



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*



Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall 2024 Convocation last Thursday! Your presence and participation made the event truly special and marked a wonderful start to the new academic year. Your engagement, enthusiasm, and commitment to our shared goals are what make our community so vibrant and successful.

Special thank you to Dr. Janue Johnson and the Professional Learning Team, Events and Operations, Facilities, College Technology Services, Dr. Denise Rogers, Dante Jones, President's Office, and all our presenters, for making this day wonderful.

To relive last Thursday's moments, please click the links below:

[Fall 2024 Convocation Album](#)

[Mesa College Longest Employed](#)

[President Hands' Goals for 2024-2025](#)



Chancellor Smith and Mesa's Associated Student Government President Zora Williams were featured in an **ABC 10 segment on our District's approval for the \$3.5 billion bond**. This segment highlights what voting yes means not just for Mesa, but for our sister colleges. Zora walks us through some of our spaces of concern and discusses why this bond will greatly improve our campus

To watch the video, please click the YouTube thumbnail to the left.

Hail and Farewell



It is an honor to introduce to Mesa our new Information Officer, Anabell Pulido!

Anabell has been an integral member of the Mesa College community for over a decade, contributing in various capacities, from graphic artist/photographer, campus digital communications specialist to acting information officer.

She has demonstrated exceptional expertise in developing and implementing digital marketing strategies that have significantly boosted student enrollment. Her comprehensive knowledge spans social media platforms, website content management systems, analytic tools, and ADA website compliance standards.

Driven by a deep personal commitment to student success, informed by her own experience as a first-generation college graduate, Anabell is dedicated to fostering a positive campus climate where all students can thrive.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Leslie Stump for her exceptional support and dedication to our Office of Communication Team as our Acting Information Officer. Her tireless efforts have significantly contributed to the success of numerous events and initiatives, including our momentous Commencement ceremony, 60th Anniversary celebration, Convocation, various publications, and our opening week activities.

Thank you, Leslie, for your invaluable service and for being such an integral part of our success. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated!





Having trouble accessing Canvas?

The District is aware that students may be having trouble accessing Canvas. If your students find themselves in this bind, please share with them the following resources below:

[How to set up your Student Email and Microsoft 365](#)

Online Video Tutorials:

- [Setting up MFA using Text Messaging](#)
- [Setting up MFA using MS Authenticator App](#)

Additionally, the IT Service Desk is available to assist students directly. They can be reached at 619-388-7000 or support@student.sdccd.edu.

The San Diego Community College District's Board of Trustees has unanimously agreed to place a \$3.5-billion bond measure on the November ballot to fund critical construction and modernization projects that will ensure the region's largest provider of workforce training and higher education continues to be a leader in driving the San Diego economy.

To learn more about the bond, please visit the [SDCCD News Center](#).

Mesa invites you to take **A Journey Through Time** and view 60 years of Mesa College History. Learn about the rich history of the college through an interactive exhibition filled with student newspapers, educational technology, photos, and videos.

This exhibit will run from September 9 - 13, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in MC 151. For more information about our 60th Anniversary, please scan the QR code to the right.



OFFICE OF *Instruction*

KUSI News featured a partnership between Mesa College and Kearny High School where high school students have the opportunity to obtain college certifications. Kearny High student Aryah Palms, alongside Candace Fee, Education to Employment Coordinator, talks about her experience in the program and the value it holds. Aryah is currently taking Mesa College courses to earn a certificate in Visual Communication, and with this she will have the opportunity to participate in our Commencement ceremony next Spring.

To watch the news segment, click on the YouTube thumbnail to the right.



AAPI Community of Practice

The AANAPISI Faculty - Patricia (Trish) Guevarra, Ranmali Rodrigo, Dr. Hai Ly Tran, and Ella DeCastro Baron hosted Mesa's first AAPI Community of Practice! Over 20 faculty members engaged in critical dialogue, reviewed data, and immersed in some cultural practices to learn how to better serve our AAPI community.



White House Initiative - Asian Americans & Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders (WHI-AA&NHPI) Economic Summit

Last week, SD Mesa was invited to attend the White House Initiative - AA&NHPI (WHI-AANHPI) Economic Summit. AANAPISI Director, Leland Simpliciano represented to connect with professionals at the local and federal level to discuss best practices and collaborations.

OFFICE OF *Student Services*



COVID has become part of the circulating viruses in our community. COVID positive cases are growing. It is important that we are mindful to mitigate the effects of COVID. To read how Mesa is mitigating COVID for Fall 2024, please click the link below:

COVID Care at Mesa for Fall 2024

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*



The period of student permit suspended enforcement has been extended **through August 30th with full enforcement beginning on September 3rd**. All other violations, including staff permit violations, are being enforced.

For more information, please visit the [Parking Information Page](#).



Welcome back to the Fall Semester! Please see below a link to view a flyer of the Fall Food Service hours for each of our locations. The M-Stop Convenience Store has reopened.

Mesa Food Services Fall Operation Hours

OFFICE OF *Resource Development*

Honoring Dr. Barbara Blackmun



Founder of the Mesa College African Art Collection
(now World Art Collection)

SEPT. • 11th • 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Room D-101

San Diego Mesa College

7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego, CA 92111



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You are cordially invited to the Dr. Blackmun Recognition Dinner & Ceremony, on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.**

As part of San Diego Mesa College's celebration of 60 years of equity and excellence, we ask you to join us as we honor Dr. Barbara Blackmun. In 1976, Dr. Blackmun started a small collection of African art at San Diego Mesa College. Through her work, and with others, the collection has since grown to include over 1,800 pieces from Africa, Asia, the Americas, and the Pacific.

We are excited to announce that this year we finally succeeded in fulfilling Dr. Blackmun's dream of securing a permanent location on campus. The Collection is not only on display, but now accessible to art history, art, humanities and Black and ethnic studies students in the newly designed space, the World Art Gallery & Research Center. And, with your help, we can continue Dr. Blackmun's work to empower students with knowledge and opportunities.

Dr. Blackmun Recognition Dinner and Ceremony

September 11, 2024 | 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

San Diego Mesa College

7250 Mesa College Drive, D-101

San Diego, CA 92111

This is a ticketed event. Please click below for tickets and program information:

Blackmun Ticket and Program Information

Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities would be very much appreciated. If you would like to donate to support the event, [click here](#).

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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