RANKINGS

SDSU Top 25 in Nation for Study Abroad

San Diego State University ranks among the top 25 universities nationwide for the number of students studying abroad, according to the Institute for International Education’s new Open Doors Report.

SDSU ranked No. 22 in the nation and third in California among all universities. SDSU also ranked first in California and second nationally for universities with the Carnegie classification “research university with high research activity.”

SUSTAINABILITY

SDSU Launches Green Degree

SDSU has created a new, multidisciplinary major in the College of Arts and Letters. Students will be able to enroll in the new sustainability major beginning next fall.

The new sustainability degree will explore the cultural values that shape resource use, consumption and governance.

GRANTS

Language Programs for Marines Get $1.8M Grant

A $1.8 million Department of Defense grant will help a San Diego State program train nearly 200 additional U.S. Marines in critical languages spoken throughout the Middle East.

The one-year grant is one of five awarded nationwide and will assure the availability of high-quality, pre-deployment language and culture training courses for Marines in critical languages such as Pashto, Farsi and Arabic that are spoken in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and other Middle East countries where there is current military activity.

INTERNATIONAL

SDSU a Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars

SDSU is a top producer of Fulbright scholars, with nine students in 2010-11, according to a recent announcement by the U.S. Fulbright program, the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program.

SDSU has more student Fulbright recipients than any other California State University and is tied with University of California Los Angeles for third in California behind Stanford (25) and UC Berkeley (12).
TEACHING

American Indian Studies Program Celebrates 35th Anniversary

SDSU Department of American Indian Studies is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The department was one of the first academic departments in the nation dedicated to the study of American Indian history and culture.

RANKINGS

SDSU in Top 10 for Financial Planning

Financial Planning magazine named the program in the SDSU College of Business Administration as one of 10 “Stand Out Financial Planning Schools” in the country in its November 2011 issue.

Founded in 1980, SDSU’s financial planning program was one of the first of its kind in the United States.

RESEARCH

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Funds SDSU Research

San Diego State University will receive funding through Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative created by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that enables researchers worldwide to test unorthodox ideas that address persistent health and development challenges.

Temesgen Garoma, environmental engineering professor at SDSU, will pursue an innovative global health research project, titled “Enhanced Anaerobic Digestion: A Sanitation and Energy Recovery Technology.”

AWARDS

Engineering Professors Receive National Recognition

Rand German and Eugene Olevsky, professors of mechanical engineering, were unanimously elected to fellowship status by their peers at the 113th annual meeting of the American Ceramic Society in Columbus, Ohio.

German and Olevsky are recognized for their life time achievements and advancements in powder metallurgy and material sciences. German is the associate dean of the College of Engineering and Olevsky is the director of the Powder Technology Laboratory, which does research on sintering and powder metallurgy.

STUDENTS

Student Filmmakers Shine at State Festival

Two students from the San Diego State School of Theatre, Television and Film brought home top prizes at the 2011 CSU Media Arts Festival award competition.

Graduate students Josh Krohn and Pat Clark each received Rosebud Awards and $500 for ranking at the top of their categories. Krohn won for his film, “A Clear Shot at the Door,” in the experimental category. Clark’s film, “The Language of War,” won in the documentary category.

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