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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!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*



# SDCCD TOWN HALL with Chancellor Gregory Smith



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College of Continuing Education



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**  
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.



**Miramar College - L-105**

### THE EVENT WILL FEATURE PANELS FOCUSED ON:

- Programs & Support Services that uplift Black students
- Black Serving Institution (BSI) state designation for City and Mesa colleges

And a short video on the All-African Diaspora Education Summit (ADES) Conference in Ghana

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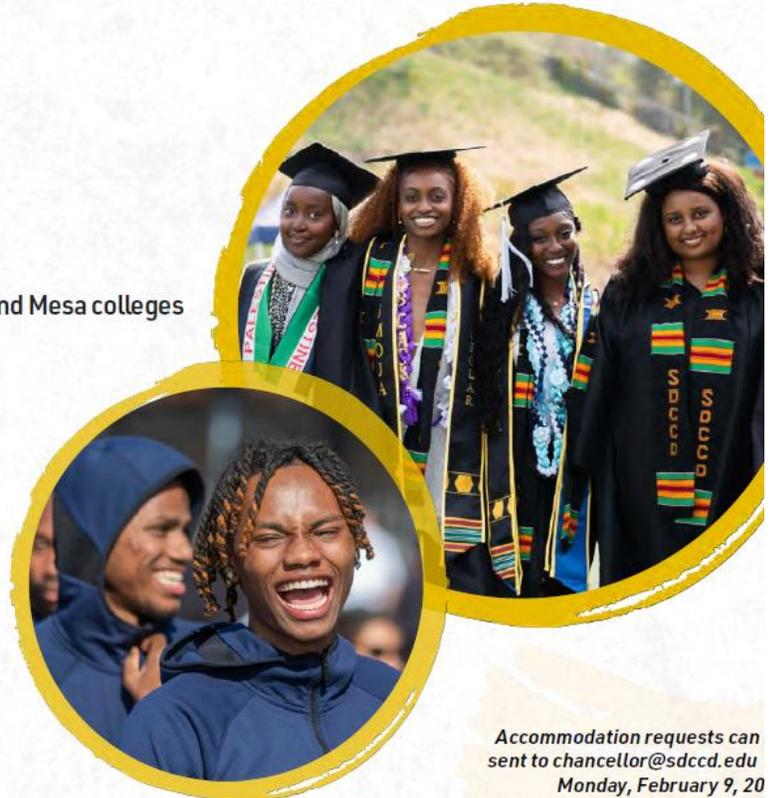
Questions for Chancellor Smith or the panelists can be submitted in advance at [bit.ly/town-hall-qs-sp26](https://bit.ly/town-hall-qs-sp26)

Live questions also will be taken during the event for those attending in person and on Zoom.



### OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

If you are unable to attend the live event, the Town Hall can be viewed at:  
[bit.ly/town-hall-zoom-sp26](https://bit.ly/town-hall-zoom-sp26)



Accommodation requests can be sent to [chancellor@sdccd.edu](mailto:chancellor@sdccd.edu) Monday, February 9, 2026



2026

YEAR OF THE HORSE

**Come celebrate Lunar New Year at the Mesa College Quad on Wednesday, February 25th, from 11AM-1PM!**

We'll have activities, live panel discussion, food, refreshments, craft tables, and resources for our students and community to learn and enjoy. We are also offering prizes for participants in different activities.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Click here for flyer](#)

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## Black History Month at San Diego Mesa College

Join us as we honor, celebrate, and reflect on Black history, culture, and legacy through art, storytelling, and community. Click here for more information -

<https://www.sdmesa.edu/academics/v2/programs/black-studies/black-history-month.shtml>



## Join Us for an Accreditation Celebration!

Mesa College's accreditation has been reaffirmed and that is something truly worth celebrating. This milestone reflects the heart of Mesa, our dedicated faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and students who show up every day in support of student success and excellence across our campus.

Please join us on Thursday, February 26, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the President's Office, A-104, for a come and go celebration with colleagues. Stop by to enjoy sweet treats, take a commemorative photo, pick up a few fun goodies, and help us honor this shared accomplishment together.

Event details:

### Mesa College Accreditation Celebration

Thursday, February 26, 2026

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mesa College President's Office, A-104

## 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](mailto:chancellor@sdccd.edu)
- SDCCD General Counsel (Ljubisa Kostic): 619-388-6589 | [lkostic@sdccd.edu](mailto: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.

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# ENROLLMENT *update*

We continue to be ahead of our enrollment target for Spring 2026, but we did experience a dip in our headcount and FTES. This dip was expected due to students adjusting schedules and instructors monitoring their class rosters. Our current headcount is 21,233 students compared to last week's 21,400. While we are down 167 students, our headcount at this same time last year for Spring 2025 was 20,857 so headcount wise, we are still trending upwards year to year. Our current FTES is 5,988 compared to 5,865 at this point last year.



## **Medical Assisting Students at the Love Your Heart Event**

Medical Assisting students recently participated in the Love Your Heart event on campus, providing valuable health screenings to our campus community. During the event, students performed free BMI assessments, blood glucose testing, and blood pressure screenings — giving participants the opportunity to better understand their health and “know their numbers.”

Our Medical Assisting students will begin their 225 clinical hours in March, where they will continue building on these skills while working directly in healthcare settings. We're proud of the professionalism and compassion they demonstrated while serving our campus community.

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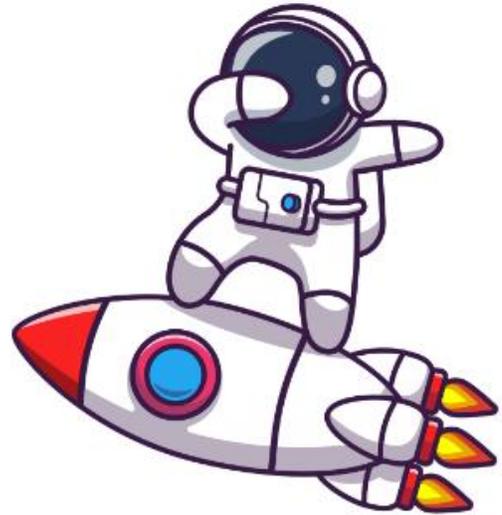
OFFICE OF *Student Services*

*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>



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE  
**JUMPSTART YOUR SUCCESS**  
**AT SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

Dear Campus Community,

We are thrilled to present Jumpstart Your Success on Saturday, March 14, 2026! This is a time that we invite prospective students to our campus and showcase what we have to offer, and how great we do it! The program will include student support services, academics, department resources, clubs, and the lively community feel we all create at Mesa.

As usual, we encourage you to host a table for your department or service area so that you can provide information, share a demonstration, make connections with prospective students, and showcase what your department offers. See the online form for more details about the resource fair.

[Follow this link to the online registration form](#), which is due on **Friday, February 27, 2026!**

Let us know if you have any questions (email to: [clee@sdccd.edu](mailto:clee@sdccd.edu)), we hope you will spread the word and join the fun!

--Mesa Student Affairs Team

**The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II updates apply to all public colleges and universities and requires equal access to programs, services, and activities including online courses, websites, videos, digital tools and digital marketing materials such as flyers and emails used to promote events and services.**

Accessibility is a shared, institutional responsibility and applies regardless of whether a student with a disability is currently enrolled.

If you have any questions about the California Community College Chancellor's Office visit to help us build our accessibility roadmap using the [Accessibility Capability Maturity Model \(ACMM\)](#), please contact Leticia Diaz at [Ldiaz@sdccd.edu](mailto:Ldiaz@sdccd.edu).

Accessibility workshops are provided to promote inclusive design and support ongoing accessibility efforts, to learn more visit the [Accessibility Resource Hub](#).

### PowerPoint Accessibility | Monday, February 23, 12:00-1:00pm

In this workshop we'll take a look at some of the most common accessibility concerns in PowerPoint and you see some of the ways you can make all your presentations both beautiful AND accessible.

[Accessibility Workshops Zoom Room](#)

### Accessible Flyers: How to Ensure your Message Reaches Everyone | Thursday, February 26th, 12:00-1:00pm

Flyers are everywhere, but are yours reaching everyone? We will cover why that gorgeous Canva flyer might not be working for all readers and how to ensure it does. Leave ready to create materials that look great and work for everyone.

[Accessibility Workshops Zoom Room](#)

[Click on the flyer to enlarge](#)

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
CARE • CalWORKs

Spring 2026  
**CARE & CalWORKs**  
**MARDI GRAS**  
Meet & Greet

Thursday, February 26, 2026  
12:00PM-1:30PM  
Avanza Center, 14 202  
Second floor of Student Services Building

Ring in the new term Mardi Gras style! Meet the CARE & CalWORKs team, hear student parent stories, and learn about resources. Children are welcome. Food provided. Please RSVP here or by scanning the QR code

For more information or accommodations please contact [SDMesuCalWORKs@sdccd.edu](mailto:SDMesuCalWORKs@sdccd.edu)

**Conscious Spending Clinic**  
A place where we casually and consciously chat about money. Grow your knowledge and financial confidence exploring different money topics with faculty member Brian Lesson!

Location: BT 218  
Time: 1-2pm

Dates:  
Thurs Feb 26, 2026 \*Debt  
Thurs March 26, 2026 \*Budget  
Thurs April 23, 2026 \*Credit

All Students Welcome!

Snacks and refreshments provided!

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
EOPS

Requests for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-368-2774

**HeART Circles**  
Express yourself and support your mental health in guided group creative activities.

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
Mental Health Services

All Students Welcome!

**Art Focus**  
Location: K105  
Time: 12-2pm  
Dates:  
Tues Feb 24, 2026 \*Collage  
Tues March 24, 2026 \*Weaving  
Tues April 21, 2026 \*Foil Sculpture

**Open Studio**  
Location: K105  
Time: 12-2pm  
Dates:  
Thurs Feb 12, 2026  
Thurs March 12, 2026  
Thurs April 9, 2026

Each month we will spend time exploring a new art modality to grow our artful!

Choose from a variety of art activities or bring your own projects! Open studio is a place to relax and get lost in creativity!

Requests for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-368-2774

**HELP WITH VA DISABILITY CLAIMS** SPR 26

EVERY MONTH

**FEB 17TH** TUESDAY, FEB 17  
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

**MAR 17TH** TUESDAY, MARCH 17  
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

**APR 21ST** TUESDAY, APR 21  
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

**MAY 19TH** TUESDAY, MAY 19  
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

FOR MORE INFORMATION [DMOORE02@SDCCD.EDU](mailto:DMOORE02@SDCCD.EDU)

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
The Black Faculty Counselor Collaborative

**Spring 2026  
Counseling Drop-In Appointments**

Take the opportunity to meet with a Counselor for...

- Educational/Class Planning
- Transfer to university
- Exploring Majors/Careers
- Petitions/Appals/Academic Renewal

**Kimberly Williams-Kece**  
Tuesday 10:00AM-12:00PM

**Torrence Hale**  
Wednesday 10:00PM-2:00PM

**Jordan Nash**  
Friday 10:00AM-1:00AM

Sign-up for a 30-min session by visiting:  
[bit.ly/BFCCCounselingSignUp](https://bit.ly/BFCCCounselingSignUp)  
or using the QR code.

\*Counselor availability may change without notice.  
For questions or more information, please contact:  
sdmesafollowup@gmail.com or 619-388-2672.

**Pride Center**  
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

**Pride Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Anniversary & Resource Fair**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>**  
10AM-12PM

**LOCATION: MESA COLLEGE QUAD**

Join us as we celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of the Pride Center with a special resource fair connecting students to LGBTQIA+ focused support both on and off campus. Explore services, meet community partners, and learn about programs designed to uplift academic success, well-being, and sense of belonging.

**Pride Center Number** (619) 388-5096 | **Contact Us** [sdmesapridecenter@sdccl.edu](mailto:sdmesapridecenter@sdccl.edu) | **Instagram** @sdmesapride

**CLUB RUSH**  
Spring 2026

**Feb. 24-26**  
**11:00am to 2:00pm**  
**Sunrise Plaza**

Find a club for you, meet students with similar interests!

For more information please contact:  
Courtney Lee: [cllee@sdcc.edu](mailto:cllee@sdcc.edu) or call: 619-388-2599

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE  
Student Center

SPRING 2026

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
CARE • CalWORKs • The Stand  
Mental Health Services

**STUDENT PARENT HEALING CIRCLE**

The healing circle focuses on creating a safe space for student parents. Children are always welcome!  
Food will be provided!

**DATES THURSDAYS**  
February 19  
March 19  
April 16  
May 21

**Time** 3:00pm - 4:30pm

**LOCATION**  
Family Resource Center  
LRC, 1st Floor, R113

For Information & Accommodations:  
Grace Aumoeua [gaumoeua@sdcc.edu](mailto:gaumoeua@sdcc.edu)

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**

CARE • CalWORKs • The Stand

**Parent Cafe**

SPRING 2026  
**TIME 11:00AM-12:30PM**  
**WEDNESDAYS**

February 4 • 11 • 18  
March 4 • 11 • 18  
April 8 • 15 • 22  
May 6 • 13

**LOCATION**  
Family Resource Center (FRC) Room 113  
Zoom: 825 6491 8782 Password: SPRING2026

For more information or accommodations contact:  
Mesa CalWORKs  
[SDMesaCalWORKs@sdcc.edu](mailto:SDMesaCalWORKs@sdcc.edu)  
(619) 388-2709

Join more student Parent workshops & events follow us on Instagram  
[@sdmesacare](https://www.instagram.com/sdmesacare)  
[@sdmesacalworks](https://www.instagram.com/sdmesacalworks)  
[@sdmesastand](https://www.instagram.com/sdmesastand)

Connect with Student Parents to share experiences, build community and discover helpful resources. From wellness to cultural reflection to academic support, every workshop offers something different and meaningful.  
Brunch is provided, and children are always welcome in our safe, child-friendly space on Mesa's campus.

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE** CALIFORNIA COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Spring 2026 Financial Literacy Workshops**

Facilitated by Cal Coast Credit Union  
Brought to you by Rising Scholars, MESA Program, EQPS, CARE, Next Lib, FAST Scholars, STAR TRIC, Dreamer Resource Center, and CalWORKs.

**Financial Tips for Students**  
Learn essential budgeting, saving, and investing strategies for college students.  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Room BT 218

**Proper Credit Card Spending**  
Learn how to use a credit card wisely, build credit, and avoid unnecessary debt.  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Room I4-207

**Savvy Savings**  
Learn how to save for emergencies, retirement, and personal goals.  
**Wednesday, April 29, 2026**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Room MS 120

All students are welcome. Food will be provided.  
For questions or accommodation requests, please contact:  
[MesaRisingScholars@sdcc.edu](mailto:MesaRisingScholars@sdcc.edu) or (619) 388-5107

**February EVENTS**

IF INTERESTED IN ANY WORKSHOPS OR EVENTS, CONTACT THE DRC

- FEB 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> SPRING 2026 Welcome Week
- FEB 3<sup>rd</sup> Undocu Welcome Day
- FEB 23<sup>rd</sup> Undocu Circles at 72Fifty First Gathering
- FEB 24<sup>th</sup> Honoring You Part 1: Info Session
- FEB 25<sup>th</sup> Spring Financial Literacy workshops with Cal Coast Credit Union
- FEB 26<sup>th</sup> DRC Wellness Sessions Session 1

Contact information:  
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday - 9:00am-5:00pm  
Friday - 9:00am-1:00pm  
Call: 619-388-5113 | SMS-Text: 619-500-2053  
Email: [MesaDreamers@sdcc.edu](mailto:MesaDreamers@sdcc.edu)  
[@sdmesadreamers](https://www.instagram.com/sdmesadreamers)

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE  
Dreamer Resource Center

**Free Food Distribution 2026!**

Available to Mesa Community  
\*Recommend bringing your own reusable bags\*

1st Monday of each month 1pm-2pm Mesa Quad	3rd Thursday of each month 11am-1pm Mesa Commons Breakaway
February 2nd	February 19th
March 2nd	March 19th
April 6th	April 16th
May 4th	May 21st
June 1st	June 18th
July 6th	July 16th
August 3rd	August 27th (4th Thursday)
September 8th (Tuesday)	September 17th
October 5th	October 15th
November 2nd	November 19th
December 7th	December 17th

**Attention: STUDENTS!**  
Connect your CSID card to your San Diego Food Bank ID card. Inquire at the food distribution.

The Stand • K105/106 • (619) 388-5726

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

**Fiscal Year End Deadlines**

To help everyone prepare for year-end, Business Services has provided key deadlines, guidance, and resources at the link below. Please take a moment to review and share with your teams to ensure a smooth and timely close.

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

# 36-Hour Pilot Schedule

Student Accounting: Mon-Thurs 8:30-5:30, Friday 8:30-12:30pm

Business Office Support: Mon-Thurs 8:00-4:30, Friday 8:00-12pm

Business Services: Mon-Thurs 8:00-4:30, Friday 8:00-12pm

Print and Mail: Mon-Thurs 7:00-6:30, Friday 7:00-3:30pm

Classroom Technology: Mon-Thurs 7:00-6:30, Friday 7:00-4:00pm

Employee Office Technology: Mon-Thurs 7:00-6:30, Friday 7:00-1:00pm



To help us maintain a safe, clean, and fully operational campus, please remember that all requests for Facilities support should be submitted through the [Facilities Work Order System](#). This system ensures your request is routed to the correct team and allows us to track progress and response times.

**You may submit a work order for issues such as:**

- Elevator outages
- Water leaks or plumbing concerns
- Broken glass or damaged fixtures
- Cleaning needs (urgent or routine)
- Heating/cooling concerns
- Lighting or electrical issues
- General repairs or maintenance

Thank you for helping us keep our campus environment safe and welcoming. If you have questions about the process, please feel free to contact the Facilities Services at 619.388.2814.

## EVENTS AND OPERATIONS

### When to Call Events/Operations vs Facilities

#### Events and Operations

- Event Requests
  - Room Reservations
  - Setups
  - Event Parking
- Parking
- Site Improvements
- Furniture Requests
- Office Relocations

Events & Ops: 619-388-5881

#### Facilities

- HVAC
- Leaks
- Restrooms and related supplies
- Landscaping
- Minor Repairs

Facilities: 619-388-2814

## SAFETY

### Workplace Campus Safety vs Public Safety

#### Workplace Safety

- Cal/OSHA
- Emergency Management
- C-CERT
- Facilities Inspections
- Permits
- Hazardous Waste
- Biohazardous Waste
- Training
- Ergonomics

#### Public Safety

- Public Disturbances
- Medical Emergencies
- Theft
- Threats
- Criminal Behavior
- Mental Health Issues
- Suspicious Circumstances
- Anything Requiring Immediate Response

Police Dispatch: 619-388-6405

[Click here](#) to learn which administrative areas are involved in managing our college operations.

### New Resource: Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary

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](mailto:acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu).

### IE Office Hours – A Dedicated Time to Think Through Your Data Together

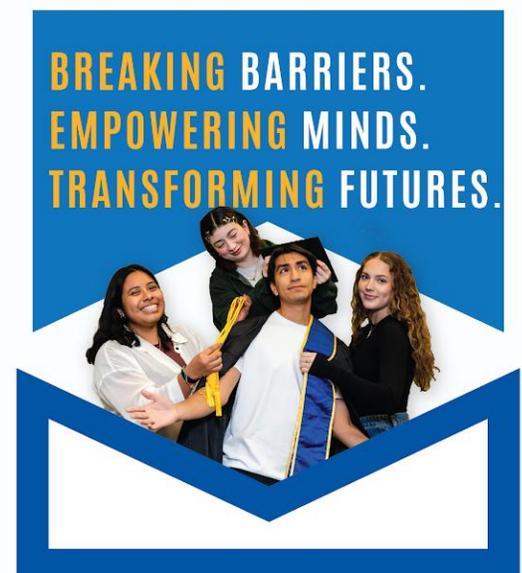
The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office is launching weekly Office Hours to serve as a partner for your data questions and ideas. Whether you're exploring data for program review or accreditation, thinking through how to use our dashboards, or simply trying to make sense of what the data is telling you, we welcome the opportunity to work alongside you. During the Spring semester, **from January 20 (Flex Week) through June 1**, we will pilot these new office hours. Join us **Tuesdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m.** in the IE Office (A-109). We have a conference room for collaborative conversations—and yes, there's coffee too! We look forward to being your data thought partner.



## 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](#)

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## 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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**Ashanti Hands, Ed.D.**

**President | San Diego Mesa College**

*Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!*

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