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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!

OFFICE OF THE *President*

ACCJC Outcomes Compliance: Let's Cross the Finish Line – We're Almost There!

At our last Spring Convocation, we collectively set a bold and important goal: *to ensure that 75% of outcomes with results are entered into Nuventive by June 30, 2025*. As of today, June 25, we've reached **71.1%**. We are so close to the finish line. This remarkable progress is a testament to your dedication and commitment to student learning and continuous improvement. Let's harness this momentum and come together to reach—and even surpass—our goal.

If you haven't already, please enter your outcomes with results into Nuventive as soon as possible.

Whether you're ready to submit or have questions about the process, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Department Chair, Dean, or contact Liza Rabinovich directly at erabinovich@sdccd.edu.

Thank you for all that you do in advancing excellence and equity at our college. Let's finish strong—together.

Title III/V Eligibility Renewed

Mesa College has once again been designated as an eligible institution under Title III and/or Title V for FY25. This annual designation allows us to apply for

New Transfer Opportunity with ASU Online

San Diego Mesa College has opted into the ASU Online transfer grant program for California community college students. This initiative, built with input from the CEOCCC board and CCC colleagues,

federal grants that strengthen student success and institutional development.

We also remain eligible for a one-year waiver of the non-federal match for Federal Work Study, FSEOG, and TRIO programs, allowing us to better support our students.

Thank you to our team for ensuring we maintained this important status and secured our Needy Student exemption waiver.

provides an immediate, student-centered pathway that expands bachelor's degree access without adding institutional complexity (our students become ASU students without having to leave the state). This partnership includes a simplified transfer grant for bachelor's degree completion and the development of flexible partnership options tailored to our needs. Stay tuned for more information.

Mesa College will be closed for Friday, July 4th for Independence Day.

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Summer 2025 Modified Work Schedule



June 2, 2025-August 8, 2025

**Monday-Thursday
4x10s WORK WEEK**

Note:

**Thursday, June 19th - Juneteenth
HOLIDAY**

Friday, July 4th - Independence Day

HOLIDAY - observed on an alternate date at the manager's discretion.





[JOIN THE SDCCD AT THE ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE](#)

Students, faculty, administrators, and classified professionals from the San Diego Community College District will walk in the annual San Diego Pride Parade on Saturday, July 20, one of the largest in the country, with up to 100,000 spectators expected. This year's parade theme is "Making History Now."

Free T-shirts will be provided to the first 400 SDCCD participants. A free shuttle service will run between the Old Naval Hospital, on President's Way, and Park Boulevard to the start of the parade route.

[PRIDE PARADE INFORMATION](#)

SDCCD Launches SDCCDsafes: Turning Your Smartphone into a Safety Tool

In the coming weeks, the San Diego Community College District will launch SDCCDsafes, a free app that turns your smartphone into a safety tool. Safety at all SDCCD campuses and facilities is a top priority, and this new app will provide students and employees with another way to protect themselves with such features as:

- Placing a direct call to College Police or the 9-8-8 Crisis Lifeline.
- Setting up a virtual "Friend Walk" so a friend or family member can make sure you arrive at your destination safely - whether to a classroom, a parking lot, or even somewhere off campus.
- Reporting an anonymous tip.

The app will be available for download from the Apple App or Google Play stores in mid- to late-June. A notice will be sent out when the app is live.

More details about the app and other District safety services are available at sdccd.edu/safety



OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*

Extension of Pause on Ad Hoc Requests

Earlier this year the Institutional Research (IR) Team announced a temporary pause on all ad hoc requests until June 30, 2025, to allow for a transition to new data tools including SQL and Power BI.

Districtwide Dashboard to Replace Mesa's Enrollment Dashboard

Beginning Monday, June 23, 2025 the [SDCCD Enrollment Dashboard](#) will serve as the primary source for enrollment management data across the district.

To support emerging institutional priorities, our team is currently dedicating resources to the Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (Title V, Part A) Grant application, due July 3, 2025. As a result, the transition to our new tools is temporarily on hold.

To ensure adequate time for this transition, the pause on ad hoc requests is now extended through July 31, 2025. Any new requests submitted before then will be added to our queue and reviewed in August 2025.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time. For questions, feel free to reach out to:

Nancy Cortes at ncortes@sdccd.edu

Hai Hoang at hhoang@sdccd.edu

As a part of this transition, Mesa's *Enrollment Daily Dashboard* will be retired and removed from Mesa's dashboard webpage.

This change reduces duplication of work, minimizes data discrepancies, improves comparability, and streamlines the user experience with a single access point.

To access the dashboard, visit the Mesa College Dashboards page (you can find it by Googling "Mesa College Dashboards" and clicking the first result). Then, under "Operational Tools" section, click the link labeled "*SDCCD Enrollment Management*."

For questions, feel free to reach out to **Adriana Caetano** at acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*



We are excited to announce that Dr. Dina Miyoshi has accepted the position of Dean of Social/Behavioral Sciences and Multicultural Studies.

Dina has been at San Diego Mesa College since 1998, when she was hired as an adjunct for a General Psychology class. She accepted a full-time position in 2002 and has been a dedicated Professor of Psychology at Mesa ever since.

Dina is a recognized leader on campus. For the past twelve years, she has served as Chair of the Behavioral Science Department and has contributed to campus leadership in roles such as Faculty Evaluations Coordinator, Program Review Co-Chair, and Academic Senate Vice-President.

Dina is a proud mother to a college-aged daughter. Her husband is originally from Ireland, a country they enjoy visiting often. Her dog, Kalia is also her regular running partner. When she has a moment to herself, Dina enjoys cooking, baking and reading.

Please join us in welcoming Dina to the Instructional team!

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jill Moreno Ikari has accepted the position of Acting Dean of Humanities.

We look forward to her continued contributions and leadership in this new capacity. Jill is a descendant of First Nation peoples of Mexico and a current settler on the traditional territory of the Acjachemen Nation. Since 2009, she has taught composition, literature, and creative writing in the English Department at San Diego Mesa College. She has also served in leadership roles, including English Department Chair, Assistant Chair/Scheduler, and Chair of the Committee of Chairs. She finds strength and renewal in time spent with her family, friends, and the natural world.

Please join us in giving Jill a warm welcome as she steps into her new role with the Instructional team!



Recap | June 21–22: Mesa College Represents at the [3rd Annual Lao Food Festival](#)—and Brings Home the Win! 🏆 🌶️

[San Diego is home to one of the largest Lao communities in the U.S.](#), and this year's Lao Food Festival drew in a crowd of over 15,000! Mesa College showed up to connect, represent, and celebrate—engaging with the community, enjoying vibrant cultural performances, and, of course, diving into some seriously delicious Lao cuisine.

🌶️ In the festival's spicy main event—the Papaya Salad Eating Competition—our very own AANAPISI Director, Leland Simpliciano, faced off against chefs, community members, and rival colleges... and came out on top! 🏆 ([See Video](#))

We're proud to continue building bridges with the Lao community and hope to see even more of you there next year!



Navigating AI as College Students

Date: Monday, June 24, 2025

Time: 4:00–5:00 PM (PT) / 7:00–8:00 PM (ET)

Zoom: 842-9941-6728 **OR** Mesa College Classroom 14-402

In this interactive session, we'll explore how artificial intelligence is shaping higher education and discuss how college students can use AI tools ethically, responsibly, and effectively. Whether you're curious, cautious, or excited about AI, this event is for you! Feel free to share this with others who may be interested. All are welcome!

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NAVIGATING AI AS COLLEGE STUDENTS

TOOLS, ETHICS, AND EVERYDAY USE

Join us for an interactive presentation on how AI is shaping student learning. We'll explore its benefits and challenges, along with key ethical and equity concerns. You'll also have the chance to participate in a questionnaire and ask your own questions.

All experience levels are welcome.

FACILITATED BY EQUITY LIBRARIAN AND DEIA COORDINATOR, DR. EDEAMA ONWUCHEKWA JONAS
& STUDENT SUCCESS AND EQUITY STUDENT INTERN, ZAMZAM FADHIL

Everyone welcome! Light Refreshments Provided

 TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

 ZOOM: 842-9941-6728 AND
SD MESA COLLEGE 14-402



We are thrilled to announce that the **Project Success Emergency Aid Program** has been renewed with **\$10,000 in funding for the upcoming academic year!**

This impactful initiative is a collaboration between **San Diego Mesa College** and **Educational Credit Management Corporation, (ECMC)**, designed to assist students facing unforeseen and urgent financial challenges beyond typical campus costs. Students may receive up to **\$500 in lifetime emergency aid**, helping them manage unexpected expenses that could otherwise disrupt their academic journey.

Since its inception, the program has supported an average of **20–25 students per year**, and to date, we've proudly assisted **95 students**, disbursing a total of **\$40,000 in emergency funds**. This continued funding allows us to extend support through another semester and further strengthen Mesa's commitment to student success.

Applications for the Fall 2025 emergency aid grants will be available in September.

Higher Education Legal Services

Schedule a FREE Appointment Today



<https://findyourally.com/>



Free legal immigration consultations with an attorney are available for students and employees!

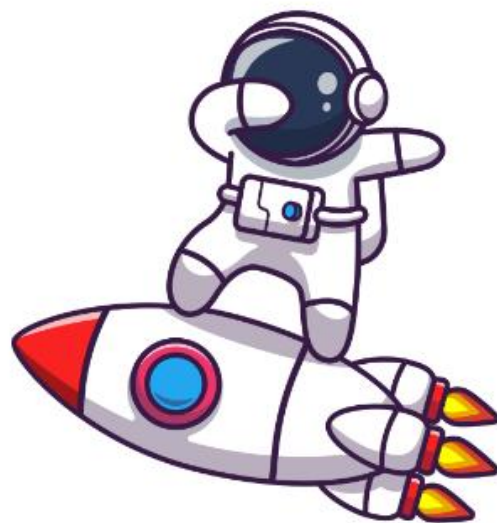
Mesa College and Borderless Scholars are partnering with Jewish Family Services (JFS) Higher Education Legal Services to offer free legal immigration consultations.

To learn more about this service, please contact the **Borderless Scholars Office in Room I4-207, 619.388.5115**, or visit <https://findyourally.com/>.

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>






New Students - CRUISE into Mesa! Attend CRUISE and become confident and prepared for your first year at Mesa College!


Start college on the right foot with CRUISE, an onboarding program that helps new students transition to Mesa during their first year. The program will guide you to on-campus resources and introduce you to the many opportunities, programs, and people available to help you excel in all areas of your academic and personal growth. You belong at Mesa and we look forward to helping you set sail on a thrilling course of study.


Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/SummerCRUISE2025>

Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) 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.

 **Date:** August 12th or 13th

 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 **Location:** High Tech Center (Library, Room 110)

 **Register**

here: <https://forms.office.com/r/s9BP4abhA2>

EOPS is inviting all interested students to register for our **EOPS 2025 Summer Readiness Personal Growth (PG) 120 course** — a 5-week, in-person class designed to support students in preparing for college success.

This course will help Students explore their academic goals, develop essential college skills, and gain confidence as they transition into higher education. The course is UC/CSU transferable and provides a strong foundation for future academic achievement. Plus, we will have weekly lunches, field trips, and so much more! Attached is the flyer for reference.

Course Details:

Dates: Monday - Thursday | 6/16 - 7/19

Time: 9:35AM - 12:30PM

Course Number: 91548

Room: Mesa BT-101

Type: In person

Click on the flyer to enlarge



SUMMER CRUISE

New Students – **CRUISE** into Mesa!

Creating **Rich Unique Intellectual Student Experiences**
Become confident and prepared for your first year at Mesa College

It's FUN!
It's FREE!
And it's open
to all **new**
college students!

- Connect with a Peer Navigator who will serve as your mentor
- Receive support for CRUISE and the academic year
- Build community and meet other incoming students
- Learn about campus resources and student life
- Participate in workshops aimed at your transition to Mesa College

CRUISE SESSIONS

Recent High School Graduates

JULY 15-16

JULY 22-23

JULY 29-30

AUG 5-6

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Lunch provided!)

For more information and to register for Summer CRUISE
visit us @ www.sdmesa.edu/cruise →

Deadline to register is one week before chosen session!



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Contact: Agustin Rivera | Room: 14-203 | 619-388-2757 | www.sdmesa.edu/cruise
Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than eight (8) working days prior to event.



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- Receive support for CRUISE and your entire academic year at Mesa College

CRUISE SESSION

Continuing Education, Veterans, and Adult Learners

SAN DIEGO
CONTINUING
EDUCATION

Saturday, July 26
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Scan to Register



<https://forms.office.com/r/s9BP4abhA2>

For any accommodations please
contact cruffner@sdccd.edu



**For New Mesa
DSPS Students!**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES! READY TO SUCCEED?

**Kick off your summer with EOPS
Summer Readiness 5-Week
Personal Growth 120!**

Instructor: Rosa Palacios
Date: Monday - Thursday
6/16/2025 - 7/19/2025
Time: 9:35AM - 12:30PM
Room: Mesa BT-101
Type: On Campus

Students will receive assistance in achieving their academic goals. This Personal Growth 120 class will convene in person, and the units are transferable.

To secure your spot for the class, simply scan the QR code!

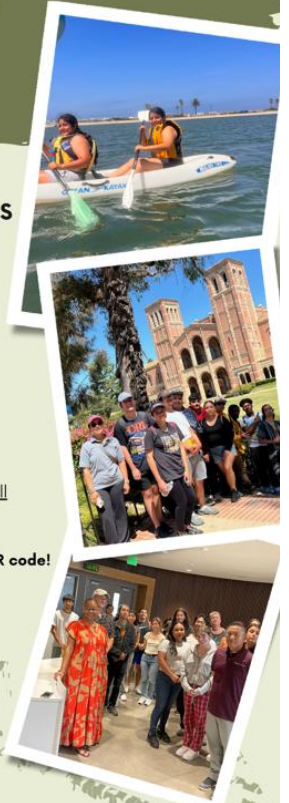


**HAVE
QUESTIONS?**

For More Information:

619-388-2706

MesaEOPS@sdccd.edu



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](#)

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EMPOWERING MINDS.
TRANSFORMING FUTURES.**



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

Spring Semester Fundraising by the Numbers

\$194,147

raised since January

\$209,000

Scholarships Awarded in
April

188

Students Served by
Scholarships

\$77,000

In Grants secured

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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Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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