



# FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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Office of the President

October 2018

## Students' Needs, Mesa's Promise

### Mesa College Promise Match Challenge

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the faculty, staff and administrators of Mesa College, and our community for giving to the Mesa Promise Challenge. The initial goal of \$50,000 was reached before the deadline, and we asked the SD Mesa Foundation Board to consider increasing their match, and they did. In the end, we were able to present a check for the San Diego Promise to Mesa College alumna Annette Bening at the SD Promise Gala. Our efforts helped raise to over \$200,000. I am also thankful to some very generous Foundation Board donors who created a "match within a match," thereby fundraising for the match as well. It sounds complicated...but in the end your generosity will result in more money for our Promise Scholars.

### President's Breakfast

The President's Breakfast is a community event held twice a year to create and support relationships with our local governmental, regional, non-profit, business and industry and education partners. The Fall Breakfast was well attended and focused on our annual theme of, "Students' Needs, Mesa's Promise." We heard inspiring stories from our students who are benefitting from the SD Promise and overcoming obstacles to pursue their educational goals. We discussed how Mesa College and our valued partners can do our part to put college within reach for these hard-



\$75,000 of  
\$70,000 raised

You helped us exceed our goal!



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working students. We heard from our guests, and a wide range of community leaders on how we can continue to support our students. In the President's Breakfast Spotlight, we celebrated two of our wonderful partners, Cal Coast Credit Union and Feeding San Diego.

### 2018 Spirit Week/Homecoming

Spirit Week 2018 kicked off with an Office Decorating Contest, with multiple offices getting in the spirit. Thursday's Spirit Week Pep Rally had students, faculty and staff who came out to show support for our student-athletes. On Saturday - the AS Tailgate Party featured our fantastic student clubs who hosted booths and activities, and our faculty and staff joined in. The tailgate led us to the Football Game, where Mesa defeated Grossmont with a score of 40-14. Go Olympians! Thank you to Athletics for donating to the San Diego Promise, and thanks to everyone who showed up in support.

### Mesa Pathways

The [Mesa Pathways Committee](#) (MPC) invites the entire campus to engage our Pathway's work. Collaboration is key for implementation, and our success depends on our collective work towards common goals and structured, open processes. This work cannot be done without you! To join an Inquiry Team (aka "Bubble") choose a link(s) below. [Shared Metrics](#), [Improved Basic Skills](#), [Guided Major and Career Exploration](#), [Inclusive Decision-Making](#), [Proactive and Integrated Student and Academic Supports](#), [Clear Program Requirements](#).

### Taste of Mesa—THIS WEEK!

On October 4, please join us for the annual [Taste of Mesa](#), our premier cooking-show style fundraiser benefiting the Culinary Arts Program. *Taste of Mesa* - a family-friendly event—will feature internationally-inspired cuisine and cook-off competitions between alumni and students. Silent Auction experiences include multiple dinners with celebrity chefs. Guests can watch competitions from inside the kitchen or on the patio. Tickets for the *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 [www.sdmesa.edu/tasteofmesa](http://www.sdmesa.edu/tasteofmesa). To pay by check, visit A-104.



### Lactation Room

Mesa College is proud to offer a Lactation Room where mothers may pump or nurse in a comfortable and private space. The Lactation Room is located in G-212, in the Humanities and Multicultural Studies Building, and contains a comfortable chair, a table, a refrigerator and electrical outlets. Nursing mothers may visit A-101, Business Office Support, for more information and to gain access.

### National Rideshare Week: October 1-5

By participating, you can save money by sharing commute costs and reducing wear and tear on your vehicle, help reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions in your community AND win prizes from iCommute! Visit our [Mesa Moves](#) webpage to learn more and to [Share the Ride](#) to be entered to win an Apple Watch from iCommuteSD.

### Hispanic Heritage Month

National [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) is observed from September 15 through October 15, a period during which we recognize the many ways Hispanic Americans have contributed to the enrichment of our nation. Thank you for attending our events and activities throughout the month, and for making them a huge success. Networking opportunities at Nuestra Celebración enabled students to connect with one another, and we celebrated our status as a Hispanic Serving Institution during HSI Week. [Campus Conexiones](#) sponsored a variety of events and created a handy resource webpage. Postcards from Mesoamerica was an opportunity for students to share their voices through a creative outlet. See the [Campus Calendar](#) for more events, also listed at the end of this newsletter.

### It's Program Review Time

[Comprehensive Program Review](#) is under way, with final drafts due Monday, Dec 10. Program Review is the process for requesting 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](#) in which 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.

Located in G-212

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# WE ARE *Mesa* Hispanic Heritage MONTH 2018

- **Latinx Leaders in the U.A., Thur Oct. 4 12pm-2:30pm, LRC Lobby.** Student Poster Session: Mesa College Spanish 215 students will give poster presentations in English and Spanish that highlight U.S. Latinx leaders. Contact: [fzabalet@sdccd.edu](mailto:fzabalet@sdccd.edu)
- **DACA Conference, Wed Oct. 10 9am-3pm, MC 211 A/B.** Information and updates regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) offered by the RISE Club President and Mesa Counselor Jesús Gaytán.
- **Campus Conexiones Event with a Student Panel, Thur Oct. 11 11:30am-12:30pm, AVANZA Student Engagement Center.** Meet your Latinx community! Student leaders will discuss their academic and personal journey that help them persist and succeed in college. Contact: [arivera@sdccd.edu](mailto:arivera@sdccd.edu)

## *Mesa* Upcoming Events

**Transfer Day: Tues. Oct 2, 10:00 a.m. Mesa Commons Area.** Representatives from numerous universities will be on campus to provide students with information regarding admissions, financial aid, programs, and scholarships.

**Taste of Mesa: Thurs. Oct 4, 5:30 p.m. in Culinary Outlook.** Visit [www.sdmesa.edu/TasteofMesa](http://www.sdmesa.edu/TasteofMesa) to learn more and buy tickets.

**Financial Literacy Series: Your Credit & You!!!: Thurs. Oct 11, 11:30 a.m. LRC 435.** Credit! What is it? Do I really need it? How do I manage it? Chase Peckham discusses one of your most important financial tools.

**Farmers Market: Thurs. Oct 18, 12:30p.m.** Sunrise Plaza. FREE fresh produce for the Mesa College community. Please bring a reusable bag. Visit [www.sdmesa.edu/TheStand](http://www.sdmesa.edu/TheStand) to learn more.

**Financial Literacy Series: Wise Investing!: Thurs. Oct 25, 11:30 a.m. LRC 435.** The tax deadline is fast approaching! Come hear Paul Lim share the basics of income tax, issues to consider, and strategies to use so you can avoid paying too much to Uncle Sam.

### STEM Lecture Series:

- **Blue Water Task Force: Monitoring Our Oceans: Thurs. Oct 4, 7:00 p.m. G-101.** Elijah Garcia of the San Diego Surfrider Foundation, will summarize his organization's ongoing efforts related to urban contaminant testing of coastal waters.
- **Colors of Space: Tues. Oct 9, 7:30 p.m. G-101.** Join City College astronomy professor, Dr. Lisa Will, to learn about the electromagnetic spectrum and why celestial objects exhibit various colors of light.
- **A Rind is a Terrible Thing to Waste: The Science of Compost: Wed. Oct 17, 7:00 p.m. G-101.** How to transform your food waste into nutrients available to plants. By orchestrating natural processes through active (hot) composting and vermicomposting (with worms), you will reduce your greenhouse gas emissions and divert waste from the landfill.

### Social Science Occasional Lecture Series

- **Taya Lazootin: From Shore To Sea, Developing Policy: Fri. Oct 12, 12:00 p.m. I4-213.**
- **Josef Binter: Something New About Nietzsche: Fri. Nov 2, 12:00 p.m. MC-211B.**

**Transfer Night: Tues. Nov 6, 3:00 p.m.** University representatives from various colleges and universities will be on campus to answer questions about admission, financial aid, scholarships, and programs.

# 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
10/3/2018	Wed	W. WATER POLO	MIRAMAR COLLEGE	2:00 pm
10/3/2018	Wed	M. WATER POLO	MIRAMAR COLLEGE	3:30 pm
10/13/2018	Sat	FOOTBALL	EL CAMINO COLLEGE	6:00 pm
10/17/2018	Wed	W. VOLLEYBALL	GROSSMONT COLLEGE	5:00 pm
10/26/2018	Fri	W. SOCCER	IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE	4:00 pm
10/30/2018	Tue	M. SOCCER	PALOMAR COLLEGE	7:00 pm



## New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College

Linda Gibbons-Croft

Jeaneal Davis

Alexis Calderon

Olivia Picolla

## Congratulations!

AP Counselor, Mental Health Coordinator

AP Registered Veterinary Technician, Faculty

SST, Admissions

SST, TCE Center — Promotion

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