PHILANTHROPY

Prebys Gives $2.5 M to Endow New Faculty Position

When Conrad Prebys gave San Diego State University a $20 million gift to support student scholarships, it was only the beginning. Just 10 months later, Prebys has given a $2.5 million endowment to support a new faculty position: The Conrad Prebys Chair in Bio-Medical Research. This newly-created faculty position will join SDSU’s world-class faculty researchers in the area of viromics.

AZTECS ON THE RISE

SDSU Applications at an All-Time High

For the fourth year in a row San Diego State University has received a record number of applications. The application period for fall 2015 closed Nov. 30 with 81,080 freshman and undergraduate transfer student applications. That is an increase of more than 2 percent from last year’s record 79,135 applications for fall 2014.

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Gilman Scholars Becoming Global Citizens

A record-setting 12 San Diego State University undergraduate students have been awarded the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship to study abroad in the upcoming spring semester. The scholarship — sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs — supports 800 students nationwide with up to $5,000 toward their study abroad program cost.

LEADING THE WAY

Hearing Loss and HIV

Researchers have known since the early 1980s that there is an association between HIV and hearing loss, but it has proven difficult to explain exactly how and why it occurs. SDSU's Peter Torre led a first-of-its-kind study showing that HIV-positive adults are at higher risk for hearing loss independent of their severity of infection or adherence to medications.
INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

SDSU Partners with a Baja California University

SDSU has signed an International Memorandum of Understanding with CETYS Universidad in Baja California, for a new program made up of two concentrations: Business in the Global Marketplace and International Entrepreneurship. The program — designed by SDSU and CETYS business faculty — is entirely self-supporting, paid for by CETYS, and is the first program of its type in the region.

ART WITH IMPACT

International Artist on View at Downtown Gallery

Marcos Ramirez ERRE was born in Mexico, is a resident of the U.S. and considered one of the most significant artists in the San Diego/Tijuana region. His work is informed by a profound understanding of border culture and his exhibition "Playing Series Serious" will be on view at SDSU’s Downtown Gallery through Jan. 26, 2015. The exhibition uses humor and bite to test the limits of cognition and draw attention to what is hiding in plain sight in words and sign puzzles.

BRINGING HEROES HOME

Into the Blue

In World War II nearly 2,000 Americans lost their lives in and around the Republic of Palau. Many still remain missing. Derek Abbey — the assistant military liaison officer in SDSU’s Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center and a retired Marine Major — is making it his mission to repatriate each American believed to have gone missing in Palau. He joined the BentProp Project, a group dedicated to locating and assisting with identifying American prisoners of war and those who went missing in action in the Western Pacific during WWII.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Top Stories, Research, Photos and Videos of 2014

The SDSU NewsCenter team curated a series of stories recapping the top SDSU news from 2014 including the Top 10 NewsCenter Stories of 2014, Top Science and Research Stories, Top Videos, and Top Photos.

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