

2026 FALL CONVOCATION



**1 MESA.
MISSION.**



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

We, at San Diego Mesa College, acknowledge that the land we occupy is unceded territory of the Kumeyaay people, indigenous to this region from time immemorial.

The Kumeyaay people continue to demonstrate strength in their ability to surmount generational trauma, which started with the injustices of colonization and continues to this day.

The relationship of the Kumeyaay people with the land underlies their strong commitment to protect the land, preserve their heritage, and work for balance and harmony.

This land acknowledgment is our commitment to honor the Kumeyaay people and to establish a relationship with them based on truth and mutual respect

MESA COLLEGE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CONVOCATION AGENDA



SCAN ME!



Coffee and Community

Convocation Program

Welcomes from SDCCCD

Breakout Instructions and Transitions

Breakout Sessions I

Breakout Sessions II

Lunch with Music (Provided by Dante Jones)



SENATE **WELCOMES**

One Mesa, Many Voices



MARY GWIN
ACADEMIC SENATE
PRESIDENT



AYANA WOODS
CLASSIFIED SENATE
PRESIDENT



MIRANDA AUGELLI ACUNA
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
PRESIDENT



WHERE WE STAND WHERE WE'RE HEADED

2025-26 Data | Highlights | 2026-
27 Goals | *One Mesa. One Mission.*

2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS



from fall 2025 and spring 2026.



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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

GOAL 1: ALIGN

One Mesa

Bring our plans, people, resources, and systems into greater coherence.

GOAL 2: ACT AND MEASURE

One Mission

Organize around the student outcomes we have collectively determined matter most and hold ourselves accountable for progress.

GOAL 3: REMOVE BARRIERS

One Mesa in Action

Use our collective capacity to change the conditions that get in the way of student success.



NEW **OLYMPIANS** IN THE HOUSE

Welcome New Employees



ANDREA STEEL
Mathematics



AMANDEEP GILL
Physics/Astronomy



**PAVANI
JONNALAGADDA**
Psychology



NORMAN BELLEZA
Physical Therapist
Assistant



MORGAN MOUCHKA
Biological Sciences

**WELCOME NEW
FACULTY**





JACQUELINE COLLINS

Acting Vice President
Administrative Services



**ELIZA HOYOS
VENCES**

Dean of Humanities



NICK UNDERWOOD

Acting Director
Facilities & Operations

**WELCOME NEW
ADMINISTRATORS**





ADRIANA GONZALEZ
Senior Account Clerk
Allied Health



DESTINY CASTANEDA
Administrative
Technician
Veterans Success Center



**MAXIMILIAN
CONOVER**
Senior Account Clerk
Student Accounting



**HOANG NGOC
MY TRAN**
Senior Account Clerk
Student Accounting



ARTURO DIAZ
Senior Account Clerk
Student Accounting



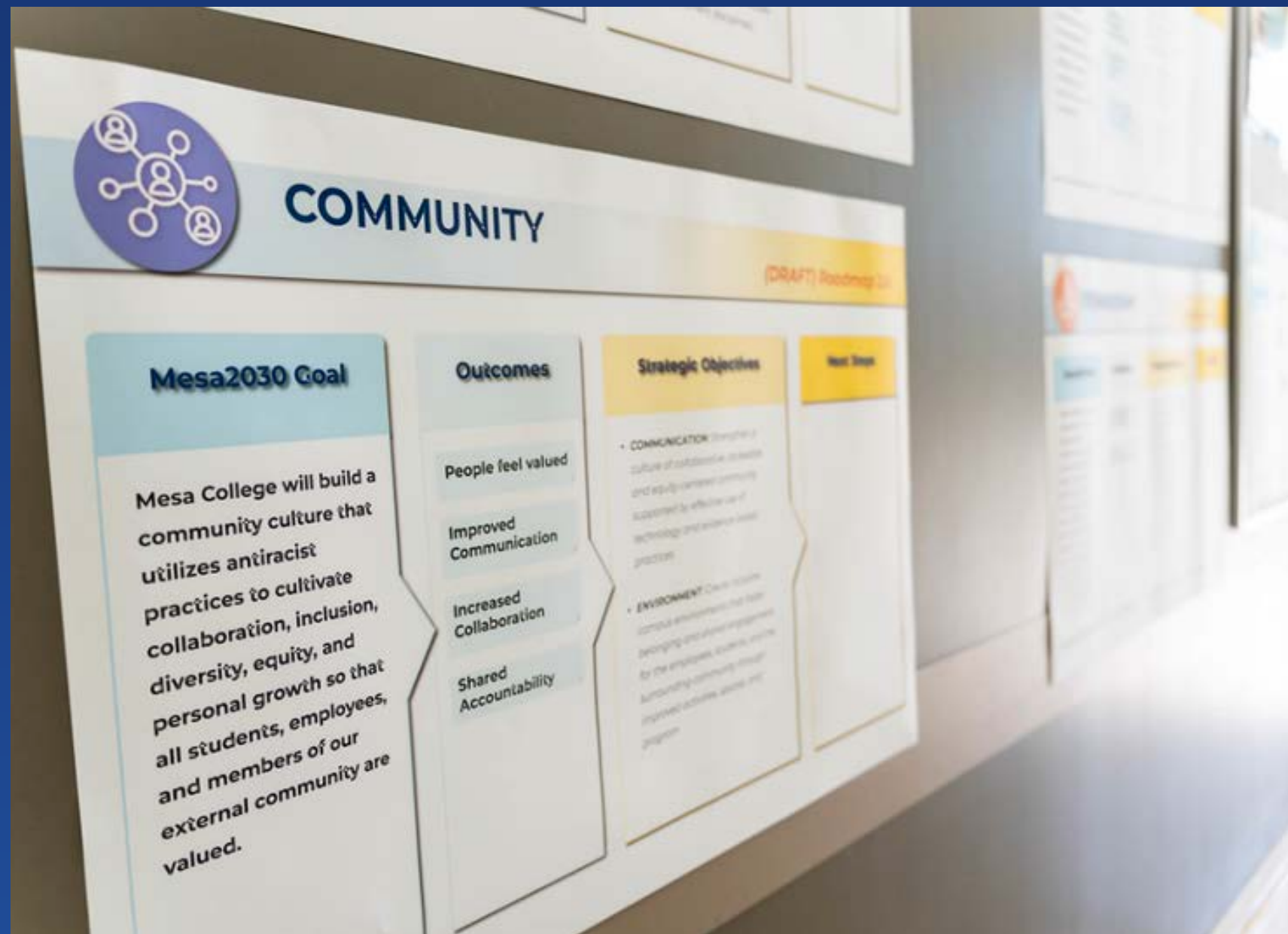
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**WELCOME NEW
CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONALS**



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Wheel of Names



COLLEGE PRIORITIES

Our Shared Mission



ROADMAP TO MESA2030

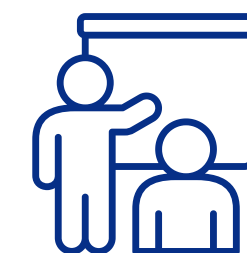
One Mesa | One Mission

ROADMAP 2 IS HERE



Our 2026-2030 Strategic Plan

- Built from reflection on Roadmap 1
- Shaped through collegewide input
- Designed with implementation in mind



Attend our
Session at SB-106
and **PR Kickoff event**
to learn more

DOING MORE IS **NOT** THE ANSWER

The goal is to make our work **Add Up**

“Doing a few things exceptionally well” - Ashanti Hands

↳ *Anchor your work in our shared goals*
Choose where your time and energy create the **greatest impact**

2026-27 Elevated Goals: our shared collegewide focus

- Increase equitable student degree/certificate completion, transfer readiness and workforce readiness.
- Increase the number of Latine and/or adult learner enrollment by 5% year to year in programs that provide a livable wage.

HOW WE MOVE FROM GOALS TO IMPACT

Clarity → Focus → Alignment → Impact

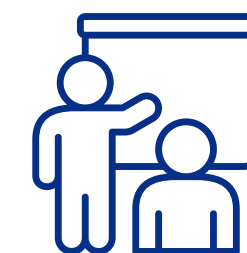
- **Clarity:** Know the goals of your division
- **Focus:** Ask where your unit can contribute most
- **Alignment:** Set focused unit goals and choose activities that support your division goals

LET'S PUT IT TO WORK

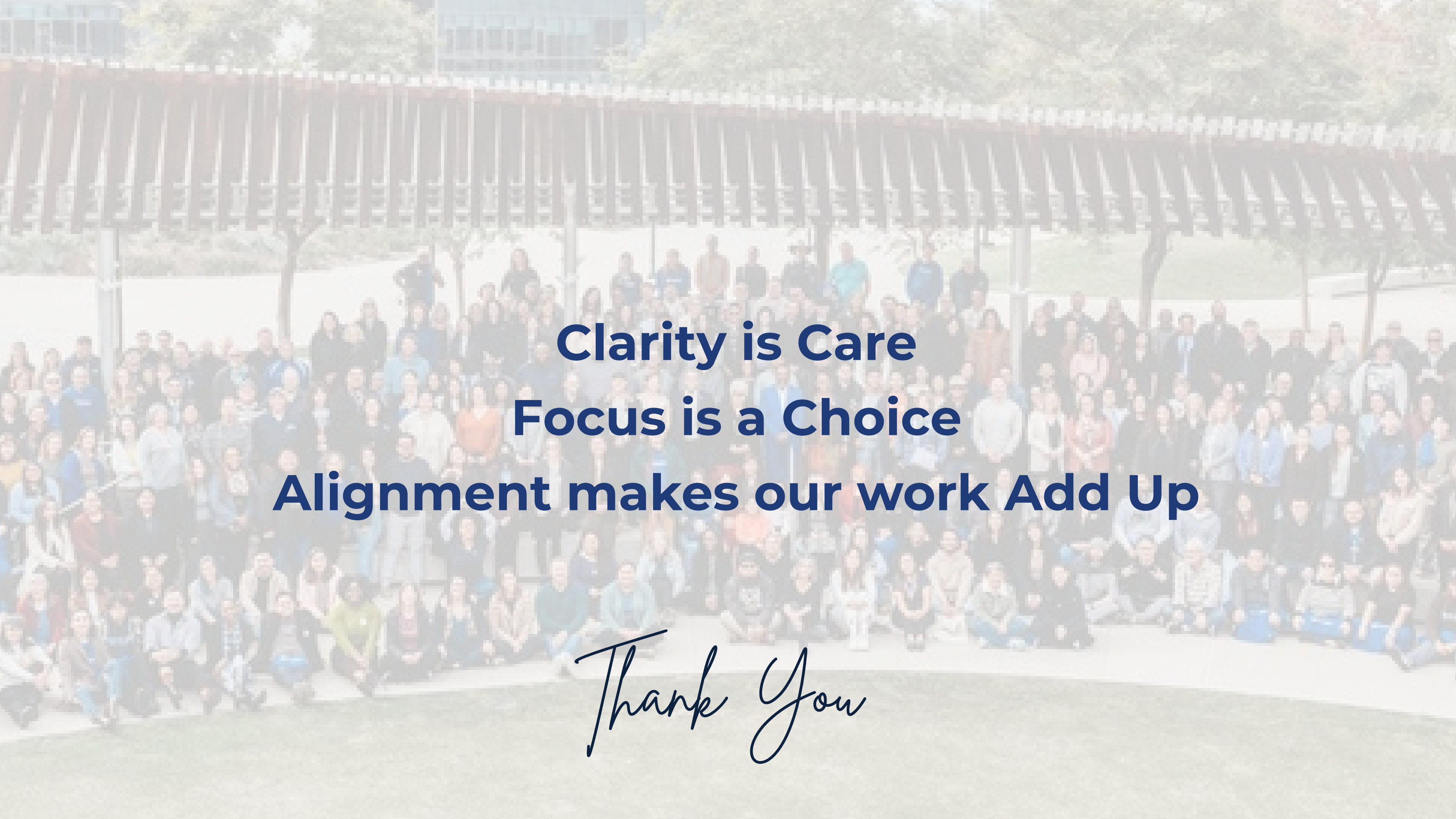
**Try It. Learn from It. Improve It.
Together.**

2026-27 is a pilot and transitional year for Roadmap 2 implementation

- Connect and align our work
- Learn what works
- Improve the implementation model together



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A large group of people, likely a school or community group, are posed for a group photo on bleachers. They are arranged in many rows, filling the frame. In the background, there is a building with a distinctive facade of vertical wooden slats. The scene is outdoors with trees visible behind the building.

Clarity is Care
Focus is a Choice
Alignment makes our work Add Up

Thank You



SAN DIEGO
Community College District

Measure HH

Building tomorrow, today

MEASURE HH BOND

Project Updates

The current program represents a **Multi-Venue, Comprehensive Arts Center paired with a Consolidated College Administration, and new Parking Structure.** This is not a single building—it's five major campus assets in one efficient envelope & site.

Rooted in the dynamic topography of Kearny Mesa, the new complex transforms **a steep 50-foot grade shift into a vibrant civic nexus for performance, pedagogy, and public life.** The design unfolds as a stepped, terraced **"Arts Trail"**—a continuous promenade of outdoor plazas, exterior stairs, and viewing decks that **unifies disparate campus arrival points while integrating native resilient planting ecology.**

NEW DEVELOPMENT
PERFORMANCE ARTS CENTER /
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE & PARKING STRUCTURE





THEATRE ENTRANCE

**Concept Images only, final scope in development.*



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DESIGN/CD PHASE 1: NEW PARKING STRUCTURE
COMPLETE BY FALL 2026

DESIGN/CD PHASE 1: PAC & ADMIN.
COMPLETE BY SPRING 2027

DSA REVIEW: PARKING STRUCTURE
COMPLETE BY SPRING 2027

DSA REVIEW: PAC & ADMIN.
COMPLETE BY SPRING 2028

CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1: PARKING STRUCTURE
START OF CONSTRUCTION BY SUMMER 2027
COMPLETE BY SPRING 2028

CONSTRUCTION PHASE 2: PAC & ADMIN.
SPRING 2031

Programming started at the end of Sept 2025. Weekly and monthly meetings with campus stakeholders have been ongoing.

Site logistics, such as parking and swing space, to be discussed during the design/construction documents phase.

Construction is tentatively to begin around the Fall 2027!

TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

The SDCCD Mesa College Athletics Complex project will deliver approximately **151,000 GSF of modern athletic, exercise science, and supporting instructional facilities**, over 23 acres of Mesa College's campus, replacing outdated infrastructure to meet evolving program needs.

Key features include new competition court and practice gym, upgraded training and support spaces, an expanded aquatics center, and relocated and improved athletic fields, with demolition of fields and small support buildings.

NEW DEVELOPMENT ATHLETICS COMPLEX













DSA AGENCY REVIEW
COMPLETE BY FALL 2027

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETE BY SUMMER 2030

PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETE BY SUMMER 2031

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TENTATIVE
PROJECT TIMELINE

PRE-PROGRAMMING & EXPLORATION

START AROUND FALL 2027
APPROXIMATELY 6-WEEK DURATION

RFQ/P ISSUANCE

LATE 2029

PROGRAMMING & DESIGN

START EARLY 2030

PHASE 2 ENGLISH, STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER & AFFINITY SPACES

6-week Pre-Programming & Exploration effort beginning Fall 2027 to engage stakeholders, define project scope, and establish a realistic preliminary budget. Project will then enter a planning hold period for approximately two years, with the RFQ/P anticipated to be issued in late 2029.

TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

Project Profiles

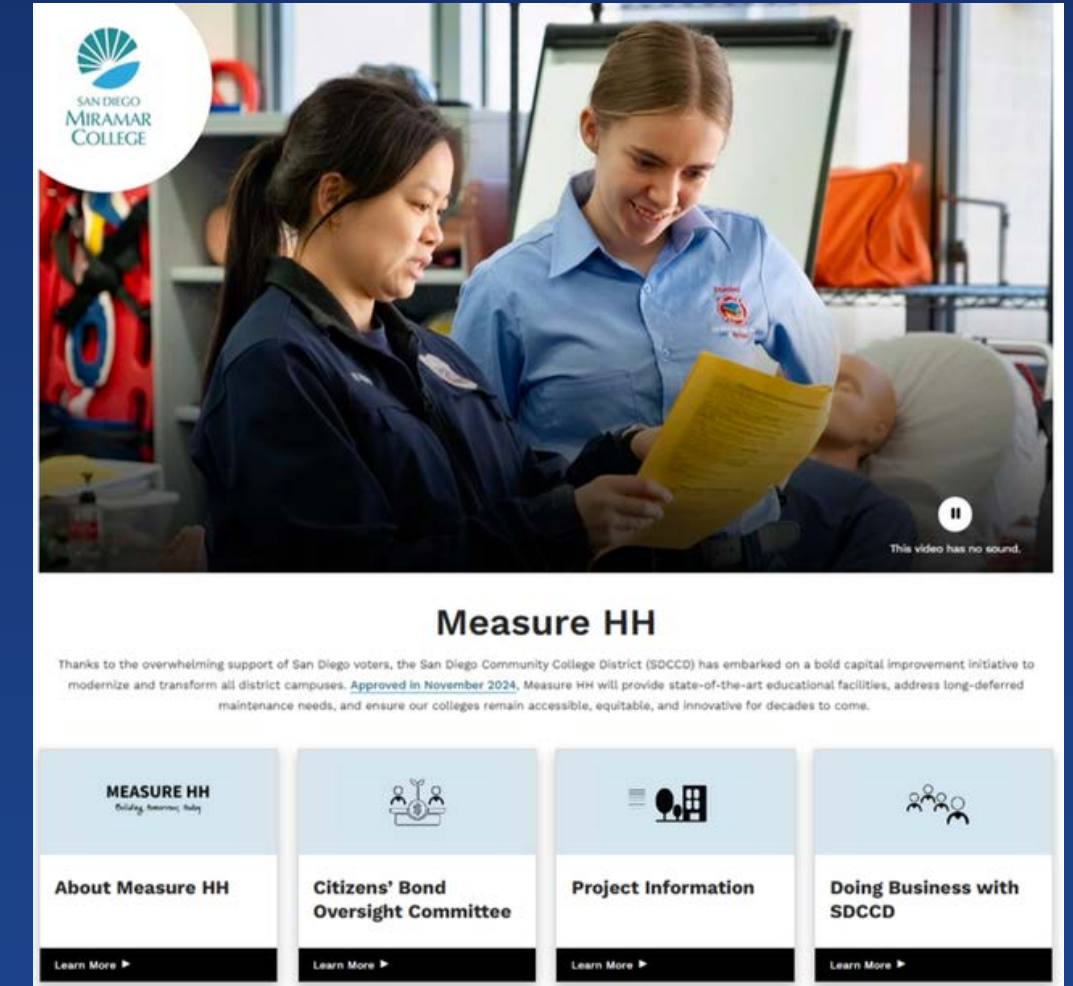
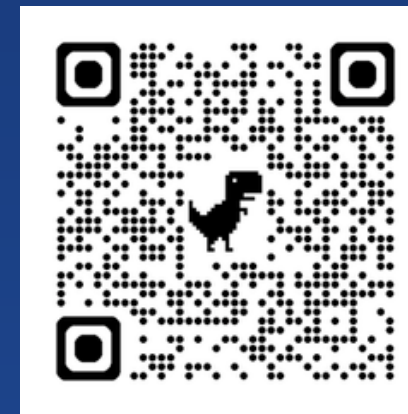
- Project profiles will be updated monthly and made available to the public via the SDCCD website.

Newsletters

- Newsletters will continue to be distributed on a monthly basis.

Project Video & Media Updates

- Scan the QR code to access **YouTube** channel highlighting stakeholder and student engagement across all Mesa College Bond Projects.



MEASURE HH COMMUNICATION

➡ WWW.SDCCD.EDU/DEPARTMENTS/OPERATIONS/MEASUREHH



GYM FLOOR RESURFACING & RESTRIPING

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT



LRC CARPET REPLACEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT



FUELING OUR MISSION

One Mesa, Many Voices

MESA'S COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN



SAN DIEGO
MESA COLLEGE
FOUNDATION



A QUICK RECAP

The liftoff of an idea.

FALL '24



Identified
possibility

SPRING '25



Announced
campaign

FALL '25



Invited
input

SPRING '26



Shared
progress

FALL '26



**Taking
action**

THE RESULTS

YEAR ONE

\$595,000

YEAR TWO

\$879,000

TOTAL RAISED

\$1.4M+



~ 48% Increase!

THE WHAT

PHILANTHROPY: Voluntary action for the public good.



OPERATING FUNDS

Support the daily work

PROP HH

Builds out facilities

DONATIONS

Let Mesa dream big, meet needs



WE ARE INVITING LEAD DONORS INTO DIALOGUE.

THE HOW

We Already Have:

THE STORY
Our case
narrative

THE EXPERTISE
Mesa, Foundation,
& CCS

THE SUPPORTERS
4,000 already
with us

NOW WE CONNECT THE DOTS.

THE HOW

1



AMBASSADOR

The friendly face who makes connections and hosts.

2



ADVOCATE

The voice that shares our story.

3



ASKER

The one who directly invites people to invest.

4



ACTOR

The doer who turns dollars into impact.

WHICH ARE YOU?

THE “SO WHAT?”

What does all this mean for you?

- ➔ This year: We'll be **telling our story** in 1:1 donor visits. We may reach out!
- ➔ We are **evolving our scholarships** to match this bolder vision. Stay tuned!
- ➔ We will continue with:
 - Fall:
 - Updated Scholarships
 - Spirit of Mesa - Oct 9
 - Innovation Grants
 - Spring:
 - Scholarship Award Ceremony - April
 - #MesaGivingDay - May



THE WAYS TO ENGAGE NOW

THE 5 T'S

TIME & TALENT · TREASURE · TESTIMONY · TIES

Ideas:

- 💡 Nominate a Board member
- 💡 Formalize your giving in payroll
- 💡 Share your Mesa story
- 💡 Bring a supporter to Spirit of Mesa Oct 9
- 💡 Follow and share on social media



INTEREST FORM

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Wheel of Names



VICE PRESIDENT UPDATES

The Mission in Motion

INSTRUCTION FALL 2026



DOCTORA ISABEL DE LOS ANGELES O'CONNOR



WELCOME!



Dr. Eliza Hoyos Vences, Dean of Humanities

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION ASSIGNMENTS-FALL 2026



Dr. Donna Budzynski
Enrollment Management
Adult Learner Program
Guided Pathways



Gina Abbiate
CCAP
Dual Enrollment

FALL ENROLLMENT

- Strong demand
- Shift to the new attendance accounting method
- Planning for new Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy

As of Sunday, August 16:

6,081 FTES or 98.6% of target

Efficiency: 15.45

Headcount: 21,045



RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY GRADUATION CEREMONY

AUGUST 2026





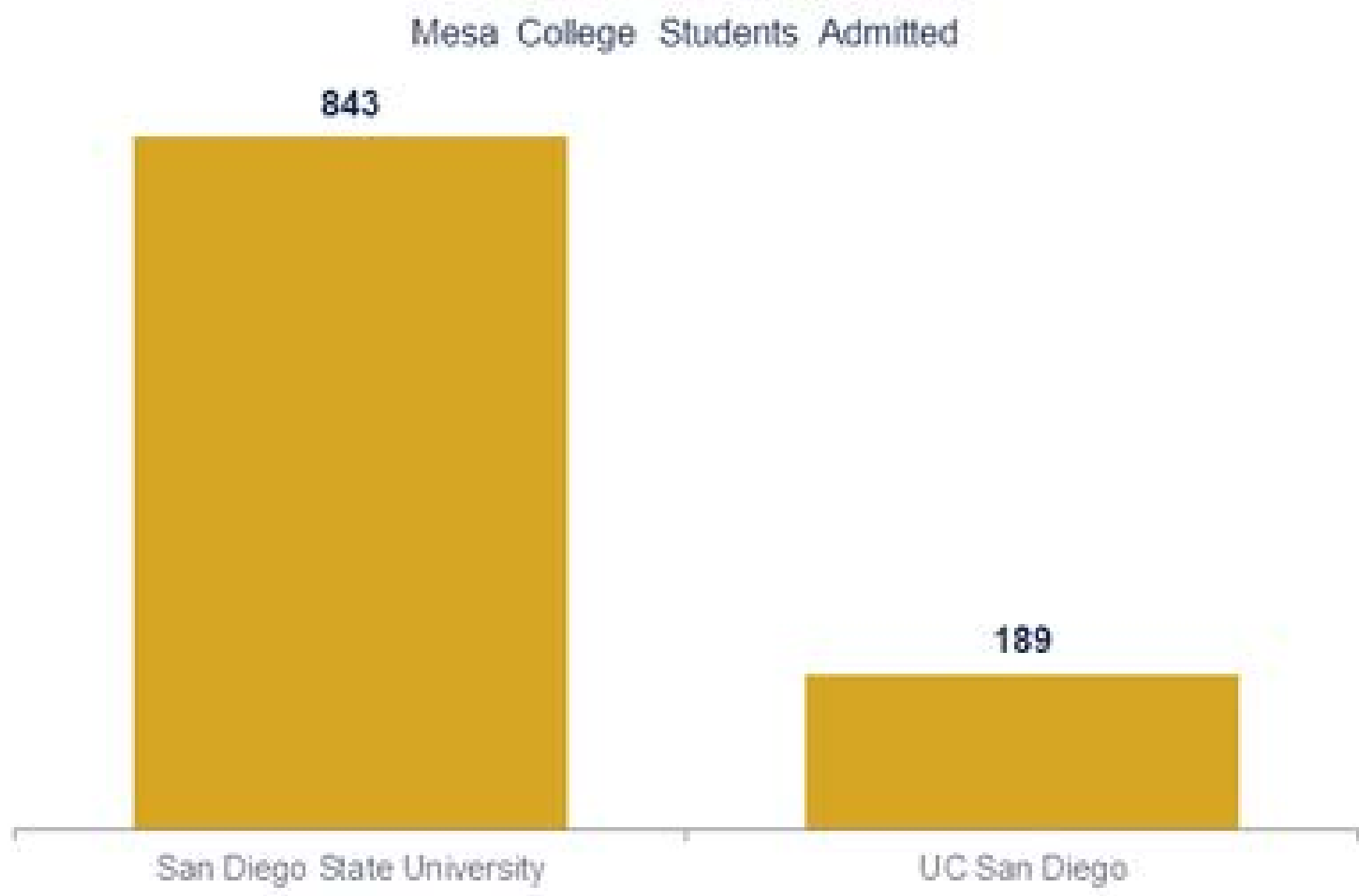
HAVE A FANTASTIC SEMESTER

STUDENT SERVICES

Accomplishments 2025–2026

A Year of Transfer Success

Transfer Admissions, Fall 2025



+57%

SDSU admit growth vs. 2024-25 (364 additional students)

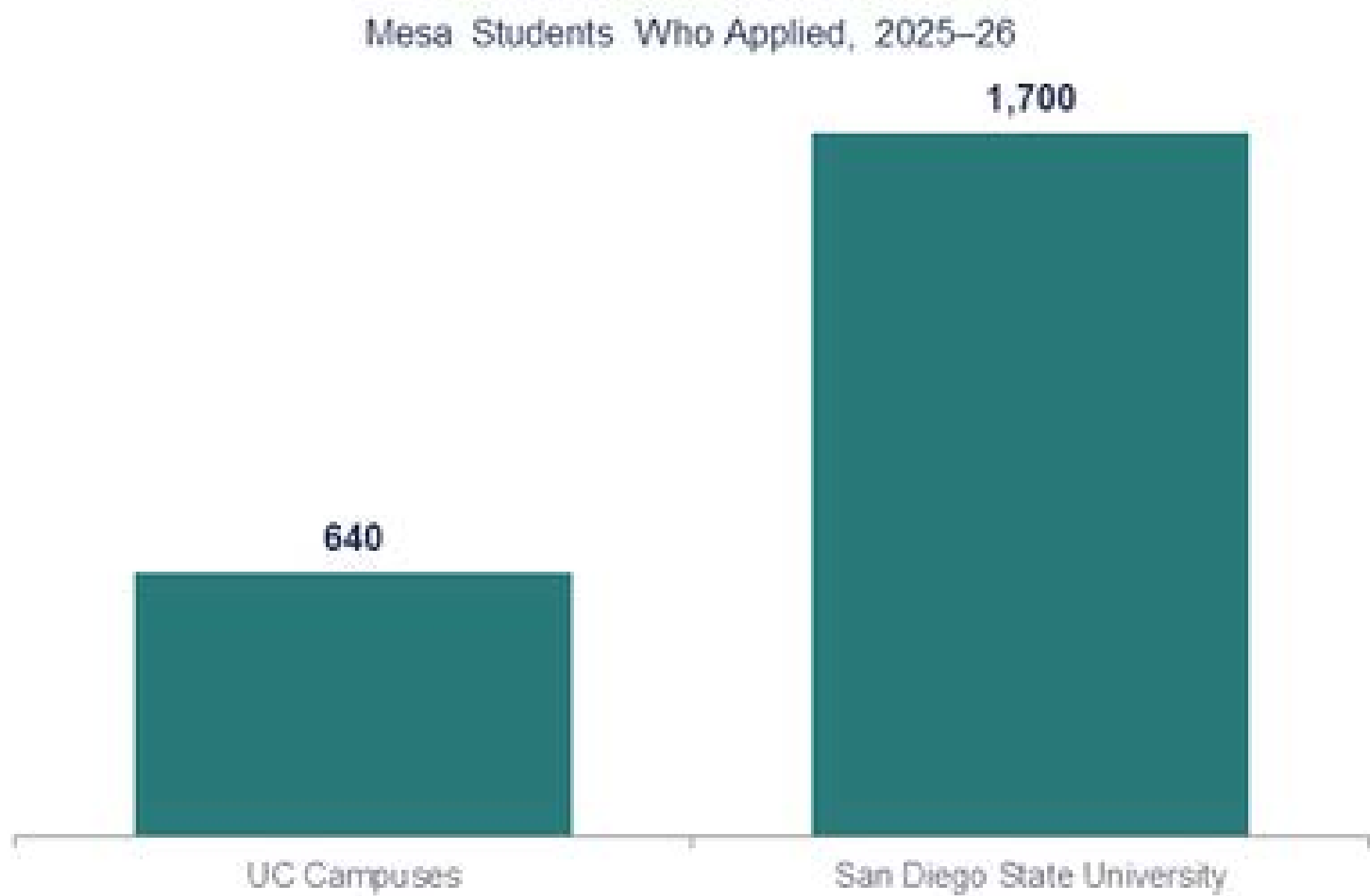
+66%

Growth in students meeting UCSD admission criteria (64 additional)

105

Transfer workshops delivered, in-person & Zoom

Growing the Transfer Pipeline



65
University rep visits hosted

900
Transfer Tuesday list

2,000+
Direct student contacts

74,040
Social media views

A Year of Measurable Progress

#1 transfer campus to UC San Diego in Region X, every year since Fall 2020 • **#4** statewide to UCSD • **#2** statewide to SDSU (of 116 CA community colleges)

These results reflect meaningful, measurable progress driven by targeted transfer programming, strengthened university partnerships, and expanded student outreach and in-reach. Our coordinated efforts in 2025–2026 produced notable increases in applications, admissions, and engagement compared with the prior year.

843

SDSU Admits

189

UCSD Admits

105

Workshops

1,492

Social Engagements

What's New for 2026-2027

workpath at MESA

"A great job is waiting for you. Are you READY?"

Launching Fall 2026

A Career Readiness Partnership for Every Mesa Student

workpath at MESA is a career readiness partnership designed to increase student career success, employment outcomes, internship participation, and career exposure opportunities.



The program's goal is straightforward: every student we work with should leave Mesa College prepared for a job or for continuing education.

AT A GLANCE

LAUNCH

Fall 2026

SERVICES BEGIN

September 14, 2026

DELIVERY

Hybrid — on-campus & virtual

STAFFING

2 dedicated Workforce Development Specialists

Workforce Development Specialists

The two dedicated specialists assigned to Mesa College will:

On Campus	Collaboration	Student Support
Hold regular campus office hours	Participate in campus events	Meet individually with students
Rotate through designated Student Success Centers	Build relationships with faculty and staff	Support referrals from Student Success teams

What workpath at MESA Provides



Individual Career Coaching

One-on-one guidance tailored to each student's goals



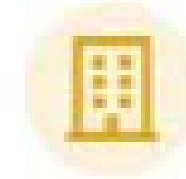
Workshops & Curriculum

Structured career readiness programming



Career Navigation

Targeted support for underserved student populations



Resource Center Support

Customized services for the Dreamer Center, Pride Center, Rising Scholars, Basic Needs, EOPS, and more



Employer Connections

Job placement assistance and employer relationship-building

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UPDATE





OLYMPIAN SPIRIT AWARDS

Fueling the Flame



CHAMPIONS OF *Community*



Amy Bettinger
Carlos Toth
Mia Zedukes
Dustin Zeuske

CHAMPIONS OF *Dedicated Service*



Jennifer Snyder
Chris Waters
Ryan Woods
Nick Underwood
Charlie Shimazaki

Honorable Mention:
LRC Faculty and
Classified Professionals



CHAMPIONS OF *Equity and Inclusion*



Ashley Manning-Berg
Kris Secor
Marc Pescadera
Justin Rapolla
Trish Guevarra
Hai Ly Tran
Jennifer Park
Eileen Hayward
Charlie Lieu

Honorable Mention:
Ella deCastro
Ranmali Rodrigo



CHAMPIONS OF *Professional Development*



Tasha Frankie



CHAMPIONS OF *Vision and Integrity*



Jeni Davenport-Furniss

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT **WELCOMES AND UPDATES**



GEYSIL ARROYO
BOARD PRESIDENT
SDCCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES



GREG SMITH
CHANCELLOR
SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



JIM MAHLER
PRESIDENT
AFT GUILD UNION 1931



BREAKOUT SESSIONS



Breakout Session I:	10:40 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Transition:	11:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Breakout Session II:	11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.