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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!

OFFICE OF THE *President*



Thank You to Our Mesa College Community!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of last night's San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, hosted at Mesa College! Centered on the theme **"Serving Is Who We Are,"** the evening highlighted our unwavering commitment to student success, equity, and belonging. A special shoutout to our incredible presenters for sharing their stories, experiences, and the meaningful work taking place across our campus. We are grateful to our faculty, classified professionals, administrators, students, and campus partners whose dedication continues to make Mesa a place where service is not just what we do—it is who we are!

Click here for the Youtube Livestream | Click here for the Board of Trustees Campus Presentation



Click the banner above for the 2025-2026 Mesa College Fact Sheet

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

ENROLLMENT *update*

Intersession FTES is 226.06 and our headcount is 1,873. For Intersession 2027, we are 75.4% towards meeting our goals and anticipate being able to meet our target goals.

Spring 2027 FTES is 1,829.18 and our headcount is 7,282. For Spring 2027, we are 31.0% towards meeting our goals and anticipate being able to meet our targets goals.

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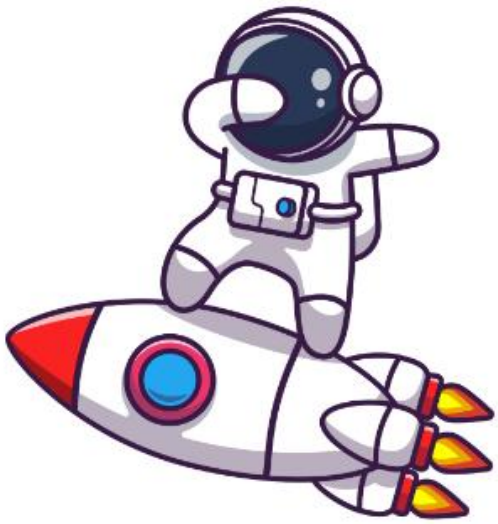
Stay updated on the latest developments of our Olympian Athletes!
https://www.gosdmesa.com/landing/index

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







Annual Student Parent Winter Holiday Event

CARE, CalWORKs, and The Stand are hosting our Annual Student Parent Winter Holiday Event for our student parents and their families on **December 3rd, 2026**. This event brings in over 150 attendees and is one of our favorite events to host. We are reaching out to request **new children's books and unwrapped toys for children of ALL ages**. We kindly ask that you bring your generous donations to our EOPS Office located in Student Services Building, I4-309 or arrange for pick-up by emailing Grace Aumoeualogo at gaumoeualogo@sdccd.edu by **November 30*, 2026*.** Attached are some photos from last year's event and here is the link to view more photos. The CARE and CalWORKs Programs serve student parents receiving CalWORKs cashaid benefits. Many thanks to the Mesa community for your continued support!







We are seeking faculty and staff volunteers to help make the Thanksgiving Feast a success. If you are available to volunteer and help serve at the event then please follow this link to sign up! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Mesa College's Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion and Equity (CDAIE) invites the campus community to **A Day with CDAIE** on November 18, an opportunity to connect, learn, and share ideas that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion while fostering a welcoming and supportive campus environment.

Join Mesa College November 16–20 for Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week as we Reflect, Restore, and Unite through a week of engaging activities, meaningful connections, and community support dedicated to raising awareness, fostering compassion, and helping students meet their basic needs!

For More Events, Click on the Links Below

[Annual Student Parent Winter Holiday Event]

[Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Opportunity]

[Transfer Application Support]

[Fall 2026 Financial Literacy Workshop]

[Avanza Late Night Study]

[Fall 2026 Workshop Series]

[Fall 2026 Student Parent Healing Circle]

[Virtual Friday Workshops]

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*



DESIGN CENTER RENOVATION

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Phase 0 — **Winter Intersession: January 2027**

Restrooms Z-400 & Z-100

Phase 1 — **Spring Semester: February - May 2027**

Buildings Z-400 & Z-100

Phase 2 — **Summer Intersession: June - August 2027**

Buildings Z-300 & Z-200, Courtyard

Phase 3 — **Fall Semester: August - December 2027**

Buildings Z-500 & Z-600

Construction use parking



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OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*

New Retention Dashboard Now Available!

The Institutional Effectiveness Office is excited to launch the new **Mesa College Retention Dashboard**, which tracks first-time college students and their retention across terms. Explore retention trends across student populations, identify equity gaps, and support data-informed strategies for student success. Find and explore the **Retention Dashboard** under **Student Learning & Momentum** on the **Institutional Research/Data Dashboards** page.



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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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