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ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Student Profiles

ETHNICITY



Latino 37% · Caucasian 34% · Asian 12%
African American 7% · Two or more 6% · Filipino 4%
Other/Unreported 3% · Native American <1%
Pacific Islander <1%

GENDER



52%

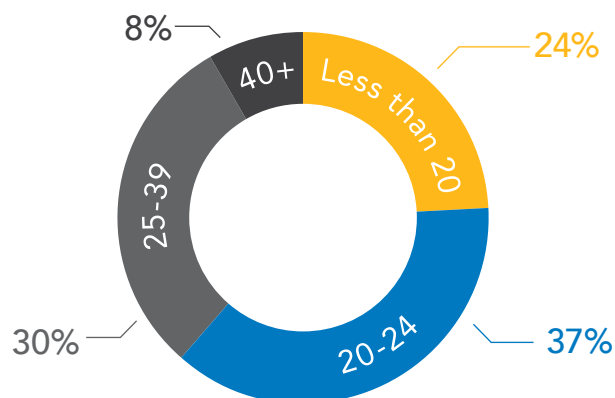
Female Students



48%

Male Students

STUDENT AGE



2017 GRADUATES

1,582

of Associate Degrees Granted (regular & transfer)

747

of Associate Degrees for Transfer

346

of Certificates of Achievement

460

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

TOP 5 MOST AWARDED ASSOCIATES DEGREES



#1

Business Administration



#2

Liberal Arts & Sciences



#3

Psychology



#4

Biology AA/AS



#5

Communication

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About Mesa College



MESA



Student Profiles



1,879

of students who graduated in 2016



28%

First Generation College Students



47%

Students Receiving Financial Aid



2,228

of academic degrees & certificates awarded



0.5%

San Diego Promise Recipients



8%

Active Military/ Veteran

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.



This has been a year of thank yous.

One of the things I enjoy most about being the proud President of San Diego Mesa College – is meeting, talking with, and learning from our students. I also get to work with some of the most progressive, caring, scholarly, dedicated faculty, classified professionals and administrators anywhere. Altogether, we strive to build a community for all of us. For students, we aspire to create a place where they belong and where they are supported in reaching their full capacity as learners. For all of us, we are creating an environment where we arrive each day prepared to do our best work, inspired to learn more, with a willingness to improve our practice on behalf of our students.

I am proud of our students who were named to the First Team for the 2017 All-California Academic Team and are among the top community college students in the state. A big shout out to our ASG students for their advocacy efforts both locally and nationally. I celebrate, with our faculty, the accomplishments of our speech and debate students who traveled

to Peru to compete in international competition against the world's best. In fall 2016, we welcomed our first junior class for the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management, and next year, Mesa College will award the first bachelor's degrees in the college's history.

Our Excellence and Equity efforts are flourishing, with programs and services that support all of our students, but whose focus is on those who have traditionally been marginalized in higher education. Our efforts are showing great promise. With English and Math placement, the focus on accelerating courses, and the enhancement and expansion of tutoring programs and spaces that support them, we are transforming the campus. We thank those in programs such as EOPS, STAR, Puente, Mesa Academy, MAAP, SEEDS, STEM Conexiones, Proyecto Exito, Honors, and Tutoring. We continue to work with our partners from the Center for Urban Education (CUE) at USC, and the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) at SDSU, to help us explore and implement better ways to break down barriers.

We launched MesaMoves...to help students find transportation options, including valet parking during the first three weeks of the semester! We broke ground on the Center for Business and Technology and opened Mesa Commons, our beautiful new gathering place, and home to the Culinary Terrace and our Culinary Arts/Management Program.

Mesa Olympians, led by our ASG, equity office and many others, formalized our commitment to students with housing and food insecurity by opening The Stand – a place for students to find food and clothing, and get referrals for sustainable resources to support them while they attend Mesa College. Our Student Veterans continue to find jobs, start their own companies, and transfer to elite universities. Last year alone, veterans transferred to Stanford, MIT, Wesleyan, Yale, SDSU, UCSD, USC, Berkeley, UCLA and more.

On a final note, I'd like to thank all the administrators, faculty, staff, and of course – students – for making Mesa what it is: a campus where hearing "Thank you" and "You're welcome" is common place. Annual reports are generally a look back, but I say without hesitation, 2017-2018 is shaping up to be a banner year again, focused on teaching and learning, becoming a true Hispanic serving institution, and living our vision as the, *"The Leading College of Equity and Excellence."*

Thank you!

Pamela T. Luster,
President

Mesa Leadership



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

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Rob Fremland, President, Academic Senate
Kim Perigo, President Elect, Academic Senate
Trina Larson, President, Classified Senate
Manuel Velez, Chair of Chairs

Equity & Excellence



Accreditation Re-affirmed

In 2017, the San Diego Community College District and the associated colleges, including Mesa College, participated in Accreditation. Accreditation is the recognition that an institution maintains standards requisite for its graduates to gain admission to other reputable institutions of higher learning or to achieve credentials for professional practice. The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. San Diego Mesa College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

In preparation for Accreditation, Mesa faculty and staff completed an "Institutional Self-Evaluation Report", a robust and comprehensive report that responded to the guidelines required by the accreditation commission the ACCJC.

Following our most recent ACCJC team visit in 2017, Mesa's accreditation was reaffirmed through 2024. During the reaffirmation process, the College received commendations for the following:

- Equity
- Diversity
- Our commitment to tutoring services, employees, and collaborative team-oriented environments
- Our commitment to the ongoing professional learning of all employees
- Our leadership for instilling a student-centered culture across the campus
- Our student-centered approaches utilizing technology resources
- Our development of operational data reports and survey results that facilitate data-informed dialogue and decision-making

As an institution, Mesa College has embraced self-reflective quality improvement since its first accreditation visit in 1966 and we continue to learn and grow as a result, with the goal of becoming The Leading College of Equity and Excellence.

“Student success is what we do. Accreditation is the assessment of that every seven years.”



Mesa College Advocates for Students

Following the uncertainty of the 2016 presidential election, Mesa reaffirmed its support for all students, regardless of their immigration status or religion.

In November 2016, students, faculty, and staff organized and participated in a "Teach-In". The event provided students an opportunity to discuss

the election while promoting campus unity. The Teach-in was organized by Chemistry professor and Academic Senate President Robert Fremland, and ASG President Ava Fakhrabadi.

In addition to the Teach-in, Mesa offered its own support for undocumented students through the Borderless Scholars program, which serves AB540 and DACA students who want to attend college.

In January 2017, Mesa, along with the rest of the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), pledged support for all students. The SDCCD Board of Trustees passed a resolution affirming the district's support for its diverse student population, including those who may lack legal authorization to be in this country.

Mesa College Receives \$5 Million Title III HSI STEM Grant

On September 28, 2016, Mesa became one of 38 Hispanic Serving Institutions throughout the state to receive a five-year, \$5 million Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Mesa's proposal, STEM Conexiones (STEM Connections), aims to strengthen the college's capacity to serve underrepresented students. The Hispanic student population at Mesa College has grown substantially in recent years, with 37% of fall 2016 students being of Hispanic/Latino descent.

Mesa will use the grant money to improve and increase Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) progress through a student, faculty, and pathways focus. Specific measures include enhanced



counseling services, peer mentoring and outreach, faculty connections through professional development and curriculum redesign, and pathways connections working directly with high schools and adult learners to prepare them for

STEM majors. In 2017, Mesa will also use the grant to establish a STEM Center, a space for students, faculty, and peer mentors to come together for classroom support or to begin research projects.

Faculty /Staff Stand-outs

Retired Dean of Athletics, Exercise, Science, & Health; Dave Evans Wins Prestigious Miller Award

Dave Evans, Mesa's former Director of Athletics, was selected for the 2017 National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) L. William Miller Award. Dave was recognized for establishing stronger working relationships between the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA), the Athletic Director Association and the National Athletic Administration Organization

and for giving student-athletes a national voice on both academic and athletic issues.

From 1997 to 2016, Dave Evans served as Athletic Director. He served as the President of the California Community College Athletic Director's Association in 2004-2005, and 2008-2009, served two years as the Chair of the Competition Committee for the California Community College Athletic Association, and served seven years on the Management Council for the CCCCCAA. Dave was elected Athletic Director of the Year in 2007 by CCCCCAA and was recognized as the NACDA's 2007-08 Athletics Director of the Year "Community College West" Region.

Mesa Dental Program Director Margaret Fickess Earns Lucy Hobbs Project Innovator Award

San Diego Mesa College's Dental Assisting Program Director Margaret Fickess, RDA, CDA, MEd, received the Lucy Hobbs Innovator Award in April 2017. Chosen from more than 100 nominations, Fickess was nominated for her work in designing the Allied Health Building.

Classrooms and labs in the new building are outfitted with modern, "smart" technology such as digital x-ray equipment, monitors, computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing dental systems and software, intra-oral cameras and

docking cameras that help to show students how to manipulate dental materials. Having access to the new technology has allowed students to engage in more hands-on learning and helped in the success rate of students throughout the one-year program — as seen in the unprecedented 100% retention/graduation rate of 32 students during the first year in the new building.

An alumna herself, Fickess graduated from the dental assisting program at Mesa in 1968 before starting her career working for a dentist as a chairside assistant. When a part-time teaching position opened up in 1979, Fickess returned to Mesa to join the faculty, later becoming the director for the program.





Alma Fuentes Doubles Down on Awards

Alma Fuentes, a Custodial Crew Leader in Mesa's Facilities Department, was named Classified Employee of the Year. Fuentes was recognized for her dedicated service at Mesa College and her positive attitude. In October 2016, she won the "Smile of the Month" award, part of the Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion and Equity's (CDAIE) informal program honoring the diversity, depth, and humanity of employees at Mesa College.

Fuentes – who has worked at Mesa College for seven years – takes pride in serving the students, faculty and staff on campus and seeing them enjoy the spaces she manages. This caring attitude toward the Mesa family was a major factor for her receiving both the Classified Employee of the Year and Smile of the Month awards.

"My favorite part of this job is the satisfaction I feel after providing good service to the students, whether it's helping them out with directions, making the campus safer if I detect a safety issue, or cleaning and having everything sanitized and ready for the students," Fuentes said.



Geoffrey Nathan Wins National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Grant

Adjunct History professor Geoffrey S. Nathan was announced as a recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Grant for 2017. Thanks to the grant, Nathan participated in "Migration and Empire: The Roman Experience from Marcus Aurelius to Muhammad" – a four-week NEH Summer Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill focused on Rome and the voluntary and involuntary migrations between 180 and 630 A.D.

Nathan worked with participants from across the country to compile information from the Migration and Empire Institute, which will then be incorporated into undergraduate programs throughout the United States. Nathan plans to use parts of his summer research in his History 100 "World History" course during future semesters at Mesa College.



Mesa Employee Wins Prestigious Journalism Awards

Mesa stock clerk Jesse Reyes was presented with two Plaridel awards from the Philippine American Press Club for his work at the San Diego-based Filipino Press. The Plaridel Awards – presented by Consul General Henry Bensurto, Jr., an ambassador to the Philippines – honors journalists for the excellence of their work within the field of Filipino-American journalism.

Reyes was awarded "Best International News Reporting" for his article on the Czech involvement in the WWII Battle of Bataan. He was also awarded "Best Sports Story" for Philippine basketball player Carlos "Caloy" Loyzaga, and was a finalist in the category of "Best Commentary/ Editorial Essay" for an editorial about the Filipino community helping Syrian refugees. Reyes has been an employee with the District for 25 years.

Student Stand-outs



A Commitment to Fellow Student Veterans

Jordan Agricola, a U.S. Army veteran, and communication and marketing major, was determined to make the most of his time at Mesa. Jordan was born in Hawaii, but grew up in California. After initially attending Santa Rosa Junior College, Agricola dropped out and moved back to Hawaii, later joining the military. When he decided to move to San Diego, he found Mesa.

While at Mesa, Jordan worked as a VA work-study at the Veterans Resource Center. He decided to run for President of Mesa's Student Veteran Organization, and to his surprise, he won. Since his first year as President, the SVO has grown from 10 members to more than 150. Upon completing his third and final semester as president, he said that the community has grown stronger and become more involved with both the campus and the local communities. At the 2017 Commencement Ceremony, Jordan was awarded the Presidential Service Award for his exemplary attitude and many accomplishments. Jordan will be attending Wesleyan University.

Garrido Recaptures Women's Tennis Title

Student – Athlete sophomore Danielle Garrido achieved two back-to-back undefeated seasons and has a singles record of 18-0 for the year 2017. In 2016, she was named the All-Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Team Player of the Year, and she was named the Athlete of the Week in April 2016.

Danielle was the only women's tennis player in the conference to make the list this year. Tennis Head Coach Marc Pinckney said her hard work and dedication to the team is part of what helped her to earn this honor and be a successful tennis player overall. Nursing major Garrido has her sights set on transferring to a four-year school, with several offering her a full scholarship.





Academic Excellence

Fabiola Beas was the recipient of the President's Award for Academic Excellence and Service. Beyond being an academic standout (she was on the Dean's Honor List twice), the psychology major was a Lead Peer Navigator, active in the Puente program, and was involved with helping recent high school graduates transition seamlessly to Mesa College through monthly contacts.

"I am a proud contributing member to the campus culture at San Diego Mesa College by being an active participant in the educational equity efforts of the school as well as my own personal goal to serve others through my work," said the aspiring educator. Beas graduated in 2017 and transferred to San Diego State University.

"I am a proud contributing member to the campus culture"



Women's Soccer Team Ranked First in Division

The Mesa women's soccer team moved up to first place in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Junior College Division III in 2016. Starting the season at seventh place, the Olympians were one of only three undefeated teams in the 18-team division list. The team scored 75 goals, at an average of 3.5 goals per game.

2016-17 Sports Highlights

- Kat Wright and Flavia Virgili, of the women's beach volleyball team, placed third in State Championships out of 32 paired teams.
- The women's track and field team was the Conference (PCAC) Runner-up and had multiple individual champions.
- The men's track and field team was Conference (PCAC) Champions and had multiple individual conference champions.
- Women's swim and dive team was the PCAC dual meet and Conference Champions with five new PCAC records.
- Men's swim and dive was repeat Conference Dual meet Champions
- The men's water polo team came in third place in the Pacific Coast Division.

August
'16



Interior Design Students Take National and Regional Design Awards

Five interior design students won national and regional awards from the American Society of Interior Designers and the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

September
'16



Mesa Receives \$5m Title III STEM Grant

Mesa was awarded a five-year, \$5 million Title V grant from the U.S. Department of Education for "STEM Conexiones," a program aimed at serving underrepresented students.

October
'16



Women's Soccer Team Ranked First in Nation

Women's soccer takes first place in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Junior College Division III rankings.

Year in

November
'16



Week of Events to Honor Veterans at Mesa College

Veterans week included an open house, panel discussions, and a fun air-suit wrestling match.

December
'16



Fashion Technology Showcased in Mesa's First-ever On-campus Fashion Show

The inaugural fashion show showcased outfits with pixels, fiber optics, and other technology.

January
'17



Mesa Participates in 37th annual MLK JR Parade

Students, faculty, and staff marched in the 37th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade along the San Diego Embarcadero.

February
'17



Black History Month

Mesa hosted blues music, open mic poetry, guest lecturers and a celebration of Rosa Parks' life at the Rosa Parks Transit Center.

March
'17



Mesa Confronts 'Fobias' with Special Art Exhibit

International artist Shinpei Takeda brought Fobias to the Mesa Art Gallery, a collaborative and performative art exhibit confronting people's phobias.

April
'17



Poets Taco 'Bout History of Performance Group

Influential poetry and spoken word collective Taco Shop Poets told the story of their formation in the mid-1990s.


May
'17



Mesa Student-athlete Garrett Eldred Offered Full Scholarship to Mississippi Valley State University

Mesa Outreach ambassador and standout football player Garrett Eldred accepted a full-ride scholarship to join Mississippi Valley State University's Division I football team.

Review



Community

Financial Literacy Speaker Series Inspires Students

Mesa students learned about budgeting, credit, taxes, and other financial topics in the Financial Literacy Speaker Series throughout the spring 2017 semester.

Business professor Howard Eskew — working with Mesa's Financial Literacy Taskforce and with the support of California Coast Credit Union and the San Diego Financial Literacy Center —

organized the series after recognizing a need among students for financial information.

"A lot of students come in and are not sure of how to handle their money, what to do and how to do it wisely," said Eskew. "So we're trying to help them to have a firm financial foundation of knowledge and make life a lot less stressful."

The series featured local business and financial professionals. The first lecture, *\$pend \$mart*, featured Navy veteran Rae Russell, founder and CEO of Financial Coach 4 U, which helps

families manage their finances. Other speakers included Certified Financial Planner Paul S. Lim, who discussed tax returns and investments; Chase Peckham, Director of Community Outreach for the San Diego Financial Literacy Center, who talked credit scores; and Eskew himself, who hosted an open forum for any financial questions.

Eskew hopes to expand the program in the future, with additional educational programming added to help create comprehensive financial education.



Mesa Costume Making Class Creates Dresses for Children in Africa

Dramatic Arts and Fashion students enrolled in the Fall 2016 costume making class put their skills to good use by making dresses for Little Dresses for Africa, a non-profit organization that sends dresses to children in Africa. Professor Smiley decided to have her students create dresses for their project as a way

to reinforce their sewing skills, and support a charity at the same time.

The dresses are made using a "pillowcase" design pattern, which was chosen by the organization due to its simplicity. Emily Zuniga, another Dramatic Arts student working on her charity dress assignment, said that though she has never sewn before, this project has been great to work on — mainly due to its charitable side. The students' dresses were shipped overseas at the end of the Fall 2016 semester.



Mesa Professors Bring Little Free Library to Local Community

In an effort to promote literacy, Pegah Motaleb, Assistant Professor of English, and Sam Lee, Adjunct Professor of Mathematics, came together to bring a Little Free Library to the San Diego Cooperative Charter School in Linda Vista. The project was organized by Motaleb, who had seen similar Little Free Libraries throughout the Hillcrest, South Park, and Mission Hills neighborhoods.

"Promoting reading and literacy in neighborhoods, especially neighborhoods where the majority of residents are first generation immigrants, or individuals of color who are underserved by the education system, is so important," Motaleb said.

Motaleb worked with Lee, who painted a whimsical landscape on the side of the library. Lee was inspired by the memories of reading with his family. Funding was provided by the Mesa Foundation, The American Federation of Teachers Guild (Local 1931), and the Mesa Honors Program.



Michael Harrison Gets Choral

Michael Harrison may spend his days teaching the Spanish language to his students at Mesa, but many of his nights are spent singing with a local chorus group. Harrison has been performing since his college days – where he began as a vocal performance major – but for the past three years he's been first tenor with the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus.

"Singing with the chorus is great because it's fun and I get that artistic

outlet of being able to sing and do something very different from what I do day to day," Harrison said. The chorus also gives Harrison a chance to take part in community outreach, as the chorus does multiple small outreach concerts for different community organizations and youth groups.

In addition to singing with the chorus, Harrison performs with the California Youth Conservatory Theatre. The theatre company pairs up child performers with adult mentors to help train the children for careers as professional actors.



Mesa Continues Commitment to the Environment

Over 120 volunteers took part in Canyon Day 2017 on Saturday, April 22. Co-hosted by Mesa College and San Diego's Parks and Recreation Department, the event brought students, faculty, and staff together to clean nearby Tecolote Canyon of trash and invasive plants.

This year, volunteers filled a 40-yard trash dumpster in under two hours, a new record according to Park Ranger Janice Lavalle. Additionally, items such as an old sofa, several shopping carts, shoes, and random paper products were removed. The most collected item by far was palm fronds, as vegetation has become prolific in the canyon due to the recent rains.

Among the volunteers were student groups and clubs, including the Honors Club, SEEDS, and student veterans. Over 75 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.



Campus Openings/ Facilities



Breaking Ground for the New Center for Business and Technology

In June 2017, Mesa College hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Center for Business and Technology – one of Mesa’s final classroom building projects under Propositions S and N. President Pamela T. Luster of San Diego Mesa College, Maria Senour SDCCD President of the Board of Trustees and Constance Carroll the SDCCD Chancellor all spoke, with staff, faculty, students, the project team

and Mesa supporters in attendance. Shortly after the closing remarks the ceremonial groundbreaking with gold shovels began.

The new \$32.2 million, 57,800 gross square feet Center for Business & Technology will serve as home for Mesa’s business, computer, and fashion design programs. The facility will include technology-rich classrooms, a case study-type classroom, computer laboratory classrooms, a fashion design laboratory, and faculty and staff space. The entry to the building will include a large video display wall. The project will also include hardscape and landscape improvements. The project is expected to be completed by January 2018.



Bike to Work Day

For the first time, Mesa College was one of the 100 Bike to Work Day pit stops throughout San Diego where riders could take a break on their commute. Students, faculty and staff at San Diego Mesa College were encouraged to ride their bicycles to work as a part of the city-wide Bike to Work Day in May 2017. Participants received safety information from College Police, along with free snacks, repairs, and a t-shirt.

Mesa College's participation in Bike to Work Day is a part of the ongoing Mesa Moves campaign that promotes alternative transportation efforts and tries to address parking challenges on campus. Mesa's ridesharing program currently has 179 active participants, who logged more than 1,000 trips, saving \$3,500 and 2.2 tons of CO2 emissions. Mesa Moves is funded in part by a mini grant from SANDAG and iCommute, which also promotes biking as an alternative form to transportation.

Additional Facilities Updates

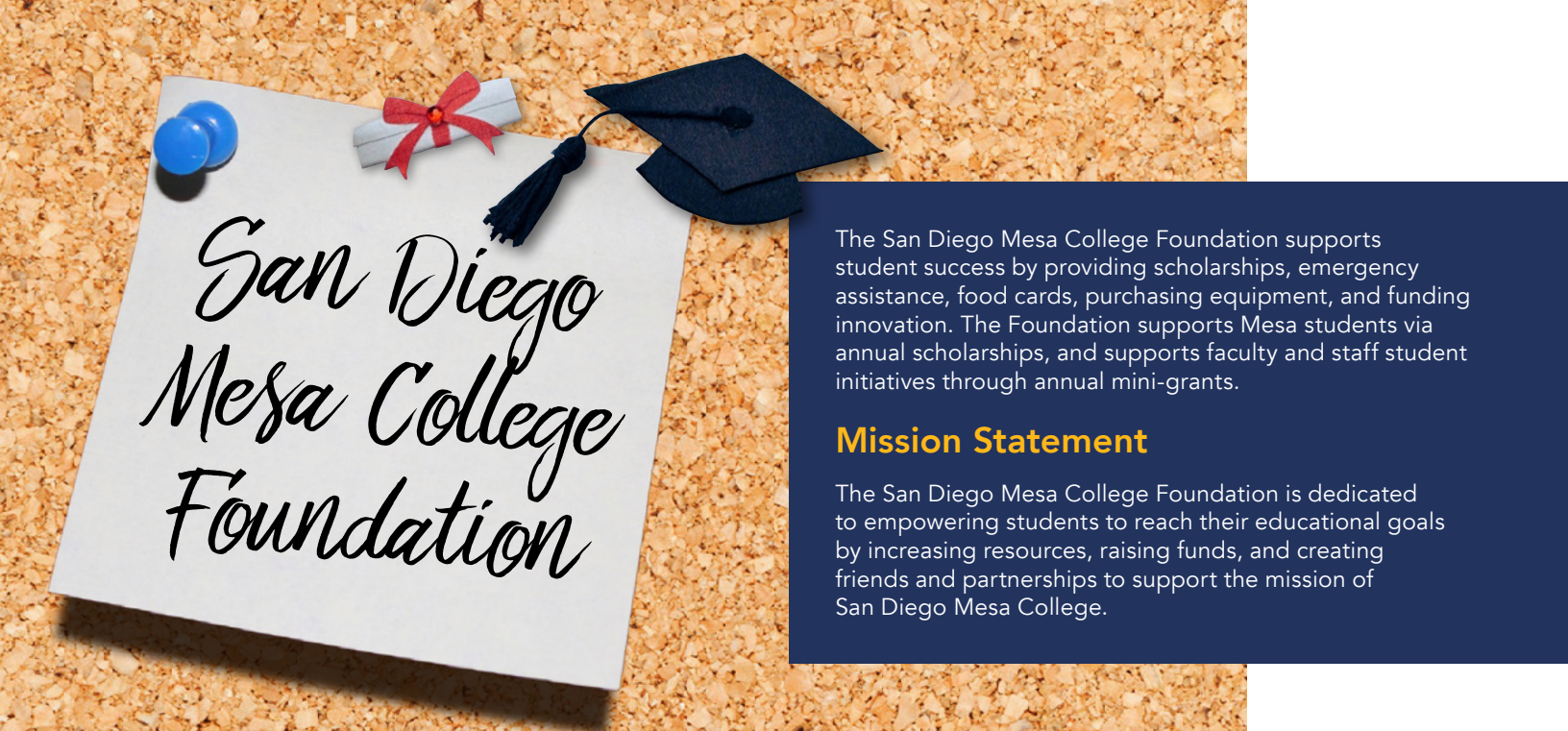
The SDCCD Prop S & N Bond projects are winding down, with several projects at Mesa that are nearing completion. In 2016-17, construction of the Center for Business and Technology launched. Work also began on the Fine Arts and Dramatic Arts Renovation, which is a remodel of the 1300 building. The renovation will result in a highly visible and thriving hub for Fine Arts students, providing modernized facilities and equipment for programs. The final project will be the development of a Campus Quad, which will provide a centrally located outdoor gathering space for the campus community.



MesaMoves

MesaMoves continues to explore sustainable and alternative options for parking on campus. Options for students, faculty and staff included

Valet parking in Lot 2 for the first three weeks of each term, free parking at Kearny High School for the first two weeks, and promotions to encourage faculty, staff and students to take a bus, rideshare, car pool, Uber or Lyft, ride a bike, or walk.




San Diego Mesa College Foundation

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation supports student success by providing scholarships, emergency assistance, food cards, purchasing equipment, and funding innovation. The Foundation supports Mesa students via annual scholarships, and supports faculty and staff student initiatives through annual mini-grants.

Mission Statement

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation is dedicated to empowering students to reach their educational goals by increasing resources, raising funds, and creating friends and partnerships to support the mission of San Diego Mesa College.



"Taste of Mesa" Event Celebrates Culinary Arts at Mesa

Mesa's Culinary Arts/Culinary Management program celebrated the opening of the Culinary Outlook – the new state-of-the-art kitchen and on-campus restaurant – with Taste of Mesa, a cooking show style fundraiser that took place in April 2017 at Mesa Commons. The hands-on event let guests sample internationally inspired cuisine and watched exciting cook-off

events between Mesa students, alumni chefs, and an advanced baking team. A silent auction followed, giving guests an opportunity to bid on a selection of food-themed items including restaurant gift cards, liquors, wine, and culinary tools.

Additionally, celebrity chefs **Kevin Templeton, Executive Chef of Barleymash**, and **Maeve Rochford, founder and owner of Sugar and Scribe**, led cooking demonstrations for VIP ticket holders. Templeton prepared food using ingredients sourced from the Culinary Outlook's rooftop garden. Rochford, winner of

Food Network's 2015 Holiday Baking Championship, led a cake decorating session.

Proceeds from Taste of Mesa went towards ingredients and supplies to help prepare Mesa students for employment in farm-to-table style restaurants, and to become valued employees in the local food and service industry. The event was organized by Tonya Whitfield, Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts/Culinary Management in Hospitality, and Michael Fitzgerald, Professor of Culinary Arts/Management, with assistance from the Mesa Foundation.



Over \$160,000 Awarded at the 24th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Over \$160,000 in scholarships were awarded to San Diego Mesa College students in April 2017, at the 24th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. 192 Mesa College

students received awards, with 34 receiving multiple awards. In total, there were 109 scholarship opportunities, making it one of the biggest scholarship awards ceremonies for Mesa. Over 400 attendees cheered as students received their scholarships.

Among the honorees were Henry Cunningham and Elvia Esquer who received the Board of Trustees

Scholarship, Natchel Bello Luna who received the Chancellor's Scholarship, and Fabiola Beas who received the President's Academic Excellence and Service Scholarship. The scholarships were made possible through the generosity of faculty, staff, people in the community, and local organizations and businesses.



Mesa Foundation Mini-Grant Supports Honors Oceanography and Marine Biology Study Trip

With the support of a recurring \$500 Mini-Grant from the Mesa Foundation, 30 students from Professor Paul Sykes' Honors Oceanography and Marine Biology classes were given a firsthand look at how oceanography research is conducted. In December 2016, Sykes and his classes spent six hours at sea aboard the Research Vessel Yellowfin, a Long Beach-based ship owned by the California State University system and operated by the Southern California Marine Institute.

Students worked with the Yellowfin's staff to study water quality from the ocean surface to depths of twenty meters. Based on samples obtained, they examined marine organisms ranging from plankton and jellyfish to fish living in the mesopelagic zone – an area of the ocean approximately 600 meters below the surface.

San Diego Mesa College Foundation Board 16-17

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Alumni Connections



2017 Distinguished Alumnus, Alexander Szeto and the Scholarship Challenge

In early 2017, Mesa College alumnus Alexander Szeto sponsored the "2017 Scholarship Challenge", where he generously matched donations up to \$10,000 that Mesa College received towards scholarships between April 17–May 17, 2017. The Challenge raised over \$26,000 for Mesa.

Alex graduated from Mesa College in 1982 with an Associate Degree in Math, and then transferred to California State Polytechnic University Pomona where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering in 1985. At San Diego State University, he earned a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering in 1991. He is currently working as a systems engineer manager at Northrop Grumman – where he has worked for the past 22 years.

Differential Equations. Thermodynamics. Fluid Mechanics.

These aren't the types of words you'd expect to hear from a self-proclaimed "farm boy who lived the first 10 ½ years on 80 acres in Iowa." Richard Jenkins, who attended Mesa from 1963 to 1965 and earned an Associate of Arts degree in Physical Science, is also an accomplished chemist and engineer with his own business in Hazardous Waste and Materials Management.

He credits his success to hard work and perseverance: "I never was the smartest guy in the class, but usually when I started something, I stuck to it, and I finished it." Richard also gives credit to Mesa College, claiming, "If I would have gone to any of the four-year institutions right away, I would have flunked out. I did not have the focus and I did not have the study skills. Mesa gave me that."

Richard went on from Mesa to get a Bachelor's degree from UCSD in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the UCSD/SDSU Joint Doctoral Program. Even after getting a Ph.D., he went on to receive a Masters of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Loyola Marymount University.

Richard reflects, "Mesa was my foothold, the stepping stone for all this. Without Mesa, I don't think I could have achieved anything else."



Richard's passion for the sciences and virtue of giving back led him to generously support Mesa's STEM Lecture Series in 2016. Because of Richard's support, Mesa students got to hear from visiting top scientists about fighting cancer, the chemical value chain, artificial intelligence, and climate change.

Mesa Gets Social



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Vision, Mission, Goals, Values

Equity and Excellence Milestones

- In 2106, opened the Learning Opportunities for Transformation (LOFT) development center for faculty and staff
- In 2016, Mesa was awarded a \$1.5 million College Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Grant, to scale up English and Math

VISION

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

MISSION

San Diego Mesa College empowers our diverse student body to reach their educational goals and shape the future. As a comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity, we promote student learning and achievement leading to degrees and certificates in support of transfer education and workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. Faculty and staff collaborate with our students to foster scholarship, leadership, and responsibility to effect positive change within our community.

VALUES

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

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

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.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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



Points of Pride/Expenses



SUMMER CRUISE // 050417



FAST SCHOLARS WELCOME BACK // 090417



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Mesa College Continues to be 'The Leading College of Equity and Excellence'

- Fully staffed the LOFT (Professional Learning Center) with a new Professional Learning Coordinator, Instructional Designer, Senior Clerical Assistant and Instructional Lab Technician.
- Continued to expand the services provided through the professionalization of tutoring.
- Partnerships with the San Diego State University CCEAL and University of Southern California CUE continue to promote innovative equity-centered initiatives, policies, structures, and practices across the college.
- Summer CRUISE and Peer Navigator programs served over 500 new students.
- Classroom tutoring program has been expanded to address courses with higher D/F/W rates for disproportionately impacted students.
- Hosted "Mathletics" – a 4-day summer program aimed at serving disproportionately impacted students who earned a "C" in Math 46 or 96.
- Created two new Special Populations Counselor positions to meet the needs of our homeless, formerly incarcerated, AB50 and former foster youth student populations.
- The Direct Support Program served 161 students in 2016, providing over \$12,700 in support. Results included increased persistence and increased course retention.

2016-17 Actual Expenses

CATEGORY	ADOPTED	ACTUALS	BALANCE
Academic	39,076,418	40,180,401	(1,103,983)
Non-Academic	9,823,672	9,469,015	354,657
Benefits	14,044,005	15,604,022	1,560,017
Supplies/Materials	727,907	347,229	380,678
Other Operating Expenses	1,052,042	778,789	273,253
Capital Outlay	872,868	603,071	269,797
Totals	\$ 65,596,912	\$ 66,982,527	\$ 1,385,615

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