



FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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MESA COLLEGE
Office of the President

May 2018

Mesa College is “Making History”!

In 2018, Mesa College will again make history by awarding over 1,700 Associate degrees and over 800 ADTs. Most monumental is that we will also award our first Bachelor of Science degrees in Health Information Management (HIM) to fifteen students. The HIM program provides accessible, high-quality, industry-approved instruction designed to prepare students to work at a management level. We will also be graduating our first Promise students. Started in 2016, the Promise Program provides free tuition for one year at a California community college to full time students. This year, Antonio Martinez is receiving Mesa’s Distinguished Alumni Award. Mr. Martinez graduated from Mesa in 2005, and transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. Currently, Mr. Martinez serves as the Director of Public Relations at Imperial Beach Community Clinic. The San Diego Mesa College Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Jenny Craig Pavilion of the University of San Diego at 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110. For more infor-



mation, please review the [Commencement Ceremony info sheet](#).

Grad Fest

Our soon to be graduates prepared for Commencement with Grad Fest on May 2 - 3. Students received their caps and gowns, and had fun picking out extra memorabilia like class rings, diploma frames, and sashes. For more information on Commencement, please visit [this page](#).

Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2018

On Friday, April 20, we had the opportunity to celebrate our 25th Scholarship Awards Ceremony, and it was a huge success. We reached two new record goals; awarding over \$240,000 in scholarships to 175 students, with 65 students receiving more than one scholarship. The Opportunity Drawing and Silent auction raised over \$3,000 for the San Diego Promise. Thanks to our donors, faculty, staff, and administrators for all of their contributions, and to the Mesa Foundation, Student Affairs and Office of Communications for creating such a fabulous event for our students and their families.

Grand Opening - The Stand: Farmers Market

On Thursday, April 19, Mesa College held the Grand Opening for "The Stand: Farmers Market," a vision made possible by a new partnership with Feeding San Diego. This new initiative stems from Mesa's effort on "Taking a Stand Against Hunger." Over 700 guests attended and received free food, including fresh produce – totaling to over 8,000 lbs of free food that was given away to the Mesa community. Thank you to over 30 volunteers who assisted. Moving forward, Mesa plans to host a Farmers Market each month to continue the great philanthropic work and provide community support. I'd like to invite everyone to join us again at the next one, on Thursday, May 17.



Canyon Day 2018

The 10th Anniversary of [Canyon Day](#) happened on April 14, and as previous years, it was a big success. Student groups such as Honors, SVO, Associated Students, and Promise students were there to show their support. This year we had nearly 100 volunteers who braved the warm April day for the benefit of our community. Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer and helped us keep the Canyon clean until next year.



Cultural Unity Week

Cultural Unity Week/Festival of Colors took place April 9-13 with the theme, "How Cultures Converge." The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity sponsored 15 different workshops, panels, films, discussions, as well as fashion, music and poetry performances with over 600 people participating in the weeklong activities. The week ended with a Student Diversity Luncheon with food from different cultures. As in years past this was a great way for the community to come together. For more photos, visit Mesa's [Cultural Unity Week Photo Album](#).



37th Golden Scissors Fashion Show

Mesa College's Fashion Program's annual 37th Golden Scissors Fashion Show & Awards is coming up this Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. This year the theme will be Desert Escape. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. for VIP guests to enjoy a reception and silent auction opportunities, followed by General Admission entry for the Fashion Show and Awards. Tickets are available in person in B104 & B105, Mesa College or tickets can be purchased online [here](#). Ticket options include VIP (\$60), Student in Advance (\$20), General Admission in Advance (\$25), and General Admission at the Door (\$30). For any questions regarding the upcoming event or the Fashion Program, please contact Fashion Program Professor Susan Lazear at slazear@sdccd.edu, or visit the [website](#).



DESERT ESCAPE

SAN DIEGO MESA FASHION PROGRAM
HOSTS
THE 37TH ANNUAL

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, MAY 11TH, 2018
THE SHERATON SAN DIEGO
HOTEL AND MARINA

Golden Scissors Fashion Show & Awards

5:30 pm Reception & Silent Auction
7:30 pm Fashion Show & Awards

\$60 VIP Ticket
\$20 Student (in advance)
\$25 General (in advance)
\$30 General Admission (at door)

Tickets available March, 2018
in person in B104 & B105, Mesa College
online at <https://sdmesafoundation.yapsody.com/>

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Summer Classes - 2018

This Summer, Mesa will be offering over 600 classes in various subjects and disciplines. Each class will only cost \$46 a unit (if non-resident, another \$267 per unit), and there will be many online options available. This is a great time to get ahead or make up your credits, especially with small class sizes during Summer. Credits are transferrable to California State Universities (CSU) and University of California (UC) schools. To see the Summer 2018 Class Schedule, please visit www.sdmesa.edu/summer18.



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Mesa Upcoming Events

Monday, May 7 – Priority Registration Begins for Summer 2018

Tuesday, May 8 – Registration by Appointment for Summer 2018

Wednesday, May 9 – Deadline to Register for Commencement 2018

Thursday, May 10 – Financial Literacy Speaker Series: Ain't No Question Hard Enough
Panel Discussion of Financial Industry Experts
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, LRC 435

Friday, May 11 - 37th Annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show & Awards, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

Thursday, May 10 – Stem Lecture Series: Utility and Truth in Model Design

Please join Mesa Physics Professor – Claude Monna – for a fascinating look at how scientists interpret evidence-based constructs. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Room G-101 Auditorium

Thursday, May 17 – Free Farmers Market Courtyard, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 - San Diego Mesa College Commencement 2018 in the Jenny Craig Pavilion of University of San Diego at 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 21 – Open Registration Summer 2018



MESA OLYMPIANS ATHLETICS

All home matches and dual matches are complete for the season. Congratulations to all of our Athletes! Please join us to the STAR Awards on May 8th.

Saturday, May 12, 2018 - Track & Field

Regional Championship, 9:00 AM



★ ★ ★ 2018 ★ ★ ★ ★ STAR ★ AWARDS STudent Athlete Recognition

Open to all intercollegiate athletes
RSVP on www.sdmesa.edu/maap or to your coach by April 6

When: May 8, 2018

Where: Mesa College
Gymnasium

Time: 12:45 PM–2:15 PM



New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College

Congratulations!

Aileen Crakes

Dean of Student Development / Promotion

Marwan Hanania

AP History

Kimberly Mills

AP Radiological Technology

Tracey Penrod

AP Medical Assisting / Promotion

Helen Trejo

IA / STEM

Cynthia Purnell

Program Support Tech

Alexi Balaguer

Senior SSA / Promotion

Catherine Cannock

IA / STEM / Promotion

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