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*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*

A MESSAGE FROM  
*President Hands*

#### **Standing in Solidarity with Los Angeles: Supporting Our Community During Wildfire Season**

Our hearts go out to the Los Angeles community affected by the ongoing wildfires. We stand in solidarity with those facing the challenges of this natural disaster and extend our deepest gratitude to the brave firefighters and first responders working tirelessly to protect lives and homes.

As a reminder, the San Diego Community College District offers valuable wellness resources through the [VEBA Resource Center](#). Employees are encouraged to reach out to supervisors or managers for support, while students can connect with [resources](#) like The Stand, Counseling, Student Health Services, and resiliency funds.

The current wildfires are a reminder that wildfire season in Southern California is now a year-round reality. It's important for all of us to stay prepared by creating evacuation plans and keeping open lines of communication with family and community members. For the most up to date weather alerts please visit the [National Weather Service website](#). Sign up for emergency alerts at <https://alertsandiego.org> and <https://protect.genasys.com> to receive up-to-date information regarding fire evacuations.

**Let's continue to support one another and extend a helping hand to those in need.**

**In preparation for the upcoming Spring 2025 semester, please see below parking information for students, faculty, and classified professionals:**

Student parking:

- City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges:
  - Student permits are not required to park in student spaces during Intersession.
  - Student permit enforcement will be suspended for the beginning of the Spring semester (February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>)
- CE Campuses:
  - There is no suspended enforcement for the month of January in student spaces
  - Student permit enforcement will be suspended for the beginning of the Spring semester (January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Warnings may be issued at all locations February 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> for permit violations
- Full enforcement begins at all locations on February 18<sup>th</sup>
- All other violations will still be enforced, only student permit violations will be suspended

Staff parking:

- Warnings may be issued for staff permit violations through February 8<sup>th</sup> to allow time for all staff members to obtain their virtual permit
- Staff/faculty permits that expired on December 31, 2024, should be displayed and will be honored through February 14<sup>th</sup> to park in staff spaces.
- NANC employees are able to obtain temporary virtual parking permits through MyPortal. NANC employees should make note of the expiration date of their temporary permit and will need to obtain new permits for each semester. Students are not eligible for staff permits.

A Parking Services staff member will be visiting each college campus the first week of the semester to assist with permit distribution. These staff members will be at the following locations:

- City College – Accounting
- Mesa College – Outreach
- Miramar College - Accounting

The current parking permits for staff and faculty will expire on December 31, 2024. Starting in January 2025, the District will be utilizing virtual parking permits instead of physical ones. Attached are the instructions to register via Employee Self – Service.

Please complete the application no later than **February 8, 2025**, to ensure you are covered once your physical permit and the District grace period expires.

While only virtual permits will be used at our SDCCD locations, physical permits will be available for those with reciprocity to use while parked at other SDICCA colleges and will be available for pick-up from Parking Services or the Mesa, Miramar, or City College police stations. Please note the process for obtaining guest parking passes remains the same at this time.

Any questions or concerns, **please contact Parking Services Department by calling (619) 388-6416 or emailing [parking@sdccd.edu](mailto:parking@sdccd.edu).**



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## OFFICE OF *Instruction*



Please join us in congratulating Dr. Toni Parsons as she steps into her assignment as the Acting Dean of Instruction! In this role, Dr. Parsons will be responsible for providing and analyzing data focused on enrollment management, and overseeing Mesa's CCAP and Guided Pathways programs.

Dr. Parsons received her Bachelor's and Master's in Mathematics and an Ed.D. in Community College Leadership from San Diego State University. She started her journey at Mesa as a mathematics tutor in 1997. Toni was later hired as an adjunct mathematics professor in 2002, as contract in 2005, then shifted into administration as the Program Director for Mesa's HSI Title III grants. As faculty, she held many leadership positions including curriculum chair, Senate treasurer, Pathways coordinator, and CPL lead.

Outside of Mesa, Toni enjoys watching talking about all sports. She is an avid L.A. Rams fan and San Diego Padres fan. Toni also shoots pool, is a desert rat, mother of two adult children, and enjoys listening to various genres of music.

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## 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>



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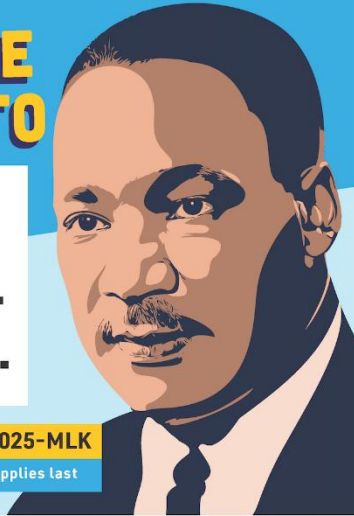
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# Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

Sunday, January 19th, 2025, 10:00 am  
Harbor Drive (Between Grape and Ash)  
Arrival time for marchers | 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

THE TIME  
IS NOW TO

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BELONG.  
BECOME.



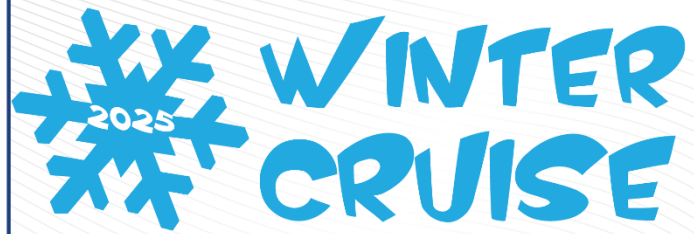
Sign up: [bit.ly/2025-MLK](https://bit.ly/2025-MLK)

Free T-Shirts while supplies last

This is one of the largest celebrations of its kind in the United States in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The parade is filled with dazzling floats, phenomenal High School Bands, Drill Teams, Colleges/Universities, Fraternities, Sororities, Churches, Peace and Youth organizations. This parade is coordinated by the Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the oldest African American Fraternity in America, founded in 1908 and the San Diego Alpha Foundation.



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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

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](https://www.sdmesa.edu/cruise)



Deadline to register: **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.**

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Contact: Agustin Rivera | Room: I4-203 | 619-388-2757 | [www.sdmesa.edu/cruise](https://www.sdmesa.edu/cruise)

Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than eight (8) working days prior to event.

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*



WEEK



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# EVENT PLANNING OFFICE HOURS

EVERY TUESDAY | 9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.

Events and Operations will be holding weekly office hours! Please join us to receive support on event locations, 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](#)

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Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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