San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus' inaugural Sportsday was a big success, with pledges, donations and sponsorships totaling more than $52,000.

“Our supporters outdid themselves,” stated Rod Smart, director of Development and Community Affairs for the campus. “It is proof of the value and need the Imperial Valley has for its local four-year university.”

Proceeds will go to various scholarships and programs at SDSU-IV, including the Imperial Valley University Partnership, which this year provided additional scholarship funds for 22 students, covering full tuition for their first two years of college.

Two local father-son combinations proved winners in the two competitions. Gregorio Ponce and Gregorio Ponce Jr. were winners in the 5K run, with Ponce Jr. winning the overall with a time of 16 minutes, 8 seconds. His father won his division with a time of 25:48. More than 70 runners participated in the inaugural 5K run, held on the Brawley campus of the university.

Brian Schmitt and Matt Schmitt were low gross in the 14th annual golf tournament, with a score of 70. Fifty-six players participated in the best ball event.

“Next year, we expect to double the participants, and add a tennis tournament as well,” Smart said. To comment on this story click here to be directed to Facebook.
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