



# FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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**MESA COLLEGE**  
Office of the President

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## Mesa Hosts a Successful Black History Month

During the month of February, Mesa celebrated [Black History Month](#) with events including the [Rosa Parks Birthday Celebration](#), and several lectures, exhibits, films, and [discussions](#). These events recognized and honored the legacy of many men and women who have gone before us, paving the way to continue the work toward equity that we do at Mesa today. Thanks to Dr. Sundayo, Ms. Mayasa and Dr. Rogers, along with all the faculty, staff, and students who participated.

### Make Way for the Quad: I/J Building Demolition

As I am sure many of you noticed, the demolition of the I and J buildings began Wednesday, February 26, and will continue for the next few weeks. The Chancellor and I were more than happy to swing some hammers to help begin this process. You can anticipate some noise across campus from the excavator “crunching” building materials and the water truck controlling the dust. Removing these buildings will make way for the construction of our beautiful new Quad.

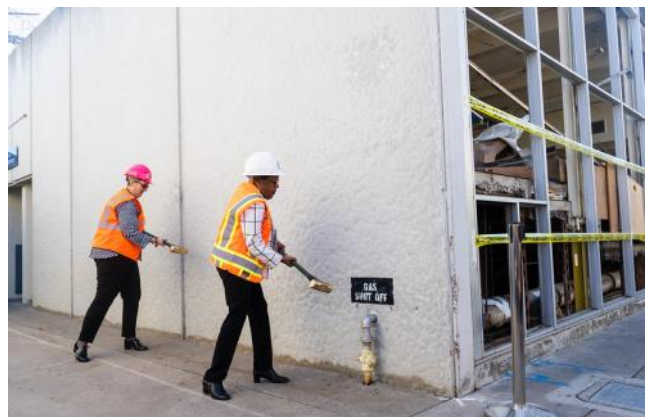
### Connecting Mesa Nationally

I recently had the opportunity to join a regional team related to our basic needs work. I was excited to participate on the [National League of Cities](#) Kresge Foundation Cross-Cities Leadership Academy in February, where I worked on a regional



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workforce and basic needs support for [higher education](#) students with the [City of San Diego](#), City of Chula Vista, UCSD and the Economic Development Corporation. I had the opportunity to discuss issues students face in higher education with cities, colleges, and universities. The topics of student housing, transportation, food access, and childcare were addressed. Along with similar teams from Rochester NY, Philadelphia, PA, Richmond, VA, Denver CO and Oakland, CA we will be prioritizing our work into actions specifically designed for the San Diego/Chula Vista region. Our first efforts will be in the area of transportation. BONUS: I had the chance to meet up with several Mesa College alumni while I was in D.C. I love hearing about the successes of our former students.

### Spring 2020 Short-Term Classes Still Available!

Multiple short-term spring classes are available this semester, beginning April 6. Many of the courses are on-line or hybrid format, and include courses in Allied Health, American Sign Language, Computer Business Technology, Communications, English, GIS, History, and Exercise Science. The majority of these courses provide credit toward a degree, and are transferable. Please encourage your students to enroll and earn a few additional units.

### The Launch of the Mesa College Alumni Network

Mesa has launched the [Alumni Network](#) as an initiative to connect our alumni with one another and our campus. Whether a former student earned a degree, a certificate, or only took one class at Mesa, we welcome them to stay involved in a number of ways. Alumni can join our mailing list, help shape our programs by serving on an advisory committee, partner with us, and attend any of our exciting campus events. We know that many of you keep in touch with former students, so please encourage them to join the Alumni Network by completing a [Connect with Us Form](#).

### New Partnerships: SDSU's B.S. in Business Administration Online Degree Completion Program

This month, Mesa announced a partnership with San Diego State University that will help our students earn online SDSU degrees starting in the 2020-2021 school year. The initiative helps address the issue of degree access by offering a program that provides the flexibility and support to accommodate many of our students' needs, especially those



## Calling All Mesa College Alumni – join the Network

The Mesa College Alumni Network invites all former students to stay connected through campus events, sports, news, and affinity groups.

### Ways to Get Involved with Mesa

- Connect, spread the word, help shape programs, partner with us, learn about "Mesa's got talent", and support Mesa students.

Visit  
[sdmesa.edu/Alumni](http://sdmesa.edu/Alumni)



of our working and post-traditional students. There will be two bachelor's degree programs offered this coming year in Business Administration and Criminal Justice, with additional programs expected in future years. Students who are interested can complete the [SDSU Interest Form](#), and will be able to apply to the program later this month, on March 16, 2020. They can also contact the [Mesa College Transfer Center](#) for more information.

**Student Stories: Chastiny Gladden, Student-veteran and HIT Student**

Chastiny Gladden is a veteran and Health Information Technology student in Mesa College's Allied Health Department. She came to Mesa after serving in the United States Navy and has continued to support veteran students like herself within her role as secretary of the [Student Veterans Organization \(SVO\)](#). Working with the SVO, she has hosted events around the San Diego area, raised money to provide free food for students in the [Veterans Success Center](#), and helped foster community on Mesa's campus. Even though she is retired from the military, Chastiny hopes to work for the VA in the Health Information field, and continue to serve veterans throughout her career. Chastiny embodies many of the values that we have here at Mesa, and we are proud of her many accomplishments and thank her for her past and present service.

**Faculty Stories: Erik Galvan, Adjunct Counselor**

Erik Galvan is a new adjunct counselor supporting our student veterans on campus. He joins us following his time in the United States Marine Corps where he served in Afghanistan in 2011. While supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Erik sustained extensive injuries from an IED explosion that ultimately led to his retirement from the service. Now a veteran health advocate, Erik uses his personal experience and expertise from his Master's in Social Work, earned at USC, to help other veterans receive the resources and support they need to succeed in their studies and transition to civilian life. We welcome Erik to our Mesa family and applaud the work he is doing on behalf of our veterans in our [Veterans Success Center](#).

**March is Women's History Month**

Mesa welcomes faculty, staff, students, and visiting guests to participate in the celebration of Women's History Month. The festivities include art exhibits, workshops, panels, a dance performance and film presentations that highlight women's historical achievements and engage in dialogues around contem-





porary concerns of feminism. We will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment signifying women's right to vote, and conclude the month's festivities with a bilingual staged reading of *The Vagina Monologues* on Wednesday, March 25, in the Apoliad Theater. View the full list of [Women's History Month events](#).

### Mesa Pathways Update

The Mesa Pathways Committee met for the first time this semester on February 12. The Committee discussed feedback received from those who attended the January 27 MPC Soft Reset Retreat. The Retreat discussion and feedback will inform our steps moving forward. The [January 2020 MPC Retreat Video](#) is available on the San Diego Mesa College YouTube channel. Please see the [MPC Information sheet](#), which includes a summary of the retreat, as well as a schedule of meetings for each of the workgroups. The Guided Majors and Mapping workgroup hosted another Mesa Mixer on February 27. Keep on the look out for more opportunities to participate in the Mesa Pathways experience, and for more information, please visit the [Mesa Pathways webpage](#).

### Mesa 2030 Update

On February 18, 2020, the Mesa2030 Task Force held its second meeting of the semester, with our consultants from Gensler presenting on the findings from both the fall and spring campus engagements. They presented us with the common theme results in response to the question posed during the Fall Sharing Session of, "How To Make Our Campus A Better Place?"

### Spring 2020 President's Breakfast – Mesa's Commitment to Sustainability

Each semester, I invite community partners to the Mesa campus to enjoy breakfast and learn more about Mesa's programs and services. The Presidents Breakfast is an opportunity to connect with others who share a passion for education, and find out how to get involved with and support Mesa. This Spring, we will focus on Mesa's Commitment to Sustainability –through our academic programs, our advocacy, our events, and our other on-campus efforts regarding recycling, conservation, and waste disposal. The Breakfast will be held on Friday, April 10, 2020 at 7:30 am in Mesa Commons 211.



#### MESA PATHWAYS

Why Pathways?  
Implementation Teams  
Guided Pathways Planning  
Program Mapping  
Events & Presentations  
Resources

For more information about Guided Pathways, contact co-coordinators:

## MESA PATHWAYS

The goal of Mesa Pathways is to provide our diverse student population with clearer direction, strong support, and well developed roadmaps to achieving their educational, career, and life goals — from the moment of their decision to come to Mesa College until the time they reach their goals. Some will earn a certificate and/or degree, others will transfer, some come for professional development and career advancement while still others come for the love of learning.

#### 100 IDEAS: COMMON THEMES



##### Student Support Services

- Counseling and mental health resources
- LRC open longer hours
- Technology for support and access



##### Transportation + Parking

- More parking! Free and close
- Shuttles (to public transit and off campus parking)
- EV charging stations



##### Facilities

- PE Facilities (Gym, Pool, Support)
- Performing Arts / Dance
- English Building



##### Communication + Wayfinding

- Better communication
- A real welcome center
- Improved signage



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[www.sdmesa.edu/womens-history-month](http://www.sdmesa.edu/womens-history-month)

## Women's History Month Events

**Women and Gender Bias in the Workplace.** Panel and discussion, Monday, March 2, 11:10 a.m.-12:35 p.m. in MC 211.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vote.** Display highlighting the legacy of women's suffrage in the entrance of the LRC, March 2-31.

**Votes for Women Then and Now: The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.** Panel on Wednesday, March 4, 11:10 a.m.-12:35 p.m., in MC 211.

**BaddDDD Sonia Sanchez.** Film viewing and discussion on Wednesday, March 11, 6:30pm-9:00pm, in MC 211.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gracia Molina de Pick Deminist Lecture Series.** Lecture with Featured Guest Josephine "Josie" Talamantez, Thursday, March 12, 9:35 a.m.-11:00 a.m., in MC 211.

**Color, Light, Madness: Memorializing Women's Resistance in Francoist Spain.** Lecture by Jennifer Sime, Friday, March 13, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., in MC 211.

**Stand, Protest, Sacrifice.** Dance Performance in front of LRC, Monday, March 23 and 24, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Vagina Monologues (Bilingual performance).** Thursday, March 25, 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Apolliad Theater

Please see the campus calendar or the [Women's History Month events](#) page for a full list of events.

## Campus Events

**Free Mobile Market:** Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 – 2:00pm, Front of LRC. Join The Stand for the Mobile Market with free fresh produce. The Mobile Market will take place every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. This event is in partnership with the San Diego Food Bank.

**Pop-up Market:** Generally every Tuesday, March, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 2:00pm, Student Services Quad. Join The Stand for the Pop-up Market with free fresh produce. The Student Services Quad is on the first floor, outside of the Student Services building. This event is in partnership with Feeding San Diego.

**2020 EXPO Day:** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 5:00pm, Petco Park. Join Mesa College at the Festival of Science and Engineering EXPO DAY. It is a free, family-friendly event, and all Mesa students, faculty, staff and their families are invited. Visit the Mesa STEM booth featuring fun science activities.

**Career Fest: Spring 2020 Job Fair:** Thursday, March 12th, 9:30am – 1:30pm, Mesa Commons. Over 50 employers and organizations will be on the Mesa College campus recruiting for a variety of full-time and part-time employment opportunities. Please join us and connect with employers. This job fair is open to students and alumni. No registration is required for this free event. Be prepared, bring your resume, and dress to impress.

**Free Farmer's Market:** Thursday, March 19th, 12:00pm, Sunrise Plaza. In partnership with The Stand and Feeding San Diego, Mesa host our monthly Free Farmers Market. This event is our latest effort in taking a stand to eradicate hunger by providing free, fresh produce to members of the Mesa College community.

**Jumpstart Your Success:** Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30am – 12:00pm, Mesa Gym. Mesa will provide prospective students with an introduction to college life. Volunteers will host an information fair, campus tours, free food and fun for all who attend.

# MESA OLYMPIANS ATHLETICS

Upcoming Mesa Olympians athletics events  
To see them all, please visit

[www.gosdmesa.com](http://www.gosdmesa.com)



DATE	DAY	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
03/03/20	Tue.	M. Tennis	SD City College	2:00 PM
03/04/20	Wed.	M. Volleyball	Fullerton City College	6:00 PM
03/04/20	Wed.	Softball	Palomar College	3:00 PM
03/05/20	Thu.	Baseball	SD City College	2:00 PM
03/11/20	Wed.	M. Tennis	Bucknell University	2:00 PM
03/13/20	Fri.	Softball	Imperial Valley College	1:00 PM
03/17/20	Tue.	Baseball	Imperial Valley College	2:00 PM
03/20/20	Fri.	Beach Volleyball	SD City/Grossmont	9:00 AM
03/21/20	Sat.	M/W Swim	Mesa Dual	10:00 AM
03/28/20	Sat.	Baseball	Southwestern College	1:00 PM
03/31/20	Tue.	Softball	SD City College	3:00 PM

## New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College

Lisa Naungayan

## Congratulations!

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