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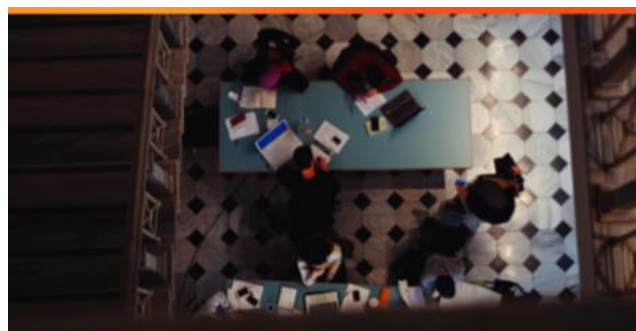
Art Inspires, Art Awakens

Each semester, we hold a President's Community Breakfast to invite the community to our campus to learn more about Mesa's latest initiatives and programs. The Spring 2019 Breakfast focused on our Arts programs, and over 70 community members and representatives from local government, non-profit, business, and education attended. We provided a campus-wide update and discussed our various Arts programs. We heard from several enthusiastic faculty members, and celebrated our partnership with the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. During the event, guests participated in an arts activity, and art students Akiko Mims and Albert Cartagenes shared their experiences and spoke about the value of Mesa's arts program. Guests also enjoyed a display of the World Cultures Artwork Collection and participated in tours of the newly remodeled Fine Arts building. Thank you to all of our faculty and staff who made this event a success.



Food and Housing Insecurities Report

In March, I visited Sacramento to discuss the importance of addressing community college students' basic needs such as food and housing insecurities and homelessness. I participated in a panel regarding The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice [#RealCollege Survey for California Community Colleges](#). As a part of this effort, I am co-chairing the [Affordability Food and Housing Access Task Force](#) that has made multiple recom-



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California Community Colleges #RealCollege Survey

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mendations towards addressing student needs.

In the fall of 2017, 44% of Mesa College students experienced food insecurity, 46% experienced housing insecurity, and 15% reported as homeless. In the fall of 2018, those numbers increased to 47% being food insecure, 62% were housing insecure, and 18% reported as homeless. Clearly, there is a need to address the basic needs of our students. Most research identifies community college students as a population particularly impacted by unaffordable college costs. Some of the many goals of the taskforce are for college leaders to come together to collaborate around best practices, remove policy barriers, and to establish effective partnerships. I will keep you posted on this important work.

HSI Conference

Mesa College launched its inaugural HSI Conference on Friday, March 15. This year's theme was "What does it mean to *serve* as a Hispanic-Serving Institution?" While the College continues to make strides to better support our students, one common area that seems to recur across all HSI institutions is that of service. Topics at the conference included themes around equity and social justice. We heard from several students who participated in featured student panels and showcased the spirit of innovation and advocacy that characterize our faculty and staff's commitment to serving our underrepresented students. For more information, visit [HSI Conference](#).

Fine Arts Grand Opening

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, over 200 people—including Mesa faculty, staff, and students, along with community members—attended the Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Fine Arts Building. The redesigned building includes an art gallery; an art history lecture room; studios for drawing, digital graphics, sculpture, ceramics and painting; and workshop spaces to support the shared use of art equipment, material, and supply resources. The entire building was carefully designed in ways to encourage creativity and inspiration, and to best showcase student success and artistic engagement with the community. Looking forward to this month, be sure to stop by the Gallery to see the Museum Studies Class Exhibition featuring art from our talented Mesa students. For complete details, visit the [Mesa College Art Gallery webpage](#).



Women's History Month

Our Mesa community celebrated Women's History Month with a number of great events to highlight the powerful voices and contributions of women—both past and present. Events included our 8th Annual Gracia Molina de Pick Feminist Lecture Series, featuring activist women of the Civil Rights Movement, including SDCCD Board of Trustees President Dr. Maria Nieto Senour, a Chicana/o Theatre and the Arts presentation by Sylvia Enrique, a pop-up art exhibition, a benefit production of The Vagina Monologues, a performance of Local Black Women Poets, and other lectures and films. Collectively, these events celebrate the important women activist leaders who have gone before us and championed important causes for the marginalized and the voiceless. Thank you to all of our faculty and staff who made these events possible.

Jumpstart

Mesa College hosted our annual Jumpstart Your Success: Cash in on Community College event on Saturday, March 16. It was a tremendous success, with over 400 prospective students and families attending. The program included a warm welcome from Dean Miller, and two very insightful welcomes from SDSU and UCSD Transfer Admissions representatives. Prospective students participated in various workshops focusing on what Mesa has to offer, including the San Diego Promise free tuition program, a Financial Aid information session, a transfer workshop, student perspectives, and many other engaging sessions. Jumpstart included an interactive Department Resource Fair, campus tours, and placement assistant open labs. Jumpstart Your Success: Cash in on Community College was an exceptional success, thanks to all of the faculty and staff involved in its planning, and we were thrilled to share Mesa pride with so many prospective students.

Speech & Debate Team Wins Again

They just can't stop - Mesa's Speech and Debate Team did it again in Berlin. The Olympians competed at the 29th Annual Speech & Debate Tournament and Conference – International Forensics Association. Congratulations are in order for Blake Hindrichs and Samuel Kinsey on taking first place in NPDA Debate, as well as Katya Azzam for taking fourth place in Communication Analysis. Well done!

Veterans Breakfast Social

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Fourth Annual Veterans Breakfast Social. Veterans Coun-



selor Ramiro Hernandez worked with Tonya Whitfield and the Culinary Arts Department to host a successful pancake breakfast. Together, our Mesa community raised over \$1,300 for the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship and the Veterans Emergency Relief Fund. If you missed the breakfast and would still like to make a donation to help support Mesa Veterans, please contact the Veterans Resource Center at 619-388-2852, or Ramiro Hernandez at rmhernan@sdccd.edu.

Student Athletes – All Academic lists

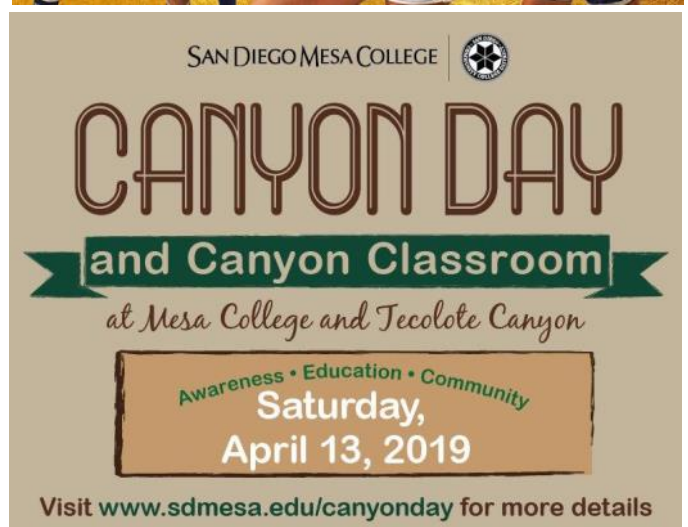
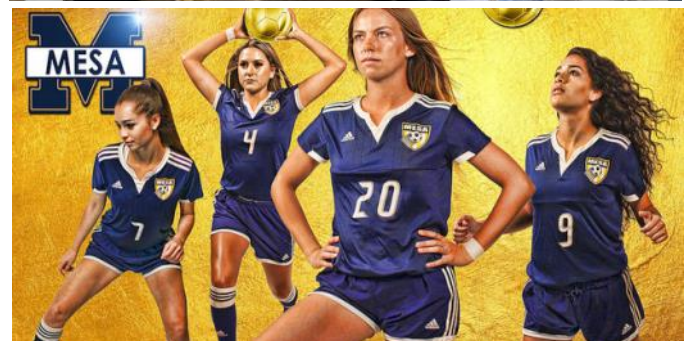
Sophomore soccer player Karlyn Ironside will continue her academic and athletic career, as she has signed with Cal State Los Angeles. Women's soccer players Madison Cosgrove, Ana Zick, Lillian Hill, Ana Salas, Marissa Stafford, Taylor Powers, Natalie Polan, and Alexis Salzwedel were all honored as scholar-athletes by the California Community Colleges Soccer Coaches Association (CCCSCA). Scholar-athletes must have completed at least 24 semester or 36 quarter units and boast a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher. In the month of February, the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA) honored three Olympians as Southern California Players of the Week: Cyrus Fullen, Ray Gutierrez, and Jacob Casson (Pitcher of the Week). Sophomores Hugh Anthony and Peter Neill were named on the 2018 Academic All-State Football Team. The team is selected by the All-California Community Football Coaches Association. Peter Neill achieved a 3.67 GPA, the highest on the team. Hugh Anthony finished 2018 with a 3.65 GPA.

Canyon Day and Canyon Classroom

This year, we are excited to announce the addition of Canyon Classroom to Canyon Day, making this a day of fun for the entire family. Join us on Saturday, April 13, for a great time of serving our community and taking care of our environment. Hosted by Mesa College, in conjunction with the City of San Diego and Park Rangers from the Tecolote Canyon Natural Park and Nature Center, Canyon Day is an annual clean-up where students, faculty, and staff from Mesa College join members of the broader community to clean a section of Tecolote Canyon and the college's surrounding trails. Canyon Classroom is a fun interactive family event that will include educational activities, arts & crafts, and a petting corral. For complete details, and to RSVP, visit the [Canyon Day webpage](#).

The 26th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony

This year, Mesa College will award approximately \$175,000 in scholarships to nearly 200 hard-working



Canyon Classroom community participants include Feeding San Diego, Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank, San Diego Audubon Society and San Diego 350.

students. This event is about celebrating our students and their accomplishments. Join us for the 26th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 20, at 12:00 p.m. This celebration of student success will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Mission Valley. Please RSVP (required) by Monday, April 15 at [Event-Brite](#).

Golden Scissors Fashion Show Presents Forces of Fashion

Save the date for the 38th Annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show & Awards on Friday, May. This exciting event includes a reception, silent auction, fashion show and awards, and will be held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. Tickets purchased in advance will be \$60 for VIP (reception, show and early seating), \$25 for general, and \$20 for students. Tickets are available [online](#) and on campus in BT-115 and BT-118.

Mesa/Guided Pathways Update

Mesa Pathways continues to catch fire as Co-coordinators Toni Parsons and Howard Eskew began meeting with various constituency groups on campus to share about the work that is occurring and opportunities for people to become involved. From March 14-16, a team consisting of Dean Leslie Shimazaki, Arts and Languages; Cynthia Rico, Counseling Faculty; Yolanda Cataño, HSI STEM; Nancy Cortés, Campus Researcher; Toni Parsons and Howard Eskew, Mesa Pathways Coordinators; traveled to Cal Poly Pomona to attend the first convening of the Leading From the Middle (LFM) Academy. The LFM Academy is a yearlong, statewide academy that focuses on leadership and developing a culture of inquiry within the framework of Guided Pathways. On March 19 and 20, a FLEX activity entitled "Navigating the Mesa" was offered and presented by Bridget Herrin, and Hai Hoang highlighted the results of our student survey and focus groups detailing how students select majors and use support services. The PowerPoint and video will be sent out soon. Keep watch for more opportunities to participate in our [Mesa Pathways activities](#).



Mesa Upcoming Events

STEM Lecture Series – Marine Plankton: The Good, The Bad, and The Just Plain Bizarre Things That Plankton Do On Planet Earth: Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., G-101.

Cultural Unity Week's Festival of Colors – Mesa Art, Music, Drama, Dance & Fashion: Thursday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Mesa Commons Quad.

A collaboration between the San Diego Mesa College World Music Ensemble, students of the Fashion Dept., Dance, and Visual Arts & Drama Depts.

Voices from the LEFT – My Story is My Neighbor's Story: Thursday, April 11, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., MC211.

Hear performances by students and faculty sharing their heartfelt experiences about what it's like to be a voice from the LEFT.

Free Farmer's Market: Thursday, April 18, 12:00 p.m., Sunrise Plaza.

This event is our latest effort in taking a stand to eradicate hunger by providing free, fresh produce to members of the Mesa College community.

Music Dept. Applied Music Program Student Recital: Friday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m., C-119 in C-100 Building.

This concert features San Diego Mesa College Applied Music Program students in Classical and Jazz music, directed by Dr. N. Scott Robinson.

Earth Day Celebration Fair: Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Sunrise Plaza.

This fair will include several exhibitors, a botany plant sale and a food drive for The Stand. Bring your non-perishable items to donate!

HipAquatic: Saturday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Swimming Pool.

This free event features Music, Dance, Art, Diving & more!

MESA OLYMPIANS ATHLETICS

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



DATE	DAY	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
4/5/19	Fri.	Beach Vball	Grossmont College / Coll. Desert	8:00AM
4/5/19	Fri.	M/W Track Field	Arnie Robinson Inv. (College)	9:00AM
4/6/19	Sat.	M/W Track Field	Arnie Robinson Inv. (High School)	11:00AM
4/10/19	Wed.	Softball	College of the Desert	3:00PM
4/11/19	Thu.	Baseball	LA Pierce College	2:30PM
4/12/19	Fri.	M. Volleyball	Univ. St. Katherine	6:00PM
4/16/19	Tue.	Baseball	SD City College	2:00PM
4/17/19	Wed.	Badminton	SD City College	3:00PM
4/26/19	Fri.	Beach Vball	PCAC Pairs Tournament	9:00AM

New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College

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Congratulations!

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