



FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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MESA COLLEGE
Office of the President

September 2018

It's Fall on the Mesa

Fall 2018 is off to a good start. The campus is getting its rhythm as we settle into the 3rd week of classes.

Our Convocation program this year focused on "Student's Needs, Mesa's Promise," which included the traditional campus updates and a visit from the Chancellor and District representatives, in addition to updates on new faces and spaces, and our Mesa Pathways work.

Our guests Feeding San Diego and Community Housing Works, along with faculty, staff and student panelists, spoke about how Mesa is helping students succeed by overcoming barriers, such as insecurities around food and housing. The results are inspiring; Mesa continues to find ways to create equitable student outcomes.

Welcome Week

Mesa College welcomed back thousands of students on August 20, as Fall classes commenced on campus. In addition to valet parking and free otter pops, students were invited to learn about campus services, clubs and transportation options. New this year is FREE parking (no permit required) at Grace Brethren Church, about 4 blocks from campus. It's a great way for students to save some money and get some steps in.



Farmers Market—Welcome Week

Mesa College held its first [Farmers Market](#) of the new academic year on Thursday, August 23, during Welcome Week. We anticipated a good crowd and we were not disappointed.

Nearly 50 campus volunteers helped distribute approximately 8,600 lbs of free fresh produce, including honeydew melons, onions, strawberries, and tomatoes, along with cookies and crackers. We were able to supply food to 820 households in 3 hours. Enjoy the [photos](#) and please plan to attend or assist with our next Farmers Market on Sept. 20th. Donations of reusable bags are appreciated.

2018 Spirit Week/Homecoming

Please save the date for Spirit Week 2018, Sept 17-21. The week kicks off with an **Office Decorating Contest**, which always assures me that good-natured competition is alive and well at Mesa.

Please join us for the **Spirit Week Pep Rally** on Thursday, Sept 20 from 12:30pm—1:30pm at Mesa Commons Quad/Sunrise Plaza. Join Mesa College students, faculty, staff and students to show support for our student athletes and football players as they prepare for the 2018 Homecoming Game vs. Grossmont. We will be announcing the winners of the Office Decorating Contest. Winners will get to sit with ME—in the VIP section at the Homecoming Game.

I'd love for all of you to join us at the **Homecoming Tailgate Party** on Saturday, September 22 from 4:00—6:00 pm in Parking Lot 3. This free, family-friendly carnival-style event is generously hosted by the Associated Students. Multiple groups and clubs will have booths, and students will have access to free food and other give-aways. We will also be selling opportunity drawing tickets for the Pay It Forward Scholarship. From the Tailgate, we will all make our way to the **Homecoming Football Game** at 6:00pm at San Diego Mesa's Merrill Douglas Stadium. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Water Polo and Women's Volleyball also have contests during Spirit Week—show your spirit by attending any game to cheer for our Olympians.

Visit www.gosdmesa.com to see all the games.



Mesa College Promise Match Challenge

On behalf of San Diego Mesa College Foundation, I want to express deep gratitude for the support that the #MesaFam showed yesterday in response to our announcement of the [Mesa Promise Challenge](#). At Convocation you made it abundantly clear: the passion and dedication on this campus is a powerful force for effecting positive change not only for our students, but our whole community. That's not just my impression; it's evident in the results. Check it out: Before Convocation, a total of \$26,354 of our \$50,000 goal had been raised. One day later, with your support, we raised **\$5,099**. Thank you for your generosity.

Mesa Pathways

This summer, the Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC) met twice a month to lay the foundation for our 2018/19 work. Committee members participated in a Committee Launch Retreat where we discussed our "Why," reviewed data, fine-tuned committee logistics and engaged conversations about equity and change. MPC also participated in Convocation activities which highlighted a [video telling our Why](#), along with an invitation for the campus to engage in the Pathways process. This Fall, Mesa will enter into a Coaching partnership with Dr. Al Solano. Dr. Solano's coaching will help us with structures, processes, training and technical support to implement Guided Pathways. A campus-wide invitation to engage in [Mesa Pathways](#) will be launched in September.

Taste of Mesa

On October 4, Mesa will host the annual *Taste of Mesa*, the premier cooking-show style fundraiser benefiting the Culinary Arts Management Program. *Taste of Mesa* will feature internationally-inspired cuisine and three cook-off competitions between alumni, students and an advanced baking team. Guests will be able to bid on silent auction experiences including dinners for 2 with several local celebrity chefs. Proceeds from *Taste of Mesa* will be used to purchase ingredients to help train students for the farm-to-table style restaurants and prepare them to become valued employees in the service industry. 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.



The Mesa Promise Match Challenge 2018

Take the Mesa Promise Challenge!
Donate Today



9 days, 13 hours, 30 minutes, 51 seconds
left to fulfill our Promise.

[GIVE NOW](#)



\$45,108 of \$50,000 raised



Taste of Mesa



Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 5:30 pm
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HIM Bachelors Degree Accreditation Visit

In early September, the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) visited San Diego Mesa College to review our bachelor's degree program. CAHIIM reviewers were impressed by not only the rigorous academics, but also the abundance of student services provided to support students through their time at Mesa College. They also took note of the administration's involvement and knowledge of HIM, including the way upper division faculty incorporate real-world scenarios into their courses. With a few minor edits, a final review and board approval, the CAHIIM reviewers estimate Mesa's accreditation will be complete by the end of 2018. This achievement will allow HIM graduates to sit for the national certification exam and obtain their Registered Health Information Administration (RHIA).



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CAHIIM Accreditation Site Visit

August 29-30, 2018

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- **Community Building-Nuestra Celebración, Mon Sept. 17 9am-12pm, MC 211 A/B.** Meet Mesa students that have tapped into STEM scholarship and networking opportunities using Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) funds and support systems.
- **Campus Conexiones with Dr. Leticia P. López, Tues Sept. 18 11:30am-12:30pm, AVANZA Student Engagement Center.** Meet your Latinx community! Dr. Leticia P. López is an Acting Program Manager for the Hispanic Serving Institution initiatives on campus. Contact: arivera@sdccd.edu
- **Celebration of HSI Programs and Activities, Tues Sept. 18 and Wed Sept. 19 10am-1pm, Mesa Commons Quad - Sunrise Plaza.** Meet Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Program Coordinators and students from Peer Navigators, CRUISE, STEM Peer Mentors, Mathletics, and more! Pizza will be provided to the first 60 students.
- **Postcards from Mesoamerica; A Hands-On Experience with Ancient Maya Ceramics, Wed Sept. 26 1pm-2pm, I-112.** Anthropology Professor Ryan Mongelluzzo will explain what archaeologists can learn from pottery, specifically about Ancient Maya using drone technology. Contact: rmongell@sdccd.edu
- **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
- **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

Mesa Upcoming Events

Ted Meyer's Scarred For Life Reception and Artist Talk: Thurs, Sept 6, 5-7pm, Mesa College Art Gallery, D101. Contact: Alessandra Moctezuma at amoctezu@sdccd.edu or 619-388-2829

Campus Astronomy Night: Mon, Sept 10, 7:30pm-9:30pm, G-101, rooftop of Math/Science building. Contact: Irena Stojimirovic istojimi@sdccd.edu or 619-388-5885

Spirit Week: Sept 17-21 **Pep Rally** on Thurs, Sept 20, 12:30pm in Sunrise Plaza

Farmers Market: Thurs, Sept 20 at 12:30p.m. Sunrise Plaza. FREE fresh produce for the Mesa College community. Please bring a reusable bag. Visit www.sdmesa.edu/TheStand to learn more.

Homecoming Tailgate Party and Football Game vs. Grossmont: Sept 22. Visit www.gosdmesa.com

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



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

DATE	DAY	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
9/7-8/2018	Fri & Sat	W. VOLLEYBALL	SD MESA INVITATIONAL	ALL DAY
9/8/2018	Sat	FOOTBALL	GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE	6:00 pm
9/11/2018	Tue	M. SOCCER	SD CITY COLLEGE	7:00 pm
9/11/2018	Tue	W. SOCCER	MT. SAN JACINTO COLLEGE	1:00 pm
9/21/2018	Fri	M. WATER POLO	SAN DIEGO TOURNAMENT	TBD
9/28/2018	Fri	W. WATER POLO	MESA / MIRAMAR TOURNAMENT	ALL DAY



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