

Week of June 3, 2024

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MESA COLLEGE



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*

Last Friday, Representative Sara Jacobs presented a check for nearly \$2 million in federal funding to the San Diego Community College District for facility improvements at Mesa's Family Resource Center and the Miramar College Police Academy. A little over \$1.4 million of the funding will benefit student parents at Mesa College. For more information, please visit the SDCCD News Center:



Congresswoman Sara Jacobs secures \$2M in federal funding for the SDCCD



Graduation photos are now up on our **San Diego Mesa College Flickr!** To relive some of the wonderful moments from this event, click [this link](#).



June is Pride Month! It's a wonderful time to celebrate diversity, love, and acceptance. It's a time to embrace and celebrate the beautiful spectrum of identities and experiences that make us all unique. Whether you're a part of the LGBTQ+ community or ally, there are many ways to show support, and some of them are to attend the events we have here on our campus.

For more information, please visit the Mesa Price Center instagram, @sdmesapride, where you can view the flier to the left and get more information about our center.

Single Sign-On Coming July 15th! I'm sure you've seen the emails and Canvas pop up, but single sign on is coming. This means students and faculty will be logging into Canvas and mySDCCD using their SDCCD email login. If you're concerned about the process, the district's Online Learning Pathways is hosting an **Introduction to SSO** on July 10th at 2pm in the [SSO Introduction Zoom](#). The only thing you and your students need to do to be prepared is to log into your district email!



Congratulations! San Diego City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges are all now live as Teaching Colleges in the [CVC Exchange](#)! This significant accomplishment makes it easier for students from across the state to seamlessly register in your online classes, helping to eliminate barriers to completion.

As we continue to integrate technological advancements into our educational framework, it is paramount that we understand the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our collective experience. We invite you to participate in a comprehensive survey designed to gauge familiarity with AI applications, the frequency of use in professional duties, any concerns regarding its impact on education and work, and interest in further instructional opportunities related to AI.

Survey
link: survey.regionalconsortia.net

(Note: Should take approximately 5 minutes to complete)

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SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Our Online Services Librarian, Dr. Alison Gurganus, was selected as one of the district's part-time co-lead Faculty Specialists for Emerging Technologies beginning Fall 2024! This role is crucial to advancing technology integration into teaching and learning across the district and collaborating with Institutional Innovation and Effectiveness Vice Chancellor, Innovation Systems Analyst, and college and district constituents. Her and Professor Gomez of Miramar College will focus on providing training and professional development, resource development, and fostering peer-to-peer discussions and community building. We are so proud of you, Dr. Gurganus!

Mesa Impactship Program alumni Nami Rajaei was featured in a short promo for the Scripps Research Institute about the future of scientific exploration! Nami, seen at the 0:55 time marker on the YouTube video to the right, participated in the Mesa Impactship Program during Spring - Fall 2023. At the end of his internship, he secured a permanent Research Assistant/Technician role with the lab of Dr. Hermina Nedelcu, whose research focuses on understanding the neurobiological basis of substance use disorders, including mechanisms that lead to dependence, attachment, and withdrawal states, craving, relapse, and cognitive impairment. Additionally, Nami represented Mesa with his internship work at the UC Irvine Conference, "Structure, Function, and Development of Neural Circuits" in August 2023. We are proud of Nami and the work of our Mesa Impactship Program team!





Rising Scholars Counselor Coordinator, Karen Geida, has done an excellent job partnering with the Female Community Reentry Program (FCRP) and parole to provide educational pathways for students during and after incarceration. Parole agents attended the EOPS and Special Programs Student Recognition Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of two women that graduated, a powerful testament to the life-changing impact of access to higher education. This story underscores the importance of community colleges collaborating with local reentry facilities to create pathways to campus for students in Mandatory Community Reentry Programs (MCRPs) or Community Custody to Reentry Programs (CCTRP).

To read more, visit the article, "[Parole attends college graduation for 2 reentry participants](#)".



Mesa College Hosted the California Community College Chancellor's Office Real College California regional convening on Monday, June 3. Attendees had an opportunity to learn about how to continue developing and strengthening Basic Needs support services at community colleges.

Real College California was created to provide the latest evidence, integrated with hands-on guidance to inform implementation and help members develop a cutting-edge mindset to increase their institutional effectiveness and strengthen California's ecosystems to support students' basic needs and promote college completion.

<div>  <div> The San Diego Community College District presents Microsoft Teams Training </div>  </div>			
Session Title	Description	Round 1	Round 2
Microsoft Teams 101 Why & How?	Microsoft Teams can be the hub for all communication and collaboration. Create a team to bring people and content to the same location. Use channels, conversations, and tabs for seamless collaboration. Join us as we take a closer look at channels, tabs, conversations, and file sharing for collaboration in Microsoft Teams. Participants will leave the session with a basic understanding of a team set-up, management, and best practices for use.	Wednesday, May 8, 2024 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration Link College FLEX # 21693 CE FLEX # 31553	Tuesday, June 4, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Registration Link College FLEX #21694 CE FLEX #31554
Collaboration with Microsoft Teams	Discover the best ways to stay organized by keeping notes, documents, and digital conversations in Teams. Easily find, share, and edit files in real-time using familiar apps like Word, PowerPoint and Excel in One Drive Microsoft Teams.	Wednesday, May 15, 2024 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration Link College FLEX #21695 CE FLEX #31556	Thursday, June 6, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Registration Link College FLEX #21697 CE FLEX # 31557
Scheduling & Learning Engaging Meetings	Teams Meetings can be scheduled in several ways. Learn where and how to schedule the correct type of meeting and manage meeting permissions. Discover how Microsoft Teams provides the ability to meet synchronously for real-time engagement and feedback. Interact through multiple formats, including: Together Mode, Spotlight, and Polls to increase engagement.	Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration Link College FLEX #21698 CE FLEX #31558	Tuesday, June 11, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Registration Link College FLEX #21699 CE FLEX #31559
Teams Voice for the End User	Are you ready to take your communication and collaboration in Teams to the next level? Join in for a training session on Teams Voice, designed for end-users who want to learn how to make and receive phone calls using Microsoft Teams. Discover how to set up calling preferences, place and receive calls using the Teams app, basic calling operations, access the call history and voicemail and many other useful tips and tricks!	Thursday, May 23, 2024 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration Link College FLEX #21700 CE FLEX #31560	Thursday, June 13, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Registration Link College FLEX #21701 CE FLEX #31561

Join us for remaining June Microsoft Teams training sessions! For more information, click the button below:



OFFICE OF *Resource Development*



A little over one week ago, we announced #MesaGivingDay 2024, a day dedicated to giving back to Mesa's mission and students. By the time we closed out our #MesaGivingDay 2024, we saw an incredible burst of support come in for our students. The results are in:

Because of you, we were able to secure over \$22,500 in less than one week, maximizing the match!

Thank you for being a part of this incredible day and for showing our students that their dreams matter.

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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