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SDSU MONTH
SDSU Debuts New TV Show

A new half-hour show is taking over the small screen during SDSU Month this March.

The pilot episode of SDSU Insider is available online at newscenter.sdsu.edu and will debut on-air on KPBS later this month. The program highlights stories about the people who make San Diego State a dynamic and engaged university.

RESEARCH
NASA Finds New Planetary System

SDSU astronomy professor Bill Welsh is one of nine astronomers nationwide participating in the NASA mission involved with Kepler-11—six Earth-size planets orbiting a sun-like star.

Welsh, SDSU astronomy professor Jerome Orosz and former College of Sciences Dean Don Short are measuring the properties of the six planets and analyzing the Kepler data.

RESEARCH
New Maps First to Track Global Coastal Fishing Activity

SDSU biology professor Rebecca Lewison was the lead researcher in a joint effort between SDSU and Duke University to create the first maps of coastal fishing efforts in six major global regions. These maps will be used to provide insight into coastal fishing, better manage fisheries and preserve the coastal environment.

The research is supported by a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to Project GloBAL (Global Bycatch Assessment of Long-lived Species), and appeared in the journal, PLoS ONE.

AWARDS
College of Education Receives National Innovative Tech Award

SDSU received the Best Practice Award for the Innovative Use of Technology from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education at their 63rd Annual Meeting & Exhibits in San Diego.

The award is in recognition of SDSU’s eSupervision initiative, an online supervision and mentoring program, which supports effective student teacher supervision practices that require simultaneously integrating technology, instructional methods and content.
ATHLETICS

SDSU Thanks City for Bowl Game Heroics

SDSU President Stephen L. Weber, Athletic Director Jim Sterk, head football coach Rocky Long and Bruce Binkowski, executive director of the Poinsettia Bowl, formally thanked the City of San Diego for their herculean effort in pumping 1.5 million gallons of water out of a flooded Qualcomm Stadium in time for the SDSU vs. Navy Poinsettia Bowl football game in December. It was SDSU’s first bowl game in 12 seasons, and they won 34-14.

RESEARCH

BioScience Center Research Paves Way for Better Vaccines

Researchers in SDSU’s BioScience Center and the School of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center have developed a new adjuvant (a component of a vaccine that helps stimulate the immune system to fight a particular bacteria or virus) for vaccines that could improve their effectiveness.

The new technology could also be used in the development of new vaccines to prevent viral, bacterial and fungal infections, as well as several forms of cancer.

AWARDS

New Award Named in Honor of Math Education Professor

Nadine Bezuk, professor in the School of Teacher Education and associate director of the SDSU Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education, received an Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE) award named in her honor.

The award for excellence in leadership and service was named in honor of Bezuk’s 17 years of service on the AMTE Board where she has served in many capacities and been the executive director since 2001.

AWARDS

San Diego Chamber of Commerce Honors Weber

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce honored SDSU President Stephen L. Weber with the 2010 Regional Unity Award for outstanding community relations.

Under Weber’s leadership, SDSU has worked with local business leaders to create educational programs that meet workforce demands; paved the way for more students to attend SDSU by being prepared for college-level work; and garnered community support through an unprecedented increase in private donations.

ATHLETICS

SDSU Athletics Programs Receive National Spotlight

While SDSU Men’s Basketball (No.9/9) continues to rank in the nation’s top 10, several other SDSU Athletics programs are enjoying national recognition as well.

The San Diego State swimming and diving team captured its first-ever Mountain West Conference championship as it ended BYU’s four-year reign as the league title holder. In the process, the Aztecs produced the conference’s Swimmer and Diver of the Year, as well as the conference Coach of the Year. Other nationally ranked teams include women’s water polo (No. 7) and men’s golf (No. 15).

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