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RANKINGS
SDSU Among Top 10 California Universities for Fundraising

San Diego State University is ranked among the top 10 in California for university fundraising, according to a new report by the Council for Aid to Education.

At No. 9, SDSU ranked higher than all other California State University campuses, as well as several University of California campuses.

INTERNATIONAL
Health and Human Services Goes Global

Recent international disasters, such as the earthquake in Haiti, show that healthcare professionals are increasingly called upon to help people in communities far away from their own. Recognizing this increase in globalization, SDSU’s College of Health and Human Services will now require international academic experience in all of its majors. There are now 25 programs across the SDSU campus that require international experience as part of required coursework. This is up from just one program in 2000.

PEOPLE
Coryell, Hostler to Receive Honorary Doctorates

In honor of their service and accomplishments, Don Coryell and Charles W. Hostler will receive honorary doctorate degrees from San Diego State University at commencement ceremonies this May.

As head coach, Coryell led San Diego State University’s most successful era of football and helped launch the university into the national spotlight. As a U.S. Ambassador, Hostler worked to bring peace to one of the most troubled regions of the world.

RESEARCH
Sign Language Discoveries Surprisingly Similar to Speech

Karen Emmorey, professor in the SDSU School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, says her new research shows that despite being unspoken, a similar occurrence to “tip of the tongue” exists in American Sign Language and is referred to as the tip of the finger phenomenon.

It was also found that sign language activates a different part of the brain than hand gestures used for pantomime. These new discoveries prove that signed and spoken languages are far more similar than previously thought.
STUDENTS
SDSU Students, County Partner to Help Low-Income Families

Sixty student interns and volunteers from SDSU’s School of Social Work and another 10 from CSU San Marcos will participate in assisting the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency to enroll more qualified individuals in the food stamp program.

Thrive San Diego is a new initiative through which college students screen low-income families for food stamps and prepare their tax returns at no cost through the Earned Income Tax Credit campaign.

GRANTS
$4.9 M Grant will Train Vets, Others for Biotech Careers

SDSU, BIOCOM, San Diego Workforce Partnership and the Southern California Biotechnology Center at San Diego Miramar College received a three-year, $4.95 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor aimed at assisting the economic growth of the San Diego region’s life sciences industry.

RESEARCH
From the Lab to Lands Afar: Student Research Symposium

SDSU’s undergraduate, master’s and doctoral students presented their original research on topics such as disease prevention in Mexico, human-primate interaction and heart cell modification at the third annual Student Research Symposium. SDSU has earned an international reputation for high quality research, reinforced by its Carnegie Foundation designation as a “research university” with high-research activity.

MILITARY
Navy Rear Admiral Lauds Military Public Affairs Program

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Dennis Moynihan met with SDSU President Stephen L. Weber and commended the university’s Military Public Affairs Officer program which provides mid-career public affairs officers in the military with strategic thinking and planning tools. The program is an important step in preparing PAOs for duties as they advance in rank and assume broader managerial responsibilities.

SDSU MONTH
Aztecs for Life Star in 8th Annual SDSU Month

SDSU Month features 31 days of artistic, academic and athletic events, special offers from local businesses and a partner-supported media campaign to raise awareness of SDSU’s outstanding people and programs.

The month kicks off with the last regular season basketball game at Viejas Arena on March 3. The featured event of the month is Explore SDSU Open House on March 20th from 10am-3pm. Young future Aztecs can enjoy the Family Village festivities, featuring family-friendly fun and entertainment.

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