



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*



Friendly reminder that **all Innovation Grants applications due (including all necessary approvals) by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 15, 2024**. If you're considering submitting a proposal for funding of up to \$3,000 for innovative projects that support student success, now is a great time to finalize your application!

KEY STEPS:

1. **Complete Your Application** - Access the application and resources here: [Innovation Grant Application](#).
2. **Gather Required Approvals** - Your Dean and Vice President must approve your application by the deadline.

Exciting Professional Learning Opportunity: #RealCollege Curriculum Now Available at Mesa!

San Diego Mesa College is excited to announce the availability of the [#RealCollege Curriculum](#)'s first course, offered by national nonprofit organization [Believe in Students!](#) This is a resource for faculty and staff committed to supporting students facing basic needs insecurity. The curriculum includes:

- **Quick and Easy Access:** A simple process to get started right away.
- **Free First Course:** The first course, "The Students We Have", is available at no cost and can be completed in 90-minutes.
- **Flexible Learning:** Asynchronous modules for on-demand learning at your own pace.
- **Efficient Training:** Can be used as a guide for your campus community to drive impactful change across departments and divisions.
- **Practical Application:** Tools and strategies that can be implemented immediately to support student success.

Join your Mesa colleagues who have already experienced the benefits of this curriculum and be part of the improvements of Mesa's basic needs ecosystem! You can access the course here: <https://rcc.believeinstudents.org/> and the password is *RCC2024*.

Please reach out to Dr. Janue Johnson (jjohnson001@sdccd.edu) if you have any questions.



The San Diego Community College District was responsible for generating \$5.8 billion in added income to the regional economy during the 2023-24 fiscal year, according to the latest study by a leading provider of economic and labor market data. To read more, [click here the SDCCD Report.](#)

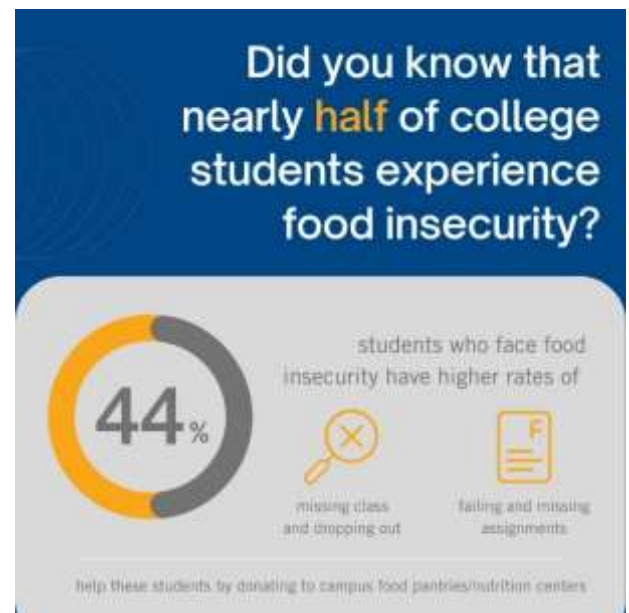
The PeopleSoft tools upgrade that was scheduled to occur this upcoming weekend, November 9th, has been postponed to the weekend of **November 23rd**.

The People Tools 8.61 upgrade for SDCCD brings many improvements designed to enhance the overall user experience, streamline navigation, and increase productivity. The refined User Interface allows users to navigate the system more quickly and efficiently. The upgraded Homepages and NavBar provide a more intuitive interface, reducing the clicks required to access essential information and perform daily tasks, including the ability to access recent searches and save your common searches.

These navigation enhancements make it easier for users to find what they need quickly, improving overall efficiency across departments. **Please note that the upgrade is now scheduled for the weekend of November 23rd, 2024.**

Did you know that nearly 45% of local college students face food insecurity? To address this issue, join Cal Coast Credit Union November 1-30 for the 6th Annual Pack the Pantry virtual food drive! Your support will help fill food pantries and nutrition centers on local community college campuses with healthy meals. For every dollar you donate, the San Diego Food Bank can provide 2 meals. That means a \$50 donation can provide 100 healthy meals to support community college students in need! A donation in any amount can be made easily and securely to benefit our campus. Together we can help local college students! Thank you for your generosity!

Donate here! <https://sandiegofoodbank.donorsupport.co/-/NQFWDDDA?member=SMMFEXYX>



OFFICE OF *Instruction*



Please join us in welcoming and congratulating Gianfranco Calafiore as a new Assistant Professor in Biology starting Spring 2025.

Gianfranco received his M.S. in Human Anatomy & Physiology Instruction from Northeast College of Health Sciences in NY, his Doctor of Chiropractic from National University of Health Sciences in Illinois and his B.S. in Biology from Elmhurst College, also in Illinois. He has been an adjunct here at Mesa in the Biology Department since 2020. He is “very excited” to now be a full-time department member.

Gianfranco is an empathetic and kind instructor that wants all his students to be successful. He strives to create a classroom where students belong and are comfortable being themselves. He forms strong relationships with his colleagues and understands how to serve different student populations.

Outside of teaching, Gianfranco lives in El Cajon with his partner of 3 years and their 1-year old pup, Echo. He enjoys weight training, hiking and supporting all the amazing small businesses in the area, especially restaurants!

Welcome & congratulations!

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.

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HONOR SOCIETY

ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Looking for high achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Twenty team members are named annually with each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship, a total of \$100,000 in scholarship awards.

ELIGIBILITY

- 3.50 minimum cumulative GPA
- Must be on track to a certificate or associate or bachelor's degree
- Mesa students do not need to be a PTK member (See website for other requirements)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Looking to boost your personal achievement? Mesa Tutoring & Computing Center (M2C) has drop-in and appointments available with writing tutors!

www.sdmesa.edu/ptk

NOMINATION PROCESS

All interested students should apply online. From the submitted applications, the selection committee will nominate up to four applicants from Mesa College (ten intending to transfer and two entering the workforce) to advance to national scholarship opportunities and All-State Academic Teams.

To learn more: <https://www.ptk.org/>
To apply: <https://bit.ly/ptklogin>

Due 11:59 PM, Monday, November 18, 2024

Email Anthony Chhum at Achhum@sdccd.edu

GET COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR SPRING 2025 ENROLLMENT

NEW WORKSHOPS ALERT!

Athletic Counseling
REGISTRATION WORKSHOPS

HAPPENING AT THE OZONE (BT-106)

Monday, October 28: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 30: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday, November 1: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday, November 4: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, November 6: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday, November 8: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday, November 12: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wednesday, November 13: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday, November 14: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday, November 15: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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800-556-6013 | SDMESA@COLUMBIANGROUP.COM

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**

HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS Awareness Week

NOVEMBER 18-22, 2024

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MON 11/18	TUE 11/19	WED 11/20	THUR 11/21	FRI 11/22
<p>Random Acts of Kindness</p> <p>Brought to you by the Associated Students Government on random spots of campus happening ALL week</p>				
<p>Seasonal Flu Shots</p> <p>Mon-Thur 9am-11am & 1pm-4pm</p> <p>Seasonal Flu Shots available at no cost for students at Student Health Services Office 14-206. For information call 619-388-2774.</p> <p>www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/health-services</p>				
<p>Health & Human Services Agency Drop in Sessions</p> <p>Mon 11am-12pm</p> <p>Zoom: 839 1362 2974</p>	<p>Warm & Fuzzy</p> <p>Tue 10am-3pm</p> <p>Pre-registered students come to pick up a Starter to warm up your winter. Must show an invite to receive.</p> <p>Student Affairs Office</p>	<p>CalFresh/Health & Human Services Agency Drop in</p> <p>Wed 9am-4pm</p> <p>Certify used professional clothing & shoes can be dropped off during operation hours. Donation receipt can be provided upon request.</p> <p>ASUE The Store</p>	<p>Thursday Farmer's Market</p> <p>Thur 11am-1pm</p> <p>Free fresh produce available in the Quad.</p> <p>Mesa Commons</p>	<p>Transfer Application Open Lab In-Zoom</p> <p>Fri 10am-12pm</p>
<p>Transfer Application Open Lab In-Zoom</p> <p>Mon 3pm-5pm</p> <p>Sign up for CSU/UC Application Open Lab to receive support with the transfer application process via Zoom. UC & CSU Transfer Applications are due November 30th, 2024.</p> <p>Students MUST register before receiving the Zoom ID through email.</p> <p>bbj@transferregist.net</p>	<p>Transfer Application Open Lab In-Person</p> <p>Tue 12pm-2pm</p> <p>Sign up for CSU/UC Application Open Lab to receive support from transfer counselors & staff. UC & CSU Transfer Applications are due November 30th, 2024.</p> <p>BT-206</p>	<p>Parent Cafe</p> <p>Wed 10am-11:30am</p> <p>Learn about Mesa resources & connect with student parents.</p> <p>UCRHS Family Resource Center</p> <p>Zoom: 280 182 9030</p>	<p>Queersgiving</p> <p>Thur 1pm-4pm</p> <p>Share a meal with other queerally students, faculty, and staff.</p> <p>Pride Center D101</p>	<p>Sign up for CSU/UC Application Open Lab to receive support with the transfer application process via Zoom. UC & CSU Transfer Applications are due November 30th, 2024.</p> <p>Students MUST register before receiving the Zoom ID through email.</p> <p>bbj@transferregist.net</p>
<p>Warm & Fuzzy</p> <p>Wed 10am-4pm</p> <p>All are welcome to pick up a free blanket & special gift. While supplies last.</p> <p>Student Affairs Office</p>				
<p>#RealCollege Curriculum</p> <p>Tue 12:30pm-1:45pm</p> <p>Hybrid (The Stand & Zoom)</p> <p>Zoom: 619-388-2774</p> <p>Phone: 619-388-2774</p>				
<p>Chip-HIV Testing</p> <p>Wed 11am-4pm</p> <p>Join us to get your free HIV test.</p> <p>Pride Center D102</p>				
<p>Thanksgiving Feast</p> <p>Thur 3pm-6pm</p> <p>Join your Mesa community for a FREE family-style feast.</p> <p>MC 211 A/B</p>				

Sponsored by The Stand, Basic Needs Resource Center, Associated Students, Student Health, CalFresh, Career Center, and Student Affairs

Contact: mesatransfer@sdccd.edu

Thanksgiving Feast

Hosted by the Associated Students

Please join us in kicking off the holiday season!

We invite all students to attend the Thanksgiving Feast. Festivities will include FREE Food, games, entertainment, opportunity drawings, and a fun, friendly atmosphere.

Join Us

November 21

3:00 - 6:00pm

Mesa Commons

MC-211

In the spirit of giving, we are accepting donations for The Stand.

Bins will be available to accept dry or canned foods, and hygiene supplies.

For more information please contact Courtney Lee

clee@sdccd.edu or call 619-388-2699

Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-388-2699




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The Transfer Center is providing application support through October and November! Please scan the QR codes to the right, and if you have questions please contact the Transfer Center at mesatransfer@sdccd.edu.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER: APPLICATION OPEN LABS

VIA ZOOM:

- Monday's: 3 - 5 PM
- Friday's: 10 - 12PM

Register for a Zoom Session :

tinyurl.com/tcopenlab



IN-PERSON:

- Tuesday's: 12 - 2 PM
- Thursday's: 1 - 3PM

LOCATION: BT-206

Register for an In-Person Session:

tinyurl.com/tcfallevents



No Application Workshops Will Be Held On: 9/23, 10/10, 10/28, 11/11

★ Questions? Contact the Transfer Center at: mesatransfer@sdccd.edu | Ph: (619) 388-2473 | Located: 14-306 (3rd Floor Student Services Bldg.)

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.



OFFICE OF *Resource Development*

Scholarship Renewal Time

Many of you generously support scholarships for students. It's that time of year to renew and fund your scholarship. If you lead a scholarship, please keep an eye out for emails with a link to renew.

For questions, contact Olivia Light at mesascholarbuddy@gmail.com



On October 25, over 170 community members came together for the Spirit of Mesa celebration and fundraiser to honor San Diego Mesa College's 60 years of impact and raise funds for the future. Together, we enjoyed an inspiring program highlighting Mesa's programs and raised over \$65,000 in support of Mesa's students.

To view photos from the Spirit of Mesa event, please click the link below:

[Spirit of Mesa Photos](#)

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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