



# FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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Office of the President

March 2019

## Springing into Action on the Mesa

### Fighting for Our Students at the State Level

For the past 6 months I have been co-chairing the [CEOCCC Affordability, Food and Housing Task Force](#). We have already published our draft [recommendations](#), and some are making their way into new legislation. We are excited to advocate for two years of free community college & the expansion of financial aid through Santiago AB2, (Promise) and Leyva [SB291](#). Next week on March 7 I will join Assembly Member Jose Medina, Chancellor Oakley, Sara Goldrick-Rab of the [Hope Center at Temple University](#), and my colleague Keith Curry, Compton College President, at the briefing on the outcomes of the first CCC Basic Needs Survey. Stay tuned as we expand our own efforts to address basic needs on campus.

### Spring Still Has Short-Term Classes Available

Multiple short-term spring classes are available this [Spring](#), beginning April 1. Many of the courses are online or hybrid format, and include Chicano Studies, Psychology, Nutrition, GIS, Business, Accounting, Computer and Information Science, Real Estate, and multiple classes in Exercise Science. Most of these courses provide credit towards a degree, and are transferable. Please encourage your students to enroll today and earn additional units.



## Spring Short Term Classes are Still Open



Short-term classes still  
open for Spring 2019

Its not too late to  
enroll!

Classes start March 11  
and April 1

To see open classes,  
visit [www.sdmesa.edu/Spring](http://www.sdmesa.edu/Spring)

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### Center for Business and Technology Grand Opening

On Thursday, February 28, faculty, administrators, staff, and students gathered for the Grand Opening of the new Center for Business and Technology. Chancellor Constance Carroll and Dr. Maria Nieto Senour, President of the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees, provided warm introductions, and Dean Danene Brown, faculty, and students shared stories of the impact this building has on their programs and students. Immediately following a Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting and refreshments, guests toured the 57,800-square-foot facility. Thank you to all who joined in this wonderful celebration.



### Black History Month

During the month of February, Mesa celebrated Black History Month with events including the Rosa Parks Birthday Recognition, Healing Drums, Art Exhibit, and several lectures, films, and discussions. These events recognized and honored the legacy of many men and women who have gone before us, paving the way to continue the work toward equity that we do at Mesa today. Thank you to Dr. Sundayo, Professor Mayasa, and all faculty, staff, and students who participated in this great time of reflection and honor.



### Leaders Inspiring Transformation (LIT) Conference

On Friday, February 22, Mesa hosted the LIT Conference, a special conference for faculty, staff, and students, designed to encourage foster youth to pursue educational goals and become innovative thinkers, and to inspire foster youth supporters to become innovative leaders and provide unique space for foster youth empowerment. Keynote speakers included Kevinee Gilmore, a former foster youth from Cleveland who shared how she started a movement, #FosterCare, with only \$15. With support from Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and rapper Shawn "JAY Z" Carter, Gilmore was able to take the movement nationwide. After leadership workshops, the final keynote speaker, David Shands, discussed how students can take control of their lives despite hardships. I would like to offer a special note of gratitude to Sade Burrell, Counselor and FAST Scholars Program Coordinator, and all of the staff involved in hosting this event that truly displayed Mesa's commitment to equity and excellence.



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*The Leading College of Equity and Excellence*

### Mesa Pathways

On Friday, February 8, 2019, instructional and counseling faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and students convened at Marina Village for an all-day Mesa Pathways Retreat. Following the encouraging opening remarks, instructional faculty paired with counseling faculty and classified professionals and students to discuss, share, explore a framework for strategic pathways. There were also cross-disciplinary discussions about class offerings. In the afternoon, Mesa College students Isabella Cervantes, Wyatt Yeomans, and Isacar Duarte shared their stories, insights, and struggles concerning their educational journey. Information was presented from the state-wide Academic Senate about Areas of Interest, followed by rich discussion. Workgroups are busy planning FLEX activities and projects in Spring 2019 that will help to continue the momentum created during the retreat. These include, additional mapping workshops, curriculum help, and data sharing. Be on the lookout for dates and times. Please see the [Mesa Pathways webpage](#) for updates, or to get involved.



### Fine Arts Building Grand Opening

Please join us on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m., for the grand opening of our newly remodeled Fine Arts Building and Mesa College Art Gallery. The Fine Arts Building, constructed within the former I-300 Building, has emerged as a highly visible and thriving hub for Fine Arts students, with a modern and spacious new art gallery, and state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for highly-acclaimed programs in drawing, painting, digital art, sculpting, and ceramics. The facility includes 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 new facility provides an environment that is responsive to student needs and industry trends, and was carefully designed in ways to encourage creativity and inspiration, and to best showcase student outcomes and artistic engagement with the community.



### Mesa's New Art Gallery

The [Mesa College Art Gallery](#) kicked off an exciting spring semester with its first exhibit in the newly remodeled Fine Arts Building. The inaugural exhibition, *Looking Forward, Looking Back*, featured the work of 47 alumni





who presented some of their current projects. The reception on Thursday, February 7, drew a huge crowd, and the exhibition ran from January 28 – February 13. Gallery Director and Museum Studies Professor Alessandra Moctezuma and her staff then began immediately preparing for the second exciting exhibition, featuring San Diego artist Mario Torero, entitled [Mario Torero: Artivismo Loko](#). Torero is an internationally renowned muralist and a legend in the Chicano community. The exhibition celebrates his public art and personal work, and runs from February 27 – March 21, 2019, with a reception on Thursday, March 7, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Mario Torero: Artivismo Loko  
February 27 - March 21, 2019

### President's Breakfast

Each semester, I invite our elected officials and community partners to the Mesa College campus to enjoy breakfast and learn more about Mesa's programs and services. The President's Breakfast is an opportunity to connect with others who share a passion for education, and to inform them on how to get involved with, and support, Mesa. This Spring, we will focus on the importance of the arts, and how the arts are inspiring our next generation of San Diegans. The Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 15, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery.

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### President's Breakfast

Friday MARCH

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7:30 a.m. Fine Art Gallery

Art Awakens.  
Art Inspires.

"Creativity takes courage."  
- Henri Matisse



# Mesa Upcoming Events

**HSI Conference:** Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am – 2:00pm, MC 211. Keynote Speaker Dr. Gina A. Garcia will discuss what it means to serve as a Hispanic Serving Institution. Free for all students and Mesa employees; \$20 for non-Mesa employees. All attendees should RSVP. Light breakfast and lunch provided.

**Jumpstart Your Success – Cash in on Community College:** Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 1pm, Sunrise Plaza. Mesa will provide prospective students with an introduction to college life. Volunteers will host an information fair, campus tours, food and fun for all who attend.

## Women Rise

Display in the entrance of the LRC, March 1-31

## The Sacred Feminine: The Visualization of Female Power and Authority in Africa

Display from the World Cultures Collection in the glass gallery, LRC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, March 1-31.

## Gender Differences in Achievement Motivation: The Effect of Expectations

Lecture by Christina Crosby. Social Sciences Occasional Lecture series. Friday, March 8, 12-2 p.m. in MC 211B.

## Women Victims/Women Survivors Panel

Thursday, March 14, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in MC 211.

## RBG and the Journey Towards Equality

The Mesa Women in Law Club presents a showing of "RBG" the movie followed by a discussion. Thursday, March 14, 4-6:30 p.m. in SB 112.

## Speak Out: Female Scientists, Scholars, and Sociologists

Lecture by Richard Bravo. Monday, March 18, 2:20-3:45 p.m. Location TBD.

## Forum on Women and Gender Bias in the Workplace

Tuesday, March 19. 11:10am – 12:35 p.m. G-101.

## 8th Annual Gracia Molina de Pick Feminist Lecture Series

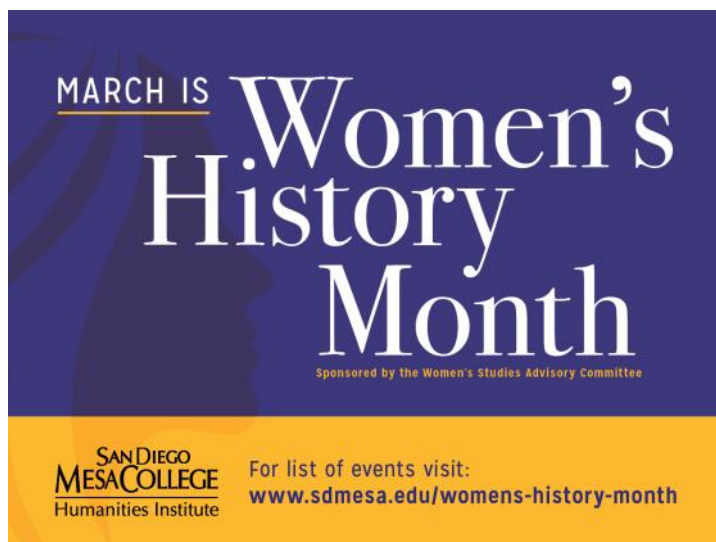
Sylvia Enrique, Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mesa Commons MC 211

## Chicana Tributes: Stories for the New Generation

Panel discussion including Trustee Maria Nieto Senour, and book signing. Thursday, March 21, 9:30-11 a.m., MC 211

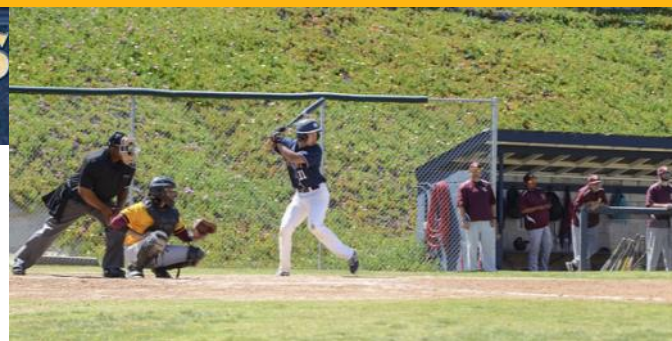
## Vagina Monologues, bilingual version

Thursday, March 21, 5 p.m. in the Apolliad Theater (Mesa campus).



# 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
3/7/19	THU.	BASEBALL	GROSSMONT	2:00PM
3/9/19	SAT.	SWIMMING & DIVING	RIVERSIDE INVITATIONAL	ALL DAY
3/13/19	WED.	BADMINTON	IRVINE VALLEY	2:30PM
3/15/19	FRI.	BEACH VOLLEYBALL	PALOMAR COLLEGE	10:00AM
3/20/19	WED.	M. VOLLEYBALL	PALOMAR	6:00PM
3/22/19	FRI.	SOFTBALL	LA MISSION	11:00AM
3/27/19	TUE.	W. TENNIS	GROSSMONT	FINAL
3/28/19	THU.	M. TENNIS	PALOMAR	2:00PM

New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College	Congratulations!
Erika Higginbotham	AP, DSPS Counselor/Coordinator
Amara Tang	Student Services Asst - SSP
Celine Ahearn	Student Services Asst - Admissions
Jomelynne Lim	ILT - Biology
Raquel Aparicio	Student Services Supervisor I - Admissions
Sohath Yousseff-Venegas	ILT - Biology
Erin Evans	AP, Sociology
Christina Sanchez Volatier	AP, Sociology

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