



FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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MESA COLLEGE
Office of the President

June 2018

In 2018, we were #allin4students!

2018 Commencement Ceremony

Commencement 2018 was a huge success. Mesa's 54th graduating class was comprised of 1,998 students, who altogether received 1,725 academic degrees and 410 certificates. It was a year of firsts for Mesa College; we conferred 16 Bachelor's Degrees in Health Information Management and congratulated the first set of Promise graduates under the San Diego Promise program.

The 54th graduating class had 34 valedictorians and 586 students who graduated with honors. To our 31 military graduates - thank you for serving our country and congratulations. Out of all of our students graduating this year, 45 of them are employees at Mesa College or in the District. Please visit our [2018 Commencement Ceremony](#) Photo album.

Culminating Ceremonies

Mesa College also held multiple other special graduation and end of year recognition ceremonies to honor students, faculty, and staff. This year, Mesa celebrated student success



with our [HIM Celebration](#), [STAR Awards](#) for student-athletes, a [Veterans Graduation Ceremony](#), the [EOPS Achievement Ceremony](#), our PTK Honors Ceremony, the Raza Grad, the [PTA Pinning and Completion Ceremony](#), the [SEEDS Celebration](#), and the [Promise Ceremony](#).

37th Golden Scissors Fashion Show

Mesa College's Fashion Program's annual 37th Golden Scissors Fashion Show & Awards was held on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. This years theme was Desert Escape. As usual, the student designers were amazing, and the faculty, staff and administrators had a great time modeling the award winning millinery.

Farmers Market

On May 17, Mesa hosted the second Farmers Market for our campus community. We were able to distribute 10,521 pounds of FREE fresh produce to over 700 individuals, 550 of whom identified as students. Farmers Market participants were able to fill bags with tomatoes, potatoes, onions, corn, squash and carrots. Our Farmers Market is a partnership with The Stand and Feeding San Diego - supporting Mesa's "stand against hunger" campaign. Our next Farmers Market will take place on Thursday, June 21 at 1:30pm on the Sunrise Plaza (adjacent to Mesa Commons.)

Mesa Pathways

On Tuesday, March 15, Presidents Cabinet approved the formation of the Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC). MPC will use an integrated, equity-minded, student-centered approach to facilitate student success. Through structured educational experiences, MPC will work to close equity gaps, improve student outcomes and guide students into and through college to the completion of personal, academic and professional goals. MPC is made up of 1 vice president, 8 faculty, 4 classified professionals, 5 students, 3 administrators and ex officio represen-



tation from the offices of communications and institutional effectiveness and research. The committee met on May 24 and is excited to begin our work with the greater campus. Stay tuned for an official campus launch in the fall. Many opportunities will exist for the campus community to engage in this important work. Click [here](#) for up to date information regarding MPC's efforts.

Classified Staff Celebration 2018

The annual [Classified Staff Awards Lunch](#) on May 9, honored multiple staff for their years of service and accomplishments. A big congratulations to Tram Anh Dinh for being selected as the Outstanding Employee of the Year for 2018. Other events during Classified Appreciation Week included coffee & snacks, fishbowl challenges, opportunity drawings, and the Classified Senate's Gift Visit - where members of the classified staff received succulent plants with encouraging messages focused on the theme, "growing together."

Summer Classes Start This Week

The summer session is officially underway this week, with most courses starting June 4 and June 11, with others starting later in June and July. Please encourage your students to take the opportunity to get ahead this summer with GE's credits toward their major. Click [here](#) for more information on available summer courses.

ClassiCon - Classified Conference 2018

The Classified Conference or better known as ClassiCon, will be held on campus through June 5 -7, 2018. This year our keynote speakers will be Dr. J. Luke Wood and Dr. Frank Harris III from the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL). Various workshops for topics such as "Events, Promotion, & More," "Introduction to Professional Learning Badges," "Financial Literacy," and more will be available. And as always, we will have a sports day where teams will challenge each other at athletic games, board games, and even bingo. If you have any questions, please contact the Mesa Loft at mesaloft@sdccd.edu.



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New Vice President of Administrative Services

I am pleased to announce Lorenze Legaspi has been hired as the Vice President of Administrative Services for San Diego Mesa College. He comes to Mesa College from his position as Vice President, Administrative Services at Grossmont Community College. Before Grossmont College, Legaspi worked as a manager of Administrative Services at the School of Continuing Education (SCE) at North Orange County Community College District. He will be joining us on Monday, June 25, 2018.



Special Farewell - Tim McGrath

After serving for many years as Mesa College's Vice President of Instruction, Tim McGrath will be advancing his career with a new position as President of Golden West College. During his time at Mesa, Tim successfully helped increase enrollment and class offerings, and oversaw multiple process improvements. He will be missed. A search for an interim VPI is currently underway, and the search for the permanent position will take place during the fall.



Mesa Upcoming Events

ClassiCon 2018

June 5-7, 2018

Various workshops will be available. If you have any questions, please contact the [Mesa Loft](#).

Side-Gig 2018 Summer Camp — **NEW THIS SUMMER!**

June 25 - 29, 2018

Mesa College in partnership with Tre-o-bytes, presents Side-Gig 2018 Summer Camp - an adorable week-long camp for middle schoolers— with the mission of exposing campers to various STE(A)M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) disciplines and outlining a college pathway for success. Visit our [STEM Portal](#) page to learn more and register your child.

Free Farmers Market

Thursday, June 21, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Our monthly free farmers market in partnership with [The Stand](#) and Feeding San Diego will take place at the Sunrise Plaza (adjacent to Mesa Commons). Please bring your own bag, and donate any extra bags for students to use.

Summer CRUISE 2018

Starts Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Creating Rich Unique Intellectual Student Experiences (**CRUISE**) aims to prepare and engage new, incoming students through a three day, on-campus experience. Series dates include: July 10-12, July 17-19, July 24-26, and July 31 - Aug 2. Visit [Summer Cruise online](#) for more information.

Free Farmers Market

Thursday, July 19, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Our monthly free farmers market in partnership with The Stand and Feeding San Diego will take place at the Sunrise Plaza (adjacent to Mesa Commons). Please bring your own bag, and donate any extra bags for students to use.

Convocation Fall 2018

August 16, 2018

Welcome Week Fall 2018

August 20 - 24, 2018

** First Monday on the Mesa will take a hiatus during Summer 2018 and return in September. See you then!*

New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College	Congratulations!
Lorenze Legaspi	Vice President of Administrative Services
Adrian Tanjuaquio	Student Services Technician

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