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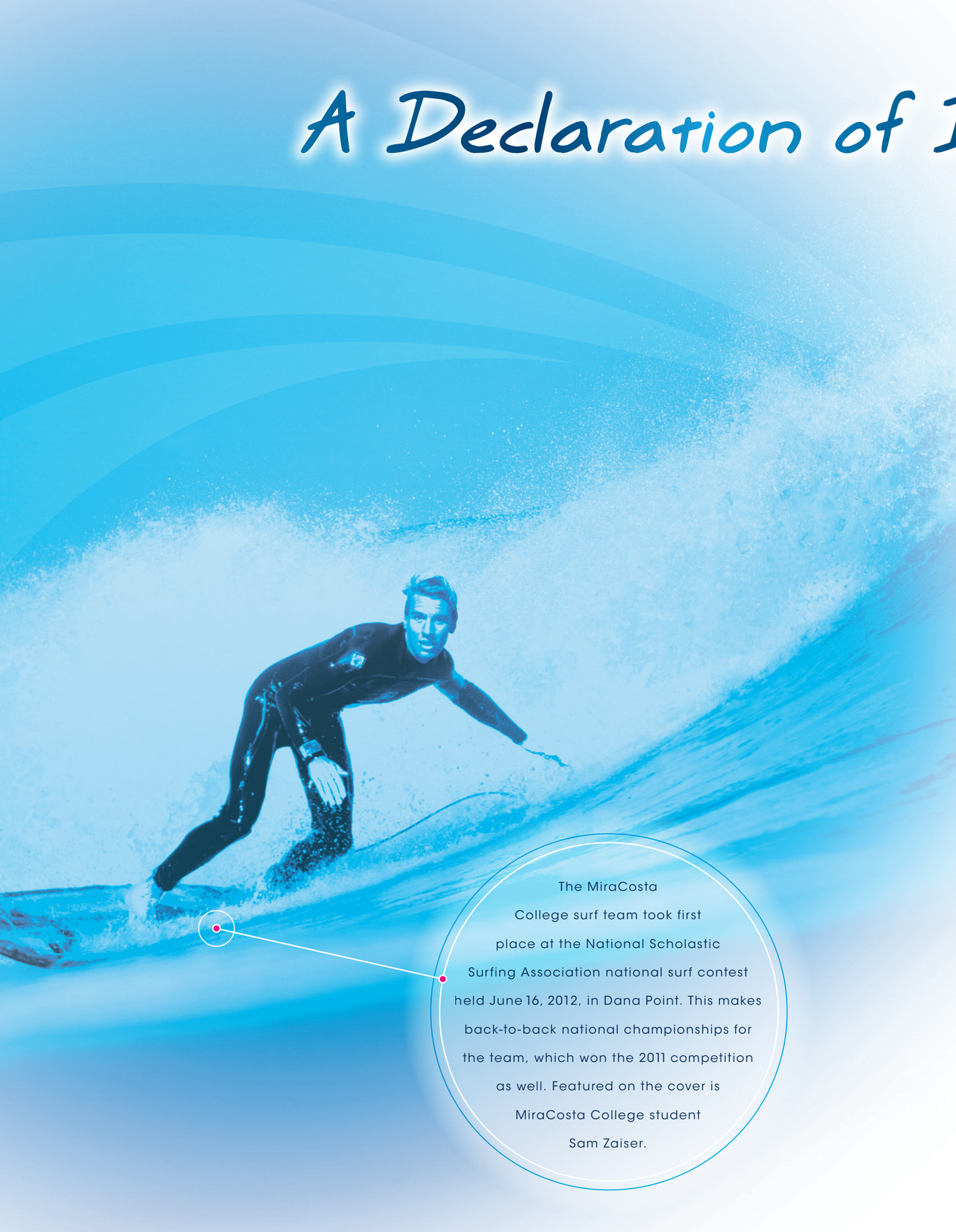

The MiraCosta College surf team took first place at the National Scholastic Surfing Association national surf contest held June 16, 2012, in Dana Point. This makes back-to-back national championships for the team, which won the 2011 competition as well. Featured on the cover is MiraCosta College student Sam Zaiser.

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- Communicate appropriately for the context

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- Think independently, creatively, logically, and effectively
- Apply appropriate problem solving methods
- Analyze and synthesize information from multiple perspectives

Professional & Ethical Behavior
- Demonstrate responsible and professional conduct, in the classroom, workplace, and community
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and collaboratively

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Responding to Community Needs

MiraCosta College's Master Plan Addresses North San Diego County's Need for Skilled Workers

Monique Torres was barely a teenager when she decided that one day she would be a nurse.

"Both of my parents had close to life-threatening diseases when I was in middle school, which was really rough," said Torres. "But I watched how the nurses would treat them, and what a difference that made, and I knew then I wanted to make that same difference in someone's life."

Immediately after high school, she began working toward her goal, earning a spot in MiraCosta College's Registered Nursing program and graduating in 2012.

Torres is now back at California State University San Marcos, where she is working toward her bachelor's degree in nursing. Once she passes the state nursing boards, she hopes to join the more than 2,600 registered nurses working in North San Diego County.

"I'm going straight into it," she declared. Torres has a good shot at fulfilling her dream; in the next five years, it is projected that there will be an additional 550 regional jobs available for registered nurses.

Nursing is one of several fields predicted to have strong employment. According to the California Department of Employment Development, more than 12,700 jobs will be added within the MiraCosta Community College district by 2020. Many of these are higher-wage jobs; in fact, three of the area's top five industry sectors offer earnings higher than $53,000 per year: professional, scientific and technical services; health care and social assistance; and finance and insurance.

"In response to this, MiraCosta College has positioned itself to take a strong role in training our future local workforce, ensuring that not only will our students earn college degrees, but that they also will be able to live and work in North San Diego County," said MiraCosta College Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez.

MiraCosta's role will grow stronger in the next decade as the college implements its ten-year education and facilities plan—the *2011 Comprehensive Master Plan*—that calls for the expansion of science, biotechnology, nursing, and technical health-related careers and job-training programs. As part of the plan, the college will renovate and modernize existing facilities and construct new instructional buildings to provide students with the education and job skills they need to enter the workforce.

"The master plan for MiraCosta College is centered on the needs of our students and community and advances the college's role in strengthening our region's economy," said Dr. Rodriguez. "It is one of the many ways MiraCosta College is demonstrating that it is a vanguard educational institution."

In July 2012, an independent research firm conducted a public opinion research survey of MiraCosta Community College District voters. The survey found that more than two-thirds of registered voters would support a locally controlled MiraCosta College bond measure to fund the plan. Throughout 2012, the college conducted an educational campaign to share its vision with the community and solicit input, and in August, the Board of Trustees voted to place a general obligation bond on the November 2012, ballot.

The full *2011 Comprehensive Master Plan*, as well as an executive summary, can be viewed at www.miracosta.edu/ourplan.

"I'm 22 and I can already start a career as an RN. It's a great accomplishment."

MiraCosta College and the Oceanside Unified School District GEAR UP for Student Success

At a special MiraCosta College Foundation event, 12-year-old Michelle Gonzalez, a student at Cesar Chavez Middle School, didn't pause for a second when she shared her future career plans with MiraCosta College Foundation board member Marty Weiss.

"I want to be a pediatrican because I like helping people. But because of my family's financial situation, I don't know if I can."

That was a dream Gonzalez never thought possible until she became part of the new MiraCosta College and Oceanside Unified School District GEAR UP Program.

"Don't give up on your dream," encouraged Weiss. "Money will work itself out. Just keep focusing and you will get there."

Gonzalez is one of the 1,300 students attending Jefferson and Cesar Chavez middle schools in Oceanside to benefit from the $7.5 million GEAR UP grant the college received in September 2011. GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) aims to help at-risk students prepare for college and receive the support they need to achieve success in postsecondary education.

> "By investing in their futures, we are giving these sixth and seventh graders a path toward college and building a brighter future for the community."
>
> *Dr. Francisco Rodriguez*

Gonzalez was on campus participating in a tour of MiraCosta College, one of many college campuses she will have the opportunity to visit throughout high school. During this trip, MiraCosta College Foundation board members were able to meet with a group of GEAR UP students to talk with them about their hopes and aspirations for the future. At a similar event, GEAR UP students meet MiraCosta College Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, who led them in a cheer before they toured the campus and sampled college courses.

"More than 80 percent of the students in the GEAR UP program are from minority groups, a subset that traditionally has a lower level of college-going rates," said Dr. Rodriguez. "GEAR UP does more than prepare them for college; it instills in them the belief that they are capable of success."

Counselors, tutors, teacher aides, area businesses, service clubs and agencies are all part of GEAR UP—assisting students in becoming prepared for college.

"Our partnership with MiraCosta College and GEAR UP, a highly recognizable and successful program, is a tremendous boost to our students, as part of the college-going culture we promote throughout our district," said Oceanside Unified School District Superintendent Larry Pereondi.

Another unique piece of the GEAR UP Program is the MiraCosta College Foundation's pledge to provide scholarships for graduates.

"A key piece of the grant application was a guarantee from the foundation that they would raise at least $100,000 to assist GEAR UP graduates who choose to study at MiraCosta College," said Dr. Dick Robertson, vice president of student services at MiraCosta College. "Their commitment made a big difference in securing the grant."

The first **GEAR UP** students will finish high school in 2017. To give them a head start at college, the MiraCosta College Foundation has pledged to raise $100,000 in scholarships.

Encuentros Leadership & MiraCosta College

In 2003, Encuentros Leadership was established to combat the high dropout rates of Latino boys from ninth through twelfth grades. Encuentros Leadership is a nonprofit organization that aims to encourage and support Latinos to stay in school, pursue their dreams, and become contributing members of society and inspiring role models in their communities. For the last eight years, MiraCosta College has supported the organization through various means, including hosting the annual Encuentros Educational and Career Conference. The event allows Latino boys to visit a college campus and learn about the endless possibilities available through education. MiraCosta College continues to show support to the organization, with the ninth annual conference scheduled for October 27, 2012.

Sponsor Your Student Today!

You can be a part of helping these students accomplish their academic goals by making a gift of scholarships. Any gift level you choose will go a long way in propelling our **GEAR UP** students to success. Donors who participate in this fundraising effort will be apprised of our **GEAR UP** students' progress as they move though middle school and high school, and will be invited to our scholarship awards celebration to see students receive their scholarships.

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$100 — Purchases a **textbook**.

$500 — Pays fees for **one semester**.

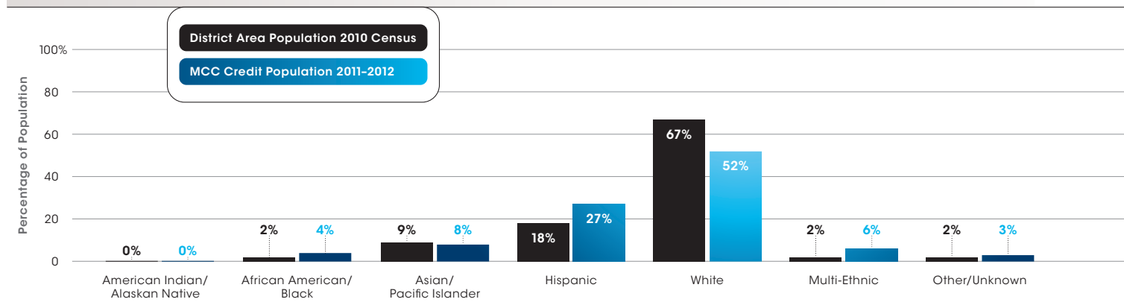
$1,000 — Provides a full **one-year scholarship**.

$15,000 — Endows a partial scholarship—**$500 for a MiraCosta College student every year, forever**.

$25,000 — Endows a full-year scholarship—**$1,000 for a MiraCosta College student every year, forever**.

LEGACY — Provides a **gift to the college through your estate plan** to leave a legacy reflecting your love of education.

Diversity at MiraCosta College: District Area vs. College Credit Population



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MiraCosta College Marks of Distinction

MiraCosta College received full reaffirmation of accreditation (see page 27 for story) **and an A+ audit** (see page 32 for story)**.**

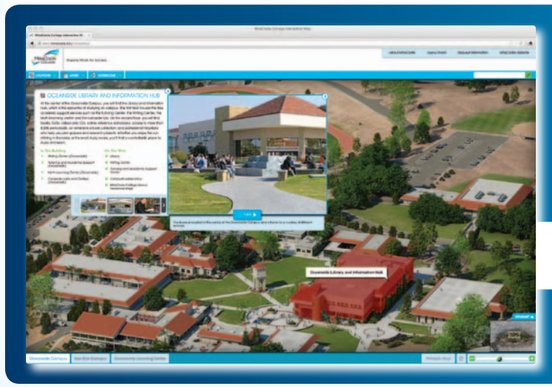
***GI Jobs Magazine* named MiraCosta College one of the top military-friendly schools in the nation**. Across the state, veterans are turning to community colleges like MiraCosta College to assist with the transition back to civilian life. MiraCosta College's **Community Services Program provides specialty training to assist veterans with beginning new careers**. In 2011–2012, the program offered three new training programs: veterinary assistant, facilities maintenance technician, and solar design and installation.

In spring 2012, MiraCosta College's **Massage Therapist Certificate of Achievement became certified by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork**. "This is terrific news for our students and a prestigious certification for the program," said Dean of Career and Technical Education Al Taccone.

The Letters Department Developmental English and English as a Second Language (ESL) Composition Program has been **awarded advanced-level certification by the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE)**. MiraCosta College is the first college in California and first community college in the United States to be awarded the NADE certification.

In fall 2011, MiraCosta College's **Yoga Teacher Training Certificate of Achievement received certification from the National Yoga Alliance**, which qualifies graduates to become registered yoga teachers with the alliance.

Associate Dean of Allied Health Occupations Sandy Comstock shows off a photo of the 26 graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, who received their nursing pins on May 24, 2012. This was the college's second ADN graduating class; the first class graduated in December 2011.



MiraCosta College launched a virtual tour website and app in early 2012. This high-tech tour lets users "cruise" around campus and learn about the college's programs, services and students.

Give it a try at:
www.miracosta.edu/virtualtour

Or, download the app on your smart phone.

In spring 2012, **MiraCosta College became one of the first community colleges in the state to be certified by the Internal Revenue Service** as an authorized provider of continuing education for enrolled agents and registered tax preparers. MiraCosta College's Income Tax Preparer Certificate of Proficiency meets the requirement for certifying students as California tax preparers and prepares students to meet the federal guidelines for paid tax preparers.

MiraCosta College received a Chamber of Commerce award for its outstanding economic development contribution in education for 2011 at the San Diego North Economic Development Council holiday luncheon. As a participant in the Green Building Program, funded by the San Diego Workforce Partnership, the college helps to train displaced workers, the long-term unemployed, new workers, military veterans, and teenagers in the skills needed to obtain and retain jobs in the expanding green economy.

The American Lung Association, on behalf of the San Diego County Tobacco Free Communities Coalition, **recognized MiraCosta College for its 100 percent smoke-free college policy**, implemented across all campuses in fall 2011.

MiraCosta College's **Public Information Office earned top honors at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations**, bringing home a total of six regional and three national awards for college publications, social media efforts and marketing strategies.

MiraCosta College Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez was named Pacesetter of the Year by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. The award recognizes Dr. Rodriguez for his vision and commitment to best practices in the communications field.

Vice President of Business and Administrative Services Jim Austin was selected as the 2011 Walter Star Robie Honoree, an award given to a chief business officer who has demonstrated achievement and exemplary service within a college district.

Phi Delta Kappa honored Dean of Counseling Wendy Stewart as its 2012 Outstanding African-American Educator. She was recognized for her more than 16 years of service as an educator and for her work as a community activist.

Associate Dean of Student Services Nikki Schaper was selected by Encuentros Leadership to receive the Si Se Puede Award for going beyond the call of duty to ensure the success of the annual Encuentros Conference.

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Ensuring Student Success

MiraCosta College Serves a Record Number of Student Veterans

Across the state, veterans like Thomas Sudnick are turning to community colleges like MiraCosta College to assist with the transition back to civilian life. A decorated sailor who served seven years in the Navy and Navy Reserves, including overseas support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sudnick was initially concerned about his transition to student life. Those concerns, however, were put to rest when he began his academic career at MiraCosta College.

"I have been given access to counselors who specialize in working with active-duty military personnel and veterans, along with access to outside support services," said Sudnick.

During his time at MiraCosta College, Sudnick excelled academically and earned two Osher scholarships, as well as the Kendra Keating Scholarship. A 2012 graduate, Sudnick transferred to California State University San Marcos, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree with the goal of becoming a state trooper or a juvenile probation officer.

"MiraCosta College has prepared me well for the next leg in my academic journey. I am incredibly thankful for everything the college has given me."

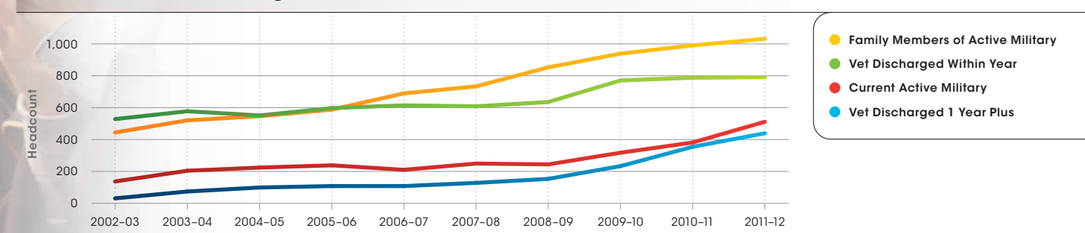
MiraCosta College can now provide even greater service to more student veterans thanks to a $305,500 grant from the Howard Charitable Foundation. The grant provides funds to augment student veteran counseling services, administer loans and emergency grants to student veterans, and equip the Veterans Information Center.

"This grant will significantly impact the lives of our student veterans by improving the college's ability to serve those who have served our country," said MiraCosta College Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez. "These students have unique characteristics and needs that MiraCosta College will be able to better meet thanks to the college programs supported by the Howard Charitable Foundation."

In the past 10 years, MiraCosta College has experienced a 150 percent increase in veteran enrollment and anticipates serving even more student veterans over the next few years. Currently, approximately 1,740 active-duty military and veterans and an additional 1,030 military dependents attend the college each semester.

"At MiraCosta College, we believe that in addition to offering classes, it is our responsibility to recognize the particular needs of our veterans, including those who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury," said Gilbert Hermosillo, MiraCosta College's dean of admissions and student support. "This grant gives us the resources needed to ensure that services like counseling and the Veterans Information Center can continue to serve our growing veteran population."

More Active-Duty Military, Veterans & Military Dependents Choose MiraCosta College

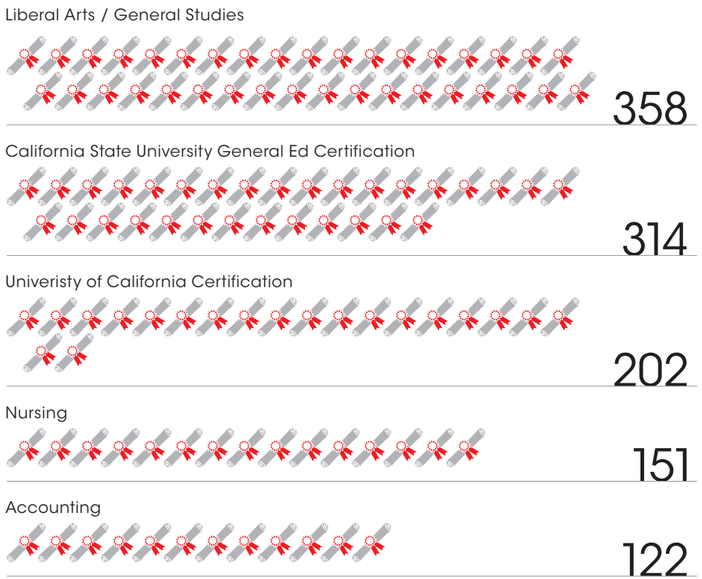


"MiraCosta College provided me with support from day one, making the transition from military service to higher education smooth."

MiraCosta College Congratulates Largest Graduating Class in College History

MiraCosta College awarded 2,004 degrees and certificate at its spring 2012 commencement, a 19.5% increase over spring 2011. Students graduated with degrees and certificates in more than 60 areas of study.

Among the most popular degrees and certificates conferred were:



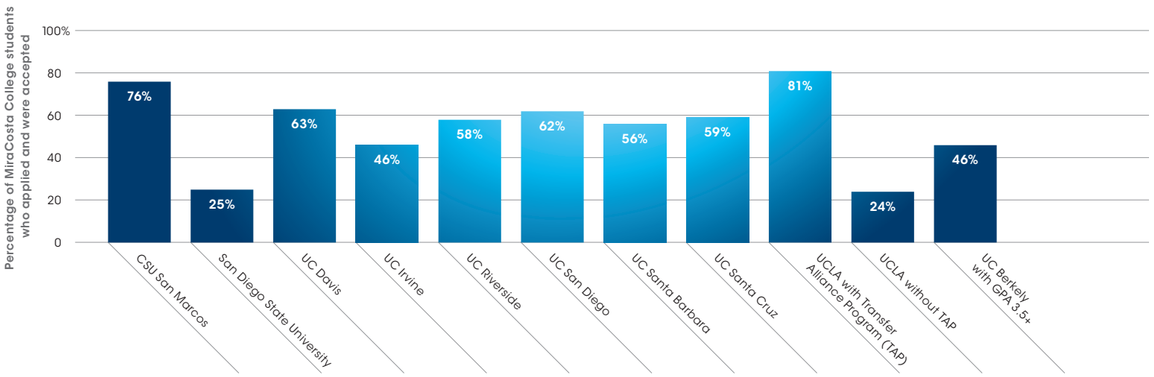
Honors Scholar Program Provides Pathway to Transfer

In 2011–2012 more than 200 students participated in the college's Honors Scholar Program (HSP). Every student that finished the requirements and applied to transfer to a four-year university was accepted to at least one transfer school. In addition, many of the HSP graduates received significant scholarships to attend prestigious institutions such as UC Berkeley, UCLA, UCSD, UCSB, Biola, The Master's College, Babson, Sarah Lawrence, and the Cal State Long Beach Honors Business Program. Transferring honors students were offered more than $800,000 in scholarships.

MiraCosta College Students Transfer Near & Far

MiraCosta College has a very high rate of admission and an excellent reputation at prestigious universities throughout the nation. In 2012, graduates transferred to nearly every UC and CSU in California as well as to private universities across the country.

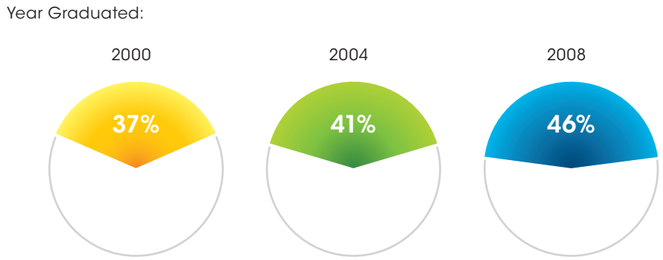
Fall 2012 MiraCosta College Admissions: Select Universities in California



Adult High School Graduates Start on Their Higher Education Path at MiraCosta College

MiraCosta College graduate Karina Bravo (pictured) received her adult high school diploma at the 2012 Adult High School Diploma Program graduation. In 2011–2012, 102 students graduated from the program. Nearly half of the graduates will go on to take college-level courses at MiraCosta College within the next five years.

Percentage of MiraCosta Adult High School Diploma Graduates Who Take Credit Courses at MiraCosta College Within Five Years



English as a Second Language Students Soar to Success

Bowen Ma moved to San Diego from Dalian, China, where she graduated high school in 2009. She began taking noncredit English as a second language classes at MiraCosta College's Community Learning Center in order to prepare herself for college-level English. In 2012, Ma graduated from MiraCosta College and was named a recipient of the college's highest academic award, the Medal of Honor. Ma transferred to UCLA and is majoring in business/economics.

In 2011–2012, 1,403 students took free, noncredit English as a second language courses at the MiraCosta College Community Learning Center. Many of those students continue their education in college-level, credit courses at MiraCosta College.

> "You feel welcome at MiraCosta College–the professors are friendly and helpful and people here are like family. I appreciate all of the help MiraCosta College has given me—it feels like home here."

MiraCosta College Focuses on Student Success

In 2011-2012, 73 percent of MiraCosta College's 4,424 first-time freshmen placed in basic skills math, while 46 percent placed into basic skills English. The college's Student Success Program, in partnership with California's Basic Skills Initiative, is preparing these students for college-level courses by offering inclusive, accessible and innovative instructional programs and student support services, including:

- **Credit Supplemental Instruction**, **Noncredit Supplemental Instruction** and **Reading Support Program Training**, in which the MiraCosta College Writing Center places trained writing consultants directly into English and ESL classes where they give students one-to-one assistance with writing and reading.
- **Chemistry Math Support**, providing all students taking chemistry with expanded drop-in tutoring, as well as math review and reading workshops.
- **First Year Experience**, a program that assists first-time college students taking pre-transfer level classes.
- **Math Anxiety Workshops**, designed to help students address math anxiety and learn how to deal with it.
- **Noncredit to Credit**, focusing on serving students who have never considered college, have little or no understanding about college opportunities, and who lack understanding about enrollment.
- **Puente**, an academic program that combines rigorous writing instruction, intensive academic counseling and mentoring by professional members of the local community.
- **Read and Write Gold**, in which teachers provide the instruction necessary to meet the needs of diverse student populations, including those with reading and writing difficulties and learning disabilities, as well as for English language learners.

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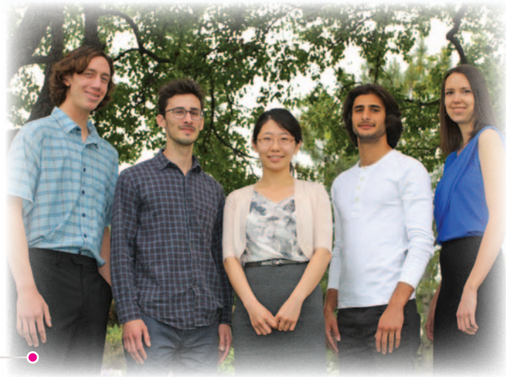
MiraCosta College Students Excel

Medal of Honor Students Named

The Medal of Honor, sponsored by the MiraCosta College Foundation, is the college's highest academic honor, awarded annually to only five students. Each recipient receives a scholarship of at least $500 provided by community members, businesses and service organizations.



This year's Medal of Honor students, pictured left to right, are **Eric Snortum**, **Brett Webber**, **Bowen Ma**, **Sasha Tangherian** and **Julia Kelly**.

Once Troubled Teen Receives Scholarship Worth $30,000 Per Year

A troubled teen, **Jaime Cook** struggled in school, fell into the wrong crowd and battled poverty, at times not even having enough money for food. Cook's incredible 180, which led her to academic success at MiraCosta College has also earned her one of the most prestigious scholarships in the nation—the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

"This scholarship means that someone, somewhere out there, wanted to hugely invest in my education because they believe in me," said Cook.

Surf Team Sweeps Nationals

The MiraCosta College surf team took first place at the 2012 National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) Competition. This makes back-to-back national championships for the team, which won the 2011 competition as well.

Forty teams and more than 350 collegiate, high school and middle school surfers competed in the event. Students **Dayton Silva** (pictured), **Brent Reilly**, **Kelly Zaun** and **Derrick Disney** swept the top four places in men's shortboarding, in that order. Silva was named "College Surfer of the Year" by the NSSA.

Students Aim for the Stars with Internships

Astronomy major **Michael Hill** was selected for a summer internship funded by the National Science Foundation. He performed research for NASA's Kepler Mission in search of planets outside the solar system.

Each year, MiraCosta College's Career Center places approximately 200 students in internships like Hill's. This past year, students had the opportunity to work at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, the San Diego Superior Court, Life Technologies, Jenny Craig and Surfdog Records, among others.

MiraCosta Students Win Big at the San Diego County Fair

MiraCosta College recent graduates, **Kimberly Alexander** and **Gigi Lopatriello,** designed and installed displays in the Paul Ecke, Jr. Flower Garden Show and won five awards each, including Best Overall Display and Best Themed Garden. Ten MiraCosta College interns and two volunteers installed the San Diego Horticultural Society's garden display, which won eight awards. Students from MiraCosta's Design Drafting Department also received awards, including three Best in Show and seven Best in Class ribbons.

Intramurals Promote Connectivity

This year MiraCosta College's intramural sports program hosted 45 events for 1,087 participants.

"The students that participate are as diverse as our student body," says Intramural Director Pat Conahan. "Intramural sports emphasize the enjoyment of competing and provide opportunities to meet other students and begin new friendships."

This past year the program stepped outside the box and offered a few new events, including a "slip 'n slide" obstacle course by the clock tower, a bowling tournament and a flag football event.

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Message from the Foundation Board President

With its convenient location, comprehensive curricula, high-quality instruction and relatively low tuition, MiraCosta College welcomes all those who seek to enhance their lives through education. But it isn't always easy to meet even the most modest of college costs. Our struggling economy has left many students and their families wondering how to pay for college.

For more than 45 years, the MiraCosta College Foundation has been the critical link for donors wanting to offer a helping hand to students. Our donors appreciate the power of education to change lives for individuals and their families, and they want to be a part of that success. A college education is vital to the betterment of life; in fact, over a lifetime of work, the average person can expect to make 75 percent more by earning a college degree.

Fortunately, community members like you recognize the positive effect that monetary assistance can have for the financially challenged student. And, as each student who receives a scholarship can tell you, the gift extends beyond money. Students are lifted up by the realization that someone believes in their future, their goals and their worth.

In this past fiscal year, our donors contributed more than $1.3 million to help fund scholarships and excellence in our college programs. Your gifts enabled the college to provide more than $369,000 in scholarships and $80,000 in direct student aid, impacting more than 1,700 students. An additional $445,000 was expended on campus program enhancements such as augmented counseling for former foster youth and other student success programs. These speak to your generosity as well as your belief and confidence in our mission and our students.

Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez has set the college's course for the next five years: for MiraCosta College to become a vanguard educational institution—a community college that ranks in the top 10 percent of community colleges nationwide. What this means is that our students will have the highest likelihood of success with broad access to higher education in an atmosphere of innovation and high standards. The college Foundation, having laid a solid base of excellence, is prepared to support the college in achieving these inspirational goals.

Your philanthropic support has and will continue to give hope and change lives. On behalf of our students, the college we serve and the Foundation, I thank you.

Merlene York
Board President 2011–2012
MiraCosta College Foundation

MiraCosta College Awards Record-Breaking $300,000 in Scholarships

At its second annual Scholarship Awards Celebration, the MiraCosta College Foundation awarded a record-breaking $369,000 in scholarships to 394 students. The foundation also awarded an additional $80,000 in direct aid to students for textbook purchases, bus passes and emergency aid.

"Despite, or maybe because of the tough economy, alumni and friends of the college have substantially increased giving to scholarships. Their thoughtfulness and generosity are helping our students reach for and achieve their educational goals," said Linda Fogerson, executive director of the MiraCosta College Foundation.

As part of the ceremony, scholarship donors were acknowledged and had the opportunity to publicly present their scholarship to student recipients.

> "A scholarship donation of $500 or $1,000 can help with essential expenses and give deserving students much-needed encouragement."
>
> *Merlene York*

MiraCosta College's annual **Scholarship Awards Celebration** is a chance for scholarship donors and recipients to meet each other and enjoy the gift of philanthropy.

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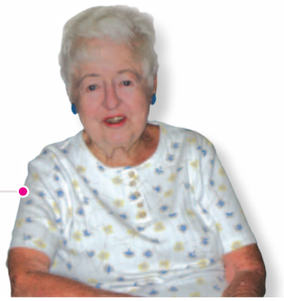

Building a Legacy at MiraCosta College

Although Jean Tweedie was not an alumna, MiraCosta College is where she decided to build a legacy.

Tweedie had always been interested in becoming a nurse and planned to go to nursing school after high school, but when WWII broke out, she joined the Canadian Air Force and served as an operations clerk. Shortly after the war ended, she was married, and as she put it, "that was that, as far as my professional goals went."

Instead of simply letting go of her dream, Tweedie decided to honor her would-be profession by helping future nursing students afford their own education.

"I never lost interest or admiration for the profession," she said. "I decided I wanted to support others who had the dream and opportunity to enter the field. I also strongly believe education is the key to making the world a better place, so I looked to MiraCosta College as a potential beneficiary."

Tweedie passed away this past summer after a courageous bout with cancer. Because of her thoughtful planning, her bequest to the college ensures that her values and passion for nursing endure in her community.

To learn more about how you can create your legacy at MiraCosta College please call Linda Fogerson, executive director of the MiraCosta College Foundation, at 760.795.6775.

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"MiraCosta College scholarships allowed me to focus on school and alleviated the burden of serious college costs. I didn't have to take out loans, which made my first two years of college debt free."

Carlos Sandoval, transferred to UCLA

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"Receiving scholarships at MiraCosta College has helped me believe that I could obtain my educational goals. It gave me strength."

Blanca Castro, transferred to CSU San Marcos

"The scholarship from MiraCosta College has provided me the opportunity of a lifetime to fulfill my educational goals."

Juan Frausto, transferred to CSU Long Beach

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Community Partners Support Students

Over the past three years, the **Carlsbad High Noon Rotary has invested $23,000 in MiraCosta College veterans** by assisting them with the purchase of textbooks and by providing scholarships. This support makes a tremendous difference for veteran students as they transition from military service to a productive civilian life.

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Commitment to Institutional Quality

Accrediting Commission Reaffirms College's Accreditation

Over the past years, MiraCosta College has taken significant steps to improve planning processes, better connect program review to decision-making and resource allocation, and more effectively measure student learning. All of these efforts help the college meet its pledge to the community to assure academic quality and pursue institutional excellence, and have resulted in the Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) reaffirming accreditation status to MiraCosta College.

"Community colleges are held to high standards of student success and institutional performance, and being accredited is an integral part of assuring quality to the public," said MiraCosta College Board of Trustees President Gloria Carranza. "We are pleased that the commission recognizes the hard work and diligence of our administration, faculty and staff in providing the highest-quality education for students, all while being responsive to community needs and being good stewards of the public's trust."

Accreditation is a process whereby colleges voluntarily hold themselves to a set of standards of academic excellence.

"Being accredited means that students and the community can trust what the college represents about its programs, services and resources," said MiraCosta College Dean of Institutional Planning, Reasearch and Grants Dr. Bob Pacheco. "Employers seek candidates from accredited programs when making hiring decisions. Baccalaureate institutions accept only transfer-credit units from accredited colleges. Federal and state agencies award financial aid to qualified students enrolled at accredited schools."

Accreditation is an ongoing process of sustainable, continuous quality improvement. In 2013, the college will submit its midterm report to the accrediting commission documenting the continued efforts to meet the academic standards for the next accreditation cycle and beyond.

Improvements to Planning, Program Review & Resource Allocation

At the heart of the college's planning efforts is the *2011 Comprehensive Master Plan* (CMP), a 10-year, long-term view of the college's future. The CMP includes an educational and a facilities master plan, and provides critical direction for the next decade by establishing overarching institutional goals based on the college mission.

To meet these institutional goals, MiraCosta College has created a strategic plan, a tactical, three-year plan that identifies institutional objectives and action plans. In addition, all of the college's academic, administrative and student support programs undergo annual review using data to identify strengths and weaknesses, bolster connection to the mission and institutional goals, and address areas of improvement.

In its continual commitment to ensure student success, the college has also folded student learning outcomes results at the course, program and institutional levels into the program review analysis. Program review analysis is then incorporated into planning and budgeting allocation decisions, thus completing the institutional effectiveness loop.

"The changes and improvements we have made are consistent with excellent educational practice and evidence of our commitment to this college, students and community," said MiraCosta College Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez.

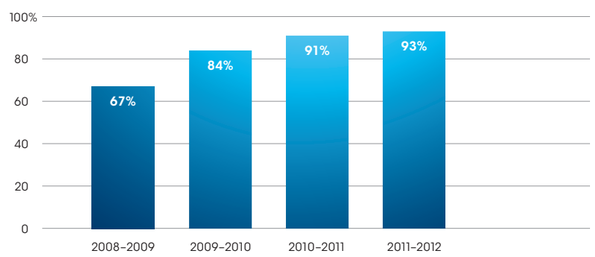
As a result of the accreditation process and the ensuing self-reflection and collaboration, positive growth and change have occurred at MiraCosta College. Today, the college is a stronger, more responsive institution and is better positioned for the future.

MiraCosta College Responds to Growing Student Needs

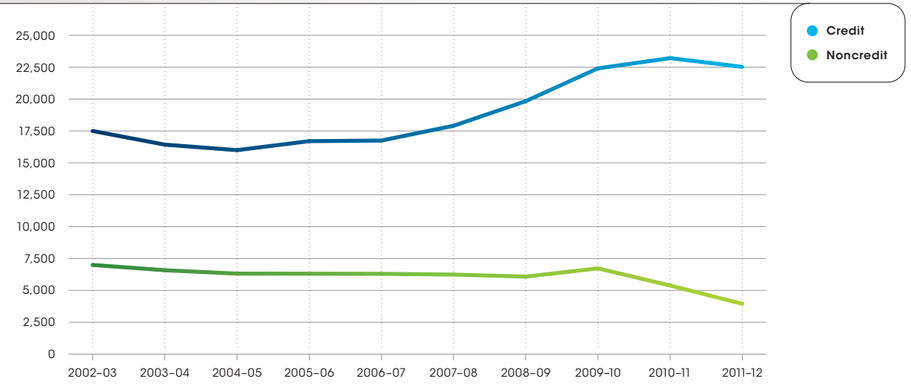
MiraCosta College has met the demand for higher education by increasing its number of online classes, offering more university-transferable classes, and scheduling courses in ways that work better with students' schedules. In addition, the college has dramatically increased the number of sections offered on Fridays and Saturdays, and this fall will offer 65 sections on these days, including lab classes for chemistry, biology, horticulture and oceanography. These efforts have resulted in a two percent increase in the college's "fill rate," or the ratio of the number of seats available to the number of seats filled, a measurement colleges use to see if they are effectively utilizing classroom space.

"Even during the first week of classes, our deans and department chairs have added new sections in areas such as math and science that have huge wait lists of students," says Vice President of Instructional Services Mary Benard. "This responsiveness allows us to offer a schedule of classes that best serves our students."

Classroom Fill Rates: 2008–2009 through 2011–2012



Student Enrollment at MiraCosta College: Unduplicated Yearly Headcount



Note: This represents yearly, unduplicated headcount and includes students taking classes during fall, spring and summer semesters.

2011–2012 Grant Commitments Secured

MiraCosta College has a thriving grants program that in 2011–2012 resulted in more than $10 million in grant commitments secured, including the $7 million, seven-year federal GEAR UP grant. The college's Grants Office secures and administers government grants, and the MiraCosta College Development and Foundation Office secures and administers privately funded grants. These extramural funds play an important role in enhancing the college's academic programs and providing direct financial support for students.

MiraCosta College Grants Awarded Fiscal Year 2011–2012

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Anonymous	$15,000
California Community College Chancellor's Office	779,970
California Community College Chancellor's Office and SB 70 Funding	1,651,750
California Community College's Economic and Workforce Development	285,000
Disabled American Veterans California Rehabilitation Foundation	7,000
Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust	100,000
Employees Community Fund of Boeing California	15,000
Howard Charitable Foundation	305,000
Ben Hudnall Memorial Trust	15,360
Leichtag Family Foundation	50,828
Kisco Foundation	19,000
MBK Foundation, Inc.	7,000
Nice Guys of San Diego	7,400
Nordson Corporation Foundation	4,700
Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund	25,000
Rosenthal Family Foundation	10,000
San Diego Gas & Electric	31,500
San Diego Human Dignity Foundation	2,500
San Diego Workforce Partnership and American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)	109,400
Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary	12,500
United States Department of Education	7,000,000
United States Department of Energy and the San Diego Workforce Partnership	191,430
TOTAL	**$10,645,338**

College Program for Former Foster Youth Changes Lives

Dominique Cleveland escaped from an abusive mother, entered California's foster care system, and still, against almost impossible odds, managed to become a successful college student.

Cleveland has now completed her second year at MiraCosta College, works in the college's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services office, and has a paid internship with the county's Workforce Academy for Youth.

How difficult are the odds that Cleveland faced? While 70 percent of foster youth express a desire to attend college, only 10 percent actually enroll, and only four percent earn a degree or certificate. In contrast, within a couple of years after aging out of the foster care system, 40 percent will experience homelessness, spend time in jail, or become dependent on public assistance.

MiraCosta College faculty and staff are determined to change those odds—at least for the 100 former foster youth enrolled at the college—through a multifaceted approach that combines counseling, skills coaching and networking.

"I am the first person in my family to attend college and the first person in my family to have a job."

It is called Resources and Assistance for Former Foster Youth, or RAFFY, and it depends on community support. The Leichtag Family Foundation, the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund, major gift donors Mary Batten and Alec and Eva Babiarz, as well as hundreds of others provide essential private support for the program.

Gifts are used to help young adults like Cleveland achieve their dream of attending college and creating better lives through education.

To make a gift to help former foster youth in your community attend college, go to **foundation.miracosta.edu**.

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Your Return on Investment

MiraCosta College Impacts Students' Lives as Well as Regional & State Economies

Bryan Taggart, a North San Diego County native, took a less traditional route in his pursuit of higher education. After completing high school, like many of his peers, Taggart went away to college. He graduated from the University of California Santa Cruz with a bachelor's degree in marine biology, but when he moved back to San Diego, he found the job opportunities in the field were limited. After searching for some time, Taggart learned there were plenty of job openings in the biotechnology industry and decided to enroll in MiraCosta College's Biotechnology Program.

Initially, Taggart only intended to take one or two classes to see if he enjoyed the subject, but after one year he had taken every biotechnology class offered. He earned certificates in laboratory skills, bioprocess technology, and research and development, and then secured a job as a laboratory technician/operations intern at Stemgent, a biotechnology company located in San Diego. After one year and a lot of hard work, Taggart was promoted to research associate.

"In my current position, I work with stem cell cultures, do quality control and perform research," he shared. "MiraCosta College prepared me very well for my job. Even before I started working at Stemgent, I knew how to operate all of the equipment that I work with in the laboratory every day."

Biotechnology is one of more than 60 areas of study offered at MiraCosta College that prepares students for lucrative, local jobs and a lifetime of higher earnings. An economic impact report prepared by EMSI, a leading provider of socioeconomic impact and strategic planning tools to community colleges, found that students enjoy an attractive 16.9 percent rate of return on their MiraCosta College educational investment. Over the course of a working career, the average MiraCosta College student will earn $562,800 more than someone with only a high school diploma.

Not only do students benefit from their MiraCosta College educational investment, taxpayers and the regional economy do as well. For every dollar appropriated by state and local governments to MiraCosta College, taxpayers see a return in the form of higher tax revenues and avoided social costs. The net added income generated by MiraCosta College operations and the spending of students contributes a total of $65.1 million to the college service area economy each year.

MiraCosta College's impact reaches across the state as well. Once MiraCosta College current students become active in the workforce, they will promote business output, raise consumer spending and increase property income. Altogether, higher student income, associated effects on business productivity, and social savings add $77 million to the state economy each year.

"The results of this study demonstrate that MiraCosta College is a sound investment from multiple perspectives," said MiraCosta College Vice President of Business and Administrative Services Jim Austin. "The college enriches the lives of students and increases their lifetime incomes. It benefits taxpayers by generating increased tax revenues from an enlarged economy and reducing the demand for taxpayer-supported social services. Finally, it contributes to the vitality of both the local and state economies."

"All my professors have worked in the industry and were incredibly knowledgeable about the subject. The whole program was very team-oriented; it was an excellent environment for learning."

MiraCosta College Continues Its String of Strong Financial Audits

MiraCosta College and the MiraCosta College Foundation once again received an excellent report from auditors in its Annual Financial Report.

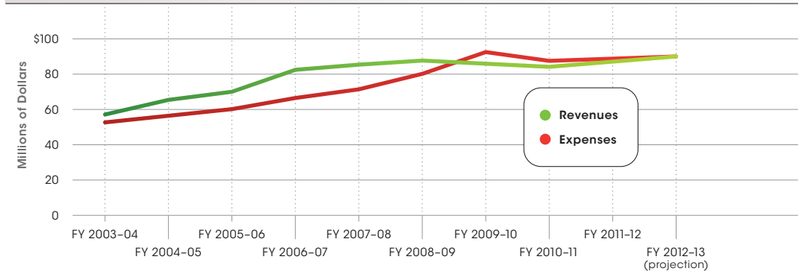
The A+ audit, which came with no qualifications, finds that the district and the foundation are in compliance with state laws and regulations, their own policies and procedures, and federal grant and donor requirements, which is testament to the prudent financial management of the district and the foundation.

This is the most recent in a long string of unqualified audits received by the district and the foundation.

MiraCosta College Resource Management

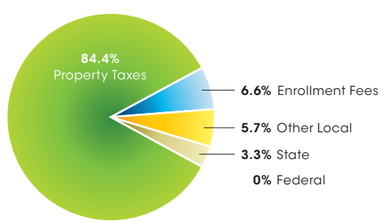
MiraCosta College's strong commitment to fiscal prudence has guided the district through the country's most severe financial crisis since the Great Depression. "Excellent work by all of the college constituencies went into producing a fiscally sound budget while sustaining access, serving record numbers of students and maintaining a healthy ending balance reserve," said MiraCosta College Vice President of Business and Administrative Services Jim Austin. "It has taken a couple of years, but the college has weathered the financial crisis, and FY13's budget will be operationally balanced."

MiraCosta College Historical Revenue vs. Expenses



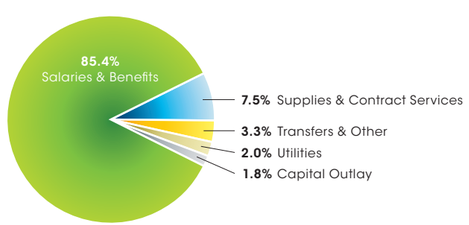
Fiscal Year 2011–2012 MiraCosta College Revenues

(Unrestricted General Fund, unaudited, final numbers)
Total $86,940,211



Fiscal Year 2011–2012 MiraCosta College Expenses

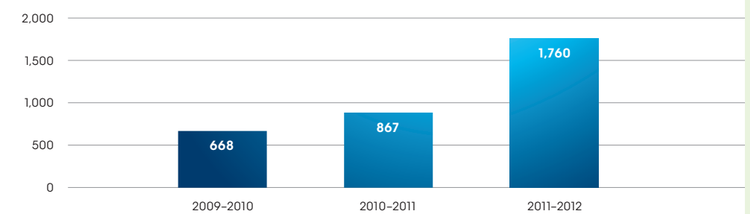
(Unrestricted General Fund, unaudited, final numbers)
Total $88,759,876



MiraCosta College Foundation Resource Management

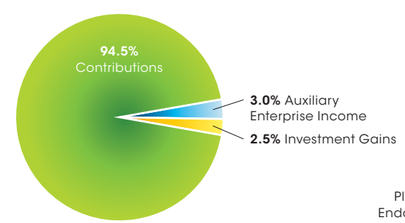
The MiraCosta College Foundation experienced another record year of giving as more college alumni and friends than ever before generously supported students with their gifts. This past fiscal year the MiraCosta College Foundation's revenues exceeded $1.4 million. This enabled the foundation to directly assist more than 1,700 students with scholarships, textbook assistance, free computers and emergency grants while also enhancing academic and student support programs.

Students Who Received Direct Support from the Foundation



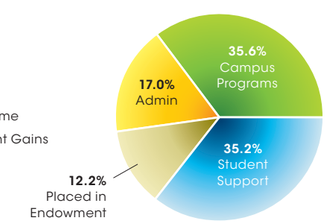
Fiscal Year 2011–2012 Foundation Revenues

(Unaudited, final numbers rounded)
Total $1,431,500

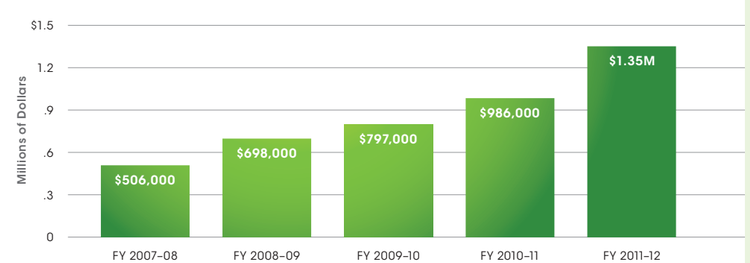


Fiscal Year 2011–2012 Foundation Allocations/Expenses

(Unaudited, final numbers rounded)
Total $1,249,500



Generous Friends & Alumni Create a Steady Increase in Contributions



Philanthropy Enables Student Success

In 2011–2012, about 66 percent of MiraCosta College students applied for financial aid, and 47 percent qualified for the California Board of Governors fee waiver. Unfortunately, decreasing financial aid awards coupled with a 27 percent fee hike has reduced our students' ability to afford higher education.

Thankfully, the generosity of college alumni and friends has enabled more MiraCosta College students than ever before to receive additional financial support through scholarships, free texbooks and emergency financial assistance. Students who receive a scholarship say the fact they received an award bolstered their determination to complete their college education.

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Students Serving Our Community

MiraCosta College's Award-Winning Service Learning Program Benefits Students & the Community

Ezekiel Fernando is one of 1,050 students from 60 MiraCosta College courses who donated his time to the community this past year as part of the college's Service Learning Program. Fernando, a nursing major, helped run a booth at MiraCosta College's science fair, an annual event that featured more than 100 interactive science activities for elementary and middle school children.

"My booth was about introducing the children to the world of microbiology," said Fernando, whose booth demonstration consisted of placing a drop of 'clean' water under the lens of a microscope so that children could see all of the microbes present in the water. "The children's smiles and their curiosity made volunteering at the college science fair so enjoyable."

More than 1,000 children and families attended the science fair, facilitated by MiraCosta College Service Learning students, who work with instructors to plan activities that will "inspire and stimulate young minds," said MiraCosta College Service Learning Coordinator Dr. Carol Wilkinson.

"As I wandered from booth to booth and lab to lab, I saw bright-eyed kids having the time of their lives while learning how much fun scientific discovery can be," said MiraCosta College Vice President of Student Services Dr. Dick Robertson. "As the nation frets about the lack of scientific learning in our schools and colleges, MiraCosta College demonstrated that scientific learning is alive and well here and, judging by the response of the children, has a bright future. It was a great day for MiraCosta College and for our community!"

Service learning is a form of experiential education that partners academic instruction with community service. Students learn through participation in thoughtfully organized service activities that are course relevant and meet actual community needs.

"Our students have the opportunity to assume a leadership role, apply their learning in a meaningful way and serve the community. It's a win-win program that benefits both campus and community," said Dr. Wilkinson.

In 2011-2012, MiraCosta College's Service Learning students donated approximately 20,000 hours of service to the community. Their time, commitment and passion benefited 72 nonprofit organizations and an additional 60 elementary, middle and high schools. It has also earned the program national recognition. For five consecutive years, the program was named to the President's Honor Roll. This distinction is awarded by the highest levels of government and recognizes an institution's leadership in building a culture of service and civic engagement on campuses and in the nation.

"We are very proud of our faculty, staff and community partners for making wonderful things happen through collaboration and service," said Dr. Robertson.

"It was rewarding to see the children channel their inquisitive minds into the sciences with such vigor."

MiraCosta College Community Partnerships

San Diego Imperial Valley Community College Association

MiraCosta College Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez and 2011–2012 Board of Trustees President Bill Fischer chaired the San Diego Imperial Valley Community College Association (SDICCCA) this past year. SDICCCA is a regional organization representing the six community college districts of San Diego and Imperial counties that promotes planning, collaboration and economic development for the region's community colleges. A study has found that the nine community colleges in San Diego and Imperial counties contribute a whopping $6.6 billion to California's income each year, provide jobs to thousands of county residents, and positively impact the pay students receive as the result of completing their education.

North San Diego County Prosperity on Purpose

MiraCosta College teamed up with San Diego Supervisor Bill Horn, the San Diego North Economic Development Council and leaders from around North San Diego County to collaborate on a comprehensive economic development strategy for the region (CEDS). Dr. Rodriguez co-chaired the educational subcommittee with Regina Eisenbach, associate dean of the College of Business at Cal State San Marcos. The effort provided a comprehensive strategy for addressing joblessness in the North San Diego County area, and was built upon the input of business leaders from industry clusters that drive our economic growth.

North County Higher Education Alliance

NCHEA³ NORTH COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION ALLIANCE CSU San Marcos • MiraCosta College • Palomar College

MiraCosta College plays a prominent role in the North County Higher Education Alliance (NCHEA), an organization dedicated to improving educational opportunities for North County citizens and to promoting working relationships among California State University, San Marcos; MiraCosta College; and Palomar College. By pooling resources, the three institutions hope to realize their goals for collaboration among college and university educators.

Small Business Development Center Grows Local Businesses

MiraCosta College is host to the North San Diego branch of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which assists local entrepreneurs with the creation, growth and stability of their businesses. Over the last five years, the SBDC has provided consulting and/or training to 10,865 entrepreneurs, allowing them to create and/or retain 581 North County jobs and 56 new businesses, all resulting in more than $11 million in equity and loans, and $47 million in increased sales in our region.

CALIFORNIA SBDC North San Diego County

MiraCosta College Instructor Helps Needy Students with Project One Can

In this time of fiscal crisis, a lot of families are hard-pressed to make ends meet, and that can be particularly true for those enrolled in school either trying to upgrade their skills or forge a new path. It is with this in mind that MiraCosta College English as a Second Language instructor Debbie Hanley started a food program called Project One Can, which resulted in almost 1,000 cans of food that were given to students most in need. As a result of Hanley and MiraCosta College student efforts, the food pantry at MiraCosta College went from completely empty to completely full. The food pantry is a space where needy students can come to get canned food for free.

MiraCosta College Welcomes Kids to College

At MiraCosta College's annual Kids@College event, hundreds of third-grade children from throughout the district come to learn about college. The children meet the college president, take college classes and meet student ambassadors who let them know that college is within their reach.

MiraCosta College Honors New Citizens

MiraCosta College presented certificates to newly minted citizens at a ceremony held January 28, 2012, at the Community Learning Center. The event honored more than 50 students who participated in citizenship classes and went on to gain U.S. citizenship.

Relay for Life Unites Community

MiraCosta College sponsors and hosts the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser each year. This event unites the MiraCosta College community with communities across the country to acknowledge and promote awareness of lives lost and threatened by cancer.

MiraCosta College Honors Community Partner Genentech

"Our ongoing strong partnership with MiraCosta is an excellent example of our commitment to community educational goals and how our work together creates access for students into the Biotech Industry."

Don Fitzgerald, vice president and GM, Oceanside Genentech

At the 2011 Report to the Region, MiraCosta College's Superintendent/President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez and the MiraCosta College Foundation presented the first Medal of Distinction to a local community business in recognition of its support of the college's mission. This year, the college honored Genentech for its continued commitment to student success and to its dedication to the college's Biotechnology Program.

"Genentech is making a tremendous difference in the lives of dozens of students each year, and the college is deeply appreciative of their support," said Dr. Rodriguez.

Genentech has partnered with MiraCosta College in numerous ways, including giving donations totaling more than $265,000, hiring more than 36 students after graduation, and funding more than 40 scholarships to date, including endowments that will continue to provide scholarships in perpetuity.

Genentech has also contributed to the wonderfully successful science, technology, engineering and math camp, known as STEM Summer Camp, for high school students, and donated more than $40,000 in equipment to the college's Biotechnology Department.

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Accreditation

MiraCosta College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415.506.0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education and approved by the California State Department of Education Office of Private Post-Secondary Education for training veterans and other eligible persons under the provisions of the GI Bill. The University of California, California State Universities, and private universities of high rank give credit for transfer courses completed at MiraCosta College.

MiraCosta College is approved by the following: Association of Surgical Technologists, California Board of Registered Nursing, California State Colleges and Universities, California State Department of Education, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, State Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners, University of California.

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