



**SAN DIEGO
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**

City College • Mesa College
Miramar College • Continuing Education

WE

With
Excellence

December 2013

**Dr. Constance M. Carroll
celebrates her**

**10th
YEAR**

**as San Diego Community
College District Chancellor**

Story on page 4





Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.
Chancellor, SDCCCD

Participatory Governance: Conversations That Matter



Afternoon panelists, from left: SDCCCD Vice Chancellor Otto Lee, Mesa College Dean Jill Baker, City College Professor Salley Deaton, Miramar College Professor Daphne Figueroa, San Diego Continuing Education Administrative Technician Libbier Bakit, and SDCCCD Trustee Peter Zschiesche

Community colleges are complex organisms. In their local operations, community colleges are also inclusive organisms that seek input and participation from a diverse array of stakeholders. The governing board, faculty, administrators, staff members, student leaders, and members of the community are all key players in a culture of inclusion that values their contributions in the overall governance of the institutions. In the book, *Habits of the Heart* (one of my favorites), Robert Bellah wrote that “Cultures are dramatic conversations about things that matter to their participants.” It is the conversation, the dialogue, that is at the heart of effective governance in any organization, especially community colleges.

Since the late 1980s, when community college governance was the central issue in the sweeping reform legislation, AB 1725, debates and arguments have raged throughout the

California community colleges regarding what the legislation actually means. Questions regarding the difference between “shared” governance and “participatory” governance, regarding the primacy of the faculty in some areas, regarding the role of the classified staff, regarding the role of students, and regarding the role and authority of the institutional president or district chancellor have continued to languish without satisfactory answers – at least at a systems level.

On October 11, 2013, the San Diego Community College District and its institutions, City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges, and Continuing Education stopped their routine practices to hold a unique, day-long conference, just for the senates and administrative groups of the organization, to discuss governance and planning. The conference evolved as a great conversation, involving statewide governance leaders, the state chancellor, as well as members of the local governance groups, to define what “participatory” governance means in our context and to apply it to (an action agenda for the future).



Dr. Brice W. Harris, California Community Colleges Chancellor

Consensus was that good governance, however it is structured, is characterized by mutual respect, intentionality, transparency, and, most of all, effective communication –in other words, “conversations about things that matter to their participants.” The conference ended with better understandings and a renewed commitment to developing plans of action that will take advantage of the improved resources of the post-Proposition 30 era.



Morning panelists, from left: Mesa College Associated Student Government Vice President Sarah Farmer, California Community Colleges Classified Senate President Maureen Chenoweth, AFT Guild Local 1521 President Joanne Waddell, MiraCosta College President Francisco Rodriguez, Long Beach Community College District Trustee Doug Otto, and Academic Senate for California Community Colleges President Beth Smith



Trustees Participate in National Leadership Conference

Providing leadership in times of change was the focus as nearly 2,000 community college trustees, presidents, and national and state leaders gathered at the 44th Annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress. The 2013 ACCT Congress was held October 2-5 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle.

San Diego Community College District Trustees Rich Grosch, Mary Graham, Maria Nieto Senour, and Bernie Rhinerson participated in the conference along with Chancellor Constance Carroll and other District staff. The four trustees delivered presentations on topics such as economic development/revitalization, cooperation with local school boards, and successful collaborations with other community college districts.



From left: SDCCD Chancellor Constance Carroll, Board President Rich Grosch, Trustee Mary Graham, Austin CCD Board Chair Jeffrey Richard, Board Vice Chair Victor Villareal, and President Richard Rhodes

"All of the presentations were extremely well attended and successful," said Trustee Rich Grosch, president of the SDCCD governing board. "San Diego is very well regarded by our peers across the country for having established a strong foundation of governance and leadership."

The 44th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress featured more than 80 educational sessions on best practices for community colleges, fundamental and advanced trustee training, and a lively town hall meeting dedicated to determining priorities in the governance of community college student success initiatives.



Trustee Bernie Rhinerson presenting on K-12 partnerships.



From left: SDCCD Chancellor Constance Carroll, Trustee Maria Nieto Senour, Trustee Bernie Rhinerson, Vice Chancellor Otto Lee

Keynote speakers included Bill Gates and other national business and educational leaders.

After a stop in Chicago in 2014, the ACCT Leadership Congress will be held in San Diego in 2015.

Founded in 1972, the Association of Community College Trustees is the nonprofit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees of community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond. ACCT's purpose is to strengthen the capacity of community, technical, and junior colleges and to foster the realization of their missions through effective board leadership at local, state, and national levels.

The People's Chancellor

Leading the Transformation of California's Second-Largest Community College District



During the 2013-14 academic year, Dr. Constance M. Carroll celebrates her 10th year serving as chancellor of the San Diego Community College District.

Throughout her chancellorship, Dr. Carroll has overseen an amazing transformation of California's second-largest community college district, including unprecedented student success and more than \$1 billion in new construction activity. Along the way, she's earned respect for her leadership, commitment to academic excellence, and her reputation for collaboration.

"You have only to drive around San Diego and see that many of the cranes are working on the building projects that Constance, her board, and her team have set in motion, creating almost 10,000 jobs in the region," said Jerry Sanders, former San Diego mayor and president/CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. "I congratulate Dr. Carroll on her ten years as chancellor. Our city is the better for her leadership."

Chancellor Carroll's accomplishments include:

- Promoting student success, especially in the area of transfer to four-year institutions. Since 2004, Dr. Carroll has conferred more than 41,000 degrees and certificates; SDCCD students transfer at a higher rate than the statewide average.
- Securing voter approval of Proposition N in 2006. The \$870 million construction bond has enabled SDCCD to upgrade classrooms, labs, libraries, and other facilities. Combined with Proposition S funds previously approved in 2002, the bond budget reached \$1.555 billion. Of this amount, SDCCD has now completed more than \$1 billion in construction during Chancellor Carroll's tenure.
- Co-charing a successful two-year equalization campaign which ended disparities in community college funding across

the state. This effort brought a total of \$240 million to California community colleges and \$9 million to the SDCCD in ongoing funding, thereby standardizing state support to the colleges for the first time in California history.

- Maintaining quality and access while navigating five years of difficult state budget cuts. In spite of \$33 million in state budget cuts and the incredible challenges it created, SDCCD has maintained student access by reducing spending and increasing efficiency, without layoffs and with a balanced budget. Now, with voter approval of Proposition 30, the District has added hundreds of course sections and is hiring many of the faculty positions that went unfilled during a multi-year hiring freeze.

"THE PEOPLE'S CHANCELLOR"

Including her 11 years as president of San Diego Mesa College, Dr. Carroll is now the longest serving CEO of a higher education institution in San Diego. For many in the community, Dr. Carroll is the embodiment of educational access and success. Her achievements – as a woman and person of color – are not lost on leaders such as Rachael Ortiz, executive director of Barrio Station.

"Chancellor Carroll works to maintain an affordable higher education system of inclusiveness to prepare local students for leadership positions that are needed to lead this wonderful nation," said Ortiz. "We thank 'The People's Chancellor' for leaving deep footprints for generations of leaders in the making to follow."

A CHANCELLOR "BY ACCIDENT"

A proud student of "dead languages," Dr. Carroll holds a B.A. degree in Humanities from Duquesne University; an M.A. and Ph.D. in Classics (Ancient Greek and Latin) from the University of Pittsburgh; and a Certificate of Proficiency in Hellenic Studies from Knubly University in Athens, Greece. She also attended the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management.

She admits, however, that her move into administration was by accident. In 1970, while she was a graduate assistant at the University of Pittsburgh, the university created a number of new leadership positions for women and minorities. Dr. Carroll was tapped for one of the jobs in the school's academic advising center.

That launched a 43-year career in higher education that has included administrative posts at two universities, as well as presidencies and an interim chancellorship, all at California



community colleges. Still, throughout her career as an administrator she has continued to teach and remains a strong advocate for the classics.

“Students of the classics understand the history and the complexity of issues such as the nature of democracy, the causes of international conflict, the institution of slavery, and other issues that are familiar in contemporary times,” said Carroll. “It gives you a terrific look into the past. The past is prologue – it’s still relevant.”

LOCAL AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Chancellor Carroll’s accomplishments have not gone without local and national recognition. In 2011, Dr. Carroll was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve a six-year term on the National Council on the Humanities. She currently serves on the boards of the University of San Diego, the San Diego Foundation, the San Diego Museum of Man, San Diego Youth Services, the League for Innovation, and the Community College Humanities Association. She continues to publish and is frequently sought out as a guest speaker.

“The National Community College Trustees Organization named Constance ‘Chancellor of the Year’ because she is



highly respected locally and nationally for her insight on higher education policy and for her commitment to student diversity,” said Rich Grosch, president of the SDCCD Board of Trustees. “Largely due to her efforts, the San Diego Community College District is strong both financially and academically.”

WORK TO BE DONE

After her long service, Dr. Carroll says she is not yet ready to retire. Among the projects Dr. Carroll looks forward to accomplishing in the coming years are completion of SDCCD’s \$1.555 billion bond construction program and legislative approval of California community colleges’ ability to award baccalaureate degrees in certain impacted programs such as nursing. Of these, it’s the continued physical transformation of District campuses that stirs her emotions.

“We’ve arrived at a level of excellence I didn’t think we’d see,” said Carroll. “When I look at the completed buildings, I am reminded of the plans we made, working with the faculty and staff, and the controversies we endured to transform our campuses. Students often say of their new campus environments, ‘It feels like a university.’”

DR. CONSTANCE M. CARROLL

Commemorating 10 years of excellence.

During the most challenging decade in the history of U.S. higher education, Constance Carroll has provided visionary leadership at both state and national levels. She has been especially innovative in managing her district's resources to maintain educational quality and to preserve student access.



Dr. Walter G. Bumphus
President and CEO
American Association of
Community Colleges

On behalf of the League for Innovation in the Community College, congratulations to Dr. Constance Carroll on celebrating 10 years of stellar leadership within the San Diego Community College District and the broader San Diego community.

Dr. Gerardo E. de los Santos
President and CEO
League for Innovation in the Community College



It has been my honor and pleasure to work with Dr. Carroll for more than two decades. During that time she has served as role model for me on multiple occasions. Her ever-present professionalism, calm style, and tremendous intellect make her one of California's and America's great educational leaders.

Dr. Brice W. Harris
Chancellor
California Community Colleges

Constance is a tireless advocate for those who seek to improve their lives through educational and economic opportunities. Through her leadership, the San Diego Community College District has established itself as a force for positive change.

Todd Gloria
Interim Mayor
City of San Diego

Dr. Carroll's fundamental strength as a community college chancellor stems from the fact that she is an academician at heart. She fully grasps that the main mission of the community college is to serve students and to ensure they participate in the best educational experience possible.

Jim Mahler
President
AFT Guild, Local 1931
San Diego and Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community Colleges



Constance is not afraid to fight the good fight, and she usually comes out ahead, as she did when leading the statewide effort to equalize funding for all community college districts. When she speaks, people listen because she has the ability to make amazing things happen.

Marty Block
California State Senator, District 39

To whatever she undertakes, Dr. Carroll brings patience, extraordinary negotiating skills, plain common sense, and total dedication. She is one in a million. We are honored and blessed to call Chancellor Carroll a friend, colleague, and member of the Opera family.

Ian D. Campbell
General and Artistic Director, CEO
San Diego Opera

Ann Spira Campbell
Deputy General Director
San Diego Opera



Constance Carroll is truly a modern renaissance leader. She leads with wit, honesty, and courage and is smart as a whip. Her expertise ranges from budgets to Beyoncé, from Greek gods to government code, from politics to opera. No one knows more or cares more about higher education and its power to promote our democratic ideals than Constance.

Dr. Cindy L. Miles
Chancellor
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District



On behalf of UC San Diego, I offer our collective congratulations to Chancellor Constance Carroll for 10 years of exceptional leadership of the San Diego Community College District. She is truly a visionary who champions education as the path to a better life.

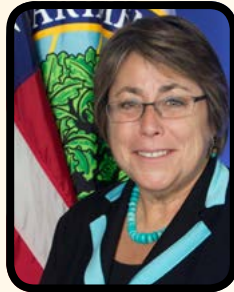
Dr. Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor
University of California, San Diego

Dr. Constance Carroll has been a member of the Board of Directors of San Diego Youth Services (SDYS) for over 15 years. Despite her very busy schedule as chancellor, Dr. Carroll always finds time to lend her talent and resources to SDYS. Her dedication, commitment, and strong leadership has given hope and opportunities to thousands of youth in our community.

Walter Philips
Executive Director and CEO
San Diego Youth Services

I have known and admired Chancellor Carroll for several decades. She is a woman of remarkable vision and distinction! Together with our colleagues, we led the fight for community college equalization to put in place a funding formula based on the principles of fairness and equity.

Dr. Martha Kanter
Under Secretary
U.S. Department of Education



Chancellor Carroll is an excellent academician and CEO who is also very astute regarding the legislative process. Her statewide leadership is well known and has resulted in important achievements, notably the equalization of state support for community colleges.

Dr. Shirley Weber
California State Assembly Member, District 79

As a student trustee, I can appreciate the importance Chancellor Carroll places on ensuring access to excellence. Through her leadership, Chancellor Carroll is committed to the success of each student in the district. She is a remarkable woman who sets a wonderful example for others to follow.

Carolina Moreno
SDCCD Student Trustee/President
San Diego City College Associated Student Government

Constance Carroll is an extraordinary leader of education who recognizes people of all cultures in San Diego. For her unwavering support for the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC), she was a recipient of UPAC's Leadership Award. It has been my honor to work with her in areas of community support for close to twenty years.

Margaret Iwanaga-Penrose
President and CEO
Union of Pan-Asian Communities



The National Endowment for the Humanities congratulates Dr. Constance Carroll on her tenth anniversary as chancellor of the San Diego Community College District. Chancellor Carroll's anniversary is also a fitting moment to recognize her contributions and standing as an educational leader nationally.

Carole Watson
Acting Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities

As a former student trustee of the SDCCD, I am fortunate enough to have served under Dr. Carroll. To say that Dr. Carroll is inspiring is an understatement. The way that she has overcome so much adversity to be where she is today highlights her work ethic, passion, and dedication.

Roberto Rosas
Former SDCCD Student Trustee

Constance and I share the belief that language is the fundamental medium of a culture. As an ardent classicist, she is able to bring ancient Greek culture alive through its language and literature, which she and I sometimes read together. Chancellor Carroll deserves to be honored for her years as a leader for education and for cultural literacy.

Martha Barnette
Co-host, A Way With Words



Dr. Carroll's vision, integrity, and commitment have provided the leadership that has made it possible for the San Diego Community College District to improve the lives of thousands of people throughout San Diego. I truly appreciate her, and I hope we are fortunate enough to have her as the chancellor for at least another decade.

Rev. George Walker Smith



Lynn Ceresino Neault, Ed.D.
Interim President
San Diego City College

100 Years of Transformation



Celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2014, San Diego City College was the first community college established in San Diego and the fifth in California.

At an April 14, 1914, Board of Education meeting, with unanimous approval, preparations were made to add a fifth year to the curriculum of the San Diego High School and then a sixth year in 1915.

Starting with 34 students and four instructors, college students first mingled with high school students in the "Old Gray Castle" on Russ Boulevard. For the first four decades, the college relocated several times throughout the city, including to San Diego State University. Finally, in 1953, a single block was purchased at Park Boulevard and A Street, from 14th to 15th streets, as a permanent home for the college. The "A" (Administration) and "T" (Technical) buildings were the first constructed and classes began in the spring of 1956. In 1961, the Board voted to officially change the name to San Diego City College.

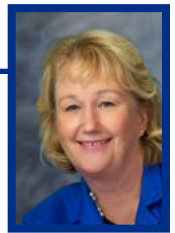
Increasing enrollment meant the expansion of the college from its original 3.25 acres to its present day 60 acres. City College is now one-fifth of the downtown footprint of San Diego. As the centennial year begins, the largest physical transformation in the history of the college will be nearing its completion with six new instructional and career training buildings and the renovation of nine others.

Centennial Year Celebration Honoring the Past, Building the Future

Throughout 2014, the campus community will celebrate the college's rich history and remarkable milestones with events and projects. The students will kick off the 100th year with a specially created centennial float for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in January and also hold a centennial ball in the spring. Throughout the year, the community will be invited to the campus to tour City's newest buildings, including the Career Technology Center, Math and Social Sciences, Business Technology, Arts and Humanities, and Science. Alumni will be amazed to see the state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, planetarium, and the beautiful Seeds@City Urban Farm, orchard, greenhouse, and other outdoor teaching gardens.

Other key 2014 events will include the 100-year commencement, a City College foundation gala, the 10th Annual Student Research Symposium, City College Cares Community Service projects, and a new "Conversations at City" speaker's series. Check the Centennial website often for the Calendar of Events: www.sdcity.edu/centennial.

From Top: Queen Pauline Blake sits atop a float in the first Homecoming parade, and sitting around her are attendants Frances Arnold, Betsy Anderson, and June Wilson. (Photo from the Fortnightly, Dec. 9, 1948); The San Diego Junior College faculty, (from The Blue and Gold, college yearbook, April 1916); A palm tree bound for Balboa Park is moved past San Diego High School, January 30, 1914, on the resurfaced Park Boulevard in preparation for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. (Photo from San Diego History Center).



Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D.
President
San Diego Mesa College

Celebrating 50 years of teaching and learning



Mesa College campus, then and now.

1964 was a year of many firsts. The Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, Diet Pepsi debuted, and so did Sea World, on the shores of Mission Bay.

That same year, San Diego Mesa College opened its doors to 1,400 students, a number that quickly soared to 1,900, the largest turnout for the opening semester of a California junior college.

Much has changed on the mesa in the years since. Gone are most of the flat-top, single-story 1960s buildings. They have been replaced with state-of-the-art teaching facilities, including the \$92 million Math+Science Complex, set to open for classes this spring.

Some things, however, have not changed. Quality teaching and learning remain a constant focus and core value. With its robust language, art, and music programs and rigorous math and science curricula, Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution. The college also serves as an important economic catalyst for the region. In 2011, *Community College Week* magazine named it the fastest-growing community college in California, and the seventh fastest-growing in the nation.

"We've become part of the fabric of higher education in San Diego," college President Pamela Luster said. "I believe that our continued enrollment growth speaks volumes to the quality of education at Mesa."

The college kicked off its 50th anniversary year at Homecoming, held October 19 at the Merrill Douglas Stadium. The alumni honoree was Jeanne Lenhart (Class of '66), Ms. Senior San Diego 2012.

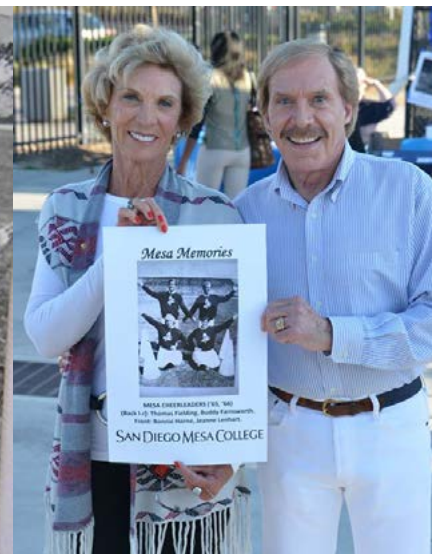
The former Mesa volleyball player and cheerleader reunited with another member of the pep squad, Buddy Farnsworth. Lenhart and Farnsworth, who was also the first president of the college's student council to serve at the new campus, are helping to lead an effort, dubbed "Calling

all Olympians," to reunite former alums with the college and each other.

Other anniversary efforts include Mesa 50/50, with a goal of completing 50 community service projects and 50,000 hours of community service in a year, a 50 faces alumni anniversary video, and an interactive digital timeline that welcomes former students to share memories by entering their recollections of the college. Mesa grads can join the LinkedIn group, San Diego Mesa College Alumni, and find out more at www.sdmesa.edu/alumni.



Buddy Farnsworth and Jeanne Lenhart, Class of '66



Jeanne Lenhart and Buddy Farnsworth



Patricia Hsieh, Ed.D.
President
San Diego Miramar College

TRANSFORMATION PROVIDES CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE TODAY



Ten years ago, Miramar College students walked into World War II-era bungalows to register for classes, see a counselor, apply for financial aid, buy a book, or grab a cup of coffee. Science experiments wobbled when the portable building was rattled by heavy footsteps. A small interim library served the needs of 8,000 students each semester. The entire automotive technology program was located at Mira Mesa High School.

Fast forward. Almost 14,000 students now walk through the sleek, automatic, glass doors of a high tech, three-story Student Services Center to meet all their registration needs and so much more. They dine in the expansive Café, socialize in a large student lounge, and shop in the spacious bookstore.

For 33 years, Kathy Burke has helped students navigate the admissions process. She says, “Students I helped decades ago are returning now with their children and grandchildren to enroll at Miramar. Their smiles when they look around make me and my co-workers proud and happy.”

From construction funding provided by Propositions S and N, in the last ten years a science building with eight labs, five science classrooms, and equal number of dedicated science prep rooms has not only risen on campus, but will double in size in 2014, adding 50,000 square feet of science labs, a greenhouse, and an observatory to accommodate enrollment and program growth.

Less than ten years ago, a 10,000-square-foot Advanced Transportation Technology Center welcomed the automotive program to campus and strengthened industry technician training partnerships with Toyota, Honda, and Nissan. In 2012, the facility expanded by 7,200 additional square feet to meet industry demand.

Industry partnerships continued to thrive with the diesel technology program, too. Recognizing \$1.27 million contributions in cash, heavy equipment, and in-kind support, the SDCCD Board of Trustees voted to officially name the diesel technology building the “Tom Hawthorne Diesel Technology Center.” In October of this year, a \$15 million, 17,500-square-foot Heavy Duty Advanced Transportation Technology Center expanded the program to support natural gas, hybrid bus and transit technology, and new developments in construction equipment technology.

State-of-the-art facilities, Leave a Legacy Plaza, and the campus quad have also transformed the 120-acre campus in the last ten years. The undisputed crowning jewel of the campus, however, is the three-story, 100,000-square-foot Library Learning Resource Center, which opened its doors in 2012.

More than the campus has grown. New instructional programs include medical lab technology and graphic arts. Associate degrees and certificates of achievement awarded at Commencement 2013 increased nearly 30 percent over 2003. In 2012, Miramar was recognized as one of the fastest-growing colleges in the nation with enrollments of 10,000 or more by *Community College Week* magazine, ranking #41, and also ranked #50 in the top 100 associate degree producers in all disciplines for Asian Americans.

“Enrollment has nearly doubled in the last ten years, and in the next ten, continued growth is planned,” said Dr. Patricia Hsieh, Miramar College president. “We are committed to train tomorrow’s workforce today. We’re committed to continue to educate and transfer successful students. And, we’re committed to be the community college our region deserves.”



Anthony E. Beebe, Ed.D.
 President
 San Diego Continuing Education

The First 100 YEARS

It's 1914. Students arrive at San Diego High School, on Twelfth and Russ Street in downtown, and gather inside the school's classrooms. It's a rather uneventful scene, except for one difference – this time the students are adults that are intent on furthering their education and developing marketable skills. This is where San Diego Continuing Education's history begins.



“Since 1914, preparing students with the education and skills they need to compete in the local economy has been our priority and focus,” said Dr. Anthony Beebe, president of San Diego Continuing Education. “In the 1940s, many of the jobs were in the Defense Department, and in the ‘70s there was demand for microfilm technicians. Now it’s green technology.”

Initially, the evening classes were offered by the San Diego Adult School, then part of the San Diego Unified School District. From the beginning, and through several decades of name changes and some juggling of locations and class offerings, adult education remained within SDUSD – until 1969.

That year, a committee reporting to the San Diego County Board of Education suggested the establishment and creation of a separate junior college district. The Board of Education adopted a resolution, and a plan was developed and approved the same year by the SDUSD Board and the San Diego County Board of Education.

Following the Boards’ approvals, effective July 1, 1970, the San Diego Community College District was formed. The District included an adult education division, now known as San Diego Continuing Education; although it was separate from SDUSD, it operated under a common board.

In 1972, San Diego voters approved a separate governing board for SDCCD, and a chancellor was selected. A year later, the Board of Trustees was formed. The rest, as they say, is history.

“San Diego Continuing Education has been making history since 1914,” says Dr. Beebe. It was the first – and remains the only – community college continuing education institution in California to meet the standards for independent accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.”

Alum Named Tops in State



Miramar College alumnus **Dr. Adolfo Gonzales**, Chief, Bureau of Investigation, San Diego County District Attorney, has been selected as one of only five 2013 Distinguished Alumni statewide to be recognized by the Community College League of California (CCLC).

Gonzales spent 26 years in the San Diego Police Department, and then served as National City Police Department Chief for nine years prior to becoming Chief of the Bureau of Investigation for the San Diego County District Attorney, where he currently oversees 116 investigators, 47 public assistance fraud investigators, 13 process servers, and others.

Dr. Gonzales is in great company. In 2006, then San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, also a Miramar College alumnus, received the state award. In the history of the awards, two of the three SDCCD alumni who have been named CCLC Distinguished Alumni hail from Miramar College.

STUDENT SERVICES CENTER Wins ORCHID AWARD



President Pamela Luster and Vice President of Instruction Tim McGrath were on hand to accept an Orchid Award on October 3 at the San Diego Architectural Foundation's annual Orchids and Onions contest. Mesa College's Student Services Center was awarded an Orchid for architecture. In its comments, the Orchids and Onions jury described the Student Services Center as a building that "makes people feel good about coming to school." They appreciated the project's interesting architecture and tessellated facade and thought it was well executed.

Two other SDCCD projects received nominations: the Mesa College Design Center and the Continuing Education Mesa College Campus. In other news, the Continuing Education Mesa College Campus was named by Engineering News-Record (ENR) California as the Best Higher Education Project in its recent 2013 Best Projects competition.

Inspired by Faculty for 100 years

While researching Continuing Education's rich 100-year history, the theme that returned again and again, through written information as well as photographs, was the absolute commitment from faculty to inspire students who come to Continuing Education to renew and build careers and lives.

The learning environment between faculty and students is the mission of Continuing Education. Classified staff supports this effort; administration supports this effort, and the leadership in the Chancellor's Office and through the Board of Trustees supports this effort.



Continuing Education instructors receive Apple Awards that recognize longevity and commitment. From left, including years of service: Patricia Fuhrer (50), Carol Jefferson (40), Jo-Ann Szabo (38), Shera Heitman (37), Howard Bass (35), Kathy Campbell (7), Esther Segal (55). Not shown: Linda Stende (38), Elvia Kerlick (44), Sara Strand (51).

College Honda/PACT Program Showcased Nationally

In July, Miramar's Honda Professional Automotive Career Training (PACT) students and program were showcased in a corporate publication, "Looking Down the Road," for Honda dealers across the country. The article, "Positive ImPACT," promotes the key advantages of hiring PACT graduates and encourages dealer support of the program. Miramar College is considered one of the top PACT schools in the nation. Kudos to Miramar PACT Coordinator **Joe Young** for achieving national recognition.



Changing the Lives of Students for 43 Years at City College



Top image: John Markley with his students Carlos Batara (left) and Bill Heller (right) when they won awards at the journalism competition in San Jacinto for Southern California Community Colleges. (The Fortnightly, Dec. 20, 1973). Bottom image: John Markley (left) with 2013 Pulitzer Prize recipient Dave Hasemyer.

Students Love Mesa's Top Nurse

Mesa's Director of Student Health Services, **Suzanne Khambata, L.V.N., F.N.P.**, earned the "I Love A Nurse!" award for achieving excellence in the work place and service to the students.

The "I Love a Nurse" program honors nurses that exemplify the best in their profession. Members of the Point Loma Nazarene University School of Nursing review nominations and select a winner every month.

The selection committee sets high standards for the recognition. According to the program's guidelines: "This person encompasses the desired care and connection to their patients that goes above and beyond just being a care provider but a care provider with an emotional investment with each and every patient."

"Suzanne works tirelessly in our clinic, serving community college students and by creating amazing community education events and opportunities," said Ashanti Hands, dean of Student Affairs. "Her first and foremost loyalty is to the community college student. No matter how busy she is, the student and student care always comes first."



John Markley came to City College in 1970, and stayed 43 years. He established the first City College Journalism major, served as the faculty advisor to the student newspaper for seven years in the midst of '70s activism, and set the course for success for many of his hundreds of students. One of his students, David Hasemyer, a 30-year Union-Tribune reporter, just won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished reporting on a national story about the flawed regulation of the nation's oil pipelines. He says John Markley helped lay the foundation for his success. Another student used John's journalism class in 1973 to hone his writing skills and make it big in Hollywood. Next time you see a Cameron Crowe classic such as "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," "Jerry Maguire," or "Almost Famous," or enjoy a new film like "We Bought a Zoo," know that a little piece of City College is in each blockbuster film!

200 Years of History Together

Partnering with the Park | City College Cares



City College volunteers join together in giving back to the community during Day of Service.

As City College turns 100 in 2014, and Balboa Park turns 100 in 2015, it seemed fitting to work together on a community service project. So on a sweltering day in October more than 30 students, staff, and volunteers from the college's Office of Student Affairs, the Associated Student Government and Inter-Club Council, the Mental Health Peer Mentors, and the Seeds@City Urban Farm partnered with the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department to "kick-off" the start of an annual Day of Service project.

One set of volunteers dug dirt, raked mulch, and planted new trees. Another set of volunteers pulled weeds, picked up debris, and cleared hillsides. At the end of the day and with much sweat equity, a beautiful new scenic garden area was created for thousands of park visitors to enjoy near the Veterans Museum.

City College Vice President of Student Services Denise Whisenhunt said, "Balboa Park was an obvious choice for our Day of Service because the park has long been considered an extension of City College."

Next year, the City College Cares volunteer group will host two weeks of service in the spring and fall semesters. First, partnering again with the Park and Recreation Department and in collaboration with the college's Veterans Services program, students will adopt and maintain the areas adjacent to the Veterans Museum in Balboa Park. Then, City College will partner with St. Vincent de Paul's services to work with the downtown homeless community.

Inspiring Community for 100 years

Creating partnerships with the community has been at the center of San Diego Continuing Education's mission for 100 years, and will continue as a priority in both the immediate years and into the future.

The primary mission of SDCE is to provide educational opportunities for all adult residents. Continuing Education has been a stand out supporter when it comes to what will help the most adults access its classrooms and position them for transition to higher education or the workforce. In recognition of its 100-year anniversary, Continuing Education is inviting current and new businesses and organizations in San Diego to join San Diego Continuing Education's commitment to continue to inspire success in San Diego. Visit www.sdce.edu to learn more.

The Mesa Press Student Journalists Honored at JACC Conference

Mesa College student journalists took home awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges' annual Southern California Conference, held October 12 at Cal State Fullerton. The conference was attended by 250 community college journalism students from throughout Southern California. Two Mesa College students received awards for individual work published in *The Mesa Press* this past year, under the guidance of advisor, Prof. **Janna Braun**. They are: **Kyle Kenehan**, first place, sports action photo, and **Lauren J. Mapp**, second place, critical review. Staff member **Roxana Iulia Paul** earned fourth place honors for an advertisement she designed promoting *The Mesa Press*.

Photographer **Kyle Kenehan** captures Mesa College sophomore, **Patrick de la Garza** (pictured), as he lays out in centerfield saving two runs with a diving catch.

NEWS



Miramar College Honors First Responders on 9/11 and Breaks Ground on Fire Science/EMT Training Center

As the nation marked the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Miramar College honored the sacrifice of first responders while celebrating the start of construction on a new facility to train future firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The San Diego Firefighters' Pipes and Drums performed Amazing Grace in tribute, and participants wielded gleaming shovels and donned fire helmets for a ceremonial turning of the ground.

The \$16.5 million, 27,000-gross-square-foot building will serve as the new classroom and active training center for the Fire Science and Emergency Medical Technician programs and support in-service training needs for multiple fire departments.

In 1995, the college's fire technology program relocated to Camp Nimitz at NTC near the downtown airport to take advantage of a unique firefighting training center being vacated by the United States Navy. Plans to expand and extensively remodel never came to fruition, but with funding provided by Propositions S and N, the nationally-recognized first responder training programs will return to the college campus. Completion of the facility is expected in the fall of 2014.



From Left: Greg Griswold, CAL FIRE Deputy Chief; Michael Sorenson, Rural Metro Ambulance Director, Public Affairs; Bernie Rhinerson, SDCCD Board of Trustees; Rich Grosch, SDCCD Board of Trustees President; Patricia Hsieh, San Diego Miramar College President; Constance Carroll, SDCCD Chancellor; Javier Mainar, San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief; Darren Hall, San Diego Miramar College Fire Technology Professor; Kevin Steenberge, Fire/EMT student.

WE

With Excellence

Published by the
**San Diego
 Community College District**

**Communications
 and Public Relations Office**
 619-388-6500 • cpr@sdccd.edu

Executive Editor: Jack Beresford

Editor: Cesar Gumapas

Graphic Design: Brenda Aguirre

Contributions from:

- City College Communications Services
- Mesa College Communications Services
- Miramar College Communications Services
- Continuing Education Communications Services

The San Diego Community College District is governed by its Board of Trustees. No oral or written representation is binding on the San Diego Community College District without the express written approval of the Board of Trustees.



San Diego Community College District
Administrative Offices
3375 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108-3883

Board of Trustees:

Mary Graham
Rich Grosch
Bernie Rhinerson
Maria Nieto Senour, Ph.D.
Peter Zschiesche

Chancellor:

Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.

Presidents:

Lynn Ceresino Neault, Ed.D., San Diego City College
Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D., San Diego Mesa College
Patricia Hsieh, Ed.D., San Diego Miramar College
Anthony E. Beebe, Ed.D., San Diego Continuing Education

www.sdccd.edu

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



www.facebook.com/sdccd
www.twitter.com/sdccd

DISTRICT DELIVERS \$4 BILLION ANNUALLY TO ECONOMY

A new study shows that the San Diego Community College District's total economic impact on the region is \$4 billion annually – equal to 2.3 percent of San Diego's Gross Regional Product.

The report was conducted on behalf of the SDCCD by EMSI and was based on financial and academic data from the 2012-13 academic year. It found that the District's three colleges and Continuing Education campuses have a significant impact on the local economy.

"One of the primary missions of community colleges is to enhance the economic development of their local communities," said SDCCD Chancellor Constance Carroll.

"The San Diego Community College District takes this mission seriously, and has a powerful economic impact upon San Diego as well as the broader region."

The SDCCD's greatest impact results from the education and training it provides local residents. Former students generated \$3.7 billion in added income in the region. This figure represents the higher wages that students earned during the year, the increased output of the businesses that employed the students, and the multiplier effects that occurred as students and their employers spent money at other businesses. For more information, visit www.sdccd.edu.

