

December 5, 2024



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*

History Made at San Diego Mesa College!

Both the men’s and women’s cross-country teams made history by clinching the 2024 3C2A state championship titles.

Yesterday, during our President’s Cabinet meeting, we had the honor of celebrating the outstanding achievements of our Cross-Country Team! Big thanks to Coach Sean Ricketts and Dean Ryan Shumaker for sharing the team’s incredible journey to victory.





The President's Office challenges you to participate in the United States Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Campaign!

To participate, please bring any new, unopened, unwrapped toy to our College Police station on or before December 13. The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity.

All toy donations will be delivered to children in need. For additional information, please visit the campaign's official website at <https://toysfortots.org>.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mesa College's 2023-2024 Annual Report is now available!

To read all the wonderful things that took place during the last academic year, please [click here to view the report](#).

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2023 - 2024**



District welcomes Mariah Jameson and Marichu G. Magaña to its governing board

Change is coming to the San Diego Community College District's governing board, with community activist Mariah Jameson and retired San Diego Mesa College Professor Marichu G. Magaña replacing the retiring Mary Graham and Bernie Rhinerson.

To learn more about our incoming Trustees, please [click here for the SDCCD Article](#).

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

The **Small Business Virtual Incubator (SBVI) Fall presentations** are scheduled for December 5th from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. The SBVI is an online space where students receive guidance and 1:1 business coaching from experts in the industry who help our entrepreneurs start or expand their business. We have helped close to 50

students since then in various fields (food & beverage, e-commerce, dance, construction, design, health and wellness, massage therapy, consulting etc.) and on December 5th, the Fall group will present their business concept and share their experience in the program. We are proud to offer students the opportunity to take their business idea to the next level and help them design an action plan that will increase their probability of success.

When: December 5th from 4pm to 5pm via [Zoom](#). We hope you can join us!

For more information on the **SBVI Program**: [Click here](#).

Flex Credit for Faculty: TBD



San Diego Mesa College is seeking an Acting Dean of Instruction

The Position: San Diego Mesa College seeks energetic and dedicated candidates to apply for the position of Acting Dean of Instruction starting on January 2, 2025. Under the direction of the Vice President of Instruction, the Acting Dean of Instruction is responsible for providing and analyzing data focused on enrollment management, and overseeing Mesa's CCAP and Guided Pathways programs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with planning and analysis of instructional programs related to enrollment management.
- Collaborate with other instructional deans and faculty to suggest enrollment management and retention strategies to support the District's mission and vision.
- Gather data and prepare reports on enrollment, performance and retention of all instructional programs
- Oversight of Mesa College's CCAP program.
- Provide leadership and work with faculty on Mesa's Guided Pathways.

Duration of Assignment: January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

Application Procedure: Interested applicants must be current SDCCD employees. To apply, please discuss your interest with your current supervisor and then email a one-page statement of interest and qualifications and a CV to **Dr. Isabel O'Connor** at ioconnor@sdccd.edu by **12 noon on Friday, December 6, 2024**. Selected applicants will be invited for interviews before a final candidate is selected.

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

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 flyers to enlarge.

San Diego Mesa College
You are invited to our
WINTER
Holiday Event

There's Food!
Cats/Winter Hats
Children are welcome

Thursday, December 5th, 2024
3:00PM to 5:00PM
Mesa Commons | Room 211

RSVP
bit.ly/StudentParentHoliday2024

For more info or accommodations contact:
MesaC@WORK@sdccd.edu

2025 WINTER CRUISE

New Students – CRUISE into Mesa!
Creating Rich Unique Intellectual Student Experiences
Become confident and prepared for your first semester 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 spring semester
- Build community and meet other incoming students
- Learn about campus resources and student life
- Participate in workshops aimed at your transition to Mesa College

WINTER CRUISE SESSION
All New, Incoming Students
January 14th - 15th
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Lunch provided!

For more information and to register for Winter CRUISE, visit us at www.sdmesa.edu/cruise

Deadline to register: January 6th, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

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Contact: Registration@sdccd.edu | 619-594-2371 | www.sdmesa.edu/cruise
Please be ready to check accommodations ahead of time as they open for booking prior to event

HELP WITH VA DISABILITY CLAIMS **FALL 24**

EVERY MONTH

SEPT 24TH **TUESDAY, SEPT 24TH**
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:30 AM to 4 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

THURSDAY, OCT 24TH **OCT 24TH**
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:30 AM to 4 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

NOV 19TH **TUESDAY, NOV 19TH**
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:30 AM to 4 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

THURSDAY, DEC 12TH **DEC 12TH**
1 hr long appointment sessions from 8:30 AM to 4 PM in the Veterans Success Center K-103

MORE INFO OR TO BOOK AN APPT **JACRICULA@SDCCD.EDU**


Fall 2024







PARENT CAFE

End of Fall Semester

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

10:00AM-11:30AM

AS Conference Room
4th Floor | Student Services |
Room 409A

Join in our last Parent Cafe of the year!
Share your accomplishments and goals!
As always children are welcome.
Food will be provided.

For More Information or Accommodations
MesaCalWORKs@sdccd.edu

Follow us at
[sdmesa.calworks](https://www.facebook.com/sdmesa.calworks)



DECEMBER

Potluck-Tea Time! Tuesday December 3 | 12pm to 2pm | Location: D102
Enjoy a soothing cup of Tea while engaging in light-hearted conversations with peers. This cozy gathering offers a safe space to share experiences, exchange encouragement, and leave feeling refreshed and supported. Game night theme!

Hour of Study | December 9 - 13 | All Day | Location: D102
Join us at the LGBTQ Center for a cozy, inclusive study session! Whether you're cramming for exams or just catching up on readings, this is the perfect space to focus, connect with peers, and enjoy a supportive atmosphere. We'll have snacks, quiet areas, and friendly faces to help keep you motivated. All are welcome!

CHIT HIV Testing | Wednesday December 11 | 11am to 4pm | Location: D102
Join us to get your free HIV tests and STD counseling! These tests are free, quick, and confidential - with results available immediately!
Participants can qualify to receive a \$25 gift card!

Pride Scholars End Of the Year Mixer
Wednesday December 11 | 11am to 4pm | Location: D102
Calling all Pride Scholars! Join us for a special Pride Scholars End of the Year Mixer tailored just for your cohort! This is your chance to bond with classmates, build strong connections, and create lasting friendships within your group. Whether you're looking to deepen existing connections or meet new faces within your cohort, this mixer is the perfect way to end the semester.

Stay Updated on Everything Pride!




MEET THE TEAM

 Lucia Lira (He/They/El) Counselor Coordinator	 Alondra Gomez (She/Herz/Elle) Counselor	 Ari Garcia (She/Herz/Elle) Project Assistant
 Sage Shevchenko (She/They) Project Assistant	 Jacob Babauta (He/Him) Project Assistant	 Jesus Salazar (He/Him) Project Assistant

For information about Mesa events, contact Lucia Lira: LLira@sdccd.edu

 SDMesaPrideContact@sdccd.edu
 [SDMesaPride](https://www.facebook.com/SDMesaPride)
 [@SDMesaPride](https://www.instagram.com/SDMesaPride)

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

Drop-in Event Support



Beginning Friday, November 22nd Events and Operations will be hosting office hours each Friday, from 1-2 pm on zoom.

Please drop-in to receive support on event location, space availability and more.



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](#)

Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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