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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!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*

At the January 16, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting, Vice Chancellor Topham and Dean Lillian Garcia presented how the District was preparing to serve our Undocumented students in light of the new federal administration. To view the presentation, [click here](#) for the Board of Trustees presentation and [click here](#) for the link to the PowerPoint presentation.

The San Diego Community College District is committed to supporting all of its students through their education and career journeys, while providing a welcoming environment for growth and belonging.

[Click here](#) for a special message from Chancellor Greg Smith and our SDCCD College Presidents.



Ignite YOUR Light

EQUITY IN ACTION

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MESA COLLEGE

CONVOCATION - SPRING 2025

📅 THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 2025

📍 MESA GYMNASIUM

🕒 8:00 a.m. Coffee and Muffins

8:30 a.m. Program with Campus Highlights, Updates
and Olympian Spirit Awards

10:10 a.m. Breakout Sessions

12:20 p.m. Lunch at Mesa Quad



In the wake of the recent devastation caused by California wildfires, we extend our deepest empathy to the individuals and communities impacted as they begin to recover and rebuild. These tragedies serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of safety and preparedness. Taking proactive steps to protect lives, homes, and neighborhoods not only enhances personal safety but also strengthens our shared resilience in the face of these natural disasters.

To enhance your preparedness, consider the following resources:

1. [My Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide](#): outlines essential steps to prepare, stay informed, and act swiftly during a wildfire
2. [Ready.gov/Wildfires](#): A comprehensive guide to wildfire readiness and safety planning.
3. [Alert San Diego Preparedness](#): A local resource for emergency notifications and preparedness tips specific to San Diego County.
4. [Watch Duty App](#): A free app that provides real-time fire monitoring and alerts when evacuations are necessary.
5. [Emergency Kit Checklist](#): Use this checklist in the event of an evacuation

The current parking permits for staff and faculty expired on December 31, 2024. Starting in January 2025, the District will be utilizing virtual parking permits instead of physical ones. Attached are the instructions to register via Employee Self – Service.

Please complete the application no later than **February 8, 2025**, to ensure you are covered once your physical permit and the District grace period expires.

While only virtual permits will be used at our SDCCD locations, physical permits will be available for those with reciprocity to use while parked at other SDICCCA colleges and will be available for pick-up from Parking Services or the Mesa, Miramar, or City College police stations. Please note the process for obtaining guest parking passes remains the same at this time.

Any questions or concerns, **please contact Parking Services Department by calling (619) 388-6416 or emailing parking@sdccd.edu.**



OFFICE OF *Instruction*



Our MESA Center would like to share some exciting highlights from the MESA Program from the Fall semester:

- **Grand Opening of the MESA Center:** This fall marked the grand opening of our new MESA Center (see attached photos). We were thrilled to see a strong turnout from our MESA community of students, faculty, and staff, all coming together to celebrate this milestone and show their unwavering support.
- **Academic and Transfer Prep Workshops:** Throughout the fall, we hosted a series of workshops designed to help our students prepare academically and plan for successful transfers. These sessions provided valuable insights and strategies to ensure our students are on the right track for their academic futures.
- **Wellness and Mental Health Workshop:** In collaboration with Student Health, we also organized a wellness and mental health workshop. The session focused on practical techniques for managing stress, helping our students develop healthy coping mechanisms during a challenging academic term.

This spring we're excited to kick off a new series of workshops. Building on the success of our fall events, these workshops will offer even more chances for our students to grow and succeed.

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>





Please click on the flyer to enlarge.

Transfer Academic Update

THE TRANSFER ACADEMIC UPDATE IS THE NEXT STEP TO TRANSFER AFTER APPLYING TO **CSU/UC** SCHOOLS IN THE FALL
THE UPDATE IS DUE JANUARY 31

ATTEND A TRANSFER ACADEMIC UPDATE WORKSHOP TO COMPLETE YOUR TAU PROPERLY & ON TIME

IN-PERSON - BT 206	REMOTE VIA ZOOM
Tuesdays: 12pm-2pm Thursdays: 1pm-3pm	Fridays 10am-12pm
	
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619-388-2473 | mesatransfer@sdccd.edu | **SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**
www.sdmesa.edu/transfer | Transfer Center

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MESA COLLEGE

SDSU TRANSFER EVENTS

DROP-IN HELP WITH ACADEMIC UPDATES & MORE

*Join to connect with a SDSU representative

January 22nd 1PM to 3PM
January 29th 1PM to 3PM



ZOOM LINK HERE

www.mesa.edu/transfer | Ph:619-388-2473 | Location: I4-306 | mesatransfer@sdccd.edu

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

In preparation for the upcoming Spring 2025 semester, please see below parking information for students, faculty, and classified professionals:

Student parking:

- City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges:
 - Student permits are not required to park in student spaces during Intersession.
 - Student permit enforcement will be suspended for the beginning of the Spring semester (February 3rd – 14th)
- CE Campuses:
 - There is no suspended enforcement for the month of January in student spaces
 - Student permit enforcement will be suspended for the beginning of the Spring semester (January 29th – February 14th)
- Warnings may be issued at all locations February 10th – 14th for permit violations
- Full enforcement begins at all locations on February 18th
- All other violations will still be enforced, only student permit violations will be suspended

Staff parking:

- Warnings may be issued for staff permit violations through February 8th to allow time for all staff members to obtain their virtual permit
- Staff/faculty permits that expired on December 31, 2024, should be displayed and will be honored through February 14th to park in staff spaces.
- NANC employees are able to obtain temporary virtual parking permits through MyPortal. NANC employees should make note of the expiration date of their temporary permit and will need to obtain new permits for each semester. Students are not eligible for staff permits.

A Parking Services staff member will be visiting each college campus the first week of the semester to assist with permit distribution. These staff members will be at the following locations:

- City College – Accounting
- Mesa College – Outreach
- Miramar College - Accounting

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:

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Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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