NURSING

Nursing, Physical Therapy Doctoral Programs Planned

SDSU is one of three California State Universities that may begin preparing for its Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and one of five CSUs that will be planning a Doctor of Physical Therapy pilot program. Both pilot programs could launch as early as fall 2012.

The programs will be offered through SDSU’s College of Health and Human Services. The DNP program will be the only stand-alone program among the three proposed CSU programs and the DPT program will be the only program of its kind in San Diego.

RANKINGS

Ph.D. Programs Rank among Best in the Nation

The joint-doctoral programs in language and communicative disorders and clinical psychology between San Diego State University and the University of California San Diego are ranked 6th and 8th respectively by the National Research Council.

The report evaluated more than 5,000 programs in 62 fields at 212 universities, including information on faculty research productivity, institutional support for students and diversity of faculty and students.

GRADUATION

SDSU No. 1 in U.S. for Improved Grad Rates

San Diego State University is among the fastest gainers in graduation rates according to a new analysis by The Chronicle of Higher Education. The report shows SDSU atop the list of all public research universities in the nation for increased graduation rates with an increase of 17 percentage points over six years.

SDSU’s six-year graduation rates (the national reporting standard) improved from 44 percent in 2003 to 61 percent in 2008.

PEOPLE

Speech, Language Professor Named AAAS Fellow

Karen Emmorey, professor in SDSU’s School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, has been named a 2010 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for her research on sign language and what it reveals about the nature of human language, cognition and the brain.

Emmorey is one of three Fellows chosen from the AAAS linguistics section and the fifth SDSU faculty member to receive the honor.
STUDENTS

New Students Arrive for Spring Semester

SDSU welcomed some 4,100 students for the spring semester for the first time since 2008 thanks to federal stimulus money and a restoration of the California State University budget by the state legislature.

Gov. Jerry Brown’s proposed budget, which includes a $500-million reduction in state support for the CSU, will likely result in future reduced enrollment at SDSU if a special ballot initiative passes.

RESEARCH

National Children's Study Begins San Diego Recruitment

Researchers from San Diego State University, the University of California and San Diego School of Medicine have begun recruitment of pregnant women for the National Children’s Study, the largest long-term study of children's health ever conducted in the United States. The study will follow 100,000 children from before birth to age 21 to learn how the environment influences children’s health, development and quality of life.

SDSU public health professor and co-principal investigator Mel Hovell, Ph.D. said the NIH-funded study will provide the most comprehensive understanding of child development, and ultimately healthy social practices, ever obtained.

ATHLETICS

Aztecs Swim Past the Competition

The SDSU swimming and diving team remained undefeated this season as it chalked up wins at the Aztec Aquaplex. The team picked up four dual meet victories in a pair of contests against both Tulane and Northern Colorado.

The meet consisted of seven different swimming events and also included both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving competitions.

WALK AND FUN RUN

Strasburg 5K Draws a Crowd

Former SDSU pitcher Stephen Strasburg sponsored and participated in the inaugural Strasburg 5K Walk and Fun Run with Tony Gwynn, which attracted 2,000 attendees including 1,300 runners and walkers.

The 5K course, which raised money for the Aztec baseball program, began just outside Tony Gwynn Stadium in front of the Aztec Aquaplex and concluded near the same location.

CAMPUS PETS

Aztec Cats Find New Home

John Denune, a technology security officer in SDSU’s Information and Technology Security Office, has been rescuing the feral cats and kittens that live on the SDSU campus. In addition to finding homes for the kittens, he has arranged for the adult cats to be spayed and then released back on campus.

Since last year, Denune has placed five kittens and fixed four adult cats.

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