



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

THE YEAR OF & TEACHING & LEARNING



THE BIG PICTURE

Every five years, the faculty and staff of San Diego Mesa College gather for an early morning cup of coffee, camaraderie, and a great big group photo. Here's the latest, taken around the rose garden in front of the Learning Resource Center, in August 2012.

ABOUT MESA COLLEGE

Among the largest community colleges in California and the nation, San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive two-year college serving 25,000 students and offering more than 190 associate degree and certificate programs. With its premier fine art and music programs, robust language offerings and rigorous math and science curricula, Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution. The college also serves as an important economic catalyst for the region. Its career programs include allied health fields, biopharmaceutical, multimedia, animal health technology, American Sign Language, hospitality, culinary art, fashion, architecture, interior design and more. Situated on a beautiful, suburban 104-acre mesa in the geographic center of San Diego, the college's small classes, outstanding faculty, and reputation for quality offer an unparalleled academic experience. As an HSI and AANAPISI (Title III and Title V) eligible institution, Mesa College is committed to the success of all students, including underrepresented students, and more than 1,000 veterans and their families.
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SAN DIEGO MESA LEADERSHIP TEAM



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the faculty, staff and administrators at San Diego Mesa College, the **year of teaching and learning** offered a renewed focus to what drew us to teach and work at a community college: the ability to impact the lives of our students.

Throughout the year, we embarked on dialogue around what teaching and learning means at Mesa College, and how each of us plays a key role in it.

Workshops, events and services that centered on teaching and learning at Mesa College enabled us to engage in conversations and action plans that will take us into our 50th year as a college.

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

- **Campus conversations:** We convened “**Breakfasts with the President**,” so that I could meet, one-on-one, with staff and faculty.
- **Convocations:** At the start of each semester, stakeholders from across the college discussed college-wide learning outcome assessment methods, and analyzed and assessed the six institutional learning outcomes.
- **Taking time to celebrate:** Throughout the year, we engaged in activities that recognize the contributions each member of our community makes to create a comprehensive, learning college.

SERVICES

- **One stop shop for students:** The opening of the four-story **Student Services Center** offers a centralized location that brings together student resources from across the campus — under one roof for the first time in the history of the college.
- **More centralized services:** The decision to house a new **Languages Center** at the LRC underscores the facility as the learning resource destination for students in all fields of study.
- **Key steps take us forward:** As a college, we put into place **processes and procedures** that provide the best possible outcomes for student learning.
- **A 21st Century College: Propositions S and N projects continue to transform the college**, literally changing the landscape of teaching and learning.

These efforts and more helped to engage all members of the campus community in the creation, integration, elaboration and celebration of teaching and learning.

On the pages within, we offer a look at Mesa as a community of learning with a commitment to our profession at all levels. You will find stories, profiles and examples of excellence of those who teach, those who learn, and those that support teaching and learning at Mesa College.

Sincerely,
Dr. **Pamela T. Luster**, President

M E S S A G E
FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

COLLEGE 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, success and equity.
- To respond to and meet community needs for economic and workforce development.
- To cultivate an environment that embraces and is enhanced by diversity.
- To cultivate an environment for employee engagement, professional development, leadership, and personal well-being.

MESA COLLEGE POISED TO SERVE UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

In April, 2012, Mesa College was designated by the Department of Education as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI).

Nearly a year later, Mesa College successfully competed for and gained AANAPISI eligibility. The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) is a federal program designed to support higher education institutions in their efforts to increase institutional self-sufficiency by improving institutional management, fiscal stability and academic programs.

“The AANAPISI designation goes hand-in-hand with the college’s designation as a HSI-serving institution,” noted President Pamela Luster. “It is further acknowledgement of Mesa College’s commitment to serving historically underrepresented students, and opens the door to Title V and Title III grants and funding that will enable us to increase access and success for even more students.”



FOCUS ON IE

Institutional Effectiveness refers to the ways in which institutions of higher education strive to optimize and continually improve the extent to how they achieve their core mission and goals.

In order to assure that San Diego Mesa College fulfills its goals (see page left), is responsive to changing needs, and continues to improve, the college in 2012-13 established the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

Led by Dean **Jill Baker**, the office provides leadership to the college community as it develops, integrates, and improves college- and program-level accreditation, strategic planning, and academic program review and planning. Working with faculty and staff, it will define, create and utilize a number of processes which will offer systematic assessment and support for ongoing effectiveness.

The goal is to help build a campus-wide environment in which:

- analysis and use of relevant data permeates all processes, enabling informed discussion and decision-making,
- results of institutional self-assessment are communicated widely,
- processes provide abundant opportunities for meaningful and inclusive dialogue,
- resource allocation is in alignment with our mission, goals, and priorities, and
- regular assessment of processes and mechanisms assure they support ongoing improvement.

“This office centralizes Mesa’s efforts to put into place all of the planning we’ve worked diligently on for several years,” said President **Pamela Luster**. “Having this resource will help Mesa to make data-informed decisions, to increase student success and college effectiveness, and to put our plans into action.”

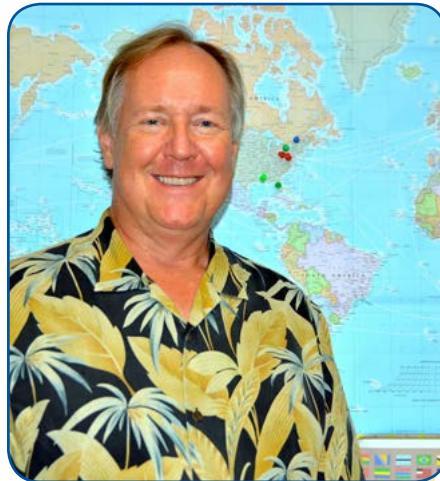
"They learn so much ... but camaraderie, team building and fun are what's priceless."
 – Prof. Morteza Mohssenzadeh



MESA STUDENTS WALK ON WATER

Members of the **Mesa College Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)** took top awards at the annual Walk on Water competition held in October at Southwestern College. According to Professor **Morteza Mohssenzadeh**, the goal of the competition is to promote fundamental scientific and engineering design principles. Students must consider three important design considerations — buoyancy, stability, and propulsion — in the design, construction and piloting of water shoes across a swimming pool. Mesa's "Tanker SHPE" bested eight university, high school and community college teams to place in all award categories: fastest shoes, most creative shoes, and best use of recycled materials.

"Education doesn't begin and end in the classroom.... A community college's mission is to reach out to educate everyone in the community in all available venues. That's the driving force behind my efforts to reach out to the community through the classroom, the media and community events."
 – Prof. Carl Luna



SAN DIEGO'S TOP TALKING HEAD

During San Diego's 2013 mayoral mayhem, you could turn on any news media outlet in the county or country to hear Mesa College's political pundit, **Carl Luna**, commenting on "all things Filner." On July 29th, *The Voice of San Diego* headlined an article on Luna as, "San Diego's Top Talking Head." The article quoted many local media resources referring to Luna as "our Carl Luna." But really, he is Mesa's Professor of Political Science, a position he has held since 1989.



MAKING A WORLDWIDE MARK ON STUDENT SUCCESS

As a Fulbright scholar, Professor of Chemistry Dr. Saloua Saidane planned to spend her yearlong sabbatical in her native Tunisia preparing college students for success by changing their attitudes and behavior. When the Sept. 2012 terrorist attack on the US Embassy in Tunisia cancelled Fulbright grants, Prof. Saidane carried on at her own expense, teaching personal growth classes to college students, training educators, speaking at conferences and helping wherever she could. James Bullock, US Embassy of Tunisia, summarizes her contributions, "You have done great things (in support of educational and cultural exchange between the U.S. and Tunisia) and will continue to do great things in the future."

MESA'S WOMAN OF VISION

In July, Los Angeles public television powerhouse KCET released the names of seven Southern California women with vision: women that have spent their lifetimes working for true social justice and the betterment of their community through literature, poetry, and the arts. Among them was Mesa's own **Alessandra Moctezuma**. To quote writer Mike Sonksen: "Moctezuma has given hundreds of young artists their first art shows or public displays of their work in Los Angeles, New York, and San Diego. Her versatility as gallery director and professor has helped Mesa College develop one of the finest art and gallery studies programs in the nation."

CLASS OF 2013 TENURED PROFESSORS

Each May, Mesa College honors those faculty members who achieve the rank of Professor and Assistant Professor. This year's honorees and their families enjoyed a lovely dinner — prepared by Mesa's culinary students — followed by



awards and comments from the school Deans. **Jill Moreno Ikari** advanced to rank of Associate Professor, and 20 faculty members celebrated full professorship (see photo). Also honored were this year's faculty retirees, **Catherine Berstch Boychuk, John Sievers, Mimi Moore** and **Laurie Mackenzie**.

Front row: **Anar Brahmhatt, Morteza Mohssenzadeh, Momilani Ramstrum, Janna Braun, Toni Parsons, Tracy Tuttle, Dora Schoenbrun-Fernandez, Kari Parker, Kevin Krown**. Back row: President **Pam Luster, Inna Kanevsky, Denise Rogers, Mark Abajian, Duane Wesley, Joseph Safdie, Michael Temple**. Not pictured: **Alison Damoose, Claude Mona, Juliette Parker, Robert Sanchez, Tracey Walker**.

FOCUS

TENACHING

- 24 Future radiologic technicians are pinned after completion of more than 2,000+ hours of practicum.



- At exactly 10:21 a.m. on Oct.21, the Mesa College community “dropped, covered, and held on” for the **Great California Shakeout**.



- Everyone is all smiles as the **Dental Assisting Program** wins National and State re-accreditation.



- English faculty and honors students celebrate the 2012 publication of the **Mesa Visions Art & Literary Magazine**.



- For the 10th year, science and math faculty and students demonstrate science is fun at the **San Diego High Tech Fair**.



- **Carlos Wales** was named Mesa's Unsung Hero.
- The **Golden Scissors Fashion Show** marks its 31st year.

- **Women's History Month** is celebrated with films, lectures, workshops, music and more.
- Students sign up for 35 clubs during **Club Rush**.



- Nearly 70 international students representing more than 20 countries are welcomed to Mesa College.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2012-2013

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

- Team Mesa continues the community tradition of **AIDS Walk San Diego**.



- The Music Department unveils the **Alex Maas Music Laboratory**, named in honor of former student Alexander Edward Maas.



- Performing arts students celebrate the 51st anniversary of Enos the Astro Chimp's successful space flight with a parade.



- An annual tradition, faculty, staff and students take home yet another trophy at San Diego's **Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade**.



- The **Interior Design Program** receives a five-year re-accreditation from the National Kitchen & Bath Association, or NKBA, the gold standard in the kitchen and bath industry.

- Geology Prof. **Don Barrie** demonstrates the physics of volcanic eruptions.

- Engineering students dunk professors for fun and profit.



- 1,046 students in Mesa's 49th graduating class received 1,110 academic degrees and 321 certificates.

- Drama students take their art to the street to teach a section on theatre to students at **Lindsay School**.



- States' Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment is the focus of **Constitution Week**.



- The Simon Wiesenthal Center Holocaust exhibit, **The Courage to Remember**, makes its San Diego debut at Mesa College.



- Professor emeritus and former coach **Ann Heck** (second from left) was among seven women inducted into the California Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

- Receiving the President's Medallion from the American Culinary Federation was frosting on the cake for instructor **Robert Reid**, who was also named Chef Educator of the Year by the San Diego Chapter of Chefs de Cuisine.



- History instructor and Mesa grad **Proceso James Paligutan** completed his doctorate in history at UC Irvine.

- Chicana/o Studies instructor **Oscar Canedo** took part in the American History, Atlantic and Pacific: An NEH Bridging Cultures Project.

- Accounting Clerk **Michelle West** was named 2013 classified employee of the year.



Excellence is one of ten values of the Mesa College Mission Statement (see page 6). It also drives faculty and staff to be leaders in their respective fields and community. Listed are recent accomplishments, honors, awards and activities of the Mesa College community.

- Art instructor and Mesa alumna **Misty Hawkins'** painting, "Resolution," won "Best in Show" in the Portrait Society's All Members Show.



- English Prof. **Bonnie Zobell** released a new chapbook collection of flash fiction, *The Whack-Job Girls*.

- Theatre technician **Chris Renda** starred in "Persuasion" at the OnStage Playhouse.

- Art history instructor, writer and curator **Kraig Cavanaugh** took home a 2012 San Diego Press Club Excellence in Journalism Award; he was also inducted into the US Chapter of the International Association of Art Critics.

- The SDSU Department of Africana Studies honored Prof. **Starla Lewis** at their 40th Anniversary Celebration.



- Prof. **Scott Starbuck** published a new book of poetry, *River Walker*.

- **Rocio Sandoval** was named the Southeast Area 1 representative for the Statewide Classified Senate (4CS).

- Prof. **Robert Pickford** published a new book, *The Seven Signals of Meaning: How Writers Can Say What They Mean*.

- The 2013 Cannon Art Gallery Juried Exhibition featured the works of art instructors **Lisa Hutton** and **John Chwekun**.

- Dr. **Kimberley Perigo** completed the doctoral program in Community College Leadership at SDSU.

- PTA program director Dr. **Tina Recalde** completed a yearlong leadership academy sponsored by the credentialing body for the American Physical Therapy Association.

- Communications Services (**Carol Beilstein**, **Anabel Pulido** and **Lina Heil**) took awards in both NCMPR and CCPRO design and writing competitions.

- The San Diego Science Alliance elected Dr. **Saeid Y. Eidgahy**, Dean of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, to serve on their Board of Trustees.



KUDOS & ACCOLADES

STAR AWARDS

Held each May, the annual Mesa College STAR Awards recognizes the academic achievements, community spirit, and athletic excellence of student athletes.



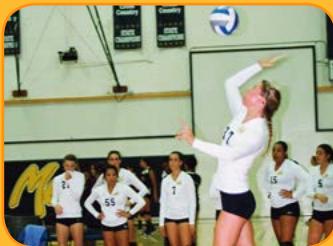
Missy Glassett was named Super Star Award Recipient. Eight Mesa College athletic teams won their Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) championships. They are:

Women's Teams:

Cross Country
Volleyball
Softball
Track
Swimming

Men's Teams:

Cross Country
Tennis
Track



HOMECOMING 2012

Amid cheers and glittering blue pompons, San Diego Mesa College Olympians made sure that the first homecoming game in school history on October 20th was one to remember. The event included a Mesa Memory Booth, a trivia game, and a scholarship opportunity drawing. Half-time celebrated Mesa' ten winning athletic teams (2011-2012), scholar athletes, and the celebrated Chet DeVore Trophy. Alumna **Maryanne Hernandez** (pictured third from left, below) called it a "sweet homecoming."



"My mom and I represent two generations of Mesa graduates, and I plan to keep this family legacy of education going. I so appreciate the education I received ... Mesa's in my heart for life!"

— Maryanne Hernandez

HONORING ARNIE



Spearheaded by Coach **Renee Ross**, Mesa Track and Field launched the first "Arnie Robinson Invitational" in April. The high school and college track

meet honored the Mesa graduate and coach who placed third at the 1972 Olympic Games, and took gold in 1976. A pillar of the track and field community, Coach Robinson has been inducted into numerous halls of fame. He was also named in 2012 as the Mesa College Distinguished Alumnus.

"No one in a lifetime can even come close to what Arnie Robinson has done for the sport of track and field."

— Dave Evans, Mesa College Athletics Director

- Mesa College counselors and staff posed for a photo tribute and sent gifts to members of the Air Force Security Troop, stationed at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The effort was led by staffer **Cathy Bruce**, whose son, Christopher, is on his 5th tour of duty.
- Prof. **Jeff Berry's** amazing annual holiday transport helped impoverished children and their families in the colonias of Ensenada.
- The EOPS/CARE program held its 13th annual CARE Kids Holiday Celebration, benefiting the children of students who receive CalWORKs funding and services.
- Prof. **Akunna Winston** led the campus effort to help Mission Africa send 63 pairs of old prescription glasses and close to 2,000 text and reading books to Africa.

HELPING THOSE WHO SERVE

The call for help came from C Troop, 1-18 Calvary, stationed next door to the college at the National Guard Armory. Nearing deployment to Iraq, they had no funds for farewell holiday party. Led by student services staff, the college responded with decorations, games, toys and stuffed teddy bears, and a \$275 cash donation.



- Student clubs and organizations helped the homeless, supported the fight against Alzheimer's disease, held blood drives, and walked to fight breast cancer, promote AIDs awareness, and more.
- Filling a 20-yard dumpster to capacity, the "town and gown" effort that is **Canyon Day** removed 10 tires, four shopping carts, mattresses, bed and bike frames, golf clubs, a backseat and bumper, arundo bamboo, and tons of trash from a trailhead of Tecolote Canyon.
- Now in its 12th year, the classified staff of Mesa College held a holiday bazaar for at the San Diego Center for Children, enabling the children to "shop" for holiday gifts for those they love.

SPiRiT @ COMMUNITY



In May, \$84,600 in scholarships were awarded to 139 students during the 20th Annual Scholarship Banquet. Largely based on donations from faculty, staff, businesses and organizations, the scholarships are coordinated through the San Diego Mesa College Foundation.



OBJECTIVES

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation builds its community, inspires excellence and creates an enlightened tomorrow.

The non-profit organization is dedicated to cultivating friends and funds to help the college achieve its mission of offering programs and services for the benefit of our diverse student body beyond that which is funded by the State. For more information, to make a donation, and to become involved, please call 619-388-2285.

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HONORS STUDENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS



Two Mesa College honor students were among 73 in the nation to receive prestigious 2013 Jack Kent Cooke undergraduate scholarships worth up to \$30,000 per year.

Kiet Lam, 20, faced his fear of deportation with a determination to succeed. According to Dr. Alison Primoza, SDCCD honors transfer officer, Kiet completed a "curriculum rivaling that of a university senior." Kiet plans to study electrical engineering and computer science at UC Berkeley.

When life rendered her jobless and homeless, Tammy Schweinegruber, 43, strengthened her resolve to succeed and returned to college full-time in 2010 to pursue a new career. Tammy graduated with multiple degrees and plans to pursue a degree in chemical engineering at UC Riverside.

With the double awards in 2013, Mesa College can count seven JKC awards in seven years.

Gracia Molina de Pick Gifts \$80,000 to Mesa Chicana/o Studies



Lifelong educator, feminist, and community activist **Gracia Molina de Pick** was on hand in March for the 2nd Annual Gracia Molina de Pick Feminist Lecture Series. The event honored community activist **Tommie Camarillo** and featured a panel discussion on Chicana activism in San Diego.

The occasion also marked the signing of an \$80,000 endowment by the Pick family to Mesa's **Chicana/o Studies Department**. The fund will support the continued lecture series named in her honor, the expansion of programs, and create an annual student scholarship in her honor.

Mesa College will name the glass gallery exhibit space in the Humanities, Languages and Multicultural Studies Building rotunda in her honor.

FOUNDATION

FOR SUCCESS

Student Services Center

District officials, former and current college administrators, students and staff, and even the sun showed up for the February opening celebration of the new **Student Services Center**. The center was an immediate hit when it opened in fall, 2012. In January, the SSC received **LEED Gold** certification. Nineteen student services departments are now housed in the facility, truly a “one stop shop” for student success.



Math+Science Complex

In the center of campus, the massive **Math+Science Complex** rose like a Phoenix. The new 206,000 square feet project is a four-story building consisting of classrooms, lecture rooms, computer and teaching laboratories, and faculty support space. Specialty teaching spaces include a greenhouse and an astronomy observation center. Exterior teaching spaces feature globally themed micro climate gardens, including an Australian garden, a South African garden and a San Diego native species garden. Completed on time and on budget, the building opens for classes in spring semester 2014.



San Diego Mesa College Social and Behavioral Sciences Building

Study in the fields of social and behavioral sciences is poised to reach new levels of distinction with the April groundbreaking of the new three-story, \$40.5 million building. The San Diego Mesa College **Social and Behavioral Sciences Building** will feature 66,000 SF of “smart” classrooms; Psychology, Anthropology and Geography laboratories; and Communications Studies studios. A series of courtyards will open toward and complement the future Mesa College Quad. A multi-use patio will crown the third floor of the structure, which is on track to obtain LEED Gold certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).



CE at Mesa College Campus

The campus and community welcomed the opening of the \$22.5 million **Continuing Education Mesa College Campus**. The new two-story building consolidates programs formerly held at nearby community sites. It offers English as a second language and parent education programs, as well as disability support services and enrichment programs for seniors.

Project	Construction Start	Completion	Date of Occupancy
Math+Science Complex	November 2010	August 14, 2013	January 2014
LRC Language Lab	May 2013	October 2013	January 2014
Social/Behavioral Sciences Building	January 2013	May 2014	August 2014*
Cafeteria/Bookstore	January 2013	May 2015*	August 2015*
Fitness Center	June 2014*	June 2015*	August 2015*
Center for Business Technology	May 2015*	October 2016*	December 2016*
Central Quad	January 2017*	July 2017	August 2017*
Fine/Drama Arts	January 2017*	July 2017	August 2017*
*Estimated Dates			

THE LEARNING LANDSCAPE

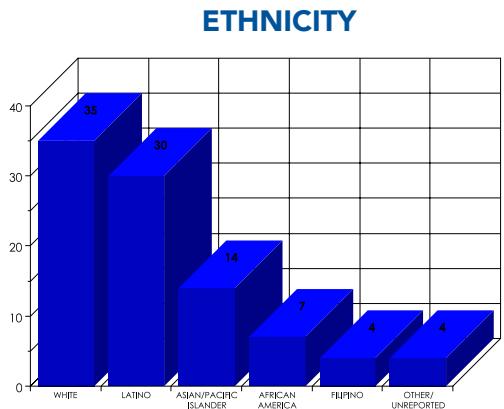
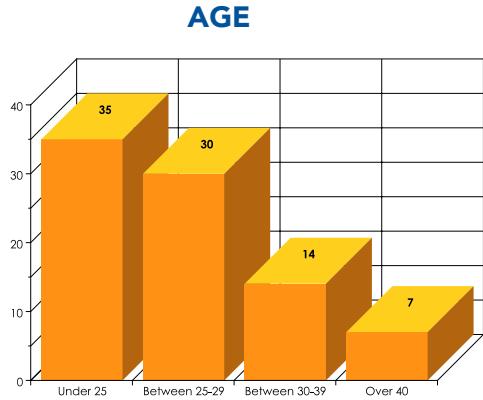
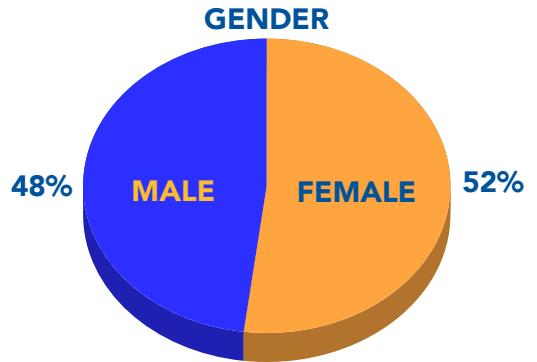


Founded: 1964
Fall 2012 Enrollment: 25,468
Cost: \$46 per credit unit, CA resident

26% First Generation College Students
 45% Students receiving financial aid
 3% Students receiving DSPS services
 24% Full time students (12 or more credits)
 76% Part time students

Top Five Majors Selected by Students
 Undeclared AA/AS 4,557
 Business Administration 2,365
 Transfer 2,099
 Unclassified Restricted Tech Program 1,587
 Biology 1,467

Degrees and Certificates Awarded in 2012-2013
 AA/AS Degree 981
 Certificate of Achievement 335



2012-2013 ACTUAL EXPENSES

Category	Adopted	Adjusted	Actuals	Balance
Academic	30,823,525	30,855,207	30,699,460	155,747
Non-Academic	7,949,566	8,048,838	7,808,597	240,241
Benefits	10,325,512	10,342,811	10,921,709	-578,898
Supplies/Materials	707,268	707,635	376,089	331,546
Other Operating Expenses	429,005	481,643	437,857	43,786
Capital Outlay	227,623	227,623	226,541	1,082
Totals	\$50,462,499	\$50,663,757	\$50,470,253	\$193,504

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