EVENTS
Seventh Annual SDSU Month Celebrates “Aztec for Life”

During the seventh annual SDSU Month this March, SDSU will honor its “Aztecs for Life” — all of those SDSU graduates, faculty, staff, students and supporters who have helped build the foundation of America’s eighth largest city. The month-long celebration will highlight the rich and dynamic relationship the university has with the greater San Diego community and recognize the innumerable achievements of SDSU’s Aztec family.

RESEARCH
More Indoor Tanning Salons than Starbucks

San Diego State University’s ongoing research about indoor tanning has revealed that in 2006, in the largest U.S. cities the number of indoor tanning salons was higher than that of Starbucks or McDonalds.

The study, led by public health researcher Joni Mayer and her team, will be published next month in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, identified the number and density (per population) of indoor tanning facilities in the 116 largest cities in the U.S.

AWARDS
Public Health Professor Receives SDSU’s Highest Research Award

San Diego State University professor John P. Elder has been awarded the 2009 Albert W. Johnson Research Lectureship. This recognition is the highest award for research offered by the university. As part of the scholarship, Elder will deliver the annual AWJ lecture on campus March 6 at 2 p.m. Part of SDSU Month, the lecture will be free and open to the public.

Elder, a professor in SDSU’s Graduate School of Public Health, also runs SDSU’s Center for Behavioral and Community Health Studies. He is an internationally-recognized scholar in health promotion, addressing issues of obesity, alcohol and tobacco use, sun exposure, diet and physical activity.

PEOPLE
KPBS Announces New General Manager Tom Karlo

Tom Karlo has been named the new general manager of KPBS. Karlo, a longtime employee and current associate general manager of KPBS, and alumnus of San Diego State University, was selected after a nationwide search and becomes only the fifth general manager in the public broadcasting station’s nearly 50 year history.
PARTNERSHIPS
Sports MBA Case Competition at Petco Park

The San Diego Padres and San Diego State University hosted its annual SDSU International Sports MBA Case Competition at PETCO Park.

Four-person teams from MBA programs competed in a contest to develop the best business plan. The winner was Columbia University.

The case asked students to develop a strategy to eradicate malaria in conjunction with the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. The case challenges students to capitalize on the attention that will be given to Africa during the World Cup and generate worldwide awareness that ultimately leads to action aimed at reducing widespread death by malaria.

FACULTY
Former Olympian Named Volleyball Coach

Dieter Collins-Parker, a two-time national collegiate player of the year whose resume includes stints at a pair Division I schools the past 13 seasons, has been named the head volleyball coach at San Diego State.

She becomes just the fourth head coach since the Aztecs began collegiate play in 1976. She replaces Mark Warner, who retired at the end of the 2008 campaign after 13 years at the helm of the women's program.

EVENTS
‘Musical of Musicals’ a Hit

On Feb. 20, the School of Theatre, Television and Film presented the “Musical of Musicals, The Musical!” a comic valentine to Broadway.

Opening the spring theater semester with a production that is a laugh riot, the "Musical of Musicals, The Musical!” featured the MFA in musical theater class of 2010. The production, with music by Eric Rockwell and lyrics by Joanne Bogart, runs through March in SDSU's Experimental Theatre.

EVENTS
SDSU Celebrates Darwin's Bicentennial Birthday

San Diego State University will host a variety of events throughout the year in honor of Charles Darwin's 200th birthday and the 150th anniversary of “On the Origin of Species,” Darwin’s famous book that set forth his theory of evolutionary selection.

Charles Darwin was a British naturalist who was renowned for his theories of evolution and natural selection. He was born 200 years ago on Feb. 12, 1809. Fifty years later, on Nov. 24, 1859, Darwin published “On the Origin of Species.”

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