



FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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Office of the President

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Welcome back

The semester is now in full swing, and I love seeing everyone on campus.

We had an exciting Convocation program this year which included the traditional campus updates and visit from the Chancellor. This year's theme, [#allin4students](#), resonated in every moment of the event. Campus updates included new buildings, new faces and spaces.

Exciting new features included a student panel, a discovery zone and a "test kitchen", hosted by faculty and staff willing to share their ideas for improving our practices. Our students panelists clearly spoke to how Mesa was "all in" for them. Then, our faculty and staff were "all in" as they hosted over 35 booths to demonstrate best practices, new ideas and innovations that are having a positive impact on our students. The results are inspiring; Mesa continues to find ways to be equitable.

The new format was refreshing and invigorating, and I'd like to thank multiple faculty and staff for making that happen; thanks to Janue, Katie and the Professional Development team in the LOFT, thanks to Rachelle and the facilities team for the beautiful new flooring and set-up, all the faculty and staff who participated in the Discovery Zone and the Office of Communications for the All In videos and other support.

#allin4students



Welcome Week

Mesa College welcomed back thousands of students on August 21, as Fall classes commenced on campus. In addition to valet parking and free ice cream, students were invited to an eclipse watching party hosted by multiple faculty members outside of the Math & Science building.

The eclipse was an exciting addition to the beginning of the semester. It was pretty clear that the Mesa Family is committed to total learning when multiple classes were outside on their first day, learning about this natural phenomenon.

Mesa provided solar telescopes with special filters so participants could view the eclipse safely with the naked eye. The eclipse was also projected onto a large projector screen to make viewing safe and easy for everyone. Thanks to multiple science faculty members who made this possible for our students.

Center for Business and Technology -Topping Out

On Thursday, August 31st, San Diego Mesa College hosted a Topping Out for the new Center for Business & Technology – one of Mesa’s final classroom building projects under Propositions S and N. The 60,000 gross-square-foot, two-story building will include classrooms and laboratories for courses in the School of Business and Technology.

The San Diego Mesa College Center for Business & Technology (CBT) will be a new two-story, 57,800 gross square feet facility consisting of computer laboratory classrooms, fashion design laboratory, case-study type classrooms, faculty spaces and associated support space. There will be a video display wall, and extensive hardscape and landscape improvements.

The building design features sustainable elements including daylighting, natural ventilation, cool roof, drought tolerant planting and on-site bio-retention. In keeping with the district's Green Building Policy for all Propositions S and N-funded projects, the Center for Business & Technology is expected to be awarded a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification for green building and design - one of 42 LEED certifications across the District.



Fall 2017 Spirit Week: September 18th—23rd

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 from 12:30am—1:30pm at Mesa Commons Quad/Sunrise Plaza. Join Mesa College students, faculty and staff to show support for our student athletes as they prepare for the 2017 Homecoming Game. Don't miss it—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.

And finally, I'd love for all of you to join us at the **Homecoming Tailgate Party** on Saturday, September 23 from 4:00—6:00 pm in Parking Lot 3. This free, family-friendly carnival-style event is generously hosted by the Associated Student Government.

From the Tailgate, we will all make our way to the **Homecoming Football Game vs. East Los Angeles** at 6:00pm at San Diego Mesa's Merrill Douglas Stadium). I am looking forward to seeing all of you there!

STEM Center Grand Opening

We are also celebrating the Grand Opening of our new STEM Center on Wednesday, September 20th at 10am. The STEM Center is being funded by the HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution) Title III STEM Grant as part of "STEM Conexiones" (STEM Connections), which aims to support Hispanic and low-income students to prepare them for STEM majors.

The STEM Center will offer:

- STEM Tutoring
- STEM Counseling
- Faculty Mentoring
- Group & Individual Study
- Peer Mentoring
- Workshops & More



You're Invited!

Please join us for the
Grand Opening of our new
STEM CENTER

Wednesday • September 20, 2017 • 10am
Location: 1st Floor of LRC 115



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Mesa Upcoming Events

Fall 2017 Club Rush: Tuesday, September 12 – 14, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Mesa Commons. Looking to join a student club? Come check out our best and brightest as they rush for your membership on the Mesa Commons. Contact Courtney Lee: clee@sdccd.edu.

Islam and Islamophobia in America: Thursday, September 14 from 12:45 to 2:10 pm in MC 211 A/B. Speaker Imam Karim Abuzaid from the Colorado Muslims Community center will give a talk entitled “Islam & Islamophobia in America: What do you need to know?”

Design and Discovery Fashion Showcase: Wednesday, October 4 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Salk. A fashion show highlighting a unique collaboration between Salk scientists and Mesa College fashion students.



“Excelencia’s in Education, HSI Institute in California”: Friday, September 15, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the University of La Verne, Morgan Auditorium. Sessions for faculty include how to implement, replicate, and fully integrate practices to improve Latino student outcomes. Contact: eparrill@sdccd.edu

Presentation: “Postcards from Mesoamerica: A Hands-On Experience with Ancient Maya Ceramics”: Wednesday, September 27, 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the STEM Center, LRC 115. Professor Mongelluzzo will explain what archaeologists can learn from pottery, specifically about Ancient Maya. Contact: rmongell@sdccd.edu

Presentation: UnDocumenta: Thursday, September 28 at Oceanside Museum of Art. UnDocumenta, curated by Mesa College Faculty Alessandra Moctezuma, references the plight of the undocumented and is concerned with topics related to biculturalism, migration, labor issues, and human rights. Contact: amoctezu@sdccd.edu

Films:

“Mar Adentro”/ “The Sea Inside”: Thursday, October 5, 1:45 to 4:10pm in MC 211A. Based on the real-life story of the former Spanish sailor Ramon Sampedro, who was left quadriplegic after an accident in his youth almost thirty years ago. Now, he is fighting for the legal right to end his life. Contact: hpadilla@sdccd.edu

“Anita”: Monday, October 9, 11:10am to 1:35pm in MC 211A. Anita is a young woman with Down syndrome who leaves her house and gets lost in a big city after the bombing of the AMIA in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1994. Contact: hpadilla@sdccd.edu

“Bajo la Misma Luna”/ “Under the Same Moon”: Tuesday, October 10 from 11:10 am to 1:35 pm in MC 211A. About a young boy’s journey across the U.S./Mexico border to be reunited with his mother, an undocumented woman working in L.A. Contact: hpadilla@sdccd.edu

Student Poster Session: “Latino/a Leaders in the U.S.”: Thursday, October 12, 12:00 to 2:00 pm in the LRC, 1ST floor lobby. Mesa College Spanish 215 students will give poster presentations in English and Spanish that highlight U.S. Latino/a leaders. Contact: fzabalet@sdccd.edu

Chicano/Latino Heritage Celebration: Tim Hernandez, author of *All They Will Call You*: Thursday, October 12 at 11:00 am in G101. The 1948 California plane crash that took the lives of 32 passengers; including 28 Mexican citizens-farmworkers who were being deported by the U.S. government. Tim Hernandez creates a narrative that delivers portraits of the individual souls who, despite social status, race, or nationality, shared a common fate one frigid morning in January 1948. Contact: mvelez@sdccd.edu

MESA OLYMPIANS ATHLETICS

Conference Game: Men's Soccer vs. Palomar College, Tuesday, September 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and vs. Cuyamaca College, Friday, September 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Both matches at San Diego Mesa's Merrill Douglas Stadium. Contact Samantha Seiders at sseiders@sdccd.edu

Conference Game: Women's Soccer vs. Grossmont College: Friday, September 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at San Diego Mesa's Merrill Douglas Stadium. Contact Samantha Seiders at sseiders@sdccd.edu

USA Track and Field Senior Games: Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 am at San Diego Mesa's Merrill Douglas Stadium. Contact Sean Ricketts: sricketts@sdccd.edu.

Homecoming Football Game: Mesa vs. East Los Angeles College: Saturday, September 23 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at San Diego Mesa's Merrill Douglas Stadium. Contact: Coach Peter Lofthouse at plofthouse@sdccd.edu or Samantha Seiders at sseiders@gmail.com.



| New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College | Congratulations! |
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| Lisa Burgert | Asst Prof Librarian |
| Jamie Arellano | SSA / Counseling |
| Trung Huynh | Senior SSA / Admissions |
| Carlos Pelayo | ILT Media Production / Technology Services |
| Brian Mackus | Instructional Support Supervisor / STEM |
| Sahar King | Sr Secretary / Institutional Effectiveness |
| Bobby Vang | Admin Tech / Business Office Support |
| Rosa Mejia | Admin Tech / Business Administration |
| Ben Sims | Admin Tech / Career Technical Education |



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