STUDENTS
Globetrotting Students Rank High for Studying Abroad

The Institute for International Education “Open Doors Report” ranked SDSU No. 1 in California for the number of students studying abroad among universities in the Carnegie category of Research University, High Activity. SDSU was also ranked No. 3 in California for all universities, the highest of all universities in the California State University system. Nationally, SDSU ranks No. 22 among all universities for the number of study abroad students—up from No. 30 last year.

SDSU is also a top destination for students worldwide, with more than 1,908 international students enrolled during the 2009 academic year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
SDSU Awarded $4.8M by Department of Education

SDSU is the only university in the nation to receive four grants totaling $4.8 million from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs. These grants will provide support for graduate students pursuing careers in special education, school psychology, school counseling and speech language pathology; thereby improving the quality and number of credentialed graduates able to serve children with disabilities.

REHAB COUNSELING
Rehab Counseling Receives National Grants

The U.S. Department of Education’s Rehabilitation Services Administration has awarded SDSU’s College of Education $2.56 million to bring more professionals into the field of rehabilitation counseling.

This award will enable more graduates to counsel those with physical, sensory, mental health and/or cognitive disabilities, and assist those individuals in obtaining employment and living independently.

VETERANS
New Vet Center Opens to Serve More Students

SDSU’s opened its new Veterans Center, which will serve more than 1,000 veterans, active-duty and reservist students and about 600 military dependents.

While SDSU opened the first Veterans Center in the California State University system two years ago, the increasing student-veteran population outgrew the location in the Education building. Now, the Veterans Center houses a Veterans Administration office, the second in the country, in addition to its other student services.
RESEARCH
Sun Poses Danger Year Round

According to a study published in the AMA journal Archive of Dermatology, SDSU School of Communication Professor Peter Andersen and colleagues found that UV rays during the winter can be just as high and harmful as they are in the summer.

The researchers found that while UV levels can be equally as high during winter and summer, skiers and snowboarders don’t always protect their skin accordingly.

PEOPLE
Marilyn Newhoff Honored by Professional Association

Marilyn Newhoff, dean of San Diego State University’s College of Health and Human Services, received the Honors of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the most prestigious award given by the association.

Newhoff’s leadership contributed to SDSU being able to establish the first and only audiology doctoral program in California, which has been nationally ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools.”

PHILANTHROPY
Donors Open Doors for Needy Students and ‘Fuel Potential’

Scholarship donors were paired with recipients as the spirit of giving was celebrated at SDSU’s second annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center.

Last year, San Diego State’s Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships awarded nearly $6 million in scholarship awards, and the university’s Fuel Potential campaign continues to raise money for critical scholarships. San Diego State has already raised more than $27 million to support scholarships as part of the university’s first comprehensive campaign.

AWARDS
Engineering Program Honored for Education Contributions

SDSU's College of Engineering has been recognized for its outstanding contributions to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education by Project Lead the Way’s national organization.

Project Lead the Way California, of which SDSU is the affiliate institute, was honored by the national organization with the Joe Oakey Award of Excellence in Education for the dramatic improvements it has made in the so-called STEM disciplines of education.

HEALTH
SDSU and Orthodontists Team for Teen Health Education

SDSU and local orthodontists are joining forces to participate in Healthy Smiles, a program funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute.

Mel Hovell, SDSU public health professor and principal investigator, will take part in the study that will test three minutes of advice while patients obtain orthodontic care in order to increase their healthy eating, physical activity and tobacco avoidance.

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