



FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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MESA COLLEGE
Office of the President

December 2018

Happy Holidays!

Annual Holiday Luncheon

In appreciation for all of the efforts made by faculty and classified professionals for the benefit of our students, all are invited to enjoy a holiday meal prepared by the talented students and staff of the Culinary Arts/Management Program. Join us on Tuesday, December 4, in MC 211 for this celebration. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Guided Pathways Update

Professors Toni Parsons, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Howard Eskew, Business and Technology, were selected as our first ever Mesa Faculty Pathways Co-coordinators. In conjunction with the Mesa Pathways Committee, the coordinators will oversee implementation of the Mesa Pathways work plan, develop yearly work plans, and make recommendations. Toni and Howard will coordinate and provide leadership for Guided Pathways work, Mesa Pathways Committee and Quad Chairs, serve as liaisons for inquiry teams/bubbles, identify and arrange for professional learning opportunities to support MPC efforts. Additionally, they will oversee budget and financial requests, provide Pathways reports, serve as committee liaisons at campus, district and community meetings and events and assess outcomes. Professors Parsons and Eskew will report



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to our new Vice President of Instruction and will assume responsibility in Spring 2019. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to learn more and get involved with our [Mesa Pathways efforts](#).

2018 #GivingTuesday

This year Mesa participated in [#GivingTuesday](#) by accepting donations to The Stand. Thanks in part to many of you, the Stand received nearly \$1,000 in monetary support, plus three bins full of food and clothing. \$1,000 in donations allows Mesa College to stock The Stand for 1-2 weeks, depending on student need and use. As of November 28, 2018, The Stand has distributed over 20,000 items of food to 1,179 unique student visitors. Thank you again for supporting Mesa's equity efforts via [#GivingTuesday](#)!

Board of Trustees Meeting at Mesa

On Thursday, November 8, Mesa College hosted the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting in MC 211. The theme for this year's meeting was "Students' Needs - Mesa's Promise." In keeping with our equity and pathways efforts, various faculty, staff, and students provided updates on several Mesa projects and events, including Mesa Journeys, Open Educational Resources (OER), and the Farmer's Market. As a highlight, multiple Mesa College students also provided testimonies about their involvement with key services and programs such as The Stand and STEM Conexiones. Additionally, Mesa provided a [presentation](#) of videos from former student athletes who have successfully transferred from Mesa to other colleges and universities. Everyone in attendance, including Board members, also had the opportunity to earn a social media badge from the LOFT.

November 2018 Presidents Cabinet Retreat

On November 14, 2018, we held a President's Cabinet Retreat with nearly 100 administrators, faculty, staff and students in attendance. [Mesa Pathways](#) Committee members presented a re-introduction and commitment to our Pathways' "Why", framework, and vision. Bubble Leads provided updates on current efforts that have been completed to date. They also discussed goals for Summer 2019 and how their plans have evolved. We then hosted a group activity in which retreat participants selected

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November 27, 2018



Please support The Stand, so students don't go hungry this season.

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a Bubble of interest and shared information about what excites them most about our work. Everyone was asked to brainstorm on additional information needed and how we can best communicate with the campus and engage students in Mesa Pathways. In addition, the Retreat focused on Planning and Pathways, and after a brief overview of the planning process at Mesa, we discussed the need to update the Educational Master Plan. This will be an opportunity to map our values and goals across our programs and initiatives, while also reviewing facility needs. A soon-to-be-assembled task force will guide the development, review, and college-wide vetting of the Plan.

AS Thanksgiving Feast

San Diego Mesa College's Associated Students (AS) hosted their 5th annual [Thanksgiving Feast](#) on November 15 at the Mesa Commons. Each year, AS partners with Mesa's Culinary Arts students to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for students to enjoy together, in the true spirit of Thanksgiving. The event included live music, multiple opportunity drawings, and a delicious, free meal prepared by students for students. This year, over 250 students, faculty, and staff enjoyed the feast and time together. I invite you to watch the [Thanksgiving Feast video](#) and view the [Thanksgiving Photo album](#).

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month

In November, to further our equity efforts here at Mesa College, Student Services hosted several events as a part of Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month. Students were able to both give and receive by taking part in multiple events including resource workshops, the annual AS Thanksgiving Feast, and the Farmer's Market. If you are interested in contributing, The Season of Giving Donation Drive is continuing through December 17. Student Affairs is accepting donations of new and unopened toys, canned goods, shelf stable meals, clothes, blankets, and toiletries. For more information, contact Student Affairs at 619-388-2699.

Mesa Hosted Veterans Week Celebrations

San Diego Mesa College kicked off the month of November by hosting Veterans Celebration Week. Mesa College is committed to student veterans and their families. These events are hosted to show our appreciation, and to provide a space for veterans to share their stories. Students gathered for the Supporting our Deployed Veterans panel and the Veteran Writers Reading,



where veterans shared their experiences through storytelling and poetry. Other events included a Flash Mob by Soldiers and Students Who Salsa, a relaxation tent, giveaways, and workshops regarding available resources. Veterans and guests also enjoyed a tasty barbecue provided by Mesa's Culinary Arts team. For more information on Veterans programs at Mesa College, please visit [Mesa Veterans Office](#) or the [Veterans Resource Center](#).

2019 Scholarship Applications Open in December

Mesa College 2019 Scholarship applications will be available starting in December at www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships, with over \$180,000 available. Please inform your students that the deadline to complete scholarship application materials is Tuesday, February 19, 2019 (midnight PST). Students interested in learning more about Mesa College scholarship opportunities, workshops, and events, may join the [emailing list](#). The Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

Register NOW for Intercession/Spring 2019

Please remind your students that registration for Intercession and Spring 2019 classes is available now at <https://www.sdmesa.edu/spring/>. Appointments and early registration are occurring now, and open registration for all students starts Dec. 10. Mesa College has multiple on-line and hybrid classes available, as well as evening and Saturday classes.

Fall Sports Recap

It has been a great semester for fall sports at Mesa College. Our teams and student-athletes had excellent performances throughout the fall season, including conference championships for men's cross country, women's water polo, and women's volleyball. Unfortunately, after a valiant effort, our women's soccer team fell to Santa Barbara City College in the second round of the playoffs after defeating rival Southwestern College in the play-in round. Women's volleyball defeated #7 Canyons but in an exciting game, eventually fell in 5 sets to #2 Bakersfield in the second round. Women's water polo beat Cerritos in the first round of the playoffs and then lost to Fullerton in the second round of SoCals. Overall, we had a fantastic season, and I am looking forward to cheering for basketball this winter.

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Mesa Upcoming Events

Comfort Tent Week: Dec. 3—7. Monday from 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday from 9:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. In the LRC Quad for relaxation and nourishment.

Staff Holiday Luncheon: Tues. Dec 4, 11:00am – 1:00pm – MC 211 A/B. Faculty and staff are invited to enjoy a holiday meal prepared by the Culinary Arts Program.

CORA: Redressing Inequities for Underserved Students in Community Colleges Thurs. Dec 6, 11:00am-1:00pm – The LOFT 435.

Free Farmers Market: Thurs. Dec 13, 12:00pm, while supplies last. Sunrise Plaza. Mesa's Free Farmers Market that provides free, fresh produce to the Mesa College community. Please bring a bag.

Season of Giving Donation Drive: Until Dec 17th. Donate new and unopened toys, canned goods, shelf stable meals, clothes, shoes, new socks, blankets, feminine products and toiletries to the Outreach Office (I4-101) or AS Office (I4-408). Donations will go to The Stand, Child Development Center and CARE program.

Fall 2018 Student Art Exhibition: Until Dec 17th. An exhibit featuring over 100 pieces of student artwork in a variety of media. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday at 11:00am-4:00pm, and Thursday at 11:00am-7:00pm. For more information, contact Gallery Director, Alessandra Moctezuma at amoctezu@sdccd.edu.

Scholarship Applications open for students: More than \$180,000 in scholarships are available. Direct students to apply at www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships. The deadline is Feb 19.

39th Annual MLK Parade: Sun. Jan 20, 2:00pm – 5:00pm – Harbor Drive - Embarcadero. All faculty, staff and students are invited and encouraged to participate in the parade.



MESA OLYMPIANS ATHLETICS

Upcoming Mesa Olympians athletics events...
to see them all, please visit
www.gosdmesa.com



DATE	DAY	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
12/5/18	WED	M. BASKETBALL	COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE	6:00 PM
1/4/19	FRI	M. BASKETBALL	VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE	5:00PM
1/16/19	WED	W. BASKETBALL	MT. SAN JACINTO COLLEGE	5:00 PM

New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College	Congratulations!
Danica Moore	AP Chemistry
Jessica Sardo	AP Chemistry
Hai Duong	Graphic Artist / Photographer



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