Master Plan will ensure college meets accreditation recommendations

This year, MiraCosta College will complete a 10 year Master Plan to ensure the college meets recommendation one made by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

After being reaffirmed for accreditation in spring 2010, four recommendations were made. The first recommendation involved the development of institutional plans that define a mission statement, the creation of institution-wide goals that justify these plans, the quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the integrated plan, the communication of the plan to college constituents and the completion and implementation of an Education Master Plan. Upon the presentation of a response to recommendation one last spring, the commission placed a sanction on MJC’s accreditation. According to Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez, Superintendent and President of MiraCosta College, while the issue is not to be understated, it is customary for colleges to be put on sanction.

Dr. Rodriguez confirms the challenge has been accepted and progress is being made with institutional cooperation and support. He projects the plan to be completed Dec. 1.

"The purpose here is to nurture campus awareness and illicit feedback to build a stronger, more cohesive institution," said Dr. Rodriguez. Dr. Rodriguez affirmed this year it strongly believe in peer review and self-regulation," said Dr. Rodriguez. "We retain full accreditation during this time."

Dr. Barbara A. Beno, President of ACCJC, outlines recommendation one in her June 30, 2010 action letter to Dr. Rodriguez. The letter states that the college should create a comprehensive institutional plan that compliments its mission statement. Furthermore, the college ought set a time frame for meeting objectives that reflect the fundamentals of the institutional plan, ensuring that the dates are understood college-wide. In addition, there should be a system of evaluations consisting of both qualitative and quantitative data, that are analyzed and communicated to college constituents to ensure the effective implementation of the Master Plan.

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On October 6, the MiraCosta College Service and Learning Center will be hosting The Volunteer and Community Resource Fair on the Oceanside Campus at the Hub Plaza.

There will be tables set up in the plaza and 30 nonprofit organizations will be there. Organizations such as the Special Olympics, Community Resource Center, Women’s Resource Fair and the MXAC project, to name a few, will all be represented. Representatives from each organization will be at their table with flyers and information about their program.

Eating is one of the main motivations for thieves, which leads to the common occurrence of book theft at the food court. In an effort to reduce this issue, Security decided to place multiple security guards in the plaza area.

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The information presented will include the services that these organizations can offer to students. The representatives will help students understand what their organization does and even get the student resources and help through the programs if he or she is interested. The organizations will also be offering information on volunteer opportunities that students can take part in. The different types of organizations offer students the opportunity to find a place where they can use their skills to help out. The fair will also be presenting students job opportunities that are available through these organizations.
Policy on the use of medical marijuana on campus under examination

Michelle Maher
Assignment Editor

The use of medicinal marijuana on campus is currently beingexamined bytheadministration. Dick Robertson, Vice President of Student Services, is the originator behind a proposed policy change, which was presented at the last committee meeting. “The college has a longstanding tradition to bar things that are legal, alcohol, for example, is not permitted even though thousands of people are legally allowed to [drink alcohol],” Robertson stated.

Until this proposal is passed, the MCC Police Department has policies and procedures in place. Students on the college’s three campuses are not allowed to smoke marijuana on campus. If someone is caught in the act of smoking marijuana, he or she will be taken into custody. “Usually, the person has medical marijuana on him or her and it was with a prescription,” Robertson stated. Robert Norcross, Chief of Miramar College’s Police Department. People need to have a government issued identification card and recommendation from a doctor. The actual bottle containing the medical marijuana would have to be in specific storage as well, such as the person who is in possession of it as well as actually being able to produce an issued bottle.

“Several marijuana arrests have occurred over the past few years, [yet] none have been in possession of a recommendation for marijuana,” stated Norcross. Exceptions could be due to marijuana-related offenses, were not smoking marijuana medicinally.

“The college police department, like any other police agency, just follows the law,” Norcross stated. Clay Littrell, Instructional Assistant for the Disabled Students Program and Services, is a member of the Student Interests Committee, who made recommendations on this issue last Wednesday. They are trying to make “having [medical marijuana] on your person, on campus, a policy violation.” Littrell stated.

“[Since one’s] vehicle is a private domain [the policy may be similar to] smoking a cigarette in the car,” Littrell said. “[This change in policy] doesn’t mean a person can’t go into their vehicle or to an off campus area,” Robertson stated. Neither Littrell nor Robertson was sure of the legal ramifications behind smoking in a car.

“If it is not legal on campus, then it is not legal in your car,” Sgt. Benny Perez stated. “Behind the wheel then you can legally be considered driving under the influence.”

Dick Robertson cited the California Health and Safety Code Section 11562.79, which states, “Medical marijuana may not be smoked outside of a residence within one thousand feet of a school, recreation center, youth center or in a vehicle or a boat.”

“We have a smoking policy on campus anyways so it effectively did away with use of marijuana,” Littrell said. “The case is that the medical marijuana card is obtained…forces [committee members] hand to address [the use of medical marijuana].”

Littrell said. The proposal must go through a process of approval by the Associated Student Government, the Administrative Council, the Academic Senate, the Classified Senate and the Classified Senate.

“The implementation will be somewhere in the neighborhood of November, but it takes time to get through four governments,” Robertson stated.

The proposal is trying to get through to people who are in this critical transition.

When a student applies for admission to the college, he or she has to check a box that asks if that person has ever been in a foster program. If a person checks yes, Jaymie will contact him or her about the programs that are available to them. Some of the programs that RAFFY provides for former foster children is foster care, emergency cash, school supplies and grocery store gift cards. When youth check yes, they leave with nothing, and RAFFY helps them get on their feet. When a youth checks no on the program, this applies for financial aid, his or her wallet will be checked, and their benefits maxed out because of their independent status. Some additional programs that the foster youths are informed about are such programs as the Transitional Housing Program, or CHAFFY, which provides grants for former foster youth to pay for only 30 percent of the rent for their housing. Another program is the CHAFFY grant, which can pay up to $5,000 for someone’s needs. Programs like these are explained to the students so that they know what is available to them. Jaynie keeps track of the students’ progress and about how their life.

The end goal of the RAFFY program is to get these students into a four-year institution, and make sure that they have the resources to get there.
**OPINION**

**Is the bookstore shaking you down?**

**Chris Neufeld**  
Copy Editor

College can be a great experience for most students. It’s a time when students start to live their lives independently from their family and make decisions on their own. Students are able to choose which friends they hang out with, which career paths to strive for and which jobs to get so they can make some extra spending money.

College is also a time where people can get a taste of some real world experiences such as what spending money feels like. I’m not talking about the $20 that their parents gave them to go to the movies to spend. I’m talking about the hard earned 20 to 40 hour a week money. For most students this means spending money on things from school supplies to gas and classes. Out of all the things that students will spend their money on throughout a semester, I’m sure the most dreaded is the textbook. Textbooks cost more money than classes in most cases and can sometimes cost more than $300. In a time in most people’s lives where they are punching every penny they can, why do textbook companies and the bookstore charge so much for this required piece of learning material? I asked myself this question and decided to do a little bit of research to shed a light on the overpricing of this 5 pound, paper bound anomaly. I know that students can find textbooks online from sources, but I am here to discuss the bookstore’s prices here on campus.

During the course of one full year at college, the average student will spend around $1,000. This is a huge dent for most people, let alone students, who are still people just trying to get by but of course we are still getting offended. The cost of college textbooks increases at double the rate of inflation. The Government Accountability Office looked into the rising prices and concluded that the reason prices continue to increase is because the demand for more produce of that kind. The publishers say that because they are the primary source for most students. While a class may mean that there is no limit to the amount of reading material that may be required for that class. Though most professors do realize this fact, I am of course making a generalization. The faculty and professors that I have come into contact with have been very helpful with students by telling student how to buy the textbooks cheaper elsewhere, such as the internet. I am going to move on now to the main point of this article, the bookstore on campus.

The eFollet bookstore on campus is the primary source for most students while purchasing books. Buy books on campus vs. online:

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“The Dark at the Top of the Stairs” will be playing at the Oceanica Campus Theatre. The performances are scheduled for Sept 28-Oct 1 and Oct 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. and October 2 and 8-9 at 2 p.m. You won’t die at the prices, either. Regular admission is $12; seniors are $10; and us students only pay $8. If you aren’t a student but still feel like it is an awesome deal then check out the preview performance scheduled for September 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 that night for everyone. The cast includes Dana Fares [Cora], Meg Johnson [Lottie], Sophie Richardhson [Renee], Nefel McNelly [Flirt], Adam Oliveras [Fares], Richard Johnson [Morris], Ali LeGuellec [Sanny], David Linhof [Sammy] and Zedrick Villeges [Robert].

This is no average play, however, and some people would even argue that it is five plays wrapped into one. It tells the story of a woman’s (Cora McNeilly [Flirt], Adam Oliveras [Fares], Meg Johnson [Lottie], Richard Johnson [Morris], Ali LeGuellec [Sanny], David Linhof [Sammy] and Zedrick Villeges [Robert]) tough role as mother, wife and daughter at one time. It brings to light the difficulty in balancing what it means to be a mother, wife and even her identity as a woman. Tracey Williams, theatre extraordinary and director of the play, would argue that “She is failing at all of these job descriptions.” The problem with failing as a mother, however, is that “there is something wrong with mom [then there is something] wrong with the family.” Williams states. The mother is the core unit and really sets the mood for the entire family. “Throughout the course of the play [the mother] starts to write the course of the family,” Williams said. We see her in her journey. She begins to learn life lessons and as she, herself, is learning them she is teaching them. “The mother [of any family] is the mom. She must be humble enough and open enough to change,” Williams states.

The author of the play, William Inga, modeled this extraordinary play after his own family. It even appears in the play as a young eight year old boy who does not understand what is going on. For example, he knows that there is something wrong with his sister and can feel his sister is different, he just doesn’t know what is wrong with her. Keep in mind that when this was written, in the 1950s, and when it was set, 1920s, there was much diagnosis in mental institutions so those with it had to live feeling alone and unnatural. There was always something in touching and special about a play that the author has personally experienced. I wonder why Inga chose this play because it seemed so touching. “It feels personal, even through my family was not like that. Maybe because of my friends’ having similar experiences, I feel that after all those years ago, I reread it and it’s been in my head to do this play,” she stated.

You may not want to bring children who are under the age of four to the performance. In addition, they will be able to leave with a life lesson in their back pocket. There are even two children in this play—8 and 14. In addition, they will be able to relate to the family dynamic. Other than small children, everyone will be able to relate. In the play there are multiple family dynamics. There are college students, children, married couples with children, married couples with no children and even larger compares religious and cultural prejudices, for example the treatment of Native Americans, Jewish people and so on. It shows awful things being said by nice faces. Even though it seems you will leave the play with a heavy heart and wet cheeks, it may not be the case. “[I hope the audience will] leave with hope for every family. No matter what the problems are, there is always hope,” Williams stated.

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Samantha Mitchell
Staff Writer

For a classically romantic evening, that won’t break the bank, Bruno’s Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria in San Marcos is a sure to deliver. Well, not literally. While no taxido is required, Bruno’s is still no run of the mill pizzeria. The Fuselli family came to America from Velletri, Italy in 1977, bringing with them the culinary skill and knowledge necessary to open an authentic Italian restaurant. Bruno’s, with its friendly staff, rustic chandeliers and dimly lit dining room has been delighting wine connoisseurs, and has no means to disappoint. So grab a listen. Their whole album is an absolute blast. I can’t wait to play this one flat out put chain restaurants and “Shortbread,” filled that void. In my mind that when the White Stripes announced that they retired, I felt heartbroken and dismayed. Listening to Little Hurricane’s other tracks, such as “Sweet Pea” and “Shortbread,” filled that void. “Homewrecker” is truly a bluesy album. Nothing gets better than edgy and dangerous sounds to warn your soul. High temperature love songs and low pressure bass to groove to. I recommend this to anybody who just loves music. Raw lyrics and icy vibes, the sun will shine when you give this band a listen. Their whole album is an ode to the traditional Southern blues and has no means to disappoint. So check out “Homewrecker” today.

There’s a big storm coming in

Nina Stevens
Staff Writer

Little Hurricane whirlds their heart and soul out of San Diego’s music scene this year, just as their name says it. With a male lead singer/guitarist and a female drummer, a la White Stripes, they are becoming a force of nature ready to tear them apart by storm. With their freshman album “Homewrecker” blowing romance through the airwaves, their soft blues-rock guitar riffs put you in that introspection where you drift off thinking about life and love. Interestingly enough the two band mates found each other through an ad on Craigslist and created one of the best albums I’ve ever heard in my life. With lead singer Catalano singing with a hauntingly pretty voice that sends chills up and down your spine or drummer CC pounding away with such passion, listening to their track “Crocodile Tears” might make you cry euphoria. There was no doubt in my mind that when the White Stripes announced that they retired, I felt heartbroken and dismayed. Listening to Little Hurricane’s other tracks, such as “Sweet Pea” and “Shortbread,” filled that void. “Homewrecker” is truly a bluesy album. Nothing gets better than edgy and dangerous sounds to warn your soul. High temperature love songs and low pressure bass to groove to. I recommend this to anybody who just loves music. Raw lyrics and icy vibes, the sun will shine when you give this band a listen. Their whole album is an ode to the traditional Southern blues and has no means to disappoint. So check out “Homewrecker” today.

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with more chairs as opposed to
smaller tables with four seats, creating
a less intimate, yet perhaps more
social, environment.
Palomar’s cafeteria is actually
rather dispersed. The food court
is essentially a smaller version of
a mall’s and is complete with an
industrial-sized Subway. Other
options include Ene Pizzeria, Salad
Garden, Home Zone, Grille Works
and Kettle Classics. Each of the areas,
Subway excluded, offer daily specials
similar to those of the Oceanside
cafeteria. The Home Zone has a
rather unique dynamic, which offers
a variety of unconventional cafeteria
foods that aim at providing customers
with a “home” feel. The menu includes
Moroccan chicken skewers, cheese
ravioli and nachos among others.
With outsourced corporate eateries,
Palomar maintains brand recognition.
While the industrial standards of
sanitation are reaffirming, the quality
of ingredients are questionable. As
with many corporate food grants,
dining at Palomar seems to surrender
the quality food for cheaper prices
by mass-production. Prices ranged
from $4 to $6. While the setup is well
organized, there are only a single set
of cash register lines which seem
prone to crowding during lunchtime.
The dining area is around a large quad
and seems to provide sufficient space,
the most commensurate of the three
colleges. Going through the dining
area, I was surprised to see a student,
Dennis Nguyen, with a Vietnamese
meal. Upon further research and
interrogation, I came to find that the
food was actually bought from off
campus. “Subway is good, but the
burgers and stuff are expensive,”
stated Nguyen as his reason for not
dining on campus.
CSU San Marcos’ cafeteria is rather
small. While some students are living
on campus and have dining plans,
the majority of students commute
and would seem to demand the same
experience as the nearby community
colleges. The University Commons
is rather chaotic and spread around
the building as if struggling to
accommodate the need for expansion.
The Big Cat Bistro offers quite a
few eateries in the similar “mall
food court” dynamic as Palomar.
While I at first was taken back by the
industrial appearance, I was pleased
to find that the preparation is not
of the corporate nature. With grills
constantly in use and pizzas pulled
straight from the oven, the process
of food production at CSU San Marcos
is respectable, yet it still does not
achieve the openness of the MCC
cafeteria. Home to Sushi 101, Lettuce
Eat, Bamboo Stix, Stack&Dash,
Pizzatratto and Hot Paws, the selection
is perhaps more exotic than that of
MiraCosta College, but with less of a
range. The menus are also relatively
gourmet. Places like the Bamboo Stix
feature orange and teriyaki chicken,
while the Pizzatratto offers farmhouse,
manherra and jidori chicken pesto
pizzas. “Price are a little steep, and
[a meal] with a drink comes out to $7
to $10,” describes Ryan Davidson,
CSU San Marcos student. He explains
that the quality has improved, as the
menus were re-done this summer to
be more gourmet, but says “service
still sucks,” as was evident by there
being no cashier present. Davidson
shows compassion, however, in that
most cafeteria employees are student
workers with “weak learning curbs.”
During our ten minute conversation
while waiting for his slice of pizza to
be prepared, he describes the event
couined “U Hour” in which the entire
campus has 12-1 p.m. off class every
Tues. and Thurs. While the event is
integral in building community, the
period is infamous for being super
crowded as the Big Cat Bistro does
not have the capacity to sustain the
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**You only have one chance to make a First Impression**

Nina Stevens  
Staff Writer

First Impressions’ primary goal is to offer students professional attire for those who need a helping hand at making a great first impression for their job interviews.

This program is provided to students free of charge in order to enable them to feel more confident and empowered when being interviewed, leading to job success.

Tucked away in a cozy corner of the campus’ T420 building, you’ll find a little boutique full of prospect and opportunity. First Impressions was founded by Laura Pomerantz, now retired, in 1999, and is currently run by Mary Lunn, the Secretary of Student Employment.

When I first walked into the warm and welcoming room, I was greeted by Lunn and Sonya McArthur, a student worker, who keep First Impressions operating smoothly. McArthur helps Lunn organize the flow of incoming clothing and separates them by size and what is deemed usable and unusable for students. First Impressions is supported through donations made by the local community and fellow students.

Attire varies from slacks to coats, from white shirts to blouses and from shoes to heels. If you are not sure that you might even come across a gown for formal occasions.

First Impressions is a place for students to improve their chances at a successful interview. “First Impressions should be the first stop before an interview,” McArthur stated. First Impressions boosts confidence for men and women and gives them a chance to dress professionally without breaking the bank. You can schedule an appointment for First Impressions’ in the Career Center of the Oceanside Campus. When you want to ace that job interview, be sure to start shirt to shoes with First Impressions.

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**Chargers bolt through the competition**

Michael Doak  
Staff Writer

The San Diego Chargers look to have a solid season given their showing so far. Their initial two games were against the Minnesota Vikings in week one and the New England Patriots in week two. SD played a solid game against the NFL league leader when hosting Tom Brady and the Pats. Two key PAT interceptions kept them from keeping the game tighter than it was. The Chargers caused and recovered two fumbles and scored on a one-handed, ‘play of the week,’ fourth quarter, perfectly thrown Phillip Rivers to Vince Jackson pass at the goal line to keep everyone in their seats. The play brought San Diego alongside New England on the scoreboard, in typical Charger fashion, matching the Patriots’ two touchdown performance in the fourth. The Kansas City Chiefs have been all but run out of the NFL in their first two games with a 46-6 loss to the Detroit Lions and a 41-7 opening week drubbing by the same Buffalo Bills who faced New England at their home, where they both put their 2-0 records on the line. KC is overdue to improve. Tom Brady leads all QB’s with a 128 Power Rating (135.7 against SD), and Phillip Rivers earned a 90.8 (97.7 against NE), through two games this season. Vince Jackson had an early score, to give him two touchdowens Sept. 15, with 172 yards gained, from 10 receptions. This was a solid outing by both teams; look for more movie tickets. Think that you need to sell your kidney to see a flick?

Need a Break? ID like one please

Student ID Cards offer so much more than just checking out library materials, use computer labs, writing checks for the student bookstore and using certain college facilities. They can be used for fantastic off-campus discounts. I don’t know about you but I like discounts. One example is movie tickets. Think that you need to sell your kidney to see a flick?

Nope, not with your ID card. Since you are thinking “Awesome! How do I get one?” I’ll tell you. First stop: go to the Student Cashiers Office in the 3200 building. They’ll take your mealy six bucks and give you a receipt. Then slip on over to the Student Activities Office in room 3435 (that’s right across the Chariot Newsroom). Bring your photo ID. Then smile! They’ll just taken your beautiful photo and will place it on your new card right before your eyes. Keep your student ID card with you at all times because you’ll be surprised how many businesses will give you show them your ID card. Really, it’s a great deal. So, give yourself a break. Get one today or even tomorrow. But get one

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**Intramural Sports Schedule**

Softball Oct. 7 noon-2 p.m. Softball field
Kickball Oct. 14 noon-2 p.m. Softball field
Soccer Oct. 21 1-3 p.m. fields

Volleyball Gym  
Sept. 27 5:30-8 p.m.  
Oct. 4 5:30-8 p.m.  
Oct. 11 5:30-8 p.m.  
Basketball Gym  
Oct. 17 6-8 p.m.  
Oct. 24 6-8 p.m.  
Oct. 31 6-8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Join the fun.

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**Grab your passport: Spain awaits you**

Samantha Micheli  
Staff Writer

For those of you who think the possibility of studying in Spain is unattainable, think again. MiraCosta College has made it easier than ever for anyone and everyone to participate in the study abroad program. For 10 weeks every Spring, MiraCosta College students have the opportunity to travel to beautiful Salamanca, Spain, where they can choose to live in a shared apartment or with a Spanish family while they study art, language and history.

Program director Mia Scavone was more than happy to sit and chat with me about some of the basics of the program. Much to my surprise, she informed me that you do not need to be a Spanish major to be a part of the program. The program is open to any currently enrolled student pursing any major, just as long as you are over 18 years old, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and have completed at least two years of Spanish.

In addition to the in-class academics, special excursions are planned for the students where they travel to different landmarks and museums to learn more about Spanish history. Juan Frausto, a former MiraCosta College student, wrote a well detailed blog during his time in Salamanca in 2010. In it, he provides potential travelers with little tips and tricks to make your experience in Spain a smooth and enjoyable one, such as what kinds of clothes to bring, what toiletries and school supplies would be most beneficial and even ways to entertain yourself during down time. I highly recommend perusing what potential travelers with little tips and tricks to make your experience in Spain a smooth and enjoyable one, such as what kinds of clothes to bring, what toiletries and school supplies would be most beneficial and even ways to entertain yourself during down time. I highly recommend perusing

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Administrative Intern, Radio Days, Carlsbad. Licensing company that showcases pure vintage as a legendary lifestyle. Coordinate radio program production, check name companies. Intern will assist the director of licensing and licensing coordinator resident. Research and remain current on all fashion trends. Organize product samples. Scanning and filling of orders. Be an expert in Microsoft Office applications, Adobe Photoshop knowledge is a plus. Experience in branding, retail placement, and trade show experience.

Transfer Center Page center on Facebook for updates and other important information.

Do you know you?

Do you meet the TAG pipeline transition requirements to UCSD? Not sure? If so, please join us for an information session on Wednesday, Sept 28 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in room OC 3105. No reservation necessary. The UC’s will hold firmly to the Sept 30 TAG submission deadline. Students will be required to submit by 11:59:59 p.m. (PDT), and there will be no appealing that deadline. The TAG camps have also agreed that there will be no appeals to a UC TAG decision, although those UC TAG camps that provide a pre-evaluation as part of their TAG process are committed to providing better information for a TAG denial. A representative from UCSD will be on the OC campus meeting with students on Sept 26 by appointment. Please call (760) 757-6880 to schedule an appointment.

Questions & answers

Question: Can I enroll in an Honors course even if I haven’t applied for the program?

Answer: Yes, the Honors courses are open to all. If you are interested in applying to the Honor Scholars Program (HSP), you can do so at any time, as admission to the program is on a rolling basis.

Question: I heard that I need to write an essay to go along with my UC application. Does this mean I get help with the essay?

Answer: Yes, that is true. You can get help and review of your essayatron at the MiraCosta College writing center. They will also be hosting workshops to assist you with the writing prompt.

Question: I know my major is Hospitality Management, but I do not know what I need to do. I need to see a transfer counselor. I need to find out if I need to see a transfer counselor?

Answer: You should make an appointment to see a transfer counselor for an educational plan at least once a year. Check the transfer center website regularly for any updates or workshops that may benefit you.

Scholarship Info

CCCSF/AAA 2011 Scholarship (CA Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administration Association) two MiraCosta students will be nominated to compete for a $500 scholarship being awarded to each CCCSF/AAA Region. Eligibility: attending MiraCosta Fall 2011, California resident, financial need, and above an unearned hardship and a personal statement is required. Download application from the scholarship website. Deadline: October 20, 2011

MiraCosta College Foundation 2011-12 Hospitality Management $1,000 Scholarship. Eligibility must be enrolled at MiraCosta College Fall 2011 and plan to continue for spring 2012, fall 2012, and spring 2013, 2.0 GPA, must complete 30 hours for graduation. Must be a Hospitality Management major, have completed 2011-12 Hospitality Management scholarship website. Deadline: November 30, 2011

Jack Kent Cooke Fall 2012 TRANSFER scholarship awards up to $30,000/year at a 4-year institution spring 2012, student who preaches the reality of “Service Above Self” by participating in school, community and or international service activities, have financial need, educational goals and be academically committed. Personal statement, resume, and letter of recommendation are required with the application. Download application from the scholarship website. Deadline: November 30, 2011

When an officer writes a ticket and asks the person to sign it, what is being asked for is a promise to appear. It is not an admission of guilt. On the ticket will be the date to appear. At that time you can plea your case. This is your trial and you place your plea, guilty or not guilty. If you plead not guilty you will have to post bail, which is refunded if your case is dismissed. The officer will be on the prosecution side of the court room and you (the defendant) will be on the opposite side. The officer will state what they observed and how it came to be the ticket was issued. The defendant has the right to cross the officer with questions they feel will better assist their case. The defendant can also submit evidence to the judge to help their side of the case. The judge will then decide who has best proven their and decide on it. If the defendant does not feel the judgment is fair, it can be appealed. Because most traffic tickets are infractions, there is no jury trial. If the defendant wins their case, the case is dismissed. If the defendant feels guilty, fines are imposed. The defendant may be eligible to attend traffic school. It is important to go to court on the date you have promised to appear. The judge wants to see you for this violation and in lieu of going to jail; you signed the ticket saying you promised to appear on that date. It is possible you do not appear on that date or make contact with the court to make other arrangements, the judge can issue a bench warrant for your arrest. Submit questions for “The Fuzz” to: Officer Rebecca Arnold (760) 757-2112 x6519 or email rarnold@miraCosta.edu.

Workshops This Week

Job Search Hour, Mon., 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Health Services

Oceanside Campus October 5 from 2-3 p.m. OCC 1201 Get Articles? presented by Richard Ma. Did you know that the best articles for college research are not on the Web? In this workshop, you’ll learn about the differences between scholarly and popular information. You’ll find articles from academic journals, popular magazines, and newspapers using the powerful ProQuest database as well as other MiraCosta College Library databases. October 6 from 1 – 2 p.m. OCC 1202 Developing, designing, and delivering one’s course work out loud and in front of your fellow students. Can show what you’ve done. October 7 from 2 – 3 p.m. OCC 1202 Oral Presentations presented by Leola Morrison. Designing, and delivering one’s course work out loud and in front of your fellow students. Oceanic Campus October 5 from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. SAN Student Center Conference Room Oral Presentations presented by Anthony Onygod. Designing, and delivering one’s course work out loud and in front of your fellow students. October 6 from 12 – 1 p.m. SAN 107 Got Articles? presented by Pamela Perry

CFC October 7 from 11 - 12:45 p.m. CFC 113 Speech Presentations That Work presented by Melissa Lloyd-Jones.
Attention Students With Families...
If you need help paying for groceries WIC can help!

Financial Eligibility Is Based On Family Size & Income.
*Pregnant Woman=2 People

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WIC Services Include Vouchers for:
- Fruits and Vegetables
- Milk and Eggs
- Whole Wheat Bread
- Cereal and Peanut Butter
- Cheese and Baby Foods

Nutrition and Breastfeeding Education
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- Ramona
- Rincon
- Escondido
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- Valley Center

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