SCHOLARSHIP
Compact for Success Celebrates 10 Years

Nearly 4,000 seventh graders and their families from the Sweetwater Union High School District converged on SDSU to learn about the Compact for Success, an innovative educational reform program which guarantees SDSU admission to those students who meet specified benchmarks.

The program is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Since its inception, the number of district students applying to, admitted and enrolling at SDSU has more than doubled. Of the 747 students from Sweetwater high schools enrolled this fall, 266 are Compact Scholars.

OUTREACH
SDSU Reaches Out at Super Sunday Events

As part of the CSU’s Super Sunday program, President Weber visited three predominantly African-American churches in San Diego to talk to families about the importance of a college education and how to get there.

Each year, CSU leaders speak at various churches across the state during Super Sunday. Information about preparing for college, applying to the CSU’s 23 campuses and obtaining financial aid with congregants is shared.

RESEARCH
Research Uncovers One Possible Cause of Red Tides

Marine microalgae support world fisheries and help regulate climate, but they can also cause harm with toxic bloom formation. The cause of these blooms remains unknown, but now, a fundamental discovery by San Diego State University scientists finds that iron may be to blame.

The findings are important as algal-associated bacteria may be a factor controlling the formation of toxic algal blooms, commonly known as red tides.

BUSINESS
SDSU Unveils Corky McMillan Center for Real Estate

San Diego State University’s College of Business Administration recently announced the launch of The Corky McMillin Center for Real Estate. The center was established with a donation from the McMillin family who owns one of San Diego’s most successful real estate and development companies.
Investigative Journalism Institute Finds Home at SDSU

San Diego State University’s School of Journalism & Media Studies is home to the new Watchdog Institute, an independent, non-profit organization that seeks to ensure the future of investigative journalism. The mission of the institute is two-fold: to provide data-driven investigative journalism to residents of San Diego and Imperial counties, and to help develop new investigative journalists through SDSU.

Led by veteran investigative journalist Lorie Hearn, the institute is located on campus within the School of Journalism & Media Studies. Hearn was senior editor for metro and watchdog journalism at The San Diego Union-Tribune and will serve as the executive director of the institute.

National Science Foundation to Fund High-Speed Network

The National Science Foundation awarded the SDSU Computational Science Research Center a $256,000 grant to fund the infrastructure required to build a high-speed computer network to connect SDSU directly to the San Diego Supercomputer Center and the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology at the University of California San Diego.

Researcher Christopher Paolini of the College of Engineering, together with College of Science researchers Jose Castillo, Andrew Cooksy, David Pullman and Mary Thomas, will lead the effort.

New Agreement Strengthens Cross-Border Collaboration

The country’s number one small research university San Diego State University and El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, a prestigious research center in Tijuana, Mexico, have signed an exchange agreement to fuel cross-border collaboration.

The partnership will allow students to take classes at both universities concurrently, with each university counting the units towards the degree. Mexican students will to travel to the U.S. to take classes at SDSU using the F-3 Border Commuter Student Visa.

Researcher Named Director of Federal Drug & Alcohol Center

John Clapp, professor of social work at San Diego State University, has been named director of the U.S. Department of Education’s Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention.

He will serve a minimum four-year term overseeing a group of fellows, expert researchers and practitioners with a focus on environmental prevention research.