



# FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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**MESA COLLEGE**  
Office of the President

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## **Please Join me in Welcoming Dr. Isabel O'Connor as the New Vice President of Instruction**

Dr. Isabel O'Connor earned a B.A. from the University of Alicante before immigrating to the United States in 1986. After learning English at Los Angeles City College, she obtained a B.A. in European Studies at Loyola Marymount and a Ph.D. in medieval Spanish history at U.C.L.A. In 2011, Isabel became Dean of Human Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) at Cabrillo College. In 2017, she was appointed Dean of Guided Pathways, and accomplished several milestones in Guided Pathways implementation, including the development of Career and Academic Pathways, program maps, and plans to offer a first year experience. Isabel is excited to join Mesa College, and says, "I am excited to become part of the Olympian family and contribute to the College's culture of innovation and excellence. I am committed to working with faculty, staff, and administrators to help every student who comes to Mesa College achieve their dream for a better life."



## **Board of Trustees Meeting at Mesa College on November 8**

Mesa College will host the District's Board of Trustees meeting on Thurs, Nov 8, 2018, in Mesa Commons 211 A/B. Faculty, staff and students will present to the Trustees and Chancellor at 4:00 p.m. to highlight successes and ongoing projects at the College. This year's theme is "Students' Needs - Mesa's Promise" and will focus on Mesa Journeys, Open Educational Resources, the Farmer's Market and Mesa's expanding partnerships, STEM Conexiones,



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student-athlete successes, and the LOFT Badge Program. The LOFT presentation will be an interactive demonstration that leads the meeting attendees through the Badge Program to earn a digital badge. The presentation will be followed by the regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

### Mesa Pathways

[Mesa Pathways](#) Inquiry Teams are bubbling with enthusiasm. The only thing missing is YOU. Taking steps to engage our Pathway's is easy: 1. click [here](#) to learn about our Inquiry Teams, 2. identify your interest(s) and submit an interest form, and 3. attend an Inquiry Team| Bubble Meeting. This month, MPC members will present on Guiding Pathways at the Fall 2018 Presidents Cabinet Retreat, and interview and select a Mesa Pathways Coordinator(s) who will start in Spring 2019. The Coordinator(s) will oversee implementation of the Mesa Pathways work plan, make recommendations, provide leadership, and oversee and serve as a liaison for inquiry teams. Committee members. Additionally, the Shared Metrics Team conducted focus groups involving over 100 diverse students. These groups will help bring the student voice into our efforts and will lay a strong foundation for our work.

### Mesa Men's Cross Country and Women's Volleyball Teams are PCAC Champions

On Saturday, October 20, the Mesa College Men's Cross Country Team won the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Championship. The Mesa College Cross Country team was ranked as one of the favorites going into this competition and the athletes lived up to those expectations with four athletes finishing in the top-10, and two students in the top-15. Women's Volleyball also won the PCAC by defeating Imperial Valley College, with their 11th win in a row. Congratulations to the Cross Country team and Volleyball team - Go Olympians!

### Mesa College Supports Undocumented Student Week of Action

The Undocumented Student Week of Action was held Oct 15-19. The programs included a series of daily events featuring sessions on undocumented student and DACA recipient resources (on and off campus), how to support undocumented students, and how to create awareness and build advocacy. Nationally acclaimed poet, educator, artist and public speaker, Yosimar Reyes, presented on "Latinx Poetry: #UNDOCUIJOY and Self-Empowerment" at the Avanza





Engagement Center and spoke specifically to the undocumented LGBTQ experience, and shared strategies to find self-love and thrive. Thank you to the administrators, faculty, staff, and students for organizing this meaningful week of activities.

### **Taste of Mesa 2018**

The [Culinary Arts Program](#) at Mesa College hosted the annual “Taste of Mesa” event on October 4. The fundraising event featured internationally inspired cuisine, tastings, demonstrations, and three cook-off competitions between alumni and students. Sous Chef Eric Benjamin from Belize and Line Cook Andrew Flietz from George’s at the Cove were the 2018 Taste of Mesa Signature Chefs. The guests observed the competition between alumni and current students in the industry who created their signature dishes, and had the opportunity to bid on the silent auctions for exclusive evenings with a celebrity chefs. Thank you to those that participated and continuously support our Culinary Program. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase ingredients to assist students in creating farm-to-table style restaurant cuisine which prepares them for future work in the culinary service industry.



### **SDCCD Police Hosted Coffee with a Cop**

The [San Diego Community College District Police Department](#) hosted a “Coffee with a Cop” event on October 15, for employees and students to meet the officers on the Mesa College campus. The Police Department hosted the event in an effort to engage the San Diego Mesa campus community and answer questions on public safety issues, as well as to campaign for the “Pink Patch Project” to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. All proceeds supported the City of Hope.



### **Mesa College Talked “Post-Truth” at Third Annual Teach-In**

The Third Annual Teach-in event on Oct. 23, brought together Mesa College faculty, staff, and students to listen to speakers who presented on “Post-Truth.” In the current digital age, the lines of truth and opinion often become blurred, making it difficult to discern truth. This has created a climate where there is a decreased value on truth and facts, and an increased value on opinion. Each presentation addressed various contributors to the information the public is given and why it is accepted or rejected. Following each topic, all were encouraged to engage in the discussion. A common theme was the speakers’ challenge to attendees to think critically and engage conversation from multiple perspectives, a means to how all can find the truth in a “post-truth” era.





### Associated Students Thanksgiving Feast

On November 15, 2018, the [Mesa College Associated Students \(AS\)](#) will host the third AS Thanksgiving Feast – held by students for students. This event was created to assist students who are unable to go home for the holidays, and to provide them with food, games, an opportunity drawing, and entertainment. The event will be held in Mesa Commons 211 A/B, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. During this season of giving, AS is also accepting donations for [The Stand](#) to collect dry and canned goods and hygiene supplies. All those making donations will receive an additional opportunity drawing ticket.

### Fall 2018 is Program Review Time

[Comprehensive Program Review](#) has begun this Fall 2018 semester with final drafts due Mon, Dec. 10. Program Review is the process for departments to request resources needed to better serve students. Over 100 programs and offices will be setting goals to contribute to the college-wide effort; new this year are [Data Dashboards](#) where users can filter the data in a variety of ways. Also new this year, is the incorporation of a CTE/Strong Workforce component. Lead writers are supported by their liaisons, the Program Review committee, and the staff of the IE/IR Office (x2509). General and focused [training sessions](#) are scheduled through January 2019.

### Peter and the Starcatcher

In October, the [Mesa College Theater Company](#) put on nine successful shows of the musical, “Peter and the Starcatcher.” All of the shows were well attended, and audiences enjoyed the rousing performance. For the final show, students, faculty, staff, friends, and family attended, and some enthusiastic patrons participated in the “dress like a pirate” promotion. The show was a family friendly and modern version of Peter Pan before he entered Neverland, with an interesting and creative storyline. Thank you to all students in the Theater Company who have worked hard to put on this show, and to everyone who has attended.

### Veteran’s Celebration Week

Between November 5-9, several events will be held to honor [Veterans at Mesa](#). Throughout the week, students, faculty, and staff will be able to share sentiments and photos on the Veterans Appreciation Wall and can support the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship through a flag dedication. There will be a BBQ, a relaxation tent, workshops, a panel and much more. Please take the opportunity to support our Veterans and thank them for their service.

## Associated Students Thanksgiving Feast

JOIN US for this year's Thanksgiving Feast.  
FREE food, games, entertainment, and opportunity drawings

**Nov. 15, 2018**  
**2:00 – 5:00pm | MC 211 A/B**

## PROGRAM REVIEW

**2018-2019  
COMPREHENSIVE**

**Mon, Dec 10: Ready  
for Review**  
**Mon, Feb 4: Final Due**



### Join us at the Mesa College Holiday Luncheon

All are invited to attend the 2018 Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 4, from 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in MC-211 A/B. Our talented students of the Culinary Arts/Culinary Management Program are cooking up a lovely holiday meal that you do not want to miss.

### Giving Tuesday

Mesa College will be participating in [#GivingTuesday](#) this year by accepting donations to [The Stand](#). The Stand is the on campus food and clothing pantry that provides food, toiletries, and professional clothing to students at no charge. Mesa College is Taking a Stand Against Hunger, and seeks to alleviate food insecurity for our students by providing a safe and secure environment where all students have access to free food and professional clothing to help them succeed both in the classroom and in the community. During the 2017-18 academic year, The Stand provided 18,853 food items to 894 students, and 1995 items of clothing to 214 students. This season, we are hoping that donors will consider helping our students meet basic needs so that they can focus on homework instead of hunger. To donate, please visit [The Mesa College Foundation webpage](#).



## Mesa Upcoming Events

**Transfer Night: Tues. Nov 6, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Student Services Building (2nd & 3rd floors of I-400 building).** Representatives from 20-30 universities will be on campus to provide information on admissions, financial aid, programs, and scholarships.

**Watching Stars Die: The Hunt for Supernova Progenitors: Thurs. Nov 8, 07:00-08:30 p.m. (G-101).** SDSU astronomer, Dr. Douglas Leonard, will discuss his research about supernovae.

**Free Farmers Market: Thurs. Nov 15, 12:00pm – Until we run out of food. Sunrise Plaza.** In partnership with The Stand and Feeding San Diego. This event provides free, fresh produce to members of the Mesa College community.

**AS Thanksgiving Feast: Thurs. Nov 15, 2:00-5:00pm. MC 211 A/B.** We invite everyone to attend this year's Thanksgiving dinner for students – enjoy free food along with great entertainment and company.

**Geologic Evolution of San Diego County: Wed. Nov 28, 07:00-08:30pm. G-101.** Dr. Ron Blakey, professor emeritus, Northern Arizona University, will discuss the geologic development of San Diego County.

### Veterans Week: Nov 7-9:

**Veterans Appreciation Wall: Nov 7-9. Student Services Building.** An opportunity to share sentiments and post photos of loved ones.

**Flag Dedication Fundraiser: Nov 7-9. MC Entryway.** Support the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship.

**Veterans BBQ: Wed. Nov 7, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Mesa Commons Breezeway.**



# 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
11/6/18	TUE	M. SOCCER	SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE	7:00 PM
11/9/18	SAT	M. SOCCER	IMP VALLEY COLL	5:00PM
11/10/18	SAT	FOOTBALL	PALOMAR COLLEGE	6:00 PM
11/15/18	THUR	M. BASKETBALL	CYPRESS COLLEGE	5:00PM



## New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College

Leticia Diaz

Leticia Lopez

Nancy Cortes

Andrea Lelham

Lilibeth Rodriguez

## Congratulations!

EOPS / STAR TRIO Director

Program Activity Manager - HSI Activity Director

Research & Planning Analyst - Inst. Effectiveness

Sr Secretary - Humanities / promotion

SAT - Financial Aid / promotion

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