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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM

Prez Hands

Hello Mesa College Community!

Weekly Update from Prez Hands provides a brief overview of the exciting efforts taking place within our community. The updates are also a great way to tell our collective story of success, and to document our journey of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Enjoy!

OFFICE OF THE *President*

Save the Date for our Fall Convocation!



**ROOTED IN PURPOSE.
GROUNDED IN EQUITY.
GROWING TOGETHER.**

Convocation / Fall 2025 —————

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:00 am 📍 Mesa College Gym

San Diego Mesa College | 7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego, California, 92111-4998

San Diego Mesa College Fall 2025 Convocation

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Program at Mesa Gym; Lunch at Mesa Quad)

Departments will be closed during Convocation

Join us for our annual **Convocation** as we kick off the year with important updates, shared goals, and a celebration of our collective work.

Mesa Gym

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM: Coffee and Pastries

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM: Program with Campus Highlights, Updates and Olympian Spirit awards, Opportunity Drawing

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: SDCCD Chancellor Visit

10:40 AM – 12:15 PM: Breakout Sessions 1 and 2

12:20 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch in the Mesa Quad

Then, **gather around after the meeting in the Quad** to relax, recharge, and reconnect with colleagues!

- 🎈 **Unwind with inflatable games**
- 🍦 **Cool down with handcrafted gelato provided by our Culinary Team**
- 🍱 **Enjoy a flavorful lunch from Los Chuchy's**



Dean Hoang will begin his leave on August 20 to welcome his new bundle of joy, with plans to return in October.

During this time, **Nancy Cortés, will serve as Acting Dean of Institutional Effectiveness.** Nancy will provide support and leadership for ACCJC, Program Review, Outcomes Assessment, PIEC, Mesa2030, and Institutional Research. While many of these ongoing projects already have strong leads, Nancy will help guide and coordinate efforts to ensure our work continues smoothly.



The RPP Group
Research, Planning & Professional Development
for California Community Colleges



For the upcoming fall semester, the LOFT is providing opportunities for Classified Professionals, Faculty, or Administrators to attend professional development conferences. The Office of the President is sponsoring four conferences:

- 2025 Nandi Annual Conference: In the Pursuit of Softness: A Radical Act of Resistance
- 2025 Strengthening Student Success Conference: Co-Creating a Liberatory Future
- 2025 HACU Annual Conference: "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Forging Transformational Leaders to Uplift Democracy and Prosperity"
- 2025 Colegas Annual Conference: "Unidxs Pedemos: Uplifting through Education, Democracy, and Change"

For more information on the conferences, [please click here](#).

Save-the-Date for the Chancellor's Forum:

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SDCCD partners with Arizona State University Online to offer students special tuition for Bachelor's Degrees.

Beginning this fall, eligible students and alumni can save 22% on tuition when they transfer to ASU Online through the California Community College Achievement Plan.

The opportunity is part of the university's broader effort to increase access to higher education for students. This seamless and affordable transfer pathway for California residents reduces financial barriers and supports students who need flexibility and options for an education that prepares them for the future. There are no income requirements to receive the tuition reduction.

To read the press release, [please click here](#).

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation's signature fundraising event, Spirit of Mesa, celebrates year two!


This event will focus on how Mesa's mission is all the more critical at this moment in time. The event brings together leaders from across our community who share a passion for equity and excellence in education.

Join us and other regional leaders on the beautiful San Diego Mesa College campus to celebrate the achievements of students, showcase the role of the Foundation, and honor the generosity of donors and sponsors. Together, we can ensure that nothing stands in the way of San Diegans working hard to get an education.

Date: Friday, October 10, 2025

Location: Mesa Quad

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

A promotional poster for the Spirit of Mesa event. The title "Spirit of Mesa" is in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below it, the tagline "This Moment, Our Mission" is in a yellow script font. A blue badge with white text says "SAVE THE DATE". To the right, the date "Friday, October 10, 2025" is written in white. The poster features a collage of six photos: a man in a black shirt, a man in a black jacket, a person in a rainbow shirt with "Pride Center" text, a woman in a red shirt, a group of people in blue shirts, and a woman in a black shirt. At the bottom left is the URL "sdmesa.edu/SpiritOfMesa" and at the bottom right is the San Diego Mesa College Foundation logo.

Spirit of Mesa
This Moment, Our Mission
SAVE THE DATE Friday, October 10, 2025
sdmesa.edu/SpiritOfMesa
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE FOUNDATION



San Diego Community College District

City College · Mesa College · Miramar College · College of Continuing Education



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS

**FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION:
A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE WITH TIM WISE**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

MESA COLLEGE

ROOM G-102

Register at: <https://bit.ly/TimWise0826>

College Flex Credit #30477 | CE Flex Credit #38113

Tim Wise is one of the country's most compelling voices on culture, politics, and power, bringing three decades of experience to some of the most urgent issues of our time. A gifted storyteller and sharp strategist, he helps audiences understand how we got here, what's at stake, and how to move forward with clarity, courage, and purpose.

Please let us know you'll be attending by accessing the RSVP form: <https://forms.office.com/r/SW27Nq3JJJa>

OFFICE OF *Instruction*



I am pleased to announce that Dr. Tara Hardee Teodoro will be our Dean of Instruction. She brings extensive experience and insight. We look forward to her contributions and leadership.

Dr. Tara Hardee Teodoro joins us from Sacramento State where she served as the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management. In this role, Dr. Teodoro was responsible for overseeing strategic enrollment goals such as expanding dual enrollment opportunities, supporting returning students to include adult learners, and analyzing enrollment metrics. She was also responsible for operations in the Admissions, Records, Financial Aid, and Articulation areas of campus. Holding prior administrative roles at CSU Long Beach, CSU Dominguez Hills, and Long Beach City College, Dr. Teodoro has 18 years of experience in California public higher education with a track record of supportive collaboration with on and off campus partners and was most recently recognized as a Woman of Influence at Sacramento State. She takes pride in taking a “compassionate compliance” approach to her work blending policy and equity in hopes to implement procedures that work for all types of learners. In addition to her administrative experience, Dr. Teodoro has 10 years of experience as a lecturer at CSU Long Beach teaching Introduction to Research in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program and most recently the Campus Culture capstone course in the Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership program.

In her spare time, Dr. Teodoro loves spending time with her family, traveling and reading. She is a big sports fan so don't be surprised if you see her supporting San Diego Mesa College athletics or pulling her hair out during baseball season (married into a Dodger household).



It is our pleasure to announce that Leslie Shimazaki will serve as our Interim Dean of Arts and Language for the Fall semester effective August 15.

Leslie holds an M.A. in Education and began her career with the San Diego Community College District in 1986. She previously served as Mesa's Dean of Arts and Languages from 2013 to 2024. After retiring last year, Leslie found she missed the important work of serving students. She is now returning to Mesa in this temporary role and brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge, and we are fortunate to have her. She looks forward to supporting the school until a permanent replacement is identified.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Leslie back to Mesa.

We are pleased to share an exciting development in our partnership with Point Loma Nazarene University's Accelerated Undergraduate Programs.

Through our collaboration, we've been able to bring hybrid, accelerated undergraduate opportunities directly to SDCCD students. We will be launching our first **Child Development cohort** at Mesa College this fall! Classes will begin **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**, and will meet on campus Tuesday evenings from **6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

The cohort has 11 students that will be continuing their Child Development journey with PLNU in their Bachelor's program. This is a great step forward in expanding accessible, flexible degree pathways for our students, and we are looking forward to seeing the impact it will have on their academic and professional journeys.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) committee has granted San Diego Mesa College full accreditation for the next five years. This is the first time the program has received full accreditation—an achievement that reflects the dedication, expertise, and teamwork of everyone involved.

Interested in expanding your professional learning this fall? Several exciting conferences are coming up, offering valuable opportunities to engage in equity-focused learning, build new skills, and bring fresh insights back to our campus community. If you're a Classified Professional, Faculty, or Administrator, we encourage you to explore these events and consider applying. Selected participants will be asked to share key takeaways through presentations or discussions.

Please apply to attend an upcoming conference sponsored by the President's Office. Please check the deadlines for submission. Also, you can apply to request funding to attend a conference. Please refer to the Conference and Travel Committee section to access the information.

[Applications are now open—don't miss your chance to attend!](#)



We are thrilled to kick off the Fall 2025 Semester with Welcome Week on campus. Please visit us next week at the Sunrise Plaza and give our new and returning students a warm welcome!

[Click here for the online Fall 2025 Welcome Week Schedule of Events](#)

[Click here for information on Mesa College Student Support Services](#)

Welcome Week is designed to promote community while helping students feel connected to our campus and to familiarize them with our resources, but we can always be on the lookout for a student in need.

At the Community Resource Exhibitor Fair, agencies and organizations will showcase their services, share educational materials, and provide helpful resources.

This is a unique opportunity to connect directly with foster youth, share valuable information, and build meaningful networks.

The Old Globe provided free admission tickets to Mesa College CalWORKs Students and their families.

Students and their families got whisked away into the magical world of theatre at The Old Globe on August 9th for 'Noises Off' and on August 22nd for *The Comedy of Errors*, one of Shakespeare's shortest and funniest plays. So much gratitude to The Old Globe for sharing their love of theatre with our community, and reminding us to enjoy the many pleasures Balboa Park has to offer.

Mesa will be hosting the Promises2kids, Guardian Scholars Kick Off Event.

The event will take place on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in front of the Mesa Quad. This fair brings together community partners who support Foster Youth in areas such as education, careers, employment, financial literacy, food access, parenting, and more.



On August 18th, Career Services presented at the MIP Kickoff event in MC 211. Sadie covered counseling services, Career Peers, and Handshake.

New Issue Alert

[Click here for the latest Mesa Journeys Newsletter!](#)

The Mesa Journeys newsletter gives a more in-depth look at all the great things that are happening on our campus. We encourage all faculty and staff to pass this along to our students, and also to sign up to receive these newsletters straight to their inboxes! Click below to sign up and for more information about Mesa Journeys:

<https://linktr.ee/mesajourneys>



Click on the flyer to enlarge

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**
San Diego Community College District

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
**MESA COLLEGE
TECH HUB**

**CONNECTING CAMPUS THROUGH TECH**
The Tech Hub is designed to provide convenient, walk-up technology services for our students, faculty, and classified professionals.

OUR SERVICES

- **Wi-Fi & Access:** Help connecting to SDCCD Wi-Fi.
- **Canvas & Tools:** Setup and troubleshooting for Canvas, Zoom, Pronto, and more.
- **Accounts & Login Help:** Password resets, Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), SSO issues.
- **Email:** Microsoft Outlook.
- **General IT Support:** SDCCD devices, software, and digital resources.

NEED HELP?
STOP BY THE TECH HUB IN THE STUDENT SERVICES LOBBY, FIRST FLOOR (J-400)

MON-THURS: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
FRI: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONTACT US OR SCAN THE QR CODE


619-388-7000

<https://help.sdccd.edu>

SCAN HERE


SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
**ROOTED
AND
RISING**
**BLACK STUDENT SUCCESS
RESOURCE FAIR**

Thursday, September 4th, 2025
11:00AM - 12:30PM
Mesa Commons Quad
Join us for an empowering event featuring campus resources, networking, food, and music.
Everyone is welcome!



For any questions or accommodations, contact ldiaz@sdccd.edu.

**SAN DIEGO
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¡Latino/a/e Bienvenido!

Latino/a/e Heritage Month Kickoff
Celebrating Latino/a/e Students and Colegas at Mesa College
Meet students and colegas
Learn about campus resources
Thursday, September 11, 2025
11:00am-1:00pm
Mesa Commons Quad
Everyone is welcome!
Food will be provided

For more information or accommodations, contact ldiaz@sdccd.edu.

MESA COUNSELING
Promise Program
Individualized Counseling and Guidance Support

Summer 2025 Services

- 1/2 hr Zoom or in person sessions where you can discuss your
 - Abbreviated education plan
 - Update your next semester courses
 - Talk about career and/or major options
 - Ask general questions

Your Counselors

Fabiola Beas

Miriam Pacheco

Schedule 1/2 hr sessions:
<https://bit.ly/PromiseZoomSessions>



Pride Center
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

PRIDE SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Pride Scholars assist LGBTQIA+ Mesa College students through academic and personal support services

PRIDE SCHOLARS SERVICES

- Academic/Career/Personal Counseling
- Textbook Assistance
- Meal Assistance
- School Supplies
- Self-Care Packages
- Individualized Case Management
- Community Building Opportunities
- & much more!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ Community
- Be enrolled in at least six (6) units (or unit minimum from DSPS) at Mesa College.
- Mesa College as school of record

HOW TO APPLY:
Scan the QR Code to complete online application, or go to tinyurl.com/SDMesaPS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US:

- SDMesaPrideCenter@sdccd.edu
- (619) 388-6096
- @SDMesaPride
- Room: D-102

DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 10TH



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Borderless Scholars

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Dreamer Resource Center

Higher Education Legal Services

Schedule a **FREE** Appointment Today

<https://findyourally.com/>

HIGHER ED LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT

I am undocumented and uninsured

For more information contact The dreamer's Resource Center at 619.500.2053 or MesaDreamers@sdccd.edu.

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DSPS

Disability Support Programs and Services Fall Readiness 2025

You're invited to attend our DSPS Fall Readiness event, designed to help new Mesa DSPS students prepare for the upcoming semester. Choose either August 12th or 13th for a morning session, and take advantage of optional afternoon classroom tours offered on those days as well as an additional morning classroom tour on August 14th.

August 12th or 13th 9am-12pm

High Tech Center
Located in the Library, Room 110

Scan to Register

<https://forms.office.com/r/sBBP4abb2>

For any accommodations please contact cruffner@sdccd.edu

For New Mesa DSPS Students



OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

New Business Card Request Process

To submit a request:

- Visit the Reprographics page: <https://www.sdccd.edu/departments/operations/enterprise-services/reprographics/index.aspx>
- Click on "Request Business Cards."
- This will open the request form: [Business Card Request Form \(PDF\)](#)

Key updates:

- Managers are now responsible for approving business card requests.
- Once the form is completed and signed, send it to Anthony Tolentino at atolenti@sdccd.edu for processing.



FOUNDATION CORNER

A space to learn about our latest efforts to connect partners who share our passion for education with opportunities to give. See how fundraising can help you, our students, and Mesa's mission.

[Learn More](#)



Highlight Your Students and Activities!

Next semester, we will be hosting our second ever Spirit of Mesa on Friday, October 10, 2025. This annual fundraiser will showcase the activities and students across Mesa College. Have information you'd like donors to know about? We need your input! Please give us ideas: bit.ly/SOM25Input

Participatory Governance

To learn more about our Associated Students, Academic Senate, and Classified Senate, please visit the links below:

[Associated Students](#)

[Academic Senate](#)

[Classified Senate](#)

In The Know

For additional information on what is happening on campus and in our community - visit the links below:

[Mesa College Newsroom](#)

[Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Ashanti Hands, Ed.D.

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