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## 2009-2010 Report to the Community

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## VISION – What we strive to be.

San Diego Mesa College shall be a key force in our community to educate our students to shape the future.



## MISSION – Why we exist.

To inspire and enable student success in an environment that is strengthened by diversity, is responsive to our communities, and fosters scholarship, leadership and responsibility.



## VALUES – What we believe in.

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



## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Equity/Access, Engagement/Retention, Persistence, Success, Institutional Effectiveness

## GOALS

- To deliver and support exemplary teaching and learning in the areas of transfer education, associate degrees, career and technical education, certificates and basic skills.
- To provide a learning environment that maximizes student access and success, and employee well-being.
- To respond to and meet community needs for economic and workforce development.
- To cultivate an environment that embraces and is enhanced by diversity.

# From the *President*

For the past several years, the faculty and staff of Mesa College have worked to complete the college's self-study in preparation for accreditation review, scheduled for October 2010.

This process of self-discovery has led to the creation of a new set of mission documents for Mesa College, which was approved by the college's participatory governance bodies, and the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees in October 2009.

Throughout this report, we provide you with evidence of our efforts to fulfill our mission during a tumultuous year beset with unprecedented budget cuts and fiscal constraints.

Yet, even as we struggle as an institution with decreased funding for programs and operations, faculty and staff continue to work hard and produce amazing results.

Students come to Mesa College from all over San Diego County and from regions and countries far beyond. Some come prepared and ready to work towards transfer or career technical degrees. Others need further preparation and basic skills instruction. All come with the expectation that we will provide a quality education and help them reach their dreams and goals.

This brings us full circle to the importance of accreditation. We welcome our accreditation team this fall, as we simultaneously welcome more than 24,000 new and returning students who choose Mesa College for their education and to better their lives.

We are dedicated to making life and work in this community more meaningful and rewarding. I invite you to turn the page and learn how Mesa College has enriched the lives of our students and the residents of San Diego, and how we are poised to help our citizens and community build a better future.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth J. Armstrong  
Interim President



After five years of dedicated service as President of Mesa College, Dr. Rita M. Cepeda was named Chancellor of the San Jose Evergreen Community College District. We appreciate her numerous contributions to Mesa and wish her well in her new endeavors.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM above:**  
Elizabeth J. Armstrong, Interim President  
Tim McGrath, J.D., Vice President, Instruction  
Barbara R. Kavalier, Ph.D., Vice President, Student Services  
Ronald E. Ballesteros-Perez, Vice President, Administrative Services

■ Among the largest community colleges in California and the nation, San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited two-year college serving 24,000 students and offering more than 170 associate degree and certificate programs. With its rigorous math and science curricula and robust academic programs, Mesa College ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution. The college also serves as an important economic catalyst for the region. Mesa's career and transfer programs include six allied health fields, business, biopharmaceutical, multimedia, GIS (Geographic Information Systems), animal health technology, American Sign Language, hospitality, fashion, architecture, interior design and more. Situated on a sprawling, suburban 104-acre mesa in the geographic center of San Diego, the college's small classes, outstanding faculty, diverse student population and reputation for quality offer an unparalleled academic experience.

# ACCOUNTABILITY

## Accreditation

San Diego Mesa College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation and the Department of Education. In preparation for the 2010 accreditation team visit, the college reviewed, analyzed, discussed and evaluated all aspects of the college.

Highlights include:

- Appointed a leadership team
- Formed eleven committees comprised of faculty and staff
- Held two campus-wide forums
- Provided weekly updates and reviews at President's Cabinet meetings
- Created the "We Are Mesa" vision, mission, values communications campaign

All employees, faculty, staff and students were engaged in development of the college's self-study. Of note, the Classified Senate was highly involved in the entire accreditation process, and even engaged staff's knowledge of the new mission documents through trivia games and other fun activities.

We welcome the 2010 accreditation team, whose site visit is scheduled for October 11-14, 2010. For more, please visit [www.sdmesa.edu/instruction/accreditation](http://www.sdmesa.edu/instruction/accreditation).

## What is Accreditation?

"Accreditation is the process for evaluating and assuring the quality of education used by the American higher education community. It is a uniquely American quality assurance process through which institutions collectively set standards for good practice, conduct peer-based evaluations of institutions on a regular basis, confer accredited status on institutions, and make the results of accreditation review of institutions known to the public. Through accreditation, the higher education community shoulders the responsibility for monitoring the quality of the programs and services of member institutions."

Source: Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Western Association of Schools and Colleges. <http://www.accjc.org>





# Mesa at a Glance

## Founded: 1964

Enrollment: 24,252  
Cost: \$26 per credit unit, CA resident

## Age

Under 24 60%  
Between 25-29 18%  
Between 30-39 12%  
Over 40 9%  
Unreported 1%

## Gender

Female 53%, Male 47%, Unreported 1%

## Fall 2009

First Generation college students 24%  
Students receiving financial aid 32%  
Students receiving DSPS services 3%  
Full time students 25%  
Part time students 75%

## Ethnicity

African American 7%  
American Indian 1%  
Asian/Pacific Islander 15%  
Filipino 5%  
Latino 21%  
White 38%  
Other/Unreported 14%

## Top Five Majors Selected by Students Fall 2009

Undeclared AA/AS  
Business Administration  
Transfer  
Unclassified Restricted Tech Program  
Biology

## Degrees & Certificates Awarded 2009-2010

AA/AS Degree 845  
Certificate of Achievement 1,162

Source: SDCCD Facts on File 2009-10.

## Destination: *Mesa*

When President Barack Obama's education team traveled through California in August, 2009, their first stop was at San Diego Mesa College, a college recognized for championing diversity. Led by Juan Sepúlveda, the White House Initiative on Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans hosted its first in a series of community forums addressing educational reforms.

More than 200 community leaders, educators and students in attendance were told that the community input will help to drive reforms at the federal level. SDCCD Chancellor Constance M. Carroll described the initiative as "a critical conversation for the San Diego community and the nation."

In addition to Chancellor Carroll and President Rita M. Cepeda, participating in the WHI community conversation were: SDCCD Trustee Peter Zschiesche; California Assembly Member Lori Saldaña; San Diego Unified School District Board President Shelia Jackson; SDSU Professor Roberto Ochoa; City College President Terry Burgess; Mesa College Professors Rita Sanchez and Maria Bolivar; City Schools Superintendent Terry Grier; San Diego Continuing Education President Anthony Beebe; Toltec Media President Linda Caballero Sotelo; and community activist Olivia Puentes-Reynolds.

Juan Sepúlveda returned in May 2010, as Mesa College's commencement speaker.

Pictured below l-r: Chancellor Constance M. Carroll, White House Initiative Director Juan Sepulveda, and former Mesa College President Rita M. Cepeda.





*"He's like me!"*

“He’s like me!” is how one high school senior described noted author and authority on urban education, Dr. Pedro A. Noguera. Dr. Noguera was the keynote speaker for the fourth annual **African American/Latino Male Leadership Summit** held in April and designed to challenge youth to succeed and provide role models to show it can be done. Most of the 145 high school students said that Noguera’s speech was the best part of the day. “We were honored to have him speak directly to students who are, if you listen to statistics, destined to fail,” said organizer Dean Joi Blake. “Our goal is to prove the statistics wrong.”

Community college students packed a lecture hall at Mesa College in April for **An Afternoon with UC San Diego** and a chance to meet with UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. Chancellor Fox told students that existing outreach efforts to first-generation and low-income students are being enhanced to assure parents and their families that UC San Diego is accessible and affordable. “Community colleges are a great avenue to UC San Diego,” said Fox.

San Diego Charger Quentin Jammer came to campus to personally congratulate foster youth recognized by the college’s **Fostering Academic Success & Transition (FAST)** program. FAST has partnered with the Jammer Family Foundation, San Pasqual Academy and other organizations to help students transition from the four-year residential high school to college. FAST is gaining recognition as a statewide model for similar programs. In 2010, the college was selected as one of only ten community colleges in the state to receive the Community College Pathways grant for foster youth programs.



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# YEAR IN REVIEW



28 future Radiologic Technicians are pinned upon their completion of 2,000+ hours of practicum.

Students sign up for more than 100 clubs during Club Rush.

Constitution Day is celebrated.

Hundreds of high school and college students compete in the Amazing GPS Race during GIS Day.

Mesa celebrates cultural history with a Day of the Dead Altar.



An annual tradition, Mesa takes home yet another trophy at San Diego's Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

Midnight Madness hits the basketball court.

August

September

October

November

December

January

Welcome Week greets more than 24,000 students at the start of fall semester.

Budget and student concerns are the topics of Mesa Town Hall Meetings.

Traditional tribal singing, food and craft vendors enhance the Native American Heritage Celebration.

The Mesa College Vocal Ensemble performs "Gloria" by Vivaldi.



The Allied Health Education and Training Facility opens.



Mesa's Lady Olympian Soccer team makes history and advances to the State Final Four.



Mesa's world-class Olympian Speech and Debate Team returns from Berlin as reigning international champions.

Tents of Tolerance enables students to experience subtle and blatant discriminatory actions.



Mesa College Theatre Company presents Williams Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors."

February

March

April

May

June

July

Foster youth are recognized at Mesa College with a special event and programs to help them succeed.

The opening of the Rosa Parks Transit Center tops off Black History Month events.



The Grass Roots Health Fair focuses on physical and psychological health and wellness.

Wednesday music recitals, sponsored by Bumble Bee Tuna, puts the spotlight on music faculty and regional performers.

The Men's Tennis team clinched the Pacific Coast Conference Championship.

An annual tradition, Festival of Colors celebrates diversity.

Math and Science students compete in the first annual "Mesa Challenge."

Mesa's 46th graduating class is comprised of 853 students who received 1,162 degrees and certificates.





# Portraits of Mesa

The phenomenally successful **Olympian Speech and Debate Team** topped off an incredible year capturing first place titles at both the US and international competitions. Team Mesa competed in a total of 15 total tournaments. At the International Forensics Association Tournament held in Berlin, students **Johnny Goette** and **Trevor Stutzman** took first place in debate, and **Matt Millholland** placed fourth in "Speech to Entertain." The team is coached by Professors **Kimberly Gerhardt** and **Linda Farnam**.



On September 9, led by **Associated Students Government leaders**, nearly 600 students, from Mesa, City and Miramar colleges took time from classes to join in what has been called the state's first protest rally against community college budget cuts. In the spring, 30 students traveled to Sacramento to meet with legislative leaders as part of a statewide student effort to carry the message that their future and that of the state's economy are in jeopardy.

**ASG President Mason Walker** went homeless for three days on the Streets of San Diego. On purpose. Mason was part of a team of college students that posed as a homeless for three days and two nights in April. Organized by the non-profit organization Embrace, the experience was intended to open the eyes of college students to the homeless crisis. Walker said to a reporter from *The Mesa Press*, "We wanted to go through what they go through to see if we could provide better things for them." Read *The Mesa Press* article at [www.mesapress.com](http://www.mesapress.com).

Photo below courtesy of Mason Walker







■ **Joshua Lee Denz** was named 2009 Scholar Male Athlete by the California Community College Commission on Athletics. The Scholar Athlete award is the highest student achievement honor awarded annually by the COA, which oversees intercollegiate competition at its 104 member colleges and nearly 27,000 student athletes. Joshua is the third athlete in the history of Mesa College to receive this award.

■ Honors student **Summer Dunsmore** is bound for UC Berkeley after winning the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke scholarship worth up to \$30,000 to complete her education. A self-described second-generation activist, Summer plans to study journalism and become a documentary filmmaker. Last summer, she worked to save the seals in La Jolla Cove, and the year before, produced “The Vagina Monologues” at Mesa College. The JKC scholarship award is the fourth in five years for Mesa College students. All recipients were nominated by Alison Primoza, Spanish Professor and SDCCD Honors Transfer Officer.

■ **The Mesa Press editorial team** earned four awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Southern California regional conference at Cal State Fullerton on October 23-24. In April, the young journalists earned two awards at the statewide Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference.

■ **Mesa College architecture students** took top honors in all categories of the 2010 San Diego Lumbermen/AIA Design Competition. The students completed the project as part of their community service requirements for the architecture program. This year the design was for a fire station in Kensington.

■ A pair of Mesa College students, **Kassy Kova and Justin Ross**, became the first African-American ice dancing team to compete in Novice Dance at the 2010 United States Figure Skating National Championships, held in January in Spokane, Washington.

■ With blue skies above and blue water below, **Mesa Engineering students** defended their first place title against local colleges and universities at the USD 2009 Walk on Water competition. Mesa’s team is composed of members of the college’s Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and led by Engineering Professor Morteza Mohssenzadeh.

# Community Connections

## TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

When it comes to teaching, Mesa College faculty know no boundaries. They routinely break out of classroom confines and into the streets, the community and beyond to enrich and enhance the learning experience of students and residents alike.

Professor **Pamela Chapman** takes future landscape architects on tours throughout Mesa's stunning campus grounds and local parks, explaining to her garden design class how to group and pair plants.

Biologists **Bill Brothers** and **Leslie Seiger**, geologist **Don Barrie** and their students simply meander down a trail into Tecolote Canyon, where a living, natural history laboratory awaits.

Maybe you saw Professor **Rob Fremland** at the county fair this summer? He's there every year, making children laugh and showing that chemistry can be "way cool, dude."

Or, did you sample the Tasso Ham Cream Pasta at "Gator By the Bay"? That was dished up by Professor **Michael Fitzgerald** and his talented student culinary crew.

Perhaps you contemplated art at the "Body Narratives" exhibition at the NTC Promenade? Professor and Museum Studies Director **Alessandra Moctezuma** has literally moved student-produced museum art exhibits out of the Mesa College Art Gallery and into various community locales.

The college has been a major collaborator of the San Diego Science Festival since its inception two years ago. Last spring, anthropologist **Madeleine Hinkes** and her human skeleton lab assistant explained human anatomy to fascinated festival-goers.

Working alongside was Behavioral Psychology Professor **Jaye Van Kirk**, who demonstrated puzzling mind tricks to a captured audience. Then, there was Physics Professor **Jerry Schad**, using the ever-popular Van de Graaf generator to set everyone's hair on end. Literally.

"Faculty return to the classroom excited and fresh with new ideas and experiences to share," says **Saeid Eidgahy**, dean of the School of Mathematics and Sciences, "... and best of all, we connect with and give back to the communities we serve."



## PAYING IT FORWARD

Celebrating the spirit and joy of giving is a part of the Mesa College culture. Here are just some of the ways the college community reached out to our neighbors in need, near and far:

- Led by Mesa's **Classified Senate**, more than \$1,500 was raised to support Haiti Earthquake relief efforts.
- Spanish Professor **Jeff Berry** collected toys and clothing donated by the faculty and staff and threw holiday parties for about 175 children in two neighborhoods south of Ensenada.
- Student-led holiday drives benefited the needy, including: a toy drive by the **Fashion Club**; the gift drive by the **Women's Union** and **Mesa Honors Club**; and the adoption of a single mom and daughter by **Physical Therapy Assistant students**.
- Business Professor **Akunna Winston** organized the campus effort to support the Mission Africa textbook drive.
- Officers of the **SDCCD police department** collected gifts for the children of the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Center.
- Students, faculty and staff donated books and helped to open the **Child Development Center's Lending Library**.
- Faculty and staff donated books, gifts and other items and threw a holiday party for children of the **CARE** program students.
- Assistant Basketball coaches **Bryan Daniels**, **Jim Thompson** and the entire **Men's Basketball** team led the effort to "Stuff-A-Bus" with new athletic equipment for needy children, many in foster care.
- **Associated Student Government**, ever busy on campus, volunteered off-campus as rolling readers and dog-walkers.
- Language Professor **Raúl de León** led a blanket drive in support of Chilenos sin Fronteras.

### *Canyon Collaboration*

Tecolote Canyon received some TLC from more than 120 campus and community volunteers during Canyon Day spring celebrations. Removed from the canyon were 12 shopping carts and hundreds of pounds of trash and recyclables. Touring the spruced up trails two weeks later were 60 first graders from San Diego Cooperative School, this year's Canyon Classroom participants. The students learned about conservation while enjoying fun activities centered around nature and canyon life. City Councilmember and conservationist Donna Frye stopped by to speak with the students.

See more at  
[www.sdmesa.edu/canyonday](http://www.sdmesa.edu/canyonday).



# INTEGRITY



# Remembering *Rosa*

After years of planning and more than a year of construction, San Diego Mesa College topped off Black History month at the college by unveiling the Rosa Parks Transit Center.



Nearly 300 students, faculty, staff, SDCCD community and neighbors gathered along Mesa College Drive directly in front of the transit center and parking structure. They came to witness the unveiling, to participate in the dedication, to celebrate the legacy of the American icon, and to remember her visits to the campus in the early 1990s.

Unique in concept and construction, the public art work is a functioning transit stop created by artist and Mesa College professor Mario Lara, Nina Karavasiles, and Gerda Govine-Ituarte. It is designed to celebrate the legacy and attributes of the civil rights activist and especially the “Quiet Strength” that all people have within them to take a stand against repression and injustice.

Elizabeth Hamilton, who first invited Mrs. Parks to Mesa College said, “Every one of us is her legacy.”

Take MTS Route 44 to visit the Rosa Parks Transit Center.  
Learn more at [www.sdmesa.edu/rosa-parks](http://www.sdmesa.edu/rosa-parks).

# *Spotlight* on Propositions S&N

■ The Mesa College football field and surrounds — home to the Mesa College Olympian football, and women’s and men’s soccer and track teams — received a major face-lift after it was paved over last year to accommodate the construction of east entry projects at Mesa College. The Merrill Douglas Stadium now boasts a new artificial field turf with regulation-size fields for football and soccer, an upper field event area, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramp, restrooms and seating for 4,500 spectators. In November, a nine-lane synthetic rubber track was installed, suitable for world-class track and field events.

The field is also a community resource. Football teams from Kearny, Clairemont, Horizon and St. Augustine high schools regularly practice and compete there, and Francis Parker and Horizon high school track teams use the track.





With the opening of the \$28.9 million Allied Health Education and Training Facility in October, Mesa College is positioned as the regional leader in providing hundreds of skilled professionals ready to meet California's skyrocketing demand for jobs in allied health occupations.

The three-story, 50,000 square foot facility includes classrooms equipped with numerous sustainable features, smart technology, and state-of-the-art laboratories outfitted to simulate real-world healthcare facilities. It houses degree and certificate programs in dental assisting, health information technology, medical assisting, physical therapy and radiologic technology. Four of these fields are ranked among the most in-demand health care fields through 2014 by the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

In December, an open house was held to mark the completion of the new Mesa College Police Station, a 7,000 square foot facility that includes a visitor information center, a spacious waiting area, a conference room, a secure suspect processing area, and a locker room. The location of the station at the entrance to the college came at the suggestion of campus neighbors during an earlier community forum.

As part of the SDCCD's Green Building Policy, all Propositions S and N projects are designed to obtain the highest possible Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Both the Police Station and the Allied Health facilities have received LEED Gold awards. What that means in layman's terms is that Mesa's new structures passed very high standards for water, energy and atmosphere efficiency, material and resource selection, and indoor environmental quality.

All projects were funded by the SDCCD's \$1.555 Billion Propositions S and N construction bond programs.



# SUSTAINABILITY



# Honors, Awards and Kudos



■ Mail clerk **José Cabral** was named Outstanding Classified Employee of the year – for the second time!

■ Mesa's newest administrators – Dean **Jill Baker** and Interim Dean **Chris Sullivan** were among the first cohort of educators to complete the SDSU College of Education Doctoral Program (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership.

■ Fourteen Student Services classified employees were honored as the first graduating class of the **Art and Science of Service Training** (ASST) program.

■ Mesa College **Classified Senate** received the "Classified for Excellence" Model Senate Award for 2009 from the California Community Colleges Classified Senate.

■ Professor **Bruce Naschak** published a new textbook *Sacred Stories: An Anthology of the Myths of the World*.

■ Professor **Karen Schneiter Williams** completed her term as president of the prestigious National Business Education Association, and released her new *Business Communication* textbook.

■ Museum coordinator **Pat Vine** was recognized as Mesa's 2010 Unsung Hero of the Year for her volunteer efforts.

■ **Ashanti Hands**, Dean, Student Affairs, was accepted into the Association of California Community College Administrators mentor program.

■ EOPS Counselor **Myra Gonzalez** received an award from the LEAP Board of San Diego County for her work with foster youth.

■ **Martina Hesser**, adjunct art professor, was elected as the new Vice President of the Art Historians of Southern California.

■ Interim Dean **Charles Zappia**, Ph.D., was elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society.

■ Faculty members **Tracey Walker**, **Wendy Smith**, **Cynthia Rico-Bravo** and researcher **Susan Mun**, presented a mini-conference, *Intersecting Literacies*, for the Faculty Inquiry Network.

■ **Barbara R. Kavalier**, Ph.D., Vice President, Student Services, has joined the faculty of SDSU's Ed.D. in Educational Leadership doctoral program. Dr. Kavalier was also named as Visiting Scholar, University of Texas at Austin.

■ **Jerry Schad**, outdoor enthusiast and physical sciences professor, celebrated sales of his book, *Afoot and Afield San Diego County* topping 150,000 copies. The *Los Angeles Times* calls it "the Bible of San Diego hiking."

■ **Mary Lou Locke**, newly retired professor emeritus, who finally found time to finish her historical novel, *Maids of Misfortune*.

# RESPECT





# Olympian Gold

Athletics scores at Mesa College. During the past year, 226 male athletes and 137 female athletes participated in 20 intercollegiate sports.

Olympians took top honors in both regional and state competitions. Four women's teams — soccer, swim/dive, water polo and volleyball — won their conference championships.

Three head coaches, **Mike Hootner**, Men's Tennis; **Jim Fegan**, Women's Swimming, and **Nathan Resch**, Men's Water Polo, were selected as Coach-of-the-Year for their sport by the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference.

Mesa has one of the most comprehensive community college athletics program in the region. Women's sports: badminton, basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and water polo. Men's sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and water polo.

Mesa's comprehensive dance program continues to turn out stellar student successes. Mesa College Dance Company productions of "Louder Than Words" and "Beyondance" performed to sold-out houses at San Diego's Lyceum Theatre. Dance alumni continue to take top billing. Tessandra Chavez, alumna and founder of Unity Dance Ensemble, choreographed for the 2010 Season Seven of the popular TV show "So You Think You Can Dance."

Mesa College faculty impact dance and performance in the region. **Traves Butterworth** conceived and produced "Investigating Motion," the October benefit concert for the UCSD AIDS Research Institute. Eight Mesa students performed in this first-ever event.

More than 20 Mesa college dancers performed in the Dance for A Wish Concert, benefiting the Make a Wish Foundation and coordinated by hip-hop instructor **Melissa Adao**. Instructor **Angie Bunch**, executive director and founder of Culture Shock, remounted the dance theatrical "Graffiti Life" for a February 2010 staging.

Search for "Mesa College dance" on YouTube.com for performance clips, and even mid-terms and finals!

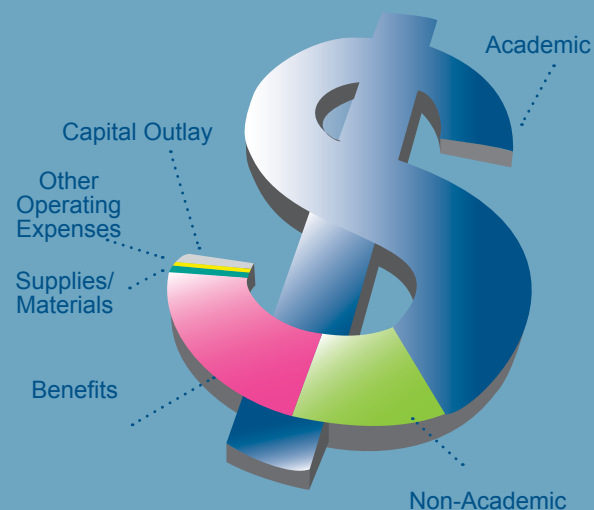


Athletic department photos courtesy of Todd Curran.

# Fiscal Responsibility

## MESA COLLEGE 2009-2010 ACTUAL EXPENSES

CATEGORY	Adopted	Adjusted	ACTUALS
Academic	29,514,239	29,892,588	<b>29,892,588</b>
Non-Academic	8,597,075	8,046,611	<b>8,046,611</b>
Benefits	944,469	9,583,428	<b>9,583,428</b>
Supplies/Materials	732,029	706,536	<b>534,276</b>
Other Operating Expenses	433,297	505,495	<b>462,743</b>
Capital Outlay	167,335	211,329	<b>206,103</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$40,388,444</b>	<b>\$48,945,987</b>	<b>\$48,725,748</b>



# SCHOLARSHIP

## Of *Scholars* and Scholarship

One of the highlights of the year is the annual San Diego Mesa College Scholarship Gala, which brings together students, family, faculty and staff for an evening celebrating student success. The scholarship fund has grown from \$2,400 awarded in 1995 to \$86,615 in scholarships in 2010. With an increasing number of faculty, staff, alumni, individuals, academic departments, businesses and organizations on board, the program is steadily growing. The San Diego Mesa College Foundation Board acts as the executor of the Mesa College scholarship program. If you are interested in establishing or contributing to a scholarship, please call 619-388-2699 or visit: [www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships](http://www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships).



# Efficient and Entrepreneurial

During these uncertain economic times, Mesa College's leadership, faculty and staff have adopted entrepreneurial and efficient attitudes and actions, resulting in nearly \$3 Million raised through grants. The community and industry benefit from educational programs that help to build a new economy.

## *Mesa College Grant funding 2009-2010 (approximate)*

- \$329,600 ■ State Chancellor's Office.** Increases retention and success in basic skills courses.
- \$400,000 ■ San Diego Workforce Partnership/ARRA Grant,** "Heroes to Healthcare" trains students, and especially Vets, to become mental health workers.
- \$208,000 ■ National Institute of Humanities.** Increases the transfer rate of underrepresented minorities through the college's Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program.
- \$226,400 ■ State Chancellor's Office, SB 70 Funding.** Expands and promotes the College's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program.
- \$110,900 ■ National Science Foundation Grants.** Supports computer science (CISC) programs leading to transfer to UCSD and other institutions.
- \$17,500 ■ (FIN) Grant Faculty Inquiry Network William and Flora Hewlett.** Supports Faculty Inquiry Groups investigation in how basic skills students learn.
- \$50,000 ■ SDCCD Sustainability and San Diego Workforce Innovation Partnership.** Funds a new architectural course focusing on issues of sustainability.
- \$48,500 ■ Community College Pathways for Foster Youth.** Increases outreach, retention and educational success of former foster youth students.
- \$306,000 ■ US DOE, TRIO.** Supports programs that increase academic success and transfer rates of low-income, first-generation college students.
- \$59,500 ■ US DOE, TRIO, Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS).** Increases access to postsecondary education by providing child care services to low-income parent students.
- \$400,00 ■ State Chancellor's Office ARRA Grant.** Enables the development of three new certificate programs in imaging specialties in Radiology industry professionals.
- \$675,000 ■ State Chancellor's Office/HIT Educating EMR Health Professionals Consortium Grant.** Implements a nationwide integrated electronic medical records system.
- \$80,000 ■ State Chancellor's Office Career Technical Education Pathways and Workforce Development Program.** In coordination with the SDCCD High Middle College Partnership and the CTE Community Collaborative, trains high school students in medical assisting.



## *In Memoriam*

**Ruth Kern**, 91, long-time president of the San Diego Mesa College Foundation and ardent advocate and steward of the Foundation's Scholarship Fund, passed away on June 5, 2010. Through her leadership and personal scholarships to students, many lives, families and futures have been changed. In honor of her contributions to the legacy of giving, the annual scholarship event has been renamed the **San Diego Mesa College Ruth Kern Scholarship Gala**.

Mesa College also remembers **Dr. Richard Rose**, 56, who spent 34 years as a community college administrator. Dr. Rose served as Vice President of Student Services at Mesa College from 2002 to 2006, when he became president of Modesto Community College. With the passing of Dr. Rose, Mesa College, and the California Community College system, loses one of its lights, a part of its institutional memory, and one of its strongest advocates.







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