

## NEWS

April 2020

### Laptops, Laptops, Laptops

Miramar College purchased 300 laptops to be loaned out to students in need of such technology so that they may continue to pursue their academic goals with little interruption. Eighty laptops were distributed on Saturday, April 18. Fifteen Miramar College employees volunteered to work the distribution line. Students entered in their cars off of Black Mountain Road and were instructed to move their way into the G3 parking structure near campus police. From there, volunteers placed the laptops into the trunk of the student's car and off they went.

Students selected to receive a laptop will be able to borrow the laptop for spring, summer and fall 2020 academic terms, provided that they are enrolled at San Diego Miramar College for each term.

A strategy for getting the remaining laptops into the hands of students who need them is being developed.



CBS8 covered the distribution and you can see the story [here](#).

The Miramar College Foundation provided \$8,000.00 in initial funding for the purchase. The College is also using funding from its San Diego Miramar College Foundation COVID-19 Emergency



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Relief Fund to complete the purchase. As of April 27, this fund had accepted nearly \$20,000 worth of donations.

Associated Student Government has pledged \$3,000 toward the Emergency Fund. AFT donated \$6,250 while the Roberta C. Baade and George F. Yee Charitable Foundation sent a check for \$5,000. A special thanks to all the other individual donors that we will keep private at this time.

If you'd like to contribute to the San Diego Miramar College Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund please click on this [link](#) provided.

### PPE Donations

Linda Woods, dean of MBEPS, donated 90 boxes of gloves to Scripps Clinic on behalf of Miramar College. Ninety boxes contained a total of 4,500 gloves. ASG purchased an additional 10 boxes that were donated to Sharp Hospital. ASG Senator Jessie Martinez spearheaded the ASG's donation.

### Board Proclamations

On April 9 the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution commending every employee at the district's three colleges and Continuing Education. The Board members want everyone to know how deeply they appreciate our work during the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis in converting our District to remote formats in instruction, support services, and operations. From teaching to counseling to Information Technology to administering offices to providing support services to custodial and maintenance functions to police and many other areas, you all mobilized very quickly and worked extremely hard to ensure the continuity of all important services for our students and the community.

In addition, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted a proclamation recognizing Classified Professionals and declares the week of

May 17-23, 2020, as Classified Professionals Week.

The Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation and recognizes the remarkable support and continuing accomplishments of Classified Professionals in providing accessible, high quality learning experiences to meet the diverse educational needs of the San Diego community.

### New Summer 2020 Advertising

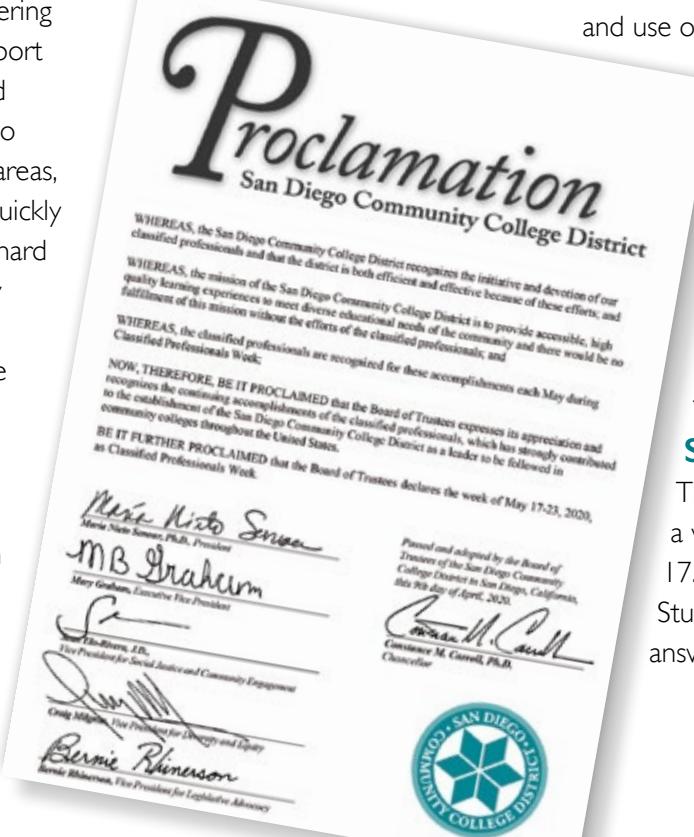
In hopes of driving summer enrollments and taking advantage of the lagging economy and slow advertising sales, the College is using Perkins funding to advertise on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and local TV. The College has also been granted bonus radio spots on ALT 94.9 FM for the month of May as a thanks for being a loyal sponsor. Click [here](#) to see Miramar's TV and social media commercial.

### President's Virtual Town Hall

President Marsha Gable hosted a live virtual town hall on April 16 for staff and faculty. Ninety-eight people participated in the Zoom call, which included a question and answer session. President Gable praised everyone for their hard work and staying the course while adjusting to a new environment. Dr. Gable spoke about an upcoming branding project for the college and invited everyone to share their input. She broke down the CARES Act funding that the College can be expected to receive (\$1.5 million) and stressed that half of these funds must go directly into the hands of the students. A Miramar College Stimulus Taskforce will be created to develop plans for distribution and use of the funds. News from the district was shared and the budget outlook for 2020-2021 is "grim." The FTES and FTEF targets for the upcoming fiscal year were shared: FTEF of 502 (reduced by 18). FTES will target will be 7,526. The summer FTEF is 39.66 reduced by 14.36. Additional virtual town halls will be held again in May and June for further updates.

### Student Virtual Town Hall

The Student Services Division hosted a virtual town hall on Friday, April 17. Just over 50 students participated. Students were able to have their questions answered.



# QUICK HITS

## Miramar Alum Featured at Cal State San Marcos

Cal State San Marcos authored a wonderful feature for their campus newsroom on Miramar College alum Azita Khatami. Azita wasn't looking for a bachelor's degree after the death of her husband, but was convinced to pursue one by her Miramar College counselor. Click [here](#) to read the article.



## CDC Goes the Extra Mile

The Miramar Child Development Center team has done an amazing job keeping parents and children updated and engaged. The team conducts weekly Zoom sessions with children and their parents. They've gone above and beyond to give the children a sense of normalcy during this chaotic time. This photo appeared on the Fox 5 Morning News on April 27.



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

### Spring Registration for Special Populations Begins

May 4

### Spring Registration by Appointment Begins

May 5

### Pass/No Pass Grade Deadline (primary session)

May 8

### Refund Deadline

May 8

### Withdrawal Deadline for Spring Primary Session

May 8

### Open Registration for Spring Begins

May 18