RESEARCH
Mega Region Initiative Launched

Business leaders and government officials from Baja California, Mexico; and San Diego and Imperial Counties signed a memorandum of understanding that officially launched a Cali-Baja Mega Region initiative, which capitalizes on the larger region’s diversified assets.

SDSU will create an “asset map” for the mega region. According to SDSU professor, Eric Frost, the map provides a regional approach to looking at natural and human resources, and could open doors to new technological developments and economic opportunities.

ENGINEERING
Local Kids Go Crazy for Engineering

SDSU hosted a three-week day camp, where 150 elementary and middle school students got the chance to learn, have fun and experiment with technology. They also took part in "competitions" each Friday during the camp to show off to family and friends what they've learned and built.

The "Summer Engineering Experience for Kids" (SEEK) Camp was designed by the National Society for Black Engineers in 2007, and encourages African-American and other under-represented minority children to follow careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

ATHLETICS
Leonard Taken 15th Overall in 2011 NBA Draft

Former SDSU men’s basketball standout forward Kawhi Leonard was selected by the Indiana Pacers with the 15th pick in the 2011 NBA Draft. He was later traded to the San Antonio Spurs.

For SDSU, Leonard is the second first-round NBA draft pick in program history and first since Michael Cage was taken 14th by the Los Angeles Clippers in 1984.

AWARDS
American Language Institute Welcomed Fulbrights

SDSU’s American Language Institute was selected for a third consecutive year to offer a three-week training program that introduced new international students to American culture, university standards and fair practices.

More than 310,000 students have participated in the program, which is one of the most prestigious award programs in the world, and encompasses 144 countries. More Fulbright alumni have won Nobel Prizes than those of any other academic program.
STUDENTS
Unsheltered Youth

Adam Steel, an SDSU alum and executive director of the Gen Why Project, is producing a documentary to raise awareness concerning the roughly 1.6 million homeless youth in America, called “Generation Why?” He hopes to form alliances to create on-campus Gen Why clubs across the country, starting with SDSU. Visit www.GenWhyMovie.com for more information.

ALUMNI
Former Student-Athletes Tackle Different Playing Field

Former SDSU student-athletes Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, Ricky Sharpe and Robert Ortiz took part in “Expedition Impossible,” an ABC reality show that challenged the participants to race across Morocco’s diverse terrain in 10 stages.

They would not say whether or not they won the grand prize of $150,000 and a new Ford Explorer, but they did say that “Expedition Impossible” gave them new perspectives on life.

ATHLETICS
Don Coryell Bust Unveiled

SDSU unveiled a bronze bust of Coryell created by SDSU professor emeritus Jess Dominguez at a ceremony at the Fowler Athletics Center. About 50 people attended, including Coryell’s daughter, Mindy Lewis, as well as her husband and daughter.

Recognized as one of the most innovative offensive coaches of all-time, Coryell amassed a 104-19-2 record at SDSU from 1961-72. He also holds Aztec coaching records for the most wins, most games and highest winning percentage.

RESEARCH
College Students More Confident than Previous Generations

The online journal, Self & Identity published the findings of a study on narcissism conducted by SDSU psychology professor, and lead researcher, Jean Twenge.

The study examined results from 6.5 million entering college students across the U.S., between 1966 and 2009. The data came from the American Freshman survey, administered by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

AWARDS
San Diego Prevention Research Center Receives Two Awards

The San Diego Prevention Research Center, which includes SDSU’s Graduate School of Public Health, was one of 11 prevention research centers (PRCs) nationwide to receive the National Community Committee’s inaugural best-practices award.

The award recognized PRCs that made a significant effort to follow best practices in creating equal partnerships between academic and community members as a means of involving the community in all aspects of the research process.

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