RANKING
SDSU Grad Programs Rank Among Nation’s Best

Four of San Diego State’s graduate programs have been ranked in U.S. News and World Report’s 2010 edition of America’s Best Graduate Schools. Ranked programs include: Secondary Teacher Education, No. 18; International Business, No. 20 (up one spot from the 2008 edition); Psychology (joint program with UCSD), No. 50; and Education, No. 71.

The ranked programs are just a few of the many other nationally ranked academic programs at San Diego State, which include public affairs, nursing, biological sciences and others.

STUDENTS
SDSU Furniture Students Participate in Premier Design Event

San Diego State furniture graduate students will participate in the prestigious International Contemporary Furniture Fair (ICFF) for the first time in almost 20 years. Taking place May 16–19 in New York City, the ICFF is North America’s premier event for contemporary design.

RESEARCH
Narcissism Increasing Among College Students

Researchers with San Diego State University and the University of South Alabama released a new study finding that narcissism in college students is increasing faster than previously thought, especially among college women.

Jean Twenge, SDSU psychology professor, and her co-author, Jason D. Foster, found that when increases were similar among ethnic and racial groups, narcissism in young women increased more than in young men, suggesting that recent cultural changes have affected girls and women more.

AWARDS
Alumni Honored for Outstanding Work

The San Diego State University Alumni Association honored alumni for their outstanding work at the 37th annual Montys Awards Gala. The Monty is a symbol of achievement and success presented to distinguished alumni from each of the seven SDSU academic colleges, as well as the university's Imperial Valley campus and library and information access division. Awardees this year included two-time Alumni Association president Bill Trumpfheller, who received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.
ATHLETICS
Strasburg’s Sensational Season

Aztec ace Stephen Strasburg is racking up the K’s. So far this season, the pitcher has struck out 62 batters in five games.

The 20-year-old right handed pitcher is said to throw 100 miles per hour. Rumors say that he is likely to be the number one pick in this year’s Major League Baseball draft.

WEB

SDSU NewsCenter Website Launches
There’s a new place to go for all San Diego State University news: http://sdsu.edu/newscenter.

The new website includes news about: campus initiatives and events; faculty research and awards; community programs; alumni features; athletics; and much, much more!

The site serves as a portal to other campus news sites, including:
- SDSUniverse, the award-winning website for faculty and staff
- 360, the new site for the award-winning 360, the Magazine of San Diego State University
- State in Touch, the site for the exciting new university-wide newsletter

RESEARCH
Students RISE to the Challenge of International Research

With the help of SDSU’s Office of Academic Scholarships, more students are learning about ways to enhance their college experience.

Two undergraduate students have been selected to participate in summer research internships in Germany through the Research Internship in Science and Engineering (RISE) program.

Created in 2005, RISE places students in summer research internships at German universities and research institutions. RISE interns assist doctoral students, who also serve as their mentors.

INTERNATIONAL
Faculty Receive Fulbright Grants

Three SDSU faculty members have been selected as 2009-10 Fulbright Scholars. Political Science Professor Brian Adams will travel to Seoul, South Korea to work at Hanyang University’s Center for Local Autonomy. There he will research the role local Korean governments can play in democratization of the country.

Professor Emerita Ann Johns, who taught rhetoric and writing at SDSU, a co-founder of SDSU’s Freshman Success Program, will serve as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at Antonine University in Lebanon. She will help create an English literacy program for freshmen of the traditionally French-speaking university.

Oliva Espin, a professor emerita of women’s studies, was named a 2009-10 Distinguished Chair in Gender Studies, considered among the most prestigious appointments in the Faculty Fulbright Scholar Program. Espin will travel to Austria’s University of Klagenfurt in spring 2010 to teach master classes in gender studies.

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