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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*



This Friday, we will be hosting our 59th Commencement Ceremony with a graduating class of more than 1,800 students. We will be awarding over 1,877 academic degrees and more than 408 certificates.

This milestone reflects the hard work, perseverance, and brilliance of our students and the unwavering support of our faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and community. Each degree and certificate tells a story of resilience, purpose, and possibility.

We look forward to celebrating our graduates as they take the stage, claim their space, and begin the next chapter of their journey.

***Congratulations, Class of 2025!***



# Join Us for #MesaGivingDay

# MESA GIVING DAY

Giving day on Thursday, May 29, 2025,  
with donations accepted through  
Saturday, May 31.

[sdmesa.edu/mesagivingday](https://sdmesa.edu/mesagivingday)

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## 1 Day Away - Join #MesaGivingDay

You can double your donation! In honor of our commencement and the hard work of our students, the San Diego Mesa College Foundation is matching all donations made for #MesaGivingDay on Thursday, May 29!

**All giving up to \$10,000 will be doubled with a 1:1 match, and are accepted through Saturday, May 31.**

Honor students and pave the way for the next generation of Olympians by giving at any amount or spreading the word:  
[sdmesa.edu/mesagivingday](https://sdmesa.edu/mesagivingday)

## 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.

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# Summer 2025 Modified Work Schedule



**June 2, 2025-August 8, 2025**

**Monday-Thursday  
4x10s WORK WEEK**

## Save the Date: One Login for All SDCCD PeopleSoft ERP System Coming October 13, 2025

As we prepare for the upcoming summer break, we're pleased to share an important update that will enhance your digital experience this fall.

Beginning **October 13, 2025**, SDCCD will expand Single Sign-On (SSO) services to include the PeopleSoft ERP applications — Campus Solutions, Human Resources, and Finance. This upgrade will allow users to securely access these systems using their **SDCCD email credentials**, eliminating the need to log in separately for each application.

### Why This Matters?

With SSO, employees and students will enjoy:

- One login, multiple systems – Seamless access to Campus Solutions, HCM, Finance, and more using a single set of credentials.
- Enhanced Security – Protection through Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA).

- Streamlined support – Reduced login issues and easier troubleshooting.
- Improved efficiency – A more convenient and productive experience for students, faculty, and staff.

As we approach the launch, you can expect additional details, setup instructions, and training resources to be shared in early fall. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit our [Single Sign-On \(SSO\) resource page](#), located under Documents and Resources on the SDCCD Information Technology Services website, for more information.

## OFFICE OF *Instruction*



### CTE x LOFT Present "AI in the Workforce Part 1: Industry Insights"

Thank you to everyone who joined us for "AI in the Workforce Part 1: Industry Insights" on Friday May 23rd. This CTE x LOFT event brought together panelists from Health Care, Building Construction, Libraries & Research, and Computer Science to discuss how AI is reshaping the workforce.

Our panelists shared valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges AI presents across various industries, including enhancing occupational safety in construction, enabling HIPAA-compliant personalized disease management in healthcare, supporting research and information literacy, and accelerating innovation in software development.

Panelists also provided ideas on how faculty can support students in AI literacy to prepare for the workforce.

Interested in how you can integrate AI into your curriculum to support student career development? Register for [AI in the Workforce Part II: Innovating Instruction](#).

For photos from the event, [click here for the Mesa College Flickr Album](#).

### [AAPI Community of Practice \(Fall 2025\) - Now Accepting Applications!](#)

Are you passionate about supporting AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) students?

Join our AAPI Community of Practice (CoP) this fall to collaborate with colleagues, learn best practices, and help shape an inclusive campus environment!

**The deadline to apply is this Friday, May 30. Apply ASAP!**

[Classified Participants](#)

[Faculty Participants](#)



### Recap - May 19 & 21: Kapwa Scholars Summit

Our Mesa Scholars of the Kapwa Learning Community shared their final projects at the annual Kapwa Scholars Summit. Congratulations to all their participants and best wishes for your next classes. If you have any incoming students who may benefit from the learning community, have them [join here!](#)

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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>





# 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.**



## Spring Semester Fundraising by the Numbers

**\$194,147**

raised since January

**\$209,000**

Scholarships  
Awarded in April

**188**

Students Served by  
Scholarships

**\$77,000**

In Grants secured

## Highlight on Grant Activities

With the support of *Dr. Mike Lettieri* and in collaboration with faculty and Deans, we have been able to review 10 grants and apply for 7 grants (and support the SDCCD Foundation in another application). Of these, 3 have been funded and 2 are pending funder decision-making. This has brought in \$77,000 in support for the students and mission of Mesa College, including:

- **\$70,000 in support for the Mesa Impactship Program**
  - *Kudos to Alex Berry, Pavel Consuegra, Shawn Fawcett for putting together the request, and Prez Hands for supporting the success of with a funder meeting*
- **\$2,000 in support of a Study Abroad initiative**
  - *Kudos to Dora Shoenbrun-Fernandez for her leadership and efforts on the grant*
- **\$5,000 in support of students who have experienced foster care**
  - *Kudos to Marlene Gracia, Ivonne Valencia-Meza, Karla Trutna, and Leticia Diaz for their collaboration and dedicated support for FAST Scholars and NextUP students*



## Welcome to Mesa, Kiana!

**We are overjoyed to have been able to welcome Kiana Kikuchi to the Resource Development Team.**

Originally from Anaheim, CA, Kiana moved to San Diego to pursue her education. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology as well as a Master's in Communication Studies from San Diego State University. Kiana brings [several years of experience in higher education](#), having served in both staff and faculty roles. Her passion for supporting students and contributing to campus communities makes her a valuable addition to our team. Outside of work, Kiana enjoys surfing, powerlifting, and golfing.

### ***Highlight Your Students and Activities!***

Next semester, we will be hosting our second ever Spirit of Mesa on Friday, October 10, 2025. This annual fundraiser will showcase the activities and students across Mesa College. Have information you'd like donors to know about? We need your input! Please give us ideas: [bit.ly/SOM25Input](https://bit.ly/SOM25Input)

## *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!*

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