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Why the Pride Center Matters?

- LGBTQIA+ Students (particularly students of color) strongly consider leaving their institutions due to
 - Not feeling welcomed. (Diaz & Gonzalez, 2022):
 - Hostile Environments - verbal, physical, and sexual harassments (Ivory, 2005).
 - Mental Health - Higher levels of Suicidal Ideation, Depression, and Anxiety.
 - Feeling Lonely
 - Housing and Food insecurity (Beemyn, Curtis, Davis, et al., 2005).
- This will promote a sense of community and a welcoming environment for students to be **their authentic selves**.



San Diego Mesa College

LGBTQIA+ Student Enrollment

Spring 2022

*Information provided from the
CCC Apply. Students who
openly disclosed being part of
the LGBTQIA+ Community
(March 2022)*

LGBTQIA Identity	Student Numbers
Transgender	80
Bisexual	437
Gay or Lesbian	243
Non-binary	49
Other	99
Total	908

Transgender & Non-Binary Student Enrollment

Summer 2019 - Spring 2022

Transgender

Ethnicity	Student Numbers
African American	7
Asian	44
Latinx/e	74
Multi-ethnicity	34
Native American	3
Pacific Islander	2
Unknown	1
White	112

Non-Binary
Total
3,045

Transgender
Total
277

Total
3,322

Non-Binary

Ethnicity	Student Numbers
African American	139
Asian	161
Filipino	119
Latinx/e	1,092
Multi-ethnicity	339
Native American	12
Pacific Islander	21
Unknown	10
White	1,152

Pride Center Goals

The goal of our Pride Center is to provide a safe campus space for anyone regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic heritage, and/or cultural background.



**Safety and
Supportive**



**Diversity and
Inclusion**



**Community
Focused
Services**

Services that Matter for our LGBTQIA+ Community at Mesa College

Creating services and programming that connects with our LGBTQIA+ needs.

- Student Focus Groups
- Participants' Feedback on events, activities, and services.
- Researched Based Data

What are we learning from our community needs:

- Disability and Neurodivergent Inclusion
- Intersectional Inclusion, Imaging, and Representation
- Ally Engagement
- Amenities
- Accessible Center Hours
- Counseling and other Gender Affirming Resources





**What has the Pride Center
done?**

Active on Social Media!

WELCOME TO THE
✦ MESA COLLEGE PRIDE CENTER ✦
INSTAGRAM!



Pride Center Library





Welcome Back To:
The LGBTea



Hey Mesa Olympians! Welcome back to your Pride Center Newsletter, **The LGBTea** – bringing you all things here and queer. In this August edition, you'll find we have an exciting month ahead for students and faculty alike. Let's get into it!

If you want to be included in our mailing list and future LGBTea newsletter editions, hit the button and complete our form below!

[Subscribe](#)

Without further ado, Let's Get to the Tea!

Pride in Action: Our August Events

LGBTea Newsletter

*Opportunity to share on and off
campus resources, events,
activities, other opportunities,
and more!*



Join our "LGBTea" Newsletter!

Mesa College Pride Center Website!

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CAMPUS LIFE

- Associated Students
- Commencement
- Dining
- Galleries & Attractions
- Get Involved
- **Pride Center**
 - LGBTQIA+ Resources
 - Staff
 - Events
 - Support the Center
- Mesa Visions
- Performing Arts

CONTACT PRIDE CENTER

Temporary Room: I4-401

Contact:
SdMesaPrideCenter@sdccd.edu
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Follow us on Instagram:
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MESA PRIDE CENTER



Welcome to the Pride Center

The Pride Center at San Diego Mesa College aims to promote a safe environment where LGBTQIA+ students, staff, faculty, and allies can be their authentic selves, feel welcomed, comfortable and at home. Whether you identify as LGBTQIA+ or an ally, thank you for visiting our page. Remember, there is always a place for you on our campus!

Be sure to keep up with us by joining [our mailing list!](#)

PRIDE CENTER SERVICES

The Pride Center offers centralized services for LGBTQIA+ students:

Events and Activities!



 **Pride Center**
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

LAS REINAS DE LOS CUENTOS
MC-211 A/B | 2:00pm to 4:00pm
With A Drag Queen Q&A and Show!



October 19, 2022

 @SDMesaPride
 SDMesasPrideCenter@sdccd.edu

 @SDMesaPride
 (619) 892-8312

The Pride Center is open to collaborations with other departments! :D

Events and Activities!



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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

With  **THE Stand**
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

FREE LUNCH

VEGAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE!



RSVP HERE!

EVENT LOCATION:
STUDENT SERVICES, 14-202

***Join & Connect with your
LGBTQIA+ community.***

Pride Center Location: 14-401, Student Services

 SDMesaPrideCenter@sdccd.edu  [@SDMesaPride](https://www.instagram.com/SDMesaPride)

 (619) 892-8312

 [@SDMesaPride](https://www.tiktok.com/@SDMesaPride)

Counseling Services



Counseling Appointments Now Available!

Let us help you reach your goals at Mesa College!

We practice cultural inclusivity and engage from an anti-oppressive mindset to create safer spaces for our LGBTQIA+ students.

Our counseling services can assist with:

- Create and edit your Educational Plan
- Explore Careers & Degree Success
- Supportive Counseling
- Transfer Opportunities
- and much more!

**Scan QR Code to
request a counseling
appointment!**



Connect with us!



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Safe Zone Trainings

Introducing our new updated Mesa College Safe Zone Training Logo

Opportunity to immerse in a learning and brave environment to best support the LGBTQIA+ community at Mesa College.



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What will YOU learn?

Safe Zones are key components for students' academic success! The trainings are designed to ensure that all faculty, staff, administration, and student leaders are equipped with the knowledge and methods to recognize and address any instance of discrimination and harassment with respect to any person's gender identity and sexual orientation.

Morning Training:

Monday, Oct. 17: 9:30AM TO 12:00PM

Afternoon Training:

Tuesday, Oct. 18: 3:00pm TO 5:30pm

Scan QR Code to register!



For more information, contact:

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For accommodations, please let us know at least 3 days in advance



**SAN DIEGO
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**

Collaboration with other Community Colleges!

San Diego Imperial Queer Alliance
(SDIQuA)

- *Region 10 organization to assist the support of LGBTQIA+ Students.*

SDCC District Queer Alliance

- *Collaboration between Mesa, City, Miramar, and CE.*

A promotional poster for SDIQuA Pride Potluck! The top features a rainbow wavy line and a string of colorful triangular bunting flags. The text 'SDIQuA' is in large, multi-colored letters, followed by 'Pride Potluck!' in large orange letters. Below this, the date 'July 23rd, 2022' and 'Location and Time TBD' are listed. A tagline 'Share delicious food and amazing company!' is followed by an illustration of a picnic basket and a QR code. The bottom section contains contact information for Lucio Lira and Richard Weinroth.

SDIQuA
Pride Potluck!
July 23rd, 2022
Location and Time TBD

Share delicious food and amazing company!

RSVP by scanning QR
code or go to
bit.ly/SDIQuAPotluck

For more information contact Lucio Lira (llira@sdccd.edu) or Richard Weinroth (rweinroth@sdccd.edu)

The Pride Center will serve as the College's centralized resource center and offer the following services:

- Counseling Services
- Expressive and Affirming Events and Activities
- Student Leadership Opportunity
- Mental Health Services
- Food and Housing Support
- Case Management to on and off campus services
- Safe Zone Trainings
- LGBTQIA+ Library
- Scholarships
- *& much more*





Pride Center

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Thank you!

Contact us!

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information!***

Join our "LGBTa" Newsletter!

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