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Subject: Weekly Update from Prez Hands - Week of May 05, 2025



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*



Olympians on the Rise: A Week of Championship Moments

Our Olympians continue to shine in postseason competition. Swim & Dive wrapped up the state championships with the men finishing 10th and the women finishing 18th. Softball closed out their playoff run with a hard-fought series against El Camino College. Baseball advanced past the first round and heads into this weekend's Super Regionals. Track & Field competed in the Southern California prelims and moves on to the finals this weekend. Beach Volleyball advanced both pairs and the full team to the state championships. Badminton heads to the state championships this weekend, and Men's Volleyball capped an outstanding season as the #2 team in the state.

I am proud of their determination, talent, and heart on and off the field.



CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

San Diego Mesa College has been recognized in the [2025 Carnegie Classifications](#) as a “Mixed Associate Large” institution, placing us among only 2% of U.S. colleges and universities with a distinctive profile that combines high enrollment, a broad array of academic programs, and a focus on associate degrees. Additionally, Mesa has been designated as “Higher Access, Medium Earnings” in the newly developed Student Access and Earnings Classification, underscoring the college’s strong commitment to serving racially and economically diverse students while highlighting continued opportunity to strengthen post-college wage outcomes.

This rare classification affirms Mesa’s expansive reach and intentional focus on access for disproportionately impacted students. It reinforces our strategic imperative to drive equitable outcomes at scale, not just in who we serve, but in how we create the conditions for their success across every part of the college experience. Mesa’s unique identity, both rare in structure and impactful in equity access and earnings, positions us to lead with both scale and purpose. We have a unique opportunity to lean into this distinction, not as a label, but as a lever for leadership, innovation, and meaningful impact. Let us thoughtfully leverage this recognition in our strategic planning, policy influence, and pursuit of resources that elevate student success and long-term economic mobility.

Summer 2025 Modified Work Schedule

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.

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Summer 2025 Modified Work Schedule



June 2, 2025-August 8, 2025

**Monday-Thursday
4x10s WORK WEEK**



We are delighted to extend our warm invitation to join us in honoring the remarkable achievements of the class of 2025 during our upcoming Commencement Ceremony, set to take place on Friday, May 30th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Merrill Douglass Stadium.

We kindly request your assistance with various aspects of the day, including student check-in, wayfinding, Information booth, logistical support, and more. There is a myriad of roles to be filled, and your involvement is paramount to our collective success.

To volunteer your time and expertise for this momentous event, please complete the [Commencement Volunteer Registration form](#). For any inquiries or further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my Co-Coordinator Liza Abuyo at awoods002@sdccd.edu or fabuyo@sdccd.edu.



San Diego Community College District

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On Tuesday, April 29, Chancellor Gregory Smith presented in person and on Zoom about San Diego Community College District Employee Diversity Data. From this presentation, Chancellor Smith aims to form a workgroup to develop recommendations for new and/or revised hiring procedures to help improve upon the quality and equity of the District's application, screening, and selection procedures.

If you were unable to attend the live presentation, you can find it attached in this email, and you can view the recording of the Zoom meeting [here](#). More information related to the workgroup and how to express interest in participation will be made available at a later date.



California
Community
Colleges

Mesa College is participating in the **California Community Colleges Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI)** through a partnership resource team. This team will visit Mesa to understand the issues thoroughly and help develop an improvement plan focused on [adult learners](#). Associate Dean Alex Berry will serve as Mesa's designated point person on this project.

Mesa2030 Comprehensive Master Plan

Building Our Future: First Measure HH Projects Reflect Mesa2030 Vision

I'm excited to share that San Diego Mesa College's first Measure HH projects will focus on two transformative spaces: our Kinesiology and Athletic Facilities and our Performing Arts and Administration Complex. These projects mark an important step forward in bringing our [Mesa2030](#) vision to life.

Vice President Legaspi and the Administrative Services team will lead the planning and development process, working closely with key stakeholders across our campus. I want to extend my gratitude to the many contributors to Mesa2030 whose thoughtful input has grounded this next chapter in identified values that matter: student-centered design, welcoming environments, a more connected campus, a community asset, and responsible stewardship of our resources.

In the weeks ahead, please look to the VP of Administrative Services section of this newsletter for regular updates and opportunities to stay informed and engaged.

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[AAPI Community of Practice \(Fall 2025\) - Now Accepting Applications!](#)

The Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community of Practice (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](#)

AANAPISI Ice Cream Fundraiser Recap

The AANAPISI Team would like to give a huge shout out to all those that supported our ice cream fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed the AAPI flavors, our culture, and met a friend or two as you waited in line. Your contributions resulting to a sell out sale raising over \$300! Special thanks to Chef Tonya, Michael, and Dean Monica Romero of Business & Technology on this sweet collaboration.

Ce-LEI-brating: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and National Foster Care Awareness Month through Lei Making

May celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and National Foster Care Awareness Month. In honor of our shared celebrated month, AANAPISI, FAST Scholars, came together learning about lei culture while creating some to celebrate history and accomplishments. Congratulations to our Class of 2025.

AANHPI SAP Regional Forum at Mesa

Mesa college was selected as the first campus to host the AANHPI SAP SD Regional Forum! AAPI educators and allies from across the county came to discuss about their efforts and promising practices. Thank you to all Mesa staff that were in attendance that participated in this important conversation!

San Diego Unified School District - 1st APIDA Youth Conference

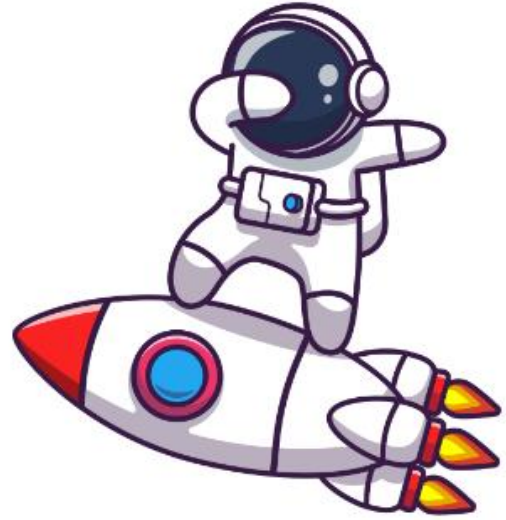
On May 1st, Mesa hosted San Diego Unified School District's Inaugural APIDA Youth Conference. Nearly 100 students were in attendance from campuses such as Hoover, Morse, and San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts were in attendance. Our Kapwa and APD Students contributed in sharing their community college experience at Mesa. Thank you to all the collaborative partners especially to Jacqueline Collins, Gio Garcia and Facilities Team, for their support in helping them host this event here at Mesa!

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.

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE MESA TRANSFER STUDENTS

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TRANSFER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON
Thursday, May 15th | 11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MC-211 A/B, Mesa Commons 2nd floor

CELEBRATE YOUR TRANSFER SUCCESS WITH A FREE LUNCH AND CEREMONY PROVIDED BY THE MESA COLLEGE TRANSFER CENTER!

619.388.2475 | mesatransfer@sdccol.edu | W 308, Student Services Building 3rd floor
Please contact us if you are in need of accommodations at least 10 business days in advance

TRANSFER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

MAY 15TH
11 AM - 1 PM
MESA COMMONS
(MC-211 A/B)

The Mesa College Transfer Center invites you to celebrate your transfer acceptance! Please register for the luncheon using the QR code (spaces are limited).

www.sdmccol.edu/transfer

You are invited to

DR. JUDY SUNDAYO'S RETIREMENT PARTY

MAY 8TH, 2025 @ 3:00-5:30PM
LOCATION: D-101

Join us as we celebrate Dr. Judy Sundayo and her 35+ years of dedication and service to San Diego Mesa College! Dr. Sundayo has been a pillar of support, advocacy, and inspiration for students and colleagues. Let's send her off with gratitude, laughter, love, and great memories!

Food, music, and special tributes await!

Instead of gifts, please consider donating to the **Dr. Judy Sundayo Leadership Scholarship Fund**.

D-TOURS

THE DAN KITROSSER SHOW IS CANCELLED!

FREE PERFORMANCE
In Partnership with Mesa College Dramatic Arts Program
Apollid Theatre at San Diego Mesa College

Wednesday, May 14
Doors @ 2:30PM | Show @ 3PM

DAN KITROSSER

PRIDE CENTER
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE

SAN DIEGO Community College District
City College - Mesa College - Miramar College
College of Continuing Education

BLACK GRADUATES CEREMONY

Rite of Passage

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
San Diego Miramar College

Celebrating Black Student graduates from Mesa, City, Miramar and CE

RSVP Link & QR Code
<https://bit.ly/2025SDCCOROP>

If you have any questions, please contact 619.388.2884

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 2/17 2/25 3/21-4/4 4/24 5/5 5/15 5/26 6/18

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You are invited to celebrate our

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 9
5:00 PM AT THE MESA QUAD

OPEN TO FALL 2024, SPRING AND SUMMER 2025 MESA COLLEGE GRADUATES!

To participate in the ARC ceremony, please sign up here

bit.ly/arc-2025

For any questions, please reach out to sdmesarc@gmail.com or gquavarra01@sdccd.edu

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COMMON COURSE NUMBERING

Course Numbers Changing Beginning Fall 2025

California Community Colleges have adopted a statewide course numbering system. These changes will allow students to easily identify transferable credits. New course numbers will also simplify Transfer Pathways to UC & CSU schools. The first phase begins Fall 2025.

The following courses will have **new course numbers** in the Fall 2025 class schedule! Please make note of the changes:

Current Course #	New Course #
ENGL 101	ENGL C100
ENGL 205	ENGL C101
COMS 103	COMM C100
MATH 119	STAT C100
POLI 102	POLS C100
PSYC 101	PSYC C100

*Students who already completed any course(s) listed above prior to Fall 2025 are **NOT** required to retake the course(s)

FAQ
bit.ly/SDMesaCCN

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Counseling

Registration Information for Summer and Fall 2025

Class Schedule posted online	Summer	Fall
	April 14	April 14
Registration dates viewable online	April 17	April 17
Registration by appointment	April 21	April 28

For more information, attend a drop-in session or schedule an appointment with a counselor

Counseling Office Hours (84-303)
Monday: Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm
Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm
Email or Phone
(619) 388-2672
sdmesafollowup@gmail.com

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](#)



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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