

Wednesday, March 13, 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!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*



INTERNATIONAL FORENSICS ASSOCIATION

Mesa's Speech and Debate team triumphed at the International Forensics Association's 35th Annual International Speech and Debate Tournament, securing first place in debate and making history as the most successful debate team in the Association's history! Pictured above are Mesa's winning students, Dylan Dorman and Jasmin Fathi.

In addition to the victory, Mesa College earned second and third place honors in debate, as well as a seventh-place finish in persuasion.

We couldn't be more proud of our talented students!



President Hands is featured in the March 2025 Issue of *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. Alongside President Kellie Sims Butler of Solano Community College and President Melanie Dixon of the College of Alameda, President Hands reflects on her personal path to the presidency and some of the challenges she faced along the way.

To read the article, please click this link: [Black Women Navigating the Path to College Presidency](#)
(Note: to view this article, you will need a free subscription to Diverse)



POP-IN with
President Hands
SPRING 2025 OPEN OFFICE HOURS

In effort to foster open dialogue with and within the Mesa College Community, President Hands will be hosting open office hours throughout the Spring 2025 Semester.

Individual meetings will be limited to a 15 minute time block, and will be available during these dates and times:

Thursday, April 10 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Friday, April 25 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 1 | 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 8 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

To sign up, please use [this form](#). You will hear back from one of the President's Office staff members to confirm your date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Hayward at ehayward@sdccd.edu.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support. President Hands looks forward to hearing from our campus community and values the contributions each of you brings to our collective efforts.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

FACULTY REGALIA ORDER DUE MONDAY, MARCH 17

To All Mesa College Faculty

You are invited to participate in San Diego Mesa College's Commencement to be held at the San Diego Mesa College, Merrill Douglas Stadium, on **Friday, May 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

Commencement truly is the culmination of our work together as educators and a time when the college faculty formally recognize their students as they receive their official college degrees and certificates. It is truly a moving experience to see our students receive their degrees and see the pride in their faces as well as the faces of their friends and family. Your presence is a statement of the faculty's enduring commitment to the students that you have educated so well, and we do hope that you will plan to participate.

The Commencement Committee is planning for a graduation ceremony that is memorable for all. We look forward to your participation in this year's graduation ceremony. Please click the link below to RSVP and/or order your graduation regalia. The deadline to order regalia is **Monday, March 17, 2025**. If the March 17th deadline is missed, please contact Frank Fernandez at ffernand@sdccd.edu or Jacqueline Collins at jcollins001@sdccd.edu to see if extra regalia is available for your use.

Website: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/regalia>



A purple poster for 'Spring Dog Wash' featuring paw prints, a dog, and a pug. It includes details about the event date, time, location, pricing, and contact information.

SPRING DOGWASH

All proceeds benefit the
Mesa College Animal Health Technology
Student Association

**Saturday March 15,
9am-12pm**
Vet Tech building P300
on the corner of Genessee Ave.
and Marlesta Dr.

Small dogs (<20lbs): \$16
Medium dogs (20-40lbs): \$18
Large dogs (40-100+): \$22
Nailtrim included!

Please make an appointment
using the qr code.

Contact: Dana McNabb or
Jeaneal Davis
dmcnabb@sdccd.edu
jdavis003@sdccd.edu

SCAN ME

**SAN DIEGO
MESA COLLEGE**

vtahdogwash.square.site/

🐾 **Calling all dog lovers in Mesa!** 🐾

This Saturday, come out and support our students at the Annual Spring Dog Wash! 🐕💡

Not only will your furry friends get pampered, but you'll also be helping our students raise funds for their programs! 💪

👉 Don't forget to book your appointment in advance to secure your spot!

This Saturday March, 15, 9:00am - 12:00pm
P-300 building, located at the corner of Genessee Ave. and Marlesta Dr.

<https://bit.ly/MesaDogWash>

Women's History Month - The (Dance) Floor Remains Undefeated: No eXcuses: Making Sure the Dance Floor Stays Safe

To kick off Women's History Month, AANAPISI, Mesa Dance Department, and the [Mesa College Dance Club](#) partnered to host an impactful workshop for our dance community, highlighting the contributions of women throughout history, their leadership in addressing sexual assault, and the importance of collective preventive action.

A huge thank you to Donna Flournoy, Flordaliza Abuyo, and Christian Lumba for their collaboration, and to our special guests from the Pacific Northwest, May and Louie Praseuth of the [Good Foot Arts Collective](#), for bringing the No Xcuses: Sexual Assault Prevention Tour to SD Mesa College!



Join us for a special two-part workshop for educational leaders!

The SDCCD Division of Educational Services and the Mesa College Office of Instruction present "Embracing the Paradigm Shift: Core Competencies for Equity Advancing College Leaders" featuring Lasana Hotep.

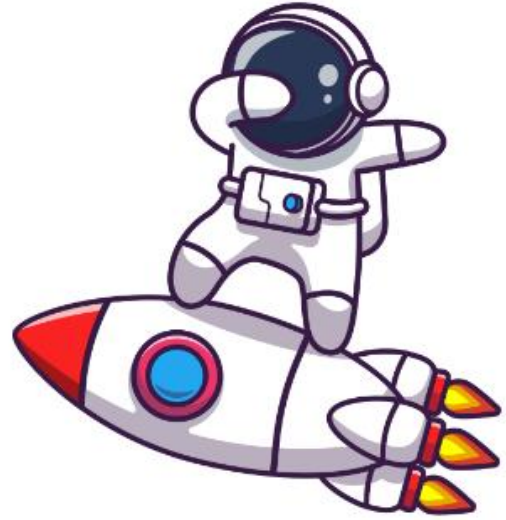
For more information, [click here for the flyer](#).

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>



SAVE THE DATE!
**JUMPSTART YOUR SUCCESS
AT SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**

Saturday, March 22, 2025
Visit the webpage to RSVP & get details
sdmesa.edu/jumpstart
contact: mesaoutreach@sdccd.edu
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Learn about the San Diego Promise Program offering free tuition. sdmesa.edu/promise

San Diego Mesa College is thrilled to present **Jumpstart Your Success** on **Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** This is the time that we invite hundreds of prospective students, their families and friends to Mesa College as we highlight what we have to offer, how we can support their academic goals, and boost their professional goals.

Please promote this event to all prospective students. This is one of Mesa College's biggest and best events!

[Click here for more information on Jumpstart.](#)

If you have any questions (email to: clea@sdccd.edu), we hope you will spread the word and join the fun!

[Click on the flyer to enlarge.](#)

YOU'RE INVITED
PLNU CAREER PANEL & FREE LUNCH!

Curious about post-graduation opportunities in a variety of careers? Join us for an exclusive event to hear from SDCCD & PLNU alumni as they share insights into the challenges and rewards in the workforce. Connect with Program Directors, Alumni, and Admissions Counselors.

When: Tuesday March 18th | 1PM - 2PM
Where: SD Mesa College | Room BT 101

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

For more information contact dnaman@pointloma.edu

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
Emergency Grants

San Diego Promise is offering a limited number of emergency grants for eligible students!

- Must be enrolled in 12 or more units OR have an approved DSPS
- Waiver/Reduced Tuition Request
- Must have submitted a 2024-25 Financial Aid Application (FASFA or CADAA)
- Must be an active San Diego Promise student

Apply Now!
bit.ly/spring25eg

Deadline: April 6, 2025 at 11:59 PM

SAN DIEGO PROMISE
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COLLEGE OF COASTAL EDUCATION

PRIDE SCHOLARS LEARNING COHORT

The Pride Scholars Learning Cohort is an academic community taught through a queer lens. Students are enrolled with the same group of students throughout different courses for your first year, allowing you to create safe spaces to explore your academic and personal goals. As a cohort, we will discuss overlapping themes and topics as we enjoy fun activities planned to strengthen our cohort.

Our Mission
We believe in uplifting our queer students to success through education, guidance, and networking. We recognize the unique experiences of our queer community while developing strategic educational plans and executing effective solutions toward academic success.

Do you qualify?
This cohort is available to queer Mesa students who have not taken PERG120 or ENGL 101/ ENGL C1000. You will be eligible to enroll in our Pride Scholars program through this cohort.

Access to Pride Scholar Services
Enduring support services to aid you during your academic journey at Mesa College.

University Trips
Explore, connect, and learn beyond the classroom with social assembly trips.

Scan the QR Code to complete our interest form, or go to sdmesa.edu/SDMesaPSC

For more information, contact Lucio Lira at llira@sdccd.edu or call (619) 388-5995

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
Career Services

Career Fest Resume Tents

Swing by our tents to get a quick resume feedback or drop-in for a full resume consultation in preparation for our annual district-wide Career Fair at Miramar Campus on April 16th, 10-2pm!

Resume Tent Hours:
Monday, March 10th: 10am-12pm
Monday, March 17th: 11am-1pm
Thursday, March 20th: 2pm-4pm
Monday, April 7th: 10am-12pm

Location:
Mesa Campus Quad

(619) 388-2177 | mesacareers@sdccd.edu
Career Center, Student Services Bldg. 48-106 | bit.ly/SDMesaCareerCenter

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

MESA'S CAREER FEST EVENTS SPRING 2025

Check out the San Diego Mesa College Career Fest events for the Spring 2025 semester. All events are free and open to the public. Register for all events at www.sdsu.edu/transfer.

How Social Support Drives Career Development
 Session 1: Tuesday, March 18th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202
 Session 2: Thursday, March 19th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Breakout Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) Resume Writing
 Session 1: Friday, March 14th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202
 Session 2: Tuesday, March 18th at 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Connect Your Professional Portfolio
 Session 1: Tuesday, March 18th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202
 Session 2: Thursday, March 27th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Training Through Experience Assessing Your Career Fit
 Session 1: Wednesday, March 19th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202
 Session 2: Thursday, April 10th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Developing Your Networking Skills
 Session 1: Wednesday, March 19th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202
 Session 2: Thursday, March 27th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Building Your Online Presence
 Session 1: Thursday, March 20th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202
 Session 2: Friday, April 11th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Resume and Cover Letter Writing Tips
 Thursday, March 27th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Crafting Your Elevator Pitch & Career Fair Networking Tip
 Thursday, April 10th from 10AM - 12PM at AVA214 in 202

Resume Services Building and Proof, in 202
 at 101-388-2473

Register for All Events Here

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
 Career Services

MEET CAREER SERVICES
OUR MISSION

The Career Services team works with the mission to prepare students to reach their career goals, and support faculty and staff to embed career-focused activities within the classroom while focusing on industry needs.

REVIEW THE SERVICES OFFERED BY OUR TEAM:

CAREER COUNSELING

- Guiding Your Major Selection
- Career Exploration
- Career Assessments
- Professional Branding & Networking
- Career Interview Strategies

CAREER FIELD AMBASSADORS

- Resume Review
- Cover Letter Review
- Interview Preparation
- Visa to Job Boards

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A CAREER COUNSELOR

Career Counseling & Cover Letter Review

CAREER SERVICES PRESENTATIONS

Invite the Career Services team to provide a presentation to your class or organization.

(858) 388-2473 | mesacareers@sdsc.edu | Student Services Bldg. 14-306 | www.sdsu.edu/transfer

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE | Transfer Center

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY NEXT STEPS

Calling all soon-to-be AZTECS!

Have you been accepted to SDSU for Fall 2025? Join us to learn about the next steps you will need to take to secure your spot at SDSU!

April 8, 2025
 1:30PM to 3PM
 G-Building
 G-101

Scan here to register or bit.ly/SDSUnextstepsMESA

www.sdsu.edu/transfer | PH: 619-388-2473 | Location: 14-306 | mesatransfer@sdsc.edu

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
 Transfer Center

SDSU | San Diego State University

REPRESENTATIVE 1-ON-1 APPOINTMENTS

March 28th 11AM to 1PM
April 18th 11AM to 1PM

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE REP BY CALLING THE TRANSFER CENTER AT 619-388-2473

www.sdsu.edu/transfer | PH: 619-388-2473 | Location: 14-306 | mesatransfer@sdsc.edu

UPCOMING CSUSM REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

3/17/2025 from 12PM to 3PM
4/16/2025 from 11:30AM to 2:30PM

Mesa Transfer Center
 14-306

TO SCHEDULE AN IN-PERSON APPOINTMENT CALL THE TRANSFER CENTER AT 619-388-2473

WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE DAY OF

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
 Transfer Center



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](#)



Did you know...

When you look at all giving across the nation to nonprofits, over 70% of contributions come from individuals—not corporations. So many of you are a part of this majority, giving generously to our students and mission. Thank you for supporting Mesa!

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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