



Hello Mesa College Community!

Weekly Update from Prez Hands provides a brief overview of the exciting efforts taking place within our community. The updates are also a great way to tell our collective story of success, and to document our journey of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Enjoy!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE



Summer 2026 Modified Work Schedule

June 22, 2026-August 14, 2026
Monday-Thursday

Note:

Friday, June 19th - Juneteenth

HOLIDAY - observed on an alternate date at the manager's discretion.

Friday, July 3rd - Holiday observed for Independence Day

HOLIDAY - observed on an alternate date at the manager's discretion.



Summer 2026 | 32-Hour Work Week Pilot

Beginning June 22 through August 14, San Diego Community College District will participate in a summer 32-hour workweek pilot. During this period, most employees will work a four-day, 32-hour schedule, with offices operating Monday through Thursday.

The pilot reflects the District's ongoing commitment to employee well-being, work-life balance, and organizational effectiveness while continuing to provide high-quality service to students and the community. Employees and departments will work collaboratively to ensure that essential services remain available throughout the pilot period.

Additional information regarding office hours and service availability will be communicated by individual departments as needed.

For more information, please click the links below:

[Message from Chancellor Greg Smith](#)



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER **CLOSED** FOR RENOVATIONS

During the summer, the LRC Building will be closed from June 8 - August 14, 2026 for renovations. Library services and tutoring support will continue at the temporary locations listed below.

Circulation and Help Desk Services

B-106

- Laptop checkout and returns
- Calculator checkout and returns
- Computer and printing stations
- Course reserves
- Book checkout and returns
- Study spaces with whiteboards
- Book scanner

Research and Study Space

D-108

- Librarian research assistance
- Individual study spaces
- Study spaces with whiteboards
- New books available for checkout
- Library materials return

Tutoring Services

K-108E

- Onsite tutoring | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Virtual tutoring | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Library services are available **Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** and closed Friday - Sunday. For questions or more information, please contact 619-388-2696 or mesalibraryrequest@sdccd.edu.



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
**MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

Congratulations Dean Cassandra Storey on being selected as Mesa College's Outstanding Manager of the Year!

Congratulations to Cassandra on this well-deserved honor. Through her student-first mindset, thoughtful leadership, and commitment to innovation, Cassandra has made a lasting impact on Mesa College. Her ability to bring together educational expertise, industry knowledge, and genuine care for others has earned the respect of colleagues across the campus and district. We are proud to recognize and celebrate her many contributions to our community.



Join us for the San Diego Mesa College Olympian Open on **July 24, 2026**, at 12 p.m. as we tee off to support our incredible student athletes. This signature golf fundraiser brings together community leaders, alumni, and champions of education for a day of fun, connection, and purpose. Your participation, whether through sponsorships, donations, or in kind gifts, directly fuels athletic equipment and academic support that help our Olympians succeed both on the field and in the classroom.

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OFFICE OF *Instruction*

ENROLLMENT *update*

Summer 2026 FTES is 1,380 and our headcount is 8,232. The Fall 2026 FTES is 4,257 and our headcount is 13,489. For Summer 2026, we are 104.8% towards meeting our goals and anticipate being able to meet our targets even with changes in enrollment and fraudulent "bot" students being removed. As for Fall 2026, the numbers continue to increase, and we have 6.94% more students this week compared to last week.

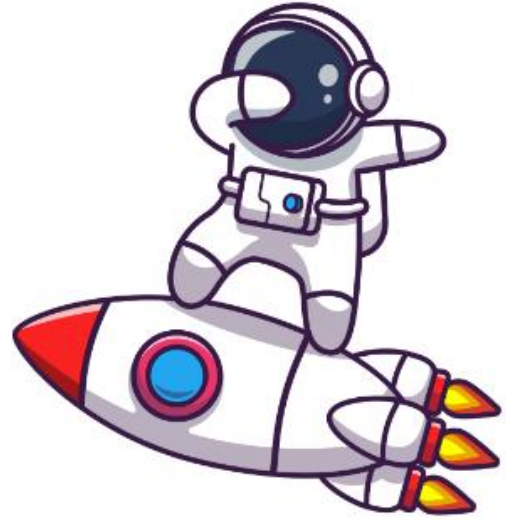
OFFICE OF *Student Services*

New Issue Alert

[Click here for the latest Mesa Journeys Newsletter!](#)

The Mesa Journeys newsletter gives a more in-depth look at all the great things that are happening on our campus. We encourage all faculty and staff to pass this along to our students, and also to sign up to receive these newsletters straight to their inboxes! Click below to sign up and for more information about Mesa Journeys:

<https://linktr.ee/mesajourneys>



[Click on the flyer to enlarge](#)

A collage of four flyers from San Diego Mesa College. The first flyer is for 'Summer OPEN STUDIO!' with dates from June 17 to August 5. The second is for 'MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT ORIENTATION' featuring a 'FOOD' section and a QR code. The third is for 'SDCCD DACA DAY AT MESA COLLEGE' on Thursday, June 25, 2026. The fourth is for 'DISABILITY PRIDE Flag Raising Ceremony' on Monday, July 20, 2026.

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

A screenshot of the 'NON-EVENT PARKING PERMIT REQUEST FORM' on the San Diego Mesa College website. A yellow banner in the top right corner says 'NEW!'. The form interface shows a 'Create Event' button and a 'Non Event Parking Permits' link circled in red. To the right of the form, there is explanatory text and a list of requirements.

Reminder regarding parking permits for events, guest speakers, and meetings.

Event Parking:

All parking for events should be included as part of your Event Request in the [Events & Reservation Portal](#). Please keep in mind that all event requests must be submitted at least three weeks before the date of your event (longer for large events). More information can be found in the [Event & Reservation Portal FAQs](#).

Non-Event Individual/Group Permits:

Requests for non-event parking can be submitted via the [Non Event Parking Permit Request](#)

[Form](#) now available on our [webpage](#), within the [Events & Reservations Portal](#). These would include requests that are not part of an “event,” such as guest speakers, departmental meeting attendees, etc. that do not require any other support.

Notice: Effective Monday, April 6, the Business Services Office will close at 12:00 PM daily for walk-up service to accommodate year-end processing. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this busy time.

[Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#) | [Consolidated Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#)

OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*



On behalf of the SDCCD Institutional Review Board (IRB), we are sharing that the district is seeking Mesa College faculty participation on the IRB from Fall 2026 through June 2027.

The IRB supports the review of research involving human participants and helps promote ethical research practices across the district. This opportunity may be a good fit for faculty with experience or interest in research methods, human subjects research, ethics, program evaluation, or applied inquiry.

Commitment details include:

- 1-year term
- One 1.5-hour meeting per month
- Review of approximately 5-6 proposals per semester
- Onboarding and Human Subjects training required
- No summer meetings

Interested faculty are encouraged to reach out to Natalia Alarcón, District IRB Co-Chair, at nalarcon@sdccd.edu.

Learn more by clicking these links:

[SDCCD Institutional Review Board](#) | [IRB Steps to Become a Member](#)

Thank you for your considering this opportunity."

New Resource: Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary

JOIN THE SDCCD INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)!

The SDCCD IRB is an established body that protects the rights and welfare of humans on internal and external research projects and is currently seeking SDCCD faculty and professionals who are interested in serving as reviewers to ensure proposed research projects that include SDCCD data or communities are appropriately safeguarded. Meetings are monthly. Please contact [Natalia Alarcón](#), IRB Chair and Director of SDCCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research for more information.

Check out the Website!
Sign up on our Interest Form!

The graphic features a dark blue background with light blue circular accents. It depicts three stylized human figures: one standing on the left, one sitting at a desk in the center, and one standing on the right with a cane. The desk has a computer monitor displaying a website, a keyboard, and a mouse. Floating around the figures are icons representing a checklist, a mail envelope, a speech bubble, and a warning sign. At the bottom, the San Diego Community College District logo is displayed.

The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office has published a new [Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary](#) on our website to support a shared understanding of the terminology used across Mesa College. Whether you're reviewing reports, navigating dashboards, or interpreting campus communications, this resource is designed to clarify common data definitions and acronyms in one central place. You can find it on the [IE website](#) under the **Data Dictionary & Acronym Glossary** section. We invite you to explore it and reach out to the IE Office with suggestions for new additions, updates, or corrections as we continue to build and refine this tool together. For feedback, please contact **Adriana Caetano** at acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu.



FOUNDATION CORNER

A space to learn about our latest efforts to connect partners who share our passion for education with opportunities to give. See how fundraising can help you, our students, and Mesa's mission.

[Learn More](#)



Want to learn more about grant seeking?

View the flex workshop hosted by Dr. Michael Lettieri, who is leading grant writing efforts, and Krista Stellmacher, CFRE and Director in service to the Office of Resource Development and Foundation.

[View Recording](#)

Non-Participation in Immigration Enforcement Activities

Please remember that our district has an official immigration policy, [AP 3415](#). This policy directs all inquiries regarding immigration enforcement to the District Chancellor and District General Counsel. If you receive a confirmed report of immigration enforcement on campus, please contact:

- SDCCD Chancellor's Office (Greg Smith): 619-388-6957 | chancellor@sdccd.edu
- SDCCD General Counsel (Ljubisa Kostic): 619-388-6589 | lkostic@sdccd.edu

You are not expected to engage with immigration enforcement or place yourself or others at risk. If approached by immigration officials, you may respond: "I am not authorized to speak with you, answer your questions, or provide access to any people or facilities per SDCCD policy. Only the District Chancellor and General Counsel have authority to assist you." To stay informed and prepared:

- Update your emergency contact information in the [MySDCCD portal](#)
- Download the [SDCCDsafe App](#)
- Refer to the [District's Immigration Resources page](#)
- Continue to read campus emails and official updates

San Diego Mesa College has a clear, coordinated Immigration Enforcement Response Plan centered on our Emergency Management Response Team, led by the President and including College Communications, Vice Presidents, Facilities and Operations, OEHS, and the Campus Community Emergency Response Team, in coordination with SDCCD Police. Recognizing that every incident is unique, this structure ensures we are prepared to act quickly and compassionately with clear communication, coordinated safety measures, and robust support for students and employees should an incident occur.

Participatory Governance

To learn more about our Associated Students, Academic Senate, and Classified Senate, please visit the links below:

[Associated Students](#)

[Academic Senate](#)

[Classified Senate](#)

In The Know

For additional information on what is happening on campus and in our community - visit the links below:

[Mesa College Newsroom](#)

[Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

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