RANKINGS
SDSU Research No. 1 for Fourth Straight Year

For the fourth consecutive year, San Diego State University is ranked the No. 1 most productive research university in the nation among schools with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs, according to Academic Analytics.

This will likely be the last time the university will be ranked in the “small research university” category. Beginning in fall 2010, SDSU will offer two new joint-doctoral programs in evolutionary biology and geophysics, and is expected to launch three additional engineering doctoral programs, exceeding the “small research” category’s maximum of 14 Ph.D. programs.

RANKINGS
SDSU No. 11 for Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to Minorities

In its annual Top 100 Producers of Minority Undergraduate Degrees, Diverse Issues in Higher Education ranked SDSU 11th in the nation for bachelor’s degrees conferred to ethnic minorities. That is up from the previous ranking of No. 16. SDSU also ranks sixth for degrees conferred to Hispanics.

Diverse Issues in Higher Education produces the “Top 100 Producers of Minority 4-Year Undergraduate Degrees” rankings annually.

VETERANS
Two Names Added to Campus War Memorial

Members of SDSU’s Student Veterans Organization raised $640 to add two new names etched to the SDSU War Memorial: Eulis N. B. Wilkes Jr. (Vietnam) and Willis Preston Smith (Korea). The War Memorial honors alumni who died in service during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. The names of several Aztecs killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, found by historian and SDSU librarian Robert Fikes, could be added to the memorial.

LITERATURE
Best Summer Reads for Kids

SDSU’s National Center for the Study of Children’s Literature released its new recommendations to help parents choose interesting and stimulating books for children to read during their summer vacation. A list of the top 24 recommended books for this summer can be found at: http://childlit.sdsu.edu/reviews/reviews.htm.
RESEARCH
SDSU Heads for the Skies with NASA-Funded Research

Walt Oechel, SDSU biology professor specializing in climate change, received a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Jet Propulsion Lab to measure the greenhouse gas effect on the Arctic.

Oechel and a team of experts will collect data that will provide unprecedented experimental insights into Arctic carbon cycling, especially the release of the important greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane.

RANKINGS
SDSU No. 2 Grad School for Physician Execs

Modern Healthcare magazine ranked the SDSU master's degree program in public health second among 44 universities nationwide, tied with the University of North Carolina. The rankings were based on the 2009-10 school year.

SDSU’s program is the only nationally accredited program in the San Diego region and one of five nationally accredited health care management programs in California.

STUDENTS
Record-Setting Year for Student-Athletes

SDSU athletes set 14 school records during the 2008-09 academic year for the Academic Progress Report (APR) rate in a report released by the National Collegiate Athletics Association.

Six programs produced perfect single-year scores of 1,000, and baseball and football both recorded their highest single-year scores in APR history.

FOUNDATION
Campanile Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Campanile Foundation welcomed Salim Janmohamed, Susan Nowakowski and Patti Roscoe—three new board members, who will play an active role in advancing SDSU.

The foundation is currently leading the university in a comprehensive fundraising campaign to raise money for several university-wide initiatives.

ATHLETICS
Alumnus Pledges $2M to Athletics

SDSU’s Athletic Department received a $2 million commitment from alumnus Frank A. Cuenca. The gift will come from his estate, and impact student athletes and their programs.

Cuenca, who graduated from SDSU in 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in history, is general partner at Monarch Retirement Group.

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