.”

The following courses will be offered: Introduction to Business, Principles of Marketing, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Business Plan Development and a 2-3 unit internship.

P-51 Mustang Dedication

Hundreds of aviation buffs gathered on April 9 for the dedication ceremony of Miss Kentucky State, the completely restored WWII era P-51 Mustang that Miramar College aviation students helped to bring back to life. The project took 100 weeks to complete and when finally finished, three Miramar College alums and two Miramar College student interns were part of the completion team.
Vice President of Instruction Paulette Hopkins was a featured speaker during the program which took place at Allen Airways Museum. The airplane was quickly disassembled and placed on a truck for transport to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. It was dedicated on April 21 with over 1,000 in attendance. This was a replica of the plane flown over Italy in WWII.

5-Star Chapter
The College’s Beta Iota Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa achieved something that it had never achieved before. The honor society chapter was awarded Five Star Chapter status in February. There are 104 chapters active in the Nevada/California region, and only seven achieved this honor.

Commencement 2016
The College hosted its largest-ever commencement ceremony on May 13 in Hourglass Fieldhouse. A school record 291 students participated in graduation exercises.

This academic year, Miramar College conferred 754 associate degrees, an increase of 15% from a year ago. Another 489 Certificates of Achievement were earned this year, an increase of 13% over last academic year.

San Diego Fire and Rescue Chief Brian Fennessy delivered the keynote address to the graduates. Fennessy, who was recently named the College’s 2016 Distinguished Alumni, attended the Miramar College Fire Academy and graduated in October 1990. He has been employed by San Diego Fire and Rescue since 1990 and was recently sworn in as the City’s 17th Fire Chief on November 12, 2015.

Phi Theta Kappa President Randy Dexter spoke on behalf of the students.
Le Wins Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

Thaimassage Le was awarded a 2016 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Le is one of only 75 community college students, from a nationwide pool of 2,400 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.

“This has been a grueling process since the application opened last October,” said Le at a surprise ceremony held in her honor. “I have had a lot of self-doubts, but I said to myself ‘I can do this, I can show people that I am not the same person I was 10 years ago’ and now I will be the first person in my immediate and extended family to attend a university.”

Le, 28, graduated on May 13, 2016 with an Associate Degree for Transfer after majoring in English while at Miramar College. She will enroll at UCSD this upcoming fall to study English Literature. Her goal is to become a college professor.

While at Miramar College, Le was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (Beta Iota Lambda Chapter) Honor Society serving as vice president and public relations director. She also served as a supplemental instruction coach at The PLACE, Miramar College’s on campus tutoring center. Le was named to the 2016 All-California Academic Team, was named a 2015 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, is the co-founder of Miramar College’s Pay It Forward Experience, and is the editor of PTK Press.

The College has produced at least one JKC Scholarship winner in each of the last 5 years.
Male Sport Athlete of the Year Drew Peterson accepted an offer to play basketball at University of Alaska-Anchorage.

Army Veteran and Miramar College student Randy Dexter was featured in the November 2015 issue of Guideposts. Randy and his service dog “Captain” were very popular on campus this past academic year.

Miramar College student and Phi Theta Kappa Vice President Thaimae Le was selected as a 2015 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. This scholarship, worth $1,000, is designed to provide new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college while also encouraging participation in Society programs.

Associated Student Council President Olivia Light spent Feb. 1 in Sacramento talking with legislators at the annual Legislative Conference sponsored by the Community College League of California. Student leaders from the district advocated for community college affordability.

Phi Kappa Theta President Randy Dexter and Vice President Thaimae Le made the All-California Academic 2nd Team. They were honored at a March 24 awards ceremony in Sacramento. This prestigious honor is handed down by Phi Theta Kappa and the California League of Community Colleges. The criteria to make an all-academic team includes leadership, academic excellence and service to the community.

A team of Miramar College students placed second at the “Idea2Innovate” regional competition hosted by San Diego Mesa College on April 8. Students presented their business plan pitches in front of a panel of judges made up of local business leaders as they competed for scholarship prizes ($500 to $2,500 first place) scholarship and a chance to represent San Diego and Imperial counties in the statewide “Get a Taste of Success” business plan pitch competition in Sacramento, CA on May 6. PARKit was the Miramar College entry presented by Brian Huh, Gio Ricacho, and Joshua Nun. PARKit is an application that provides multiple features to help quickly resolve any parking scenario. Download the app to avoid wasting valuable resources like time, energy, and gas!

Miramar College student Tevin Nixon joined Delta Airlines on a paid internship. He worked nights at Lindbergh Field under the direct supervision of Delta mechanics. The 22 year-old began taking courses at Miramar College in Fall of 2011. While at Miramar, Nixon studied aircraft maintenance.

Nixon recently completed a vigorous employment process to become Miramar’s first intern selected from the aviation program to join the Delta Airlines Intern Program. Leadership from the Miramar College Aviation department first met with Delta Airlines officials to discuss the framework of an internship program that would align the skills of Miramar College students with the needs of one of the nation’s largest carriers.
2015-2016 Faculty & Staff Accomplishments

Ratemyprofessors.com Ranks Miramar Faculty #13 in the Nation


The average rating for a Miramar College professor was 3.7 on a scale of 5. The College had over 30 instructors score a perfect 5. The nation’s highest average belonged to Santa Barbara City College at 3.93.

Miramar College also scored a 3.8 overall quality rating as a school with campus, location and happiness all scoring 4.3 out of 5.
Dr. Linda Woods Named Outstanding Chemistry Educator of the Year

The San Diego Section of the American Chemical Society selected Dr. Linda Woods for its 2015 Outstanding Chemistry Educator Award. Dr. Woods was honored at the 2015 Distinguished Scientist Award Banquet on Oct. 22 at The Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club on the campus of University of California-San Diego.

Dr. Woods spent 10 years as a professor of chemistry at San Diego Miramar College. Before joining the Miramar College faculty in 2005, she was adjunct faculty at the University of San Diego teaching organic chemistry.

Sheean Completes 200-Mile Ride

Miramar College Fire Tech professor Dennis Sheean completed a 2-day, 200-mile charity bike ride on October 11. Sheean raised more than a thousand dollars for EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Wounded Warriors. Dennis was the third rider to cross the finish line. His ride began on Oct. 10 in Los Angeles and ended the following day at Liberty Station in Pt. Loma.

Matthews Makes Top 23

Jessica Matthews, Miramar College professor of exercise and sports sciences, made the list of the Top 23 Fitness Pros as ranked by Greatist.com.

Slivka on STEM Panel

Dr. Sandra Slivka took part in the U.S. News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference June 29-July 1. The conference took place at the Manchester Grand Hyatt downtown. She was part of the Leading the Way: The K-12 Corporate Connection panel.

Through the Lens of Anthropology

Dr. Laura Tubelee De Gonzalez has authored her first textbook Through the Lens of Anthropology. The book is an introduction to Human Evolution and Culture.

Carmen Jay was recognized for her 15 years of service as a Phi Theta Kappa advisor to the Beta Iota Lambda Chapter at Miramar College. Dr. Jay received a commemorative pin from the President’s Office.

Kevin Petti was invited by the University of Palermo in Italy to speak to their medical school faculty about the international courses he teaches. He spoke on June 22. Kevin delivered the lecture Anatomia Italiana: Art and Anatomy in the Italian Renaissance.
The mission of the Miramar College Foundation is to make a positive difference in the lives of San Diego Miramar College students, offering opportunity for advancement and learning, for a life of better citizenship, increased productivity and satisfaction of attained goals.

2016 Scholarship Awards Ceremony
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President Steps Down

After 15 years of service to the Miramar College Foundation, 12 of those years as president, Marty Hight stepped down as board president effective January 22. Sarah Yang, vice president at Wells Fargo, accepted the role of Miramar College Foundation Board president for a term of one year.

Foundation Board Transactions

September 2015: The Board approved welcomed new voting member, Ms. Lorna Xing.

January 2016: Miramar College Foundation Board member and President Marty Hight announced his resignation from the Board of Directors effective January 22, 2016. The Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Hight and thanked him for his years of service.

January 2016: Board member Sarah Yang was voted in as interim President of the Foundation for a term of one-year effective January 22, 2016.

In fiscal year 2015-2016 there was one personnel change of a non-voting Board attendee. Ms. Buran Haidar, exiting Miramar College Academic Senate President, was replaced by newly elected Academic Senate President Marie McMahon.

Miramar College Foundation Student Scholarships

The Board continues to fund an internal Scholarship Fund Reserve that is designed to ultimately be a perpetual funding source for the 14 Freshman Scholarships issued to local high schools each year by the Foundation. The Board approved transfer of $44,042 from the Unrestricted Fund Account to the Scholarship Fund Reserve in 2015-2016, bringing the total Scholarship Fund Reserve amount to approximately $210,000.

Foundation Finances

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Additionally, the Board approved, at its January 22 meeting, the transfer of $44,042 from the unrestricted total to the net scholarship fund reserve, and in doing so create fourteen Freshman Scholarships in the amount of $300 each.

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Community Partners Donate to Miramar College Foundation

In 2015-16, the following community partners generously donated to the Miramar College Foundation: American Federation of Teachers, California Coast Credit Union, DDH Group, Hong Kong Association of Southern California, New Cars, Inc., Pioneer Circuits, Inc., San Diego Hua Xia Chinese School, and Union Bank. Their generosity has produced thousands of dollars in scholarship aid to Miramar College students and has endowed the Foundation’s Freshman Scholarship program for years to come.

Invest in Success

Miramar College’s annual fundraiser “Invest in Success” was held on May 7 at a private residence in Coronado. The event was attended by nearly 100 guests and raised thousands of dollars which will go to endow the College’s Freshman Scholarships.
Penney McGuire-Newell stopped by the Miramar College Foundation Board meeting on January 22 to present a $25,000.00 check on behalf of San Diego Gas & Electric. The funds will be used to assist Veterans through the College’s Vets-2-Jets program.

San Diego Hua Xia Chinese School was on campus on August 24 to deliver a check for $1,000.00 to the Miramar College Foundation. The money helped offset the cost of Invest in Success.

Wells Fargo donated $12,500 in book grants to the Miramar College Foundation during its July 24 board meeting. Mary de Leon, branch manager at the Camino Ruiz location, and Kathy Edlin, district manager at Wells Fargo, made the check presentation.
Miramar College hits the local TV airwaves

In hopes of boosting Miramar’s brand recognition throughout the San Diego region, the College produced its first ever television commercial which ran first on KUSI-TV and later on CBS 8. One spot even ran during coverage of the AFC Championship Game in January 2016. The commercial made its debut on the evening of August 28 during the Prep Pigskin Report on KUSI-TV. The College continues to be the title sponsor of the “Student Athlete of the Week” segment during the highly rated Prep Pigskin Report. The commercial can be found at the College’s official YouTube Channel.

Dean Fred Garces Appears on NBC7

Dr. Fred Garces, dean of the School of Mathematics, Biology, Exercise & Physical Sciences, appeared as a “faculty expert” for an NBC7 San Diego investigates piece which
aired on August 14. As a longtime professor of chemistry here at Miramar College, Dr. Garces was asked his opinion on the dangerous of certain chemicals.

**CBS 8 Features Randy Dexter**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society President and U.S. Army Veteran Randy Dexter was profiled in a Veteran’s Day feature on CBS 8. The feature aired on the 5pm newscast on Nov. 11.

**Miramar College Mentioned in Orlando Sentinel**

On January 4, the Orlando Sentinel published an article on the benefits of enrolling in a technical school/community college vs. for-profit schools. Miramar College was used as an example and our aviation program was featured. The article entitled Technical school vs. for-profit college: Who comes out on top? also quoted one of our students.

**KUSI-TV Features New Yoga Teaching Program**

KUSI-TV was on campus to feature the new Yoga Teaching Essentials Training program being taught by Jessica Matthews. The feature ran multiple times on the local news. The program is recognized by Yoga Alliance as a 200-hour registered yoga teacher training program. A total of 7-units is required to complete the program and can be accomplished in one semester.

**Prison Arts Program Featured in U-T**

Sociology professor Laura Pecenco’s prison arts program was featured by the U-T on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Distracted Driver Event**

Student Wellness Services put on an amazing distracted driver event that drew awareness from the community and the local media on April 11.

A joint press conference was also held, in front of the LLRC, with representatives from CHP, San Diego Fire and Rescue, AT & T, MADD and RADD speaking on the dangers of distracted driving. Dean Adela Jacobson spoke on behalf of the college.

**Faculty as an Expert**

CBS8 used Biology faculty member Andrea Lukowiak as an expert for a “germs” story which aired on May 20 during the station’s 5pm newscast. Andrea just ended her first semester teaching General Microbiology 205.
Numbers & Facts

Enrollment for 2015-2016

- Total 2015-2016 FTES: 8,746.35
- Annual Unduplicated Headcount 2015-2016: 22,180

Headcount by Term

- Summer 2015: 4,594
- Fall 2015: 13,159
- Spring 2016: 14,251

Degrees/Certificates Awarded for 2015-2016

- AA/AS Degree: 754
- Associate Degrees for Transfer: 210
  (this number is included in 754 total degrees awarded)
- Certificate of Achievement: 489

Total Degrees and Certificates: 1,243

Note: Only state approved certificates are reported here.
Sections Offered by Mode of Instruction Fall 2015

- On-campus: 875 (85%)
- Online: 149 (15%)

Success and Retention Fall 2015

- Success Rate
  - African American: 65% (85%)
  - American Indian: 82% (94%)
  - Asian/Pacific Islander: 80% (91%)
  - Filipino: 75% (89%)
  - Latino: 70% (88%)
  - Caucasian: 80% (91%)
  - Other: 75% (91%)
  - Unreported: 83% (92%)
  - Average: 76% (90%)

- Retention Rate
  - African American: 85%
  - American Indian: 94%
  - Asian/Pacific Islander: 91%
  - Filipino: 89%
  - Latino: 88%
  - Caucasian: 91%
  - Other: 91%
  - Unreported: 92%
  - Average: 90%

Race/Ethnicity Fall 2015

- African American: 665 (5%)
- American Indian: 38 (1%)
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 1,836 (14%)
- Caucasian: 5,035 (38%)
- Other: 301 (2%)
- Unreported: 301 (2%)

76% of the total sections offered were 875 (85%) on-campus and 149 (15%) online.

Age Group Fall 2015

- Under 18: 169 (1%)
- 18-24: 6,702 (51%)
- 25-29: 2,379 (18%)
- 30-39: 2,116 (16%)
- 40-49: 1,083 (8%)
- 50 & over: 710 (5%)

- Average: 76%

Student Stats - Fall 2015

- First generation college students: 3,160 (24%)
- Students receiving financial aid: 5,260 (40%)
- Students receiving DSPS services: 564 (4%)
- Full-time student (12 or more credits): 2,782 (21%)
- Part-time student (Fewer than 12 credits): 10,376 (79%)
- Non-resident: 324 (2%)
- Resident: 12,804 (97%)
- International Student: 31 (0%)
- Continuing Student: 8,755 (67%)
- Returning Student: 1,610 (12%)
- New Student: 2,543 (19%)
- Current High School Student: 232 (2%)

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Active Military Veteran Stats - 2015/2016

- Active Military/Veteran (2015/2016): 2,198 (10%)
- Active Military/Veteran, Spouse/Dependent (2015/2016): 512 (2%)

Students by Gender - Fall 2015

- Male: 7,379 (56%)
- Female: 5,780 (44%)

Top 5 Majors Selected by Students (Fall 2015)

- Business Administration: 733
- Administration of Justice: 1,220
- Undeclared: 485
- Biology: 979
- Associate Degree for Transfer: 1,243
Employment • Fall 2015
As of Spring 2016

1,045 Employees

- Classified Staff: 78 (7%)
- Non-academic Non-Classified: 248 (24%)
- Contract Faculty: 104 (10%)
- Adjunct Faculty: 584 (56%)
- Management: 11 (1%)
- Supervisory Staff: 20 (2%)

Fiscal Resources
Total • $79,384,247

- General Fund Unrestricted • $3,106,646
- General Fund Restricted • $8,350,539
- Child Development • $326,697
- Special Revenue • $69,703
- Capital Projects • $283,323
- Other Trust and Agency • $577,567
- Student Representation Trust • $72,276
- Associated Students • $62,082
- Student Financial Aid • $13,909,231
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