



# Making History

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ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

SAN DIEGO  
MESA COLLEGE

# Student Profiles

## ETHNICITY



Latino 37% · Caucasian 32% · Asian 11%  
African American 6% · Two or more 6% · Filipino 5%  
Other 6% · Unreported 6% · Native American <1%  
Pacific Islander <1%

## TOP 5 ASSOCIATES DEGREES



#1

Business  
Administration  
for Transfer



#2

Psychology  
for Transfer



#3

Communication  
Studies for Transfer



#4

Biology/Allied Health  
for Transfer

## GENDER



54%

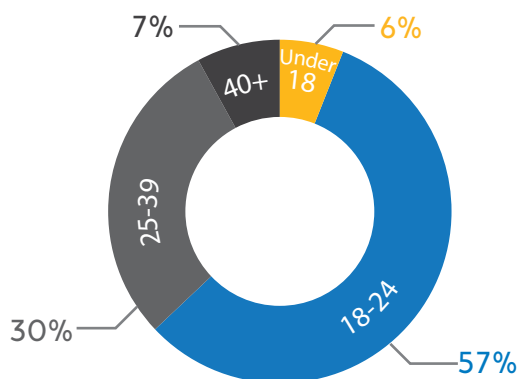
Female Students



46%

Male Students

## STUDENT AGE



#5

Political Science  
for Transfer

## THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018



1,738

# of students who  
graduated in 2018



469

First Generation  
College Students



21,181

Students Receiving  
Financial Aid



2,011

# of academic  
degrees &  
certificates awarded



184

Active Military/  
Veteran



509

# of Graduates  
with Honors Status  
(Associates and  
Certificates of  
Achievement)

# About Mesa College

**San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive two-year college serving 24,000 students per semester.**

Among the largest community colleges in California, Mesa offers 196 associate degree and certificate programs and is among 15 California community colleges offering a four-year baccalaureate degree. In 2017, Mesa achieved full re-accreditation from Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges (ACCJC).

With offerings that include fine art and music, language and humanities, math and science, allied health fields, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), business, multimedia, hospitality, culinary arts, fashion, architecture, and interior design, Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution. Mesa College's small classes, award-winning faculty, and reputation for quality offer an unparalleled academic experience.

As a Hispanic Serving Institution, Mesa College is the leading college of equity and excellence and committed to the success of all students, including underrepresented students, and more than 2,400 veterans and their families.

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# 2017–2018 Leadership

## MISSION

San Diego Mesa College is a comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity. We honor those commitments as a diverse community of faculty, students, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, innovation, and excellence in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their future.

## VISION

To be the leading college of equity and excellence, educating students to shape the future.

## VALUES

Access · Accountability · Diversity · Equity · Excellence · Freedom of Expression · Integrity · Respect · Scholarship · Sustainability

## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND GOALS

1. Deliver, advance, and support an inclusive teaching and learning environment that enables all students to achieve their educational goals.
2. Build and sustain a sense of community that extends across campus and constituencies, nurturing collaboration, learning, growth, and diversity.
3. Build and sustain pathways in support of the comprehensive community college mission.
4. Support innovation in our practices.
5. Support personal growth and professional development of our employees.
6. Serve as stewards of our resources and advance effective practices in support of accountability.

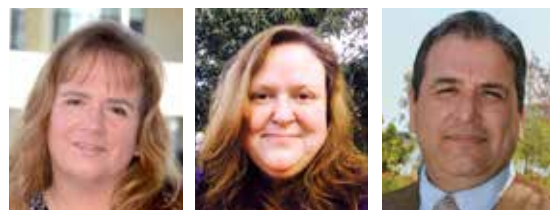
## Executive Leaders:

Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D., President  
Tim McGrath, J.D., Vice President, Instruction  
Ashanti Hands, Ed.D., Vice President,  
Student Services  
Rachelle Agatha, Ed.D., CPA, Vice President,  
Administrative Services



## Governance Leaders:

Kim Perigo, Ed.D., President, Academic Senate  
Trina Larson, Ph.D., President, Classified Senate  
Manuel Velez, Chair of Chairs



# Letter from the President

This has been a historic year for Mesa College. In May of 2018, we awarded our first Bachelor of Science degrees in Health Information Management (HIM) to fifteen students. We also graduated our first San Diego Promise students. Started in 2016, the San Diego Promise Program provides free tuition for two years to first time, full time students college students – and in 2018, we are now serving over 900 students at Mesa College, and over 2,000 district-wide.

For the first time in 25 years, the #3 ranked San Diego Mesa College Football Olympians (8-2, 4-1 in the American Conference) hosted and won the Southern California Bowl in November 2017. Many other Olympian student-athletes played with skill and sportsmanship this year, representing 21 men's and women's athletic teams, winning state and national honors, and earning playoff appearances. Several teams earned Pacific Coast Athletic Conference titles, Women's Soccer, Women's Water Polo, Men's and Women's Swim and Dive, and Men and Women's Track and Field. Our teams in Speech and Debate traveled to Montreal this year and took national honors. Students were able to present at national conferences for STEM fields as well as conduct undergraduate research as part of several college programs such as Honors, Bridges to Baccalaureate, Mesa College Research Conference and many more. All of which is to say...Mesa College students are standouts...on campus, in the community and in the world.

Taking a Stand Against Hunger continues to be one of the central efforts of our work. Participating and partnering with Feeding San Diego, the college expanded to offer a free farmers market – which is now held monthly. In addition to The Stand, the college food and clothing pantry, these sustained efforts are making a difference for our students. The college is laser focused on removing barriers to student success, including exploring reductions to text book costs through open source academic materials. Our Financial Literacy Series took full flight, and we offered our students expert led workshops to keep them on track and increase their ability to maintain good financial practices.

This year, we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Scholarship Awards Ceremony where we awarded nearly a quarter of a million dollars in scholarships to deserving students.

We toasted the 25th Anniversary of our Learning Resource Center, which kicked off a campus renaissance and continues to adapt and grow to meet the needs of our students. We spent last year navigating the fencing around the last 2 building projects under Prop S&N, the Center for Business Technology and The Fine Arts I-300 remodel. Those buildings will open in 2019. We look forward to seeing the center of campus re-open and the refreshing of other spaces as we draw this bond work to a close...for now.

Our annual Canyon Day Clean-up event has been going strong for ten years. With over 100 campus and community volunteers annually, the event embodies our environmental commitment not only to the Mesa, but to the larger community where we reside. We held 2 successful President's Breakfasts, an opportunity to meet with business, industry, education, community and non-profit neighbors and partners. These convenings focus on facets of Mesa College and offer the opportunity to improve our commitment to our community. We added over 40 new employees to the college this year, faculty, staff and administrators committed to our vision.



**Pamela T. Luster,**  
**President**

**Find her on Twitter**  
**@SDMesaPrez**

As we reflect on the year just passed we have the opportunity to measure how well we are meeting our vision of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. One of the many ways that we do that is through data inquiry, analysis and engaging in continual review of our practices. We are excited about the progress we are seeing, higher success rates for all students, and in particular the closing of equity gaps for underrepresented students. We are proud of the increased diversification of our faculty, staff and administrators as we strive to represent the community that we serve. We are engaged in professional development across the campus to increase the quality of our teaching practices, leadership, cultural competence, technology and connection. We continued our work with the Center for Urban Education (CUE) at USC and the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) at SDSU.

Each time we finish one of these reports, I am struck by just how much we are able to accomplish on behalf of our students. This report could be over 100 pages if we had the opportunity to celebrate all of the people, places and things that make up Mesa College. We are truly a beautiful mosaic, when one looks up close, you can see all of our faces, and especially those of our students; and when zooming back out, one can see an institution that while beautiful physically, can best be described as family. A multi-faceted, engaged, woke group of folks who love what we do, care about each other, and come to this place every day to create the conditions that matter for students to succeed.

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# Equity & Excellence



## The Stand and the Farmer's Market

The Stand at Mesa College continues to build upon the College's equity efforts to decrease the effects of poverty, hunger and homelessness for students on campus. "The Stand" – a food pantry and clothing closet that assists students impacted by a lack of food and clothing resources, opened in February of 2017 and continues to provide resources for students. During the 2017-18 academic year, The Stand has provided 18,853 food items to 894 students, and 1995 items of clothing to 214 students.

In April 2018, San Diego Mesa College successfully debuted "The Stand: Farmer's Market", created via a new partnership with Feeding San Diego. The Stand: Farmers Market offered students and members of the Mesa College community access

to free food, consisting of a variety of fresh produce. The initiative is part of Mesa College's effort on "Taking a Stand Against Hunger." Over 700 students and community members attended the inaugural event, and over 8,000 lbs. of fresh food were distributed. Based on the success of the first event, Mesa College committed to holding the event every month, and requested additional fresh produce. In total, The Farmers Markets held in April, May and June of 2018 were able to provide over 18,000 pounds of fresh produce to over 1,400 households. The Farmers Market also provides additional campus resources for students, such as Cal Fresh enrollment and 211 San Diego.

## "Taking a Stand Against Hunger."



# Mesa College and the San Diego Foundation Offered \$5,000 STEM Stipends to Students

In February 2018, Mesa College and San Diego Mesa College Foundation announced a unique partnership with The San Diego Foundation that provided stipends up to \$5,000 for 13 Mesa College students during the spring semester. The program, called STEM Community Scholars also, provided funds for an additional 35 selected students to participate in a series of activities that included free off-campus field trips designed to encourage them to explore careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). The STEM Community Scholars program encouraged students to take on leadership roles, engage in community service, and enrich their learning through participation in extracurricular activities.



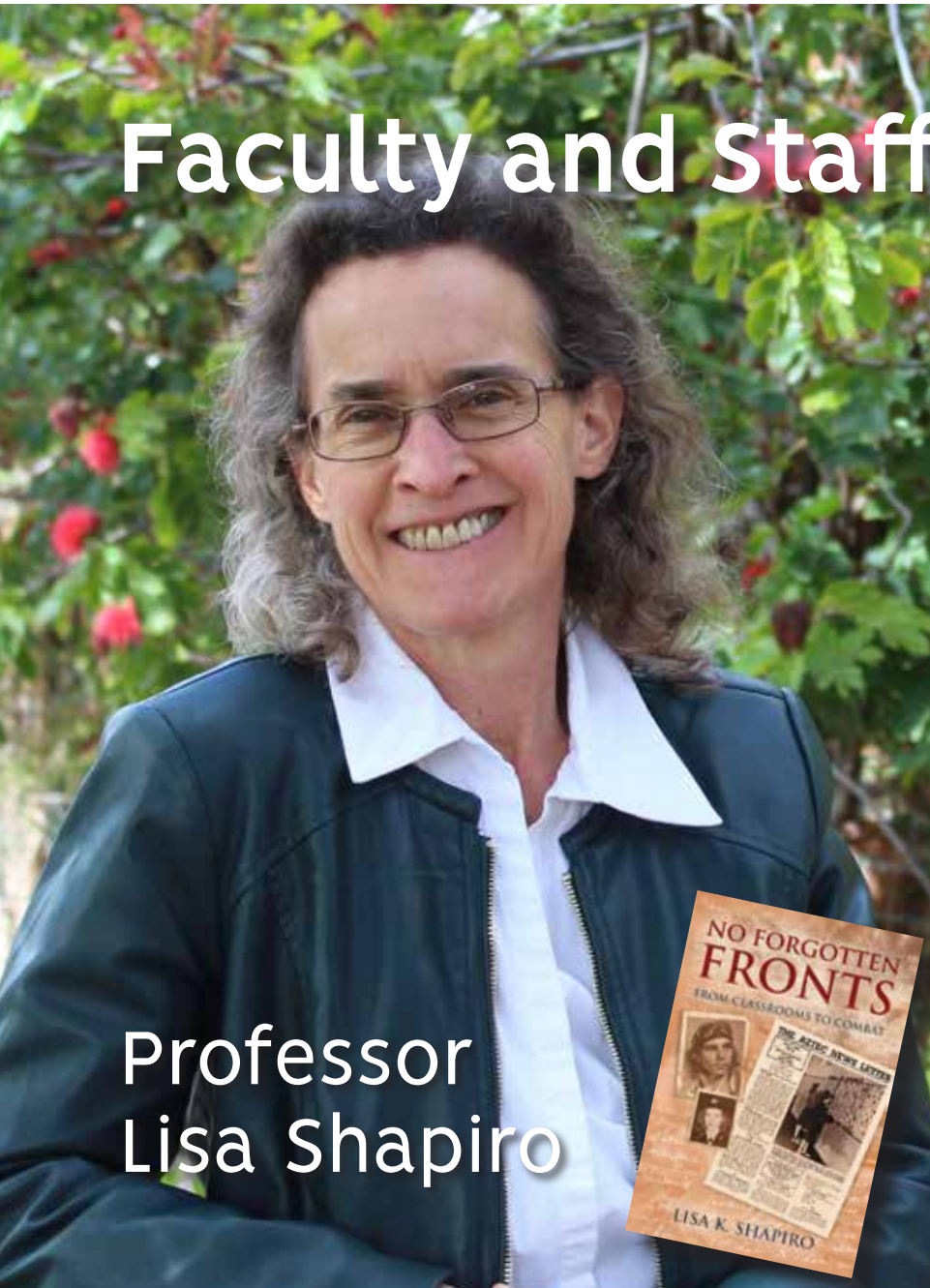
## Mesa Supports our DACA Students

In September 2017, the San Diego Community College District and Mesa College reaffirmed their support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provides educational support for young people who were brought to this country as children. As a public institution of higher education, Mesa College works diligently to ensure that all students have full access to our institutions and are protected from pressures and intrusive actions that would disrupt or impair their education. As part of the affirmation, Mesa offered and provided multiple resources for our DACA and other impacted students, including a resource fair, peer support, advocacy workshops, and counseling sessions. In addition, Mesa hosted legal workshops on campus and provided access and information about financial resources, including the Mission Asset Fund, which provided scholarships for DACA recipients to safely renew their status.





# Faculty and Staff Standouts



Professor  
Lisa Shapiro

Author and Mesa College Professor Lisa Shapiro Keynote Speaker at SDSU's Annual War Memorial Ceremony

On Friday, October 20, San Diego State University (SDSU) hosted their 21st Annual War Memorial Ceremony to honor veterans who died while serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Author and San Diego Mesa College Professor **Lisa Shapiro** was the keynote speaker at this year's ceremony.

Shapiro had the opportunity to research and read the late SDSU professor Dr. Lauren Post's collection of letters known as the World War II Servicemen's Correspondence Collection 1941-1945. This, in addition to her personal quest to better understand her students who are veterans—and to help them in their transition to civilian life—led Shapiro to research and write her book, *No Forgotten Fronts: From Classrooms to Combat*.

The book includes detailed insight to the WWII letter collection, and is available at Warwick's, Barnes & Noble, and Costco.

## Then Mesa Student, now Professional Tutor

**Helena Almassy** graduated in 2017 from San Diego Mesa College. That same year, she was awarded the 3CSN Learning Assistance Project Tutor of the Year Award at Tutor Expo. While she was a student at Mesa, she held positions as a Peer Navigator and as a Tutor for Math and Spanish in MT2C. More recently, Almassy keynoted a portion of the two-day 2018 Southern California Tutor Expo at Santiago Canyon College in Orange County, CA, but she credits her experience to her beginnings in the Writing Center. From there, she started to focus on helping students with Spanish and Math in a one-on-one setting, and then grew to spending time educating larger crowds. She is currently in her second year at UCSD, working as a Professional Tutor in the Tutoring Center.





# Professor Alessandra Moctezuma – Artist and Community Leader

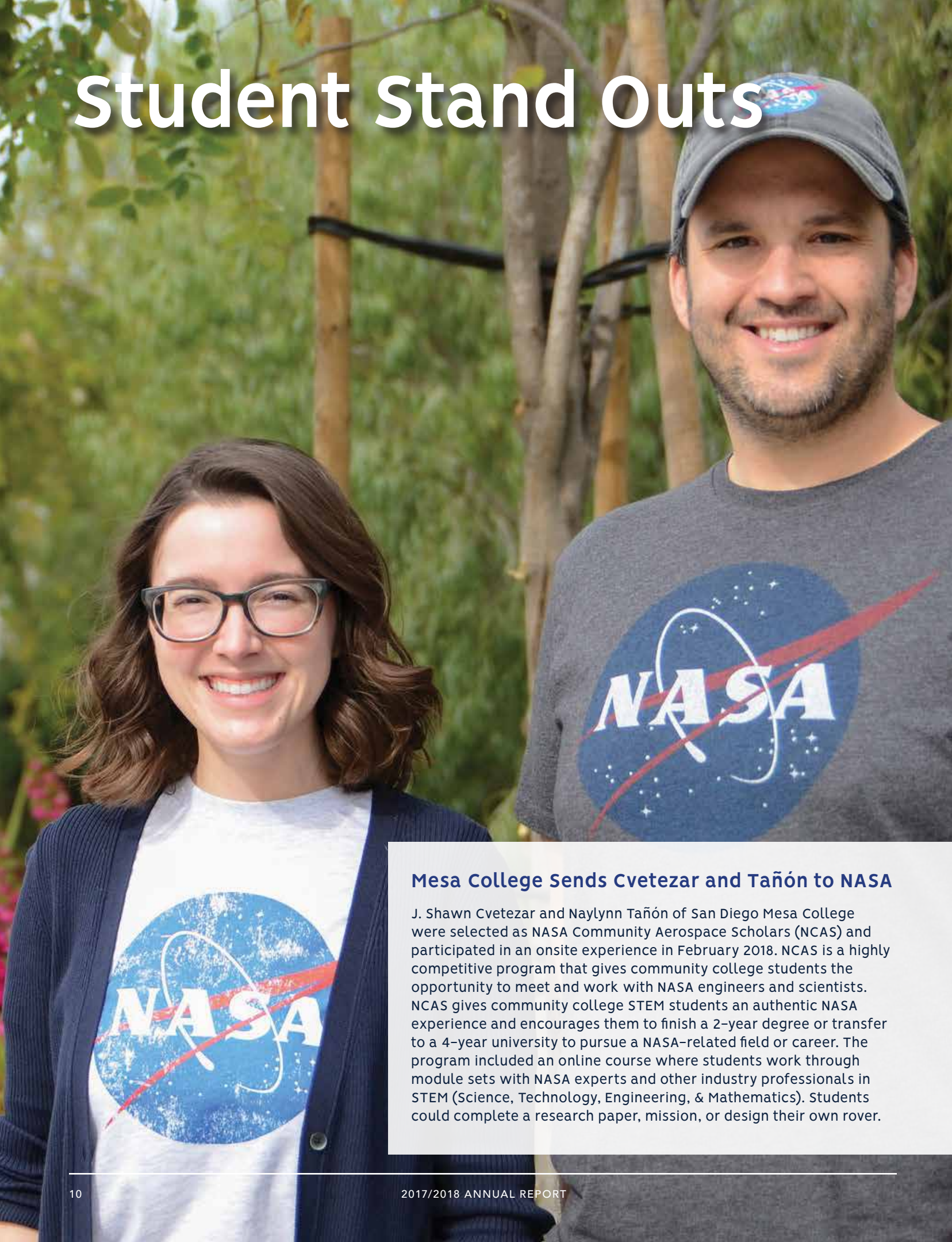


Professor of Museum Studies, Gallery Director, Artist, Community Leader, Wife, Mother—these are just a few roles in which San Diego Mesa College Professor **Alessandra Moctezuma** makes an impact. As an artist and arts community leader, Moctezuma gives a voice to women and Latinas, showcasing their labor and contributions to society. In Fall 2017, Moctezuma used part of her sabbatical to curate the unDocumenta exhibit as part of the Getty's Pacific Standard Time at the Oceanside Museum of Art.

Moctezuma's vision for diversity and representation shines through in her personal art and extends to the artists and speakers she invites to Mesa College. This year's highlights include Remember the Trees by Ruth Wallen, By(e) Default by Andrea Chung, and Art That Cuts, an exhibition curated by Mesa's Museum Studies students. As a Professor and the Gallery Director at Mesa College, she is committed to providing students with a wealth of information and experience that will serve them well as future artists and professionals. She enjoys collaborating with a diverse group of students and connecting them with the art community, both through exhibitions and internships at local art museums, to show them the avenues available.



# Student Stand Outs



## Mesa College Sends Cvetezar and Tañón to NASA

J. Shawn Cvetezar and Naylynn Tañón of San Diego Mesa College were selected as NASA Community Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) and participated in an onsite experience in February 2018. NCAS is a highly competitive program that gives community college students the opportunity to meet and work with NASA engineers and scientists. NCAS gives community college STEM students an authentic NASA experience and encourages them to finish a 2-year degree or transfer to a 4-year university to pursue a NASA-related field or career. The program included an online course where students work through module sets with NASA experts and other industry professionals in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics). Students could complete a research paper, mission, or design their own rover.



## Natchel Bello Luna – A Dreamer That Never Gave Up

During her time at Mesa, Natchel Bello Luna truly embodied the Olympian Spirit. Her service and passion for improving conditions for undocumented students at Mesa speaks for itself through her activities as Lead Peer Navigator for Mesa's CRUISE Program and as Co-President of Mesa's RISE Club. In March 2018, she received the California State Assembly's 80th District 2018 Woman of the Year award in March. In addition, Natchel received the AHSIE Seed to Tree Scholarship 2018, the Chancellor's Scholarship 2017, and the Certificate of Leadership for organizing "A Week in Our Shoes" – an event at Mesa to highlight the immigration and education struggles that undocumented students face. At the 25th Annual Scholarship Awards, Ms. Bello received three scholarships: the Chicana/o Studies Department Richard and Gracia Molina De Pick Scholarship, the Sin Fronteras Scholarship and the honorable President's Academic Excellence and Service Scholarship.

Having grown up in San Diego, she has experienced first-hand the struggles of a first generation, low income, DACA student, and continues to support the Clean Dream Act and work tirelessly towards encouraging others to show the same support. She graduated from Mesa College in May 2018 as a Business major with an emphasis in Marketing, and transferred to San Diego State University in fall 2018.



## Mesa College Swimmer Samantha Schmidt Wins 2018 Super Star Award

In 2018, Mesa swimmer Samantha Schmidt was awarded the Super Star Award for her dedication to – and passion for – both her academics and sports life. The Super Star Award is given annually, and reserved for an Olympian student-athlete who demonstrates scholastic and athletic excellence, leadership, community involvement, inspiration, and team spirit. While maintaining an impressive 4.0 grade point average through the Fall 2017 season, Schmidt is an All-American Athlete who has broken Mesa College's all-time records, holds multiple medals, and won the Waterman Pentathlon – beating out 68 other competitors. She has also spent her personal time volunteering through the YMCA Raintree Ranch Camp and participated in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Pacific South Coast Walk for MS as a Team Leader where she raised over \$4,000 in donations. Schmidt has made Mesa proud, and she will continue to do the same when she transfers to San Diego State University in fall 2019.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

**July 2017**

## Fashion Students go to Paris

Students from the Fashion Program studied in Paris to learn about one of the most influential cities in the world, with visits and tours of museums, retail stores, designers and more.

**August 2017**

## Welcome Week/Eclipse

Mesa College welcomed back thousands of students to campus, with free valet parking and an eclipse watching party.

**September 2017**

## Senator Toni Atkins visits Mesa

Mesa had the honor of hosting Senator Toni Atkins as part of the Women in Politics series.



**January 2018**

## San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

The Mesa community walked in the MLK Parade in downtown San Diego to celebrate living the dream of diversity and unity in our community.

**February 2018**

## Rosa Parks' Birthday Celebration

Students, faculty, staff and administrators celebrated the beginning of Black History Month and honored Rosa Parks for her courage as an American civil rights activist.

**March 2018**

## Woman to Woman Conference

This Women's History Month celebration focused on inclusive empowerment for men and women of all ages, with the theme "Protect Your Crown," to see yourself as a king or queen.





## October 2017

### Design and Discovery Showcase

Salk hosted a fashion show highlighting a unique collaboration between Salk scientists and Mesa College fashion students, with the theme "Women in Science."



## November 2017

### Mesa Wins Southern California Bowl

Over 400 attendees watched the Olympians defeat Santa Ana College, with a final score 37-34.



## December 2017

### Robotics

Mesa alumni Alex Szeto, a systems engineer at Northrop Grumman, brought in Robotics to present and teach to our students.



## April 2018

### Mesa Culinary-to-Table Series

Culinary hosted their third Culinary-to-Table Series where fabrication, preparation, and sustainability of different foods was discussed and shown.



## May 2018

### HIM Graduates

May was a historical month, as Mesa conferred the first fifteen students to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degrees in Health Information Management.



## June 2018

### Hackathon

Mesa's first Hackathon, entitled "MesaHacks" took place, where programmers and designers came together to collaborate on the development of a sustainable product.





# Community Connections

## Mesa College Hosts a Site for the Clairemont Town Council Garden Tour

In 2018, for the first time, the Mesa College Native Garden outside of the MS building served as one of the sites for the Clairemont Town Council Garden Tour. In 2015, the Mesa College Native Garden received an award for outstanding landscape architecture from the San Diego Architectural Foundation (SDAF). Over 200 community members came to view our campus and learn about our garden. Professors Ray and Sieger – along with the botany students – served as docents for the tour. The Garden Tour offered our neighbors and community an opportunity to visit campus and have an academic learning experience. Out of the 10–12 gardens in Clairemont, Bay Park and Bay Ho, Mesa was uniquely able to embed educational expertise into the tour.



## Mesa College Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of Canyon Day

Each year, Canyon Day draws enthusiastic volunteers, including multiple student groups and clubs, faculty, staff and community members to remove trash and invasive plants from nearby Tecolote Canyon. This year, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Canyon Day on Saturday, April 14. Despite the heat, volunteers arrived in droves, including Associated Students, Honors Club, PROMISE, and student veterans. Students received community service credit for their participation, and all volunteers received a free T-shirt, refreshments, and tools to assist with cleaning trash, debris, and dead foliage from the canyon. In partnership with the City of San Diego the event continues to support our efforts to keep our local community beautiful.







## The San Diego Promise Expands and Thrives at Mesa College

This year, Mesa College hosted a press conference where the SDCCD announced a major expansion of its tuition-free program known as the San Diego Promise, which allows all recent eligible high school graduates who are first time, full-time students to receive two free years of college. The event was attended by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Chancellor Constance Carroll, Maria Nieto Senour, President of the Board of Trustees, and Cindy Marten, Superintendent of Public Education with the San Diego Unified School District, who all praised the program.

To qualify, students must be a California resident or have attended a California high school for three years, have earned a high school diploma in June 2017 or later, be a first-time college student, enroll in at least 12 units, and have completed a FAFSA or Dream Act application.

Launched as a pilot program in 2016-17 with 186 students, the San Diego Promise expanded in 2017-18 to include 661 students, nearly half of whom attend Mesa. During the first two years, the San Diego Promise demonstrated positive outcomes, with 19 percent of Promise students earning a 4.0 GPA this past year. Several San Diego Promise students who graduated in May transferred to UC San Diego, San Diego State University, and other four-year colleges and universities.

With the implementation of Assembly Bill 19 (Santiago) and a district-led fundraising campaign, the district estimates 3,500 or more students may benefit from the San Diego Promise in the 2018-19 academic year.



# Campus Celebrations



## 20th Anniversary of the Learning Resource Center (LRC)

San Diego Mesa College celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) in April of 2018. The historic event was attended by nearly 200 current and former faculty, staff administrators students sand members of the community. Completed in 1998, the Learning Resource Center provides more than 100,000 SF of space for Mesa College's Library, Independent Learning Center, and associated spaces. Poised at the edge of the canyon in the center of the campus, the LRC building was the largest single facility developed by the California Community College System at that time.



The Mesa College Learning Resource Center continues to be the vibrant place of learning that it was intended to be. Historically, libraries only offered books, but the Mesa College Learning Resource Center offers tutoring, specialized study areas, a writing center, a STEM Center, computer labs, accessible artwork, professional development spaces and even a Smart Mart.

## San Diego Mesa College Kicked Off the Fine Arts Building Project

Over 100 attendees participated in the Mesa College start-of-construction event for the future of the Fine Arts Building (I-300), where they had the chance to contribute to two commemorative art murals. The new Fine-Arts building is being constructed within an existing building on campus. With four-stories and 26,500 square feet, it will be a highly visible and thriving hub for Fine Arts students. The building, funded by Propositions S and N, will have features like light colored roofing material with high reflective values, CO2 sensors, modernized facilities, equipment for programs in drawing, painting, photography, sculpting and ceramics, and a new space for the highly-acclaimed Mesa Art Gallery.





## STEM Center Grand Opening

In September 2017, San Diego Mesa College debuted our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Center, located on the first floor of the Learning Resource Center (LRC). Attendees and supporters of the new STEM Center included San Diego City Councilmember Georgette Gomez, several Mesa College Foundation board members, donors, and community partners such as Alex Szeto and Larry Stullich, and Mesa's Title III STEM Program Evaluator Teri Erickson, among others.

The new STEM Center, overseen by Dr. Leticia López, is part of the STEM Conexiones Program. The Center supports learning for all students, but particularly for full-time Hispanic and low-income students, and provides them with resources to succeed in various STEM majors. Services offered include study areas where students can meet with a tutor, faculty mentor, peer mentor, and/or STEM counselor. Students can also utilize computers and laptops loaded with STEM-specific software, check out models and equipment, use graphing calculators, and access reference books.



## Center for Business and Technology Topping Out

In August 2017, Mesa College hosted a Topping Out for the new Center for Business & Technology – one of Mesa's final classroom building projects under Propositions S and N. The 60,000 gross-square-foot, two-story building will include classrooms and laboratories for courses in the School of Business and Technology. The Center will be a two-story, 57,800 gross square feet facility consisting of computer laboratory classrooms, fashion design laboratory, case-study type classrooms, faculty spaces and associated support space. There will be a video display wall, and extensive hardscape and landscape improvements. The building design features sustainable elements including daylighting, natural ventilation, cool roof, drought tolerant planting and on-site bio-retention.



# San Diego Mesa College Foundation



## Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2018

On Friday, April 20, Mesa College celebrated our 25th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Mesa reached an impressive goal in 2018 by awarding the highest dollar amount of scholarships in the school's history at over \$240,000. Of the 175 students who received scholarships, 65 students received more than one scholarship, and several received as many as four each. Proceeds from the opportunity drawing and silent auction – which raised over \$3,000 – benefitted the San Diego Promise.

## The World Cultures Art Collection

For the past 20 years, San Diego Mesa College has been home to San Diego's most extensive collection of African artwork, an invaluable resource that professors use to enrich students' learning and reach out into the community. This year, the museum-quality collection grew even further to include pieces from India, Southeast Asia, Oceania and Mesoamerica – which prompted the San Diego Mesa College Foundation to rename the Collection, "The World Cultures Collection". The growth of the collection was made possible by donations from several collectors in the area, including Dr. John Ross, Dr. Arvin Klein, Dr. Richard Ulevitch, and Dr. Mark Groudine. Thanks to the generosity of these donors, Mesa's collection was able to reach over 1,200 pieces. The expanded World Cultures Artwork Collection was celebrated in April of 2017 along with the 20th Anniversary of the Learning Resource Center in which the collection is housed.







## San Diego Mesa College Foundation

San Diego Mesa College Foundation was founded in 1974 to support the success of Mesa students. Over the years, the Foundation has joined with faculty, staff, alumni, and other friends of Mesa College to garner resources and respond to student and campus needs. The Foundation focuses on four core areas of support: investing directly in students' futures with scholarships; funding innovation and enrichment through mini-grants to staff and faculty; preserving opportunity for students by meeting basic needs, providing emergency relief, and offering financial wellness resources; and enriching through the arts with an extensive World Cultures Artwork Collection.

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# Alumni Connections



## Tyller Williamson

Tyller Williamson joined the Mesa College Associated Students as a Senator in fall of 2009. The following semester he was elected as Vice President. During his time, Mesa was in the planning phases of the Commons Building, and Tyller advocated for diverse input from the student body. His leadership was expressed through civic engagement and teamwork. Due to the influence of Professor Michelle Tucker, who taught Critical Thinking, Tyller changed majors from Bio-Chemistry to Political Science.

Tyller then pursued an internship with past Congress member Bob Filner, whom he also accompanied on a Mesa campus tour. Tyller transferred and graduated from Cal State Monterey Bay and is working towards his MBA from the Naval Postgraduate School. He became a staffer for President Obama's 2012 reelection campaign, and later co-founding Monterey Peninsula Pride. Tyller is currently a candidate for City Council in Monterey, California.



## Nicholas William Case

This May, Navy Veteran and Mesa College student Nicholas William Case was selected by the National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence (GeoTech Center) as a winner in the 2018 GeoTech Center's Geospatial Technology Student Competition. In June, the GeoTech Center hosted Case and other selected students at the GeoEd '18 Workshops to be held in Louisville, KY on the Southwest Campus of Jefferson Community and Technical College. Among the several student submissions they received, Case was chosen as the second place winner among community and technical colleges and chosen as the winner of the use of open source software.

Case has a strong interest in archaeology and how the, "utilization of new technology to document and preserve archaeological data" could allow archaeologists to complete their work without facing barriers like financial costs or time conflicts. His previous education – an Associate of Arts in Anthropology from Mesa, and his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from SDSU – have served him well in creating an academic foundation for his career goals that are tying in to his GIS studies.



## 2018 Distinguished Alumnus, Mr. Antonio Martinez

While a student at San Diego Mesa College, Mr. Martinez studied philosophy, politics, and economics. He graduated from Mesa College in 2005, and transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated with honors with a degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

Martinez grew up in San Ysidro and was the first in his family to go to college. Since 2012, he has been a member of the San Ysidro School Board, and he also serves on the board of the San Ysidro Community Planning Group and the San Ysidro Recreation Council. Professionally, Mr. Martinez serves as the Director of Public Relations at Imperial Beach Community Clinic.



# Mesa Gets Social



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6,613  
PAGE LIKES



1,080  
POSTS



1,154  
SHARES



50,916  
CLICKS



13,448  
REACTIONS



1,229,102  
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## Mesa Pathways

This past year, Mesa College fully committed to engaging Guided Pathways, a framework designed to improve outcomes by offering clear completion and career pathways and integrated support services for our students. We sent a team of faculty, classified professionals and administrators to a IEPI Guided Pathways Workshop in October 2017. We engaged the campus through open forums, online reviews, public input, retreats and presentations to complete our Self-Assessment in December 2017. In March 2018, we completed a Multi-Year Work Plan and formed the Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC). MPC will use an integrated, equity-minded, student-centered approach to facilitate student success, and we will work to close equity gaps, improve student outcomes and guide students into and through college to the completion of personal, academic and professional goals.

## MOVING THE NEEDLE

As the "Leading College of Equity and Excellence" we are committed to doing all that we can to assist our students in meeting their basic needs.

In 2017/18, the office of Student Success and Equity(SSE) served students by connecting them to the books, supplies, transportations, food, clothing, people, and authentic care all students require to show up engaged and ready to succeed.

- Students Assessed: 196
- Students Who Received Direct Support: 146
- Books: \$11,625 (55% of all direct support)
- Food: \$5800 (28% of all direct support)
- 18,853 items of food were given to 894 students
- Transportation: \$1278 (6% of all direct support)
- 214 students were provided with 1,995 items of clothing

**Victor Cenicerros, Mesa Outreach Ambassador**  
Psychology Major







# Mesa College Confers First Bachelor's Degrees in the History of the College

On Saturday, May 19, San Diego Mesa College made history by awarding the College's first Bachelor of Science degrees in Health Information Management (HIM) to fifteen students. The HIM Program is a continuation of the College's Health Information Technology (HEIT) Associates Degree program, and provides accessible, high-quality, industry-approved instruction designed to prepare students to work at a management level in a health care setting.

"This was a truly historic year for Mesa College," stated San Diego Mesa College President Dr. Pamela T. Luster. "We awarded the first Bachelor's degrees in Health Information Management, and with this achievement, we continue to strive to offer career education programs that prepare our students to enter today's workforce prepared."

## Mesa College by the Numbers

CATEGORY	FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET	ACTUALS	BALANCE
ACADEMIC	\$39,384,955	\$42,044,513	(\$2,659,558)
NON-ACADEMIC	\$10,021,485	\$9,689,481	\$332,004
BENEFITS	\$17,469,563	\$17,259,468	\$210,095
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$802,027	\$341,003	\$461,024
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,022,267	\$683,951	\$338,316
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$707,062	\$258,175	\$448,887
TOTAL	\$69,407,359	\$70,276,591	(\$869,232)

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