

Thursday, May 15, 2025 4:30 PM



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*

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.

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE



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.

TOMORROW

Tomorrow is our annual Mesa College Research Conference from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Math and Science Building!

This conference highlights some of the amazing work of our students, including oral and poster presentations.

We hope to see everyone there! For a list of presentations, please click on this link for the [2025 MCRC Program](#).

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY WELCOME!	FEATURING STUDENT DISCOVERIES!	
		
MESA COLLEGE RESEARCH CONFERENCE		
MAY 16th	9 am - 1:30 pm, 1st Floor Math & Sciences Building This year's theme is DIVERSITY	





The Math Engineering Science Achievement, MESA Program recently hosted a collaborative tour of the Salk Institute, inviting students from our campus along with peers from two other MESA programs in the district. It was a great opportunity for students to connect, explore, and get inspired together.

The day kicked off with an impressive architectural tour of the Salk campus, giving students a look at one of the most iconic buildings in modern science. From there, they had the chance to step inside one of Salk's active research labs and learn about the innovative work being done in biology and biomedical science. To wrap up the visit, students received valuable information about Salk's summer internship program, a fantastic opportunity for those looking to get hands on experience in a world-class research setting.

This event was a great example of how MESA supports student growth, networking, and career exploration beyond the classroom.

Recap - Healing Circle for the Vancouver Tragedy, Filipino Festival - April 26

In light of the recent incident: Vancouver Tragedy - 30 injured, 11 killed at the Filipino Festival - Celebration of Lapu Lapu, AANAPISI collaborated with the [FILI 100 - Filipino American Experience](#) (Dr. Hai Ly Tran) and [Student Health Services](#) (Derrick White, Ashley Hunt, Mason Beck, Rosanna Thai-Unitt, Ruby Arellano Pineda, Sophia Cammon) to organize a Healing Circle for those directly affected or wanted to show support. As it was related to mental health, they took a deeper dive into the conversation and learned best practices in ways how they can take care of themselves and the community. Thank you to those that supported this event. If you are interested in supporting those that are directly impacted, follow their updates on [Instagram: FilipinoBC](#).



Upcoming - AANAPISI Collaborative Pop-Up Study Jams (May 19-22)

AANAPISI's bi-semesterly study jams are right around the corner. During this edition we will be collaborating with ([The Library \(Learning Resource Center\)](#), [Veterans](#), [KUP Unity Village \(Kapwa, Umoja, Puente\)](#), and [Honors Center](#)! Please share with your students for those interested in building

[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.

study groups and visiting new spaces. Limited giveaways will be provided!

[Click here](#) for a flyer.

Sign up if you're interested!

[Classified Participants](#)

[Faculty Participants](#)

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 join us in congratulating the 2025-2026
Associated Student Government Student Leaders:*

President

Jeremiah Palomino

Senators

Kaylee Stearns

Anneliese Russell

Antonina (Tonya) Trusova

Jonathan Fuller

Alexis Han

Jeremiah Tarvin

Alina Vasilenko

Cornor Alexander Jr.

Ramiah Wilson

Clara Cady-Deher

Casey Calkins

CONGRATS!

The Pride Center is excited to launch our inaugural fundraiser, Rooted in Pride: A Fundraiser to Empower Our Future. This fundraiser is an opportunity drawing! Join us in making a difference for our LGBTQIA+ programming by donating funds to receive a ticket for your opportunity to receive an assortment of prizes!

Winners will be announced at the Lavender Celebration on Tuesday, May 20 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in room D-101. For more information or to purchase tickets, please scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/PrideCenterDonate>



UCSD Birch Aquarium Tides of Knowledge Event | April 25, 2025

NextUp and FAST Scholars visited the UCSD Birch Aquarium, and it became more than a place to learn about ocean ecosystems—it became a place to reclaim childhood curiosity, enjoy the La Jolla beach shoreline, share laughter, and build community with a supportive village of peers, counselor, and staff.

Region X NextUp Standing S.T.R.O.N.G. in Solidarity Event | May 2, 2025

NextUp students visited the San Diego Zoo Safari Park along with other NextUp students, faculty and staff from Region X to kickstart Foster Care Awareness Month. The moment that took their breath away was the balloon safari. As the hot air balloon rose into the sky, this moment offered an unforgettable perspective—that from above, the world felt open and full of promise. But it wasn't just the panorama that brought meaning to the day—it was the people. Surrounded by other foster youth from across the region and committed faculty and staff, they were reminded that they are not alone—that they are part of a resilient community rising together.

Click on the flyer to enlarge.

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 2/7 2/25 3/31-4/4 4/24 5/5 5/15 5/26 6/9

Decisions Contact the Transfer Center at: transfercenter@sdmc.edu (Ph: (619) 388-1473, Local 40300, Call Free Student Services Bldg.)

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 C1000
ENGL 205	ENGL C1001
COMS 103	COMM C1000
MATH 119	STAT C1000
POLI 102	POLS C1000
PSYC 101	PSYC C1000

*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

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
Counseling

Registration Information for Summer and Fall 2025

	Summer	Fall
Class Schedule posted online	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 (14-303)
Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm
Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm
Email or Phone (619)-388-2672
sdmesalolowup@gmail.com

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

LAVENDER CELEBRATION
HONORING MESA STUDENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 20th, 2025
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
D-101

Join us for a celebration of diversity, resilience, and achievement of our LGBTQIA+ students at our Lavender Celebration Ceremony!

This event is a testament to the strength of our community and the importance of representation in academia. Let's commemorate this milestone with pride and solidarity, embracing the rich tapestry of identities that make our graduating class truly remarkable.

RSVP
tinyurl.com/MesaLavenderCelebration2025

For other inquiries, contact: Pride Center Coordinator, Lavinia Lina at lavini@sdmc.edu

*Requests for disability-related accommodations should be made no later than five (5) working days prior to the event. Call (619) 388-2774.

Stand
San Diego Mesa College
The Dr. Pamela A. Linder Resource Center

Join Us
Finals Week!

Wash away your stress with ...

WATERCOLORS

Date: Wed May 21, 2025
Thurs May 29, 2025
Time: 12-2pm
Location: K105

Light snacks & refreshments!
Opportunity Drawing for \$25 721rty meal vouchers!

CACM
San Diego Mesa College
Counseling and Career Services

Requests for disability-related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-388-2774.

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](#)

**BREAKING BARRIERS.
EMPOWERING MINDS.
TRANSFORMING FUTURES.**



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](#)

