



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*

MESA GIVING DAY

Giving day on Thursday, May 29, 2025,
with donations accepted through
Saturday, May 31.

sdmesa.edu/mesagivingday

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE



We are proud to honor our Class of 2025 with #MesaGivingDay on the eve of Commencement, Thursday, May 29.

All giving up to \$10,000 will be doubled with a 1:1 match, and are accepted through Saturday, May 31.

Honor students and pave the way for the next generation of Olympians by giving at any amount or spreading the word:
sdmesa.edu/mesagivingday



Mesa College will go in a 4x10 Schedule starting the week of June 2, 2025 until August 8, 2025.

Please note:

Juneteenth will be observed on Thursday, June 19th. All District offices and campuses will be closed. Independence Day, which lands on a Friday, will be observed on an alternate date at the manager's discretion. Please note that the date you choose must be either on a Thursday or Monday.



Coalition Unveils New, Vibrant Civic Center Vision for Downtown San Diego

San Diego Mesa College is excited to be part of an early-stage, transformative vision to reimagine Downtown San Diego's Civic Center as a vibrant hub for arts, culture, education, and community life. This concept, led by the Downtown San Diego Partnership, Prebys Foundation, U3 Advisors, and the San Diego Community College District, includes the prospect of a World Art Museum & Research Center inspired by Mesa's renowned World Art Collection, under the leadership of Dr. Denise Rogers.

Though still in the conceptual phase, the project imagines educational spaces that could support Mesa's Museum Studies, Art History, and related programs, positioned within a thriving arts and cultural district. We are proud to be included in this journey of possibility and look forward to what this could mean for our students, city, and the future of higher education in San Diego. Click [here](#) to review the Press Release.



Mesa College Supports AB 335

The San Diego Community College District supports AB 335, designating colleges that qualify as Black-Serving Institutions and receive additional funding to help students in need of their educational journey.

To listen more to this great initiative, please click on the YouTube video on the left.



Last week, National University proudly raised their partnership flag with Mesa College, a visual reminder of our growing collaboration and shared commitment to student success!

Through this partnership with National University, we are creating direct, flexible, and affordable pathways to a bachelor's degree with no application deadline, 4- and 8-week online classes, and generous tuition reduction scholarships.

We thank President Milliron, Shaniece Lewis, and the National University team for their commitment and partnership.

To read a little more, [click here for the LinkedIn post](#). (You must have a LinkedIn account to view)



The District has released the Spring 2025 of their With Excellence magazine featuring our Mesa Impactship Program and Mesa Alumnus Vincent Vigil.

In this issue, Mesa highlights the impact of the Mesa Impactship Program for the students and; former Mesa alumnus Vincent Vigil recently being inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Library and Archives for his work, citing his gratitude to the Museum Studies Program and Professor Alessandra Moctezuma.

To read more, please [click here](#).

California Community Colleges Respond to the President's Budget

On behalf of the California community colleges, the Community College League of California and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has written a statement to our congressional delegation regarding the impacts of the President's recently released "skinny budget". This would reduce federal support for our state's community colleges by well over \$300 million annually - an impact that would prevent many students from completing their programs, ultimately keeping them from entering the workforce with the skills and training California's employers need.

To read the full statement, please [click here](#).





All of our spring sports made the postseason this year!

Huge kudos to our student-athletes, our coaches, and our support staff!

- Men's Swim & Dive: 6th in conference, 18th in the state
- Women's Swim & Dive: 3rd in conference, 10th in the state
- Badminton: 2nd in conference, state singles consolation bracket winner
- Softball: 2nd in conference, advanced to regionals
- Baseball: 4th in conference, advanced to super regionals
- Women's Track & Field: 1st in conference, 3rd in state, Individual state champion: Joelle Tonne (800m)
- Men's Track & Field: 1st in conference, 2nd in state, Individual state champions: Ian Rosen (800m, back-to-back), Lucas Scott (Javelin), Jaden Dasher (400m hurdles), Ronald Way (10k), Men's 4x100m (Josh Schindler, Ryan Mann, Marcel Acosta, Austin Snook), Men's 4x400m (Marcel Acosta, Shamarion Uden, Ryan Mann, Jaden Dasher)
- Beach Volleyball: 1st in conference (undefeated), State Champions!

GO OLYMPIANS!!!



Congratulations to Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community of Practice (CoP) Cohort 2 - Spring 2025!

Thank you to facilitators - Professor Patricia "Trish" Guevarra, Ranmali Rodrigo, Ella deCastro Baron, and Dr. Hai Ly Tran for their work! The AAPI CoP is a critical professional development cohort that provides participants with opportunities to learn, contribute their knowledge and experience, and engage in promising practices to serve our AAPI students at San Diego Mesa College.

Sign up if you're interested!

[Classified Participants](#)

[Faculty Participants](#)



Recap - May 14: The AAPI MoC Talk Story Series

Last week - Marc Pescadara, Justin Rapolla, and Leland Simpliciano hosted their final AAPI MoC Talk Story series of the semester. As we strive to close the equity gap, we thank those that helped in assisting by attending and referring. We welcome more of our students to check out our resources. If you know of any students that may benefit from these efforts, have them reach out to the facilitators or [complete this form!](#)



Recap - May 9: 4th Annual AAPI Recognition Ceremony (ARC)

On May 9th we celebrated over AAPI student graduates! The event was filled with reflection, rest, good food, and a lovely performance from [Dok Kulap](#). Congratulations to the Class of 2025. The ARC Committee would like to thank those who contribute and supported this event. See you next year!

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 | Transfer Center

Have a Quick Transfer Question?

DROP INTO A TRANSFER TALK FOR A BRIEF SESSION WITH ONE OF OUR TRANSFER COUNSELORS

Support with Applications | Transfer Planning | Course Selection & More

Spring Drop-ins via Zoom

MONDAYS 3PM-4PM
TUESDAYS 12PM-1PM
THURSDAYS 1PM-2PM
FRIDAYS 10AM-11AM



SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW THE TRANSFER TALK VIRTUAL SCHEDULE & TO REGISTER FOR A TALK

No Application Workshops Will Be Held On: 2/3 2/4 2/7 2/25 3/21-4/4 4/24 5/5 5/15 5/26 6/10

Questions? Contact the Transfer Center at mesatransfercenter@sdcccd.edu (Ph: 619-388-1452, Local: 40-200) Or Visit Student Services Blog

SAN DIEGO PROMISE

Promise Counseling Workshop Series

HEART & STONES

A MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Pause, breathe, and paint... Stop by and take a moment for yourself before finals!

FRIDAY, MAY 23
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
AVANZA 14-202

bit.ly/SD25PromiseWorkshops



Questions? Contact Promise Counselor Miriam Pacheco myapacheco@sdcccd.edu

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Grad Cap DECORATING

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'RE GRADUATING! JOIN US FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECORATE YOUR GRADUATION CAP AS A WAY TO MAKE-IT-YOU.

Thursday, May 22 & Wednesday, May 26, 2025
1:00-3:00 PM
Room 14-402

Stop by any time! Everyone is welcome!

*GRADUATION CAPS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CAP TO DECORATE.

For questions or accommodations, please contact: 619-388-2884

Stand
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
The Dr. Family L. Lander Recreation Center


Join Us Finals Week!

Wash away your stress with...

WATERCOLORS

**Date: Wed May 21, 2025
Thurs May 29, 2025**
Time: 12-2pm
Location: K105

Light snacks & refreshments!
Opportunity Drawing for \$25 721ifty meal vouchers!



CACM
San Diego Mesa College
College Art Center

Requests for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-388-2774.

For more student events, please click the Mesa Journeys link above



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](#)

**BREAKING BARRIERS.
EMPOWERING MINDS.
TRANSFORMING FUTURES.**



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](#)

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Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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