AWARDS
Nine Students, Alumni Named Fulbright Scholars

Nine San Diego State University students and graduates have earned Fulbright Scholarships for 2010-11. These scholarships are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and offer first-hand cultural experiences.

Gabriel Chait, Jolie Colby, Cassandra Conboy, Dexter Hough-Snee, Anthony Jerry, Carlos Moya Linares, Jeffrey Peterson, Linda Richardson and Natalie Selinski will conduct research or serve as teaching assistants for a full academic year in countries such as Peru, Indonesia, Mexico, Macau, Turkey, Spain and Germany.

IMPERIAL VALLEY
David E. Pearson Named Dean

David E. Pearson will be the new dean of the San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus. Pearson replaces Stephen Roeder, who is retiring.

Before coming to SDSU-Imperial Valley, Pearson served as vice president for partnership affairs at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. He was also president of the academic senate and a member of the faculty advisory council for the University of Texas system.

GRADUATES
Ed.D. Grads First to Earn Independent Doctorate

Twenty-five SDSU graduates received the first independently offered Ed.D. in educational leadership. They comprised approximately one-fourth of more than 100 students throughout the CSU system who graduated from the three-year program that was established in 2005, with specialties in community college/post-secondary education and pre-K-12. All other SDSU doctoral degrees are offered jointly with private universities or in partnership with the University of California.

GRANTS
CIBER Receives $1.5M from Dept. of Education

The U.S. Department of Education awarded a $1.5 million grant to the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) in the College of Business Administration. The grant will be disbursed starting this fall through 2014.

CIBER, whose mission it is to improve international understanding and economic enterprise, is one of 33 centers located at select business schools throughout the U.S. and one of the original six to be chartered in 1989.
ENVIRONMENT
Trolley Delivers Clean Air Award

The American Lung Association has named SDSU President Stephen L. Weber one of three 2010 Clean Air Circle honorees for contributing to cleaner air in San Diego by bringing the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System’s trolley to SDSU.

Weber worked with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, the City of San Diego and Caltrans to open the SDSU Transit Station in spring 2005.

TECHNOLOGY
Cell Phones May Save Coast from Oil

The SDSU Immersive Visualization Center (Viz Lab) and Crisis Commons, a crisis-oriented community of information technology experts, released a free cell phone application, or “app,” that will provide real-time data and imagery of the oil spill in the gulf coast.

“Oil Reporter,” as the app is called, will enable volunteers to use their Smartphones to take photos of beaches, pinpoint locations and send the information back to the Viz Lab, where thousands of photos will be pieced together to provide valuable information. The app is available for downloading at CrisisCommons.org.

ECONOMY
SDSU Contributes $6.5B Annually to State Economy

A report by the CSU Chancellor’s office reveals SDSU’s annual economic impact to the state as $6.5 billion—with a return on state investments in the CSU of $5.43 for every $1 spent.

The report, Working for California: The Impact of the California State University System, shows SDSU accounts for 36 percent of the entire CSU’s statewide impact, sustains more than 9,000 jobs in the region and more than 11,400 jobs statewide, and generates more than $62 million in local taxes and nearly $86.7 million in state tax revenue. Nearly $4.2 billion of SDSU alumni earnings are attributable to their SDSU degrees.

RANKINGS
SDSU 6th for Hispanic Bachelor's Degrees

SDSU was ranked sixth in the nation and second in California for bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanics by the publication, Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. The ranking is up from the previous year when SDSU ranked No. 10.

SDSU was also ranked No. 31 for master’s degrees awarded to Hispanics with 200 degrees conferred and No. 77 for doctoral degrees with 66 degrees conferred during the academic year, 2008-09. Additionally, SDSU ranked in the top 10 nationally in English literature for undergraduate degrees awarded to Hispanics.

The rankings were compiled using 2009 data from the National Center for Education Statistics.

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