



# FIRST Monday ON THE Mesa

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Office of the President

October 2019

## Olympians in October

### Resiliency Fund Campaign Progress

As many of you know, we launched our [Resiliency Fund](#) Campaign at Convocation, and many of you made contributions for which I would like to thank you. In just under 6 weeks, we have already raised over \$50,000 (includes match). This is truly amazing for our students! The Resiliency Fund will provide one-time emergency loans and grants to students experiencing financial setbacks that put them at risk of dropping out. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 towards the Resiliency Fund to help at least 1,000 students overcome financial setbacks and stay in school. Our entire campus and broader community are invited to invest, and donors have the chance to double their impact through November. Please join us as we preserve the dream of a college education.

### Chancellor's Forum

On September 16, Chancellor Constance Carroll visited the Mesa campus for her annual Chancellor's Forum. The presentation and open forum with the Chancellor gave Mesa faculty, staff, administrators, and students the opportunity to discuss issues affecting the District and plans for the future.

### President's Breakfast

On September 27, we held our annual President's Breakfast which highlighted our Athletics program. We heard from the Dean of Athletics, Dr. Ryan Shumaker; Counselor Valerie Pallares-Herrera; and

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coaches Travis Nichols, Todd Curran, and Gary Watkins who discussed the academic support that is available at Mesa for athletes. Mesa College alumnus, and current cross-country and track and field coach, Sean Ricketts discussed his experiences. Finally, we highlighted one of our athletics program partners, SKFit. Guests then took tours of our Athletics facilities.

### 2019 Spirit Week/Homecoming

Our 2019 Spirit Week and Homecoming Football Game were a big success. We kicked off the week with our annual Pep Rally which included an introduction to this year's Olympian student-athletes, free popcorn, music, and dance. We also announced the winners of the annual Spirit Week Office Decorating Contest. Congratulations to the Outreach Department on being the most spirited department this year.

Our Olympians dominated at the homecoming football game with a 49-6 victory against L.A. Pierce College. Thanks to all those who came out to show their Mesa spirit. Our athletes definitely felt the love as they committed to #BALLIN (B-All-In).

### Advancing Racial Justice and Equitable Outcomes in Community Colleges Institute

On September 13, Mesa College proudly hosted the Advancing Racial Justice and Equitable Outcomes in Community Colleges Institute. Over 150 west coast educators gathered to further our work in racial and social justice at community colleges. Thank you to all who attended, and for your continued efforts in increasing equity and excellence in higher education.

### Master Planning Update

This semester, Mesa College will be kicking off the Educational and Facilities Master Planning Process. As you may recall, in the last academic year the Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee (PIE), with approval from President's Cabinet (PCab), created the Master Planning Task Force. Tasks of the task force that were accomplished over the summer, and in the beginning part of this fall semester, included: the review and selection of a planning consulting firm to assist the college with facilitation of the planning process. We are pleased to announce that after an extensive review and interview process, the task force membership selected Gensler, an integrated architecture, design, planning, and consulting firm.



Additionally, we have applied for an Institutional Effective Partnership Initiative (IEPI) grant to further assist with ensuring that Mesa Pathways and equity are integrated into the planning process. Next steps include collaborative meetings between the Gensler project leads, PIE, and President's Cabinet. We will be announcing ways for faculty and staff to participate as opportunities arise. More to come, stay tuned.

### Mesa Pathways update

Mesa Pathways Committee and all four work groups are in full swing this fall. The work groups include Guided Majors and Mapping, Proactive and Integrated Student and Academic Support, Brave Communications, and Onboarding and Career Exploration. Guided Majors and Mapping have hosted two "Mesa Mixer" events, intended to bring instructional and non-instructional faculty together for cross-disciplinary discussions, and to continue the program mapping work. Brave Communications work group will be hosting a FLEX Event on Friday, October 18, on the topic of using "Plain Language" when communicating our work. Additional FLEX activities are planned for November and December. Work continues toward improving the [Mesa Pathways webpage](#). A special thanks to Katie Palacios for helping develop a Mesa Pathways Canvas shell. We have begun the process of reviewing and updating the Mesa's Guided Pathways Essential Practices: Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment, and plan to have this approved through governance by the end of the semester. We are excited to continue our work on Mesa Pathways, and look forward to working with many of you this semester.

### LGBTQ Celebration Week

Mesa College will celebrate LGBTQ+ Celebration Week from October 14 through 18. Everyone is invited to join our events around campus that will support and highlight our LGBTQ+ community. Events include a panel of advocates who will discuss issues about gender identity; a discussion on how sex-ed can be more inclusive; and Honors students will showcase many artistic forms of queer expression. A Drag Queen Q & A will culminate in a Masquerade Ball on Friday evening.

### Latinx Heritage Month

In September, Mesa kicked off celebrations for Latinx Heritage Month (formerly known as Hispanic Heritage Month) with multiple events, workshops, and activities. So far, Latina artist Katie Ruiz and April Rose displayed

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## CELEBRATION WEEK

### OCT. 14-18

<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">15 TUESDAY</h4> <p><b>TALKING ABOUT GENDER</b> A panel of local advocates and Mesa students discuss issues surrounding gender identity and expression in the LGBTQ+ spectrum. <b>9:35 - 11:00 AM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>G-102</b></span></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">QUEERING UP SEX-ED</h4> <p>How can sex-ed be more inclusive of the diversity of sexual experiences? How can we highlight justice in discussions of sex and sexuality? Join us to address these questions and more. <b>11:10 AM - 12:35 PM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>G-102</b></span></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">QUEER ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AND NARRATIVE</h4> <p>Dr. Michael Harrison and Jorge Villalobos's ENGL 185 Honors students present a showcase of artistic forms of queer expression from narratives to Spanish comics that express our individualities. <b>12:45 - 2:10 PM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>G-102</b></span></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">THIS IS ME: EMERGING LGBTQ+ VOICES</h4> <p>Have you ever been told no one'll love you as you are? Don't let them break you down to dust, "there's a place for us." Join us to share our stories, "For we are glorious!" <b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MC-211</b></span></p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">16 WEDNESDAY</h4> <p><b>DRAG 101: AN EVENING WITH THE QUEENS!</b> Meet fabulous local Drag Queens Babette Schwartz, Paris Sukomi Max, Lolita Von Tesse and Barbie Z in a Q&amp;A about their experiences with drag, followed by performances by the queens. <b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>APOLLIA THEATRE</b></span></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">17 THURSDAY</h4> <p><b>LGBTQ+ CELEBRATION FAIR</b> A day of fun and information in the sun, with LGBTQ+ vendors, community partners, student club booths, performers, and a Queer Art Walk in the LRCI. <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>OUTSIDE OF MC</b></span></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">18 FRIDAY</h4> <p><b>SPECTRUM MASQUERADE BALL</b> Join us for an evening that celebrates you! The Spectrum Masquerade is a celebration of all identities and backgrounds in a night of music and splendor. Food and drinks will be provided. <b>7:00 - 10:00 PM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MC-211</b></span></p> </div>
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**Mesa Pride**  
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their artwork, "Chromatic: Grounding with Color," at the Mesa College Art Gallery; Dean of Math and Science, Susan Topham shared about her Brazilian cultural heritage and how that shaped her choices and career pathways in the U.S.; and this past weekend, we hosted a Car Exhibition Fundraiser for Raza Grad, featuring classic cars. There is still more ahead this week with Community Conversations from our Latinx Intercultural Communication scholars, and U.S. Latinx Leaders Poster Presentations.

### Disability Awareness Month

October is National Disability Awareness Month. We are at our strongest when we harness the talents and celebrate the distinct gifts of all our people. Learn about all the amazing people who fought for the betterment of generations to come. Help support Disability Awareness Month by visiting the display in the LRC from October 1 through 12.

### Transfer Awareness Month

October is Transfer Awareness Month around the state of California. 54% of students indicate they want to transfer to a four-year institution. The Transfer Center is hosting a variety of events to support our students during Transfer Palooza (the week of October 7-12). The headliner event is Transfer Day on October 10! Students, faculty, staff, and administrators are encouraged to attend these events.

### Taste of Mesa

On October 24, please join us for the annual [Taste of Mesa](http://www.sdmesa.edu/tasteofmesa/), our premier cooking-show style fundraiser benefiting the Culinary Arts Program. *Taste of Mesa*—a family-friendly event—will feature internationally-inspired cuisine and two cook-off competitions between alumni, students, and an advanced baking team. Silent Auction experiences include cooking lessons with local chefs. Guests can watch competitions from inside the kitchen or on the patio. Tickets for *Taste of Mesa* are \$10 for children 12 and under, \$25 for students, \$50 for the general public, and \$75 for VIP. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.sdmesa.edu/tasteofmesa/>.

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Disability Awareness Month Display  
LRC Atrium, October 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

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# Taste of Mesa

Mesa's Premier Culinary Event  
Thursday, October 24, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Sample food, meet celebrity chefs, bid on silent auction items and watch cooking competitions.

Tickets available at:

[www.sdmesa.edu/tasteofmesa](http://www.sdmesa.edu/tasteofmesa)

# Mesa Upcoming Events

**Taste of Mesa:** Thursday, October 24, 5:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Building

Enjoy the premier cooking-show style fundraiser benefiting the Culinary Arts Management Program. Tickets are \$10 for children 12 and under, \$25 for students, \$50 for general public, and \$75 for VIP. Get your tickets [here](#).

**Free Farmers Market & Popup Market:** Thursday, October 17, 12:00 p.m., Sunrise Plaza; and Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

**Grass Roots Community Health Fair:** Wednesday, October 23, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., LRC Quad

Experience alternative and traditional health and wellness techniques. Join us to get your free screening of height, weight, blood pressure, and body mass index from Student Health Services.

## Latinx Heritage Month

**Community Conversations: Dynamic LatinX Learning – Student Perspectives:** Wednesday, October 9,

9:45-11:00 a.m., SB-103. Latinx Intercultural Communication scholars will share what works and what does not in our HSI academic setting. Please join us to listen and learn.

**U.S. Latinx Leaders Poster Exhibition:** Thursday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., LRC Atrium.

SPAN 215 students will display 24 posters of U.S. Latinx leaders that have made significant contributions to our society.

## STEM Lecture Series

**Helicopter Aviation: The Wonders of Vertical Flight:** Thursday, October 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room G101

Join Mesa mathematics professor, Chip Lancaster, for a fascinating discussion of helicopter aviation. In this presentation, Professor Lancaster will discuss the history of U.S. helicopter flight and its pioneers.

**Health, Brown Fat, and The Mediterranean Way of Eating:** Wednesday, October 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room G101

Mesa Biology Professor, Jeff Ninberg, will discuss health benefits of the Mediterranean diet.

**Moons Over Mesa:** Tuesday, November 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room G101

Blood Moon, Black Moon, Strawberry Moon, Wolf Moon. What are all these different moons? Mesa Astronomy Professor, Stephanie Colby, will explore the “many moons over Mesa,” discussing the origin of these names and their astronomical significance.

## LGBTQ Week Events

**“Talking About Gender”:** Tuesday, October 15, 9:35 – 11:00 a.m., G 102

Local advocates’ panel and Mesa students discuss issues surrounding gender identity and expression in the LGBTQ+ spectrum.

**“Queering Up Sex-Ed”:** Tuesday, October 15, 11:10 a.m. - 12:35 p.m., G 102

How can sex-ed be more inclusive of the diversity of sexual experiences? How can we highlight justice in discussions of sex and sexuality? Join us to address these questions and more.

**“Queer Artistic Expression and Narrative”:** Tuesday, October 15, 12:45– 2:10 p.m., G102

Dr. Michael Harrison and ENGL 105 Honors students present a showcase of artistic forms of queer expression, including traditional and graphic narratives, to Spanish comics that express our individualities.

**“This is Me: Emerging LGBTQ+ Voices”:** Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., MC 211

Have you ever been told no one will love you as you are? Don’t let them break you down to dust, “there’s a place for us.” Join us to share our stories, “For we are glorious!”

# Mesa Upcoming Events

**"Drag 101: An Evening with the Queens!":** Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., MC 211

Meet fabulous local Drag Queen performers in a Q & A about the drag community. Visual images of the history of drag presented by Mesa's Fashion and Anthropology clubs.

**"LGBTQ + Celebration Fair":** Thursday, October 17, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesa Commons breezeway

A day of fun and information, with LGBTQ+ vendors, community partners, student club booths, performers, and a Queer Art Walk in the LRC.

**"Spectrum Masquerade Ball":** Friday, October 18, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., MC 211. Join us for an evening that celebrates you! The Spectrum Masquerade is a celebration of all identities and backgrounds in a night of music and splendor. Food and drinks will be provided.

## Transfer Awareness Month

### CSU Application Workshops

Two per day, starting October 14.

Student Services Building (I-4 Bldg.), Second Floor

### PLNU Adult Degree Completion Program— Lunch and Learn

October 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Transfer Center Conference Room

Student Services Building, 3rd Floor (I4-306)

## Transfer Day

On Thursday, October 10, 2019 you will have the opportunity to discuss transfer planning and articulation with more than 40 institutions, including: California State Universities (CSU), Universities of California (UC), Independent/Private Colleges/Universities and Out-of-State Colleges/Universities. The college representatives provide information with regard to the application process, financial aid, programs and scholarships that are available. For details visit the [Transfer Day](#) webpage!

**Transfer Night** November 5. Student Services Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Financial Literacy Series

**Taking the Bite Out of Credit:** Thursday, October 17, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., LRC 435

CREDIT: Everyone wants to know how to establish it, but with having credit comes financial responsibility. In this session, we will introduce you to what credit is, how to establish it, and how to manage it wisely once you have it.

**Tales from the Crypt: Using Credit Wisely:** Thursday, October 31, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., LRC 435

What happens if I misuse credit? If I stop making payments? Or if I get my identity stolen? In this session, you will hear real credit horror stories and the cold hard facts about the dark side of credit. Learn why it is so important to use, manage, and protect your credit.

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**07 OCT**  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY TRANSFER WORKSHOP  
12:45A - 2:10P | I4-213, STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING  
National University will provide information on their Transfer Scholarship and the one class per month format.

**07 OCT**  
SDSU MAJORS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONS  
10:30AM - 12:00PM | LOCATION TBA  
The coordinator of the SDSU Social Work program will share alternative majors to impacted programs such as Psychology and Social Work.

**10 OCT**  
HEADLINER EVENT: TRANSFER DAY  
10:00A - 1:00P | SUNRISE PLAZA & MESA COMMONS BREEZEWAY  
Over 40 university and college reps will be at Mesa College to advise students on admissions requirements, majors and more!

**10+ OCT 11**  
VETERANS RECRUITMENT EVENT WITH POSSE THE FOUNDATION  
Oct 10: Group interviews from 2:00p - 5:30p | VRC D-101  
Oct 11: One-on-one interviews from 9:00a - 3:00p | VRC D-101  
Transfer to University of Chicago, UVA, Vassar & Wesleyan (CT)

**San Diego Mesa College Transfer Center**  
619.388.2473 • I4-306  
www.sdmesa.edu/transfer-center  
Please contact us if you are in need of accommodations at least 10 business days in advance.



Upcoming Mesa Olympians athletics events  
To see them all, please visit  
[www.gosdmesa.com](http://www.gosdmesa.com)



### San Diego Mesa Athletics Wins DeVore Trophy

On September 25, Mesa College Athletics was awarded the DeVore Trophy for the 2018-19 calendar year. The DeVore Award is presented each year to a Pacific Coast Athletics Conference (PCAC) member college with the most successful men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program for the academic year. Mesa College finished 2018-19 with a total of 217 total points overall.



DATE	DAY	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
10/8/19	TUE	W. SOCCER	SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE	7:00 P.M.
10/11/19	FRI	BASEBALL	FULLERTON COLLEGE	1:00 P.M.
10/15/19	TUE	M. SOCCER	SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE	7:00 P.M.
10/26/19	SAT	FOOTBALL	CERRITOS COLLEGE	6:00 P.M.
10/30/19	WED	W. VOLLEYBALL	CUYAMACA COLLEGE	5:00 P.M.

### New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College

Khou Yang

### Congratulations!

ILT, Child Development



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