

## NEWS

November 2017

### Veterans Lounge Upgrade

The Larry Himmel Neighborhood Foundation along with Jerome's Furniture refurbished the Veterans Lounge at San Diego Miramar College in honor of Veterans Day. Melinda Lee, a recent Miramar College graduate and Army veteran, reached out to the Himmel Foundation asking for help to upgrade the lounge. "I came in here and sat on the couch one day in October and I noticed that our furniture was starting to go, so I contacted the Larry Himmel Foundation and ten minutes later I received an email back asking for my wish list," said Lee, who spent 8 years active duty in the Army. "I can't say enough good about what the Foundation is doing to keep Larry's memory alive. That's what we do as Veterans, we keep the memory of our fallen comrades alive



and that's what they are doing, so this is a perfect fit, and I think that is so beautiful."

Help arrived on Nov. 9 in the form of a



brand new sofa, two accent chairs and a bookshelf. Lee hopes that the bookshelf will one day be filled with textbooks to assist Veterans with their studies and lower their cost of attending college.



A brief ceremony was held in the lounge and attended by Miles Himmel, son of legendary KFMB-TV television personality Larry Himmel, Dave Sniff, president of the Larry Himmel Neighborhood Foundation, Elijah Hameline of Jerome's Furniture and Miramar College Vice President of Student Services Gerald Ramsey. KFMB-TV covered the story for its 5pm news and the coverage can be seen [here](#).

### Veterans Day Event

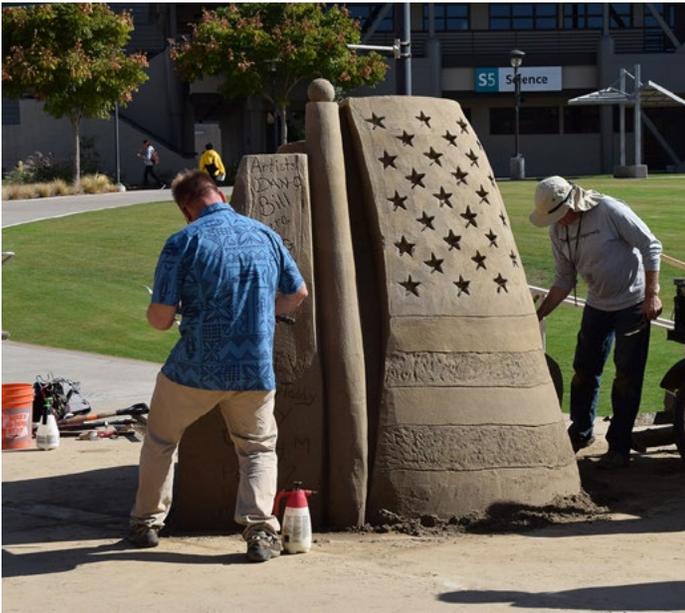
The College celebrated Veterans Day with a two hour long celebration on Nov. 9 in Compass Circle. The annual event featured guest speakers, a band and military exhibitions.



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## Soldier Sand Castle

Dan Gutowski and friends celebrated Veterans Day by sculpting a sand castle depicting a U.S. Soldier holding an American flag. The sand castle took a little over two days to construct and was on display at Compass Point near the LLRC. Dan has long been a master sand sculptor who recently took part in television pilot called "Sand Blasters" for the Travel Channel. KUSI-TV and KFMB-TV featured the sand castle. Click [here](#) to see the story as it ran on KUSI and click [here](#) to see the KFMB story. The San Diego Union-Tribune also featured Dan's work in this [article](#).



## Moving on Up!

The San Diego Business Journal has compiled its yearly data on area colleges and universities and Miramar College is now the 9th largest college in San Diego. The college jumped one spot from a year ago. Click [here](#) to see the full list.

## Bus Shelters

The College has purchased 4 bus shelters in Mira Mesa to help promote Intercession and Spring 2018 enrollment. Three of the 4 bus shelters are located on Mira Mesa Blvd, with two near Mira Mesa High School. A third bus shelter is located on the west side of Black Mountain Road near Mira Mesa Blvd. A billboard advertising the College will go up on December 4 on the westbound side of Miramar Road just past Camino Santa Fe. That billboard will remain through the end of January at that location before being transferred closer to I-15 where it will remain for a full year through January 2019.



## Dress for Success

The Career Center, EOPS & FIDM welcomed students, staff and faculty to a "Dress for Success" fashion show on Nov. 14. As a part of Career Development Week here on campus, the event featured student models from the Business Club, EOPS and ASG walking the runway located in the student lounge. Click [here](#) to view a video of the event.



## Phi Theta Kappa Induction

The Miramar College chapter of PTK, Beta Iota Lambda, inducted 29 new members in a ceremony on Friday, November 3. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the international honor society of two year colleges — the community college arm of Phi Beta Kappa, whose purpose is to encourage and recognize scholarship. President Hsieh



delivered the welcome address to proud students, their families and friends. Professor Rodrigo Gomez of the English Department gave a keynote on the Honors Study Topic theme of "Beauty and Vulgarity." PTK student officers, Omar Abu-Hantash (President); Paulette Umali (Vice President); Ryan Hosking (Treasurer); Rusty Dimamiga (Recording Secretary) and Lillian Nguyen (Public Relations Secretary) coordinated the event with the support of advisor Dr. Carmen Jay. Congratulations to the new Phi Theta Kappans.

## Really, Really Free Closet

The Really, Really Free Closet drew another large crowd over Nov. 29 and Nov. 30. Students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to obtain gentle used clothing for free. Donations were accepted throughout the month of November and repositioned for the event. There was a one-hour soft opening on Nov. 28 in honor of Giving Tuesday.



## Ornelas to Retire

After nearly 30 years with the District and 6 years serving as dean at Miramar College, Lynne Ornelas will retire in mid-December. President Hsieh presented a plaque to Dean Ornelas at the Nov. 15 Dean's Council meeting.



# QUICK HITS

## Help A Senior Stay Warm

Rechelle Mojica is accepting donations through December 13 for her 16th annual "Help a Senior Stay Warm this Winter Season" campaign. You can drop off your clothing and blanket donations at The Academic Success Center (L-101). In

addition to personal care items, there is also a great need for "new" items for the **Homeless Prevention Program**. We ask that items also be new to give the homeless a sense of "someone cares" when they finally find a place for them to lay their heads down each night. In case you do not already know, the **Homeless Prevention Program** assists in taking homeless seniors off of the streets & works with them to find a place of their own. Cash donations are also gladly accepted!



## Holiday Luncheon

The annual holiday luncheon was held on Nov. 27 in KI-107.



## Alston Wins Honor

Jets basketball player Deion Alston was named PCAC Athlete of the Week honorable mention the week of Nov. 6. The 6-foot-4 inch sophomore forward from Mt. Carmel High School, helped lead the Jets to the championship game of the Don Gehler Memorial Tournament where they lost to Cerritos by one point in a heartbreaker. Alston scored

11 points and latched onto 6 rebounds in a 90-78 opening-round win over Imperial Valley. He scored 15 points in the semifinals as Miramar defeated Irvine Valley 84-81. And he had 18 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals in the Jets' 99-98 loss to Cerritos in the championship game.



## New Sign

The new G4 parking structure could begin accommodating cars by early December, however, just before the Thanksgiving break, new signage was placed on the structure. The signs below light up at night and are visible from I-15.



## AMATYC Conference

The math department attended and presented at the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) Nov. 9-12. The annual conference, held in San Diego this year, featured two presentations from the math department: *Beyond the Classroom* presented by Francois

Bereaud, Chris Silva and Anne Gloag; and *Getting Giggy with Basic Skills* presented by Anne Gloag, Cheryl Vallejo, Becky Stephen and Melissa Wolfson. Both presentations were well attended and modelled active learning with more than 50 participants in each session doing mathematics.

## PEOPLE



Dr. **Cheryl Barnard** has been chosen as the successor to Adela Jacobson as the dean of Student Affairs. Barnard begins her assignment Friday, December 1, 2017. A native of Connecticut, Dr. Barnard's undergraduate student leadership experience at Bentley University inspired her to

pursue a career in Student Affairs. She earned her Master of Arts degree in higher education administration at Boston College and her Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Connecticut. Her interest in

generational theory and its impact on a student's career choice was the basis for her dissertation. Dr. Barnard has an impressive resume and most recently served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT. She held that post for more than 9 years.

The School of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness, Library & Technology (PRIELT) is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Research Associate **Kristine Kilanski**.



## 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.

### Men's Basketball at Cuyamaca

December 1 • 5:00pm

### Free Dental Screenings

December 6 • 10:00am-12:00pm

### Annual Honors Student Research Symposium

December 6 & 7 • 11:00am-1:00pm • L-105

### Men's Basketball at Santa Barbara Tournament

December 7-9 • TBA

### Winter 2017 Holiday Ball

December 8 • 6:00pm-10:00pm • MCAS Miramar Officers Club

### Open Registration Begins

December 11

### Men's Basketball at Mesa

December 15 • 5:00pm

### Men's Basketball at Cuyamaca Tournament

December 28-30 • TBA

### Christmas Break

December 17-January 1 • No Classes