



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*



Calling Volunteers!

Read scholarships, ignite dreams, illuminate paths, transform futures.

The gift of your time can help turn students' dreams into reality.

Join us as we review over 600 student applications and invest in the leaders of tomorrow!



SIGN UP

bit.ly/MesaVol25

BY FEB 14

TOP REASONS TO SIGN UP:

- 1 Convenience:** help from your own home, on your schedule.
- 2 Inspiration:** be wowed by what students have achieved.
- 3 Impact:** make a tangible difference by putting money into the hands of students.

TIMELINE:

Sign up by February 14

Read & review scholarships February 20 - March 8, 2025

No experience needed!

Learn more: bit.ly/2025VolFAQs



Sign Up!
<https://bit.ly/MesaVol25>

EXTENDED

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of you who have signed up to be scholarship reviewers this year! **For those of you who already signed up, good news: you'll be able to earn 20 hours of flex credit (#26677).** For those of you who haven't yet, please sign up today to earn flex credit and support our students. We need a total of 200 reviewers and are at 48! Please consider joining our team!

Please sign up by end of day today:

[Sign up](https://bit.ly/MesaVol25) (bit.ly/MesaVol25)

You can also learn more about the opportunity on the flier below or on our [Volunteer FAQs page](https://bit.ly/2025VolFAQs) (bit.ly/2025VolFAQs).



**CHANCELLOR'S
SPRING
FORUM**
MESA COLLEGE

Our Mesa College Chancellor's Spring Forum will now take place on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in MC-211 A/B. A Zoom option has also been added for anyone who would like to attend virtually!
sdccd-edu.zoom.us/j/86411456588

This is a unique opportunity to engage with the Chancellor on matters of interest and importance to you and to share your ideas to help shape of the future of our District.

Flex credit is available (#26536). Light refreshments will be served.

Questions can be submitted in advance to <https://forms.gle/GDDj2HeDNej77arJ8>



San Diego Community College District

City College · Mesa College · Miramar College · College of Continuing Education

Save the Date for the First-Ever **SDCCD Town Hall**

with Chancellor Gregory Smith

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Mesa College, MC-211-A/B | 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Flex #26576 | limited seating capacity)

The event will feature:

- A conversation with new trustees Mariah Jameson and Marichu Magaña
- Panels moderated by Chancellor Smith:
 - Undocumented Student Centers with Magaly Corro Flores (City), Angel Aguilar Garcia (Mesa), Vincent Ngo (Miramar), Victor Gonzalez (SDCCE), and Lillian Garcia (District Office)
 - Pride Centers with Adan Sanchez (City), Lucio Lira (Mesa), Michael Tiong (Miramar), Lisa Carulli (SDCCE), and Lillian Garcia (District Office)
- Important District and College updates from Chancellor Smith

Questions can be submitted before 4 p.m. on February 25
at bit.ly/2025-town-hall-questions

OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Come to a Watch Party

City College (Flex #26576):

- MS-162

Miramar College (Flex #26576):

- L-105

District Office:

- Room 235/245/255

College of Continuing Education (Flex #36601):

- Cesar Chavez: Multi-Purpose Room 101/103
- ECC: Room 169
- Mid-City: Room 201
- North City: Room 101/102
- CE Mesa: Room 206
- CE Miramar: Room A115
- West City: Room 119

Watch Online

If you are unable to
live event, the Town
Hall can be viewed at
[bit.ly/2025-town-h](https://bit.ly/2025-town-hall)



**Be.
Belong.
Become.**

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

Black History Month: Anime Hip Hop: The Rise of Anime in the Black Community

In honor of Black History Month, we hosted Eric 'Cthree'
McElroy Jr., Founder of Anime Hip Hop (and former
community college student of Director Simpliciano),

Pilipinx Academic Student Services at UC Berkeley visits Mesa College!

The student leaders of Pilipinx Academic Student
Services (PASS) at UC Berkeley would like to extend
their gratitude to SD Mesa College for hosting their
annual Southern California (San Diego County)
Outreach Tour. During their visit, they provided
valuable advice to students interested in transferring
to a four-year university while sharing their UC
Berkeley experience through the AAPI lens.

who explored the symbiotic relationship between Japanese anime and the Black community. He also shared insights on transferable skill sets.

Special thanks to Professor Candace Katungi, Hai-Ly Tran, Pegah Motaleb, and their classes for their support.

To learn more about his work, visit AnimeHipHop.com.

Special thanks to Dr. Hai Ly Tran and her FILI 100 class, as well as Professors Ingrid Jane and Dante Jones of the Honors Center, for their collaboration. A big thank you also to Mesa Culinary – 72Fifty for featuring the delicious Filipino dessert, ube cheesecake, on their lunch menu!

For students interested in learning more about UC Berkeley from an AAPI perspective, feel free to connect with the student leaders at [PASS - Student Org at UC Berkeley](#).

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 flyer to enlarge.





SPRING 2025

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS APPLICATION

INSPIRE. LEAD. SERVE.



We are looking for students with a desire to learn and represent student community!


SDMESAAAS WWW.SDMESA.EDU

SUBMIT BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH @ 11:59PM

SCAN FOR APPLICATION OR VISIT
BIT.LY/AS_2025

Discover Your Future at


CSUSM DAY



FEB. 25, 2025
10:30am - 1:00pm
Mesa College Campus
Mesa Commons Room, MS211 A/B

- Check in at the event and grab your free boba (Available to the first 50 Students and sponsored by CSUSM APIDA)
- Connect with campus representatives at over 30 tables including Financial Aid, Housing, and CSUSM Faculty.
- Hang out with Crash the Cougar and CSUSM Athletics

Scan to Register



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

PORCH TALK: DO YOU SEE WHAT WE SEE IN THE MIRROR?



FEBRUARY 20, 2025 **1:30PM - 3PM**

Show up proud and confident as you navigate different spaces. Please join Dr. TJ Harris for our first session in our Porch Talk series.

Questions: Contact Umoja Advisor
Jordan Nash jnash@sdccd.edu

Located in the AVANZA Center I4-202
Student Services Building.


This workshop is a collaboration between SDMC Umoja, the Black Student Success Workgroup, and the SDCCD Educational Services Division. Requests for disability related accommodations should be made at least 5 business days in advance to Dr. Veronica George - vgerace@sdccd.edu

umojacommunity

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Peer Navigator Info Session

WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING A PEER NAVIGATOR? LEARN MORE, ASK QUESTIONS AND GET TO HEAR FROM OUR AWESOME PEER NAVIGATORS ON WHAT IT TAKES TO BE SUCCESSFUL!



For more info on being a PN, scan here

Thursday, February 13 at 9am-10am
Wednesday, February 19 at 10am-11am
Monday, February 24 at 2pm-3pm

In Person or Online:
AVANZA Workshop Room (I4-202)
Zoom ID: 880 0138 7649

Disability-related accommodations should be made five days prior to the event via email at mesacruise@sdccd.edu

For more information, contact (619) 388 - 2757 or drop by the AVANZA Engagement Center (I4-203) to chat with a current Peer Navigator!

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

FINANCIAL AID



Food provided for the first 300 students.
* Limited quantities, get them before they're gone!

INFORMATION FAIR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM **MESA QUAD**

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO SUCCEED.

FIND OUT ABOUT

- Financial Aid
- Counseling
- STAR
- Transfer Career Center
- EOPS/CARE
- Associated Students
- DSPS
- Admissions
- Veterans & Records
- Student Affairs
- Health Services
- Student Accounting
- Outreach / Promise Program

Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 10 working days prior to the event. Please call (619) 388-2817.

For more information, contact
Financial Aid office at mesaaid@sdccd.edu



SAN DIEGO
Community College District

ETI Employee Training Institute

MICROSOFT APPLICATIONS
Professional Development for SDCCD Employees
HyFlex: Attend in-person* or online
*In-person participants must bring their own laptop

Fridays, 2/28/25 - 5/2/25
9:00am-12:00pm
SDCCE North City Campus (Room 212)* OR Online

Weekly Topics:

- 2/28: SharePoint Foundations
- 3/07: Teams and OneDrive: Collaboration and Productivity
- 3/14: Teams Meetings and Video Conferencing
- 4/11: Microsoft Word Essentials
- 4/18: Outlook and Office 365 Essentials
- 4/25: Excel and Power Platform: Collaborative Data Management
- 5/02: Optimizing Communication: Teams Calls and Phone

Complete all 7 classes and receive a certificate of completion

Reserve your spot today!
REGISTER

Class Descriptions Listed on the Following Pages

Scan Me

*North City Campus Location: 8355 Aero Dr, San Diego, CA 92123

SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Click flyer to enlarge

To ensure quick access to SDCCD Dispatch, please take a moment to check your phone for the pre-set speed dial option. Having this option readily available can save critical time in an emergency.

Our ITS technicians are available to help if you require additional assistance. Please submit a Service Desk request at help.sdccd.edu, and a technician will assist you.

For directions on how to set up SDCCD Dispatch as a speed dial option, scan the QR code below:



Last Day to Volunteer!

We need 200 volunteers to review scholarships, and currently have 43. Please consider joining our team today:

• [Sign up](https://bit.ly/MesaVol25) (bit.ly/MesaVol25)

You can also learn more about the opportunity on the flier below or on our [Volunteer FAQs page](https://bit.ly/2025VolFAQs) (bit.ly/2025VolFAQs).

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

Ashanti Hands, Ed.D.

President | San Diego Mesa College

Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

7250 Mesa College Drive, A-104, SD, CA 92111 | 619.388.2721

[Mesa College](#) | [Student Support Services](#)

