



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*



Classicon 2026 - Congratulations TEAM BLUE!

Classicon 2026 has officially come to a close! This year's event brought classified professionals together for learning, collaboration, and connection. The Classified Professional Learning Committee (CPLC) worked hard to introduce new ideas and create an engaging experience for attendees, and they welcome feedback to help shape future events. Participants are invited to share what they enjoyed most, highlight memorable sessions or experiences, and offer suggestions for next year's conference.

Participants are encouraged to browse the [event photo gallery](#) and relive some of the memorable moments captured throughout the conference. Special thanks to Samuel Silipo and Hai Duong for helping document the experience.

The CPLC is also seeking enthusiastic new members who are interested in contributing ideas, supporting professional development opportunities, and helping plan future ClassiCon events. Those who complete the [feedback and interest form](#) will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of four \$25 gift cards.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER **CLOSED** FOR RENOVATIONS

During the summer, the LRC Building will be closed from June 8 - August 14, 2026 for renovations. Library services and tutoring support will continue at the temporary locations listed below.

Circulation and Help Desk Services

B-106

- Laptop checkout and returns
- Calculator checkout and returns
- Computer and printing stations
- Course reserves
- Book checkout and returns
- Study spaces with whiteboards
- Book scanner

Research and Study Space

D-108

- Librarian research assistance
- Individual study spaces
- Study spaces with whiteboards
- New books available for checkout
- Library materials return

Tutoring Services

K-108E

- Onsite tutoring | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Virtual tutoring | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Library services are available Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and closed Friday - Sunday. For questions or more information, please contact 619-388-2696 or mesalibraryrequest@sdccd.edu.

[Mesa College Celebrates our Met Graduates](#)

Mesa College was honored to host the graduation ceremony for the San Diego Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical High School (The MET), a public, student-centered school located on our campus. Joined by families, faculty, Principal Robert Fung, San Diego Unified School District Board Vice President Richard Bazzo, and the entire MET community, the celebration highlighted the strong sense of belonging, achievement, and support that defines the program.

A memorable moment came from student speaker Cameron Jackson, who shared that the graduating class had enrolled in 166 Mesa College courses, earning a combined 546 semester credits while still in high school—an average of nearly 22 college credits per graduate.

The MET Class of 2026 leaves high school with not only a diploma, but also valuable college experience, practical skills, and confidence for the future. Mesa College congratulates these remarkable graduates and looks forward to welcoming many of them back to campus this fall as Mesa Olympians.





Join us for the San Diego Mesa College Olympian Open on **July 24, 2026**, at 12 p.m. as we tee off to support our incredible student athletes. This signature golf fundraiser brings together community leaders, alumni, and champions of education for a day of fun, connection, and purpose. Your participation, whether through sponsorships, donations, or in kind gifts, directly fuels athletic equipment and academic support that help our Olympians succeed both on the field and in the classroom.

[▶ Register and Donate](#)



Mesa College Represented at the Classified Leadership Institute

Mesa College was proud to be represented at this year's Classified Leadership Institute (CLI), where Alison Mona, Ayana Woods, and Eileen Hayward shared Mesa's New Classified Institute (NCI), an onboarding program designed to support newly hired classified professionals as they begin their journey at the College. The presentation highlighted Mesa's commitment to fostering connection, belonging, and professional growth through intentional onboarding and support.

CLI brought together classified professionals from colleges across California to learn from one another, exchange ideas, and engage in meaningful conversations about the opportunities and challenges facing higher education today.

ENROLLMENT *update*

Summer 2026 FTES is 1,382 and our headcount is 8,139. The Fall 2026 FTES is 4,003 and our headcount is 12,614. For Summer 2026, we are 105.3% towards meeting our goals and anticipate being able to meet our targets even with changes in enrollment and fraudulent "bot" students being removed. As for Fall 2026, the numbers continue to increase, and we have 4.9% more students this week compared to last week.

OFFICE OF *Student Services*



Mesa College Welcomes Junior Achievement!

We are pleased to welcome our Junior Achievement High School interns for their summer work experience program.

During their time on campus, student interns will gain valuable leadership skills, business knowledge, and hands-on work experience through on-the-job training in a variety of departments. Participating departments include Student Affairs, EOPS, The Stand, the Child Development Center, and the Language Arts Department.

We extend our sincere thanks to the supervisors who have agreed to mentor and support our summer interns throughout this valuable learning work experience.

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>



Click on the flyer to enlarge

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
CARE · CalWORKs · The Stand

Parent Cafe

SUMMER 2026

Wednesday, June 17th
Time 11:00AM - 12:30PM
Location AS Conference Room - 4th Floor of Student Services 1400 Building
Zoom: 825 6491 8782 Password: SUMMER2026

Wednesday, July 15th - Civita Park Day
Time 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Location (Mission Valley Area)
7560 Civita Blvd., San Diego, CA 92108
RSVP bit.ly/Mesa_CivitaPark by 7/12/26

Wednesday, August 5th
Time 11:00AM - 12:30PM
Location AS Conference Room - 4th Floor of Student Services 1400 Building
Zoom: 825 6491 8782 Password: SUMMER2026

For more information or accommodations contact Mesa CalWORKs
SDMesaCalWORKs@sdccd.edu
(619) 388-2709

To join more Student Parent workshops & events follow us on Instagram: @sdmesacare @sdmesacalworks @sdmesastand

Education USA Ventanilla de Orientación Educativa SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE MÉXICO

Interested in attending college?

¿Interesado en asistir a la universidad?

Join us for a virtual session and learn about...

- Community Colleges in San Diego
- How to enroll
- Services that Mexico's Consulate in San Diego provides

Accompáñenos para sesión virtual para aprender de...

- Colegios Comunitarios en San Diego
- Como inscribirse al colegio
- Servicios que ofrece el Consulado de Mexico en San Diego

JUNE 15 & 16
15 Y 16 de JUNIO
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Zoom-
<https://sdccd-edu.zoom.us/j/85673876604>

For any questions, contact Ldiaz@sdccd.edu and 619 388 2884.

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

JUNETEENTH

CELEBRATING FREEDOM: FLAG RAISING AND PANEL

Countering the Miseducation of Juneteenth: History, Legacy, and Relevance Today

Join us in honoring the history and significance of Juneteenth, a powerful commemoration of freedom and Black resilience. Members of our Black Studies faculty will share their expertise, perspectives, and insights during this important conversation.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
FLAG RAISING: 9:30 - 10:00 AM
PANEL: 10:00 - 11:00 AM
MESA COLLEGE FLAG POLE

For more information or accommodations, contact epjones@sdccd.edu or Ldiaz@sdccd.edu.

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
DSPS

DISABILITY PRIDE

Flag Raising Ceremony

Join us for the flag raising ceremony that acknowledges the importance of disability awareness, advocacy, and accessibility. *Everyone is welcome!*

Date: Monday, July 20, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Location: Mesa College Flag Pole (Between Parking Lots 8 & 9)

For more information or accommodations, please contact ehiggins@sdccd.edu.

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

NON-EVENT PARKING PERMIT REQUEST FORM

NEW!

WELCOME TO THE EVENTS & RESERVATIONS PORTAL

This form can be used for parking permit requests that are **NOT** related to an event and do not require additional resources or a space/room (i.e. community clinic, meetings in dept. conference rooms, guest speakers during a class, etc.)

- Must be entered two weeks in advance
- Requests require manager approval, similar to Event Requests
- Can be used for single or group permits

Parking related to events will need to be entered as part of an Event Request.

WWW.SDMESA.EDU/EVENTS

Reminder regarding parking permits for events, guest speakers, and meetings.

Event Parking:
All parking for events should be included as part of your Event Request in the [Events & Reservation Portal](#). Please keep in mind that

all event requests must be submitted at least three weeks before the date of your event (longer for large events). More information can be found in the [Event & Reservation Portal FAQs](#).

Non-Event Individual/Group Permits:
Requests for non-event parking can be submitted via the [Non Event Parking Permit Request Form](#) now available on our [webpage](#), within the [Events & Reservations Portal](#).

These would include requests that are not part of an "event," such as guest speakers, departmental meeting attendees, etc. that do not require any other support.

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WEEKLY SAFETY TIP

KNOW WHERE YOUR AED IS LOCATED

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are mounted in clearly marked cabinets throughout buildings across campus (AED locations available on the Mesa Safety website) – take a moment to find the one nearest to your work area. Use an AED immediately when someone is unresponsive, as this may indicate sudden cardiac arrest. **No prior training is needed** – once opened, the device provides clear spoken and visual instructions that guide you through every step. Always call **911 first**, begin CPR, then apply the AED as soon as it is available.

75%
SURVIVAL RATE

Immediate use of an AED within 2 minutes can increase survival rates as high as 75%.

AED SAFETY TIP

Notice: Effective Monday, April 6, the Business Services Office will close at 12:00 PM daily for walk-up service to accommodate year-end processing. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this busy time.

[Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#) | [Consolidated Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#)

OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*



On behalf of the SDCCD Institutional Review Board (IRB), we are sharing that the district is seeking Mesa College faculty participation on the IRB from Fall 2026 through June 2027.

The IRB supports the review of research involving human participants and helps promote ethical research practices across the district. This opportunity may be a good fit for faculty with experience or interest in research methods, human subjects research, ethics, program evaluation, or applied inquiry.

Commitment details include:

- 1-year term
- One 1.5-hour meeting per month
- Review of approximately 5-6 proposals per semester
- Onboarding and Human Subjects training required
- No summer meetings

Interested faculty are encouraged to reach out to Natalia Alarcón, District IRB Co-Chair, at nalarcon@sdccd.edu.

Learn more by clicking these links:

[SDCCD Institutional Review Board](#) | [IRB Steps to Become a Member](#)

Thank you for your considering this opportunity."

New Resource: Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary

The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office has published a new [Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary](#) on our website to support a shared understanding of the terminology used across Mesa College. Whether you're reviewing reports, navigating dashboards, or interpreting campus communications, this resource is designed to clarify common data definitions and acronyms in one central place. You can find it on the [IE website](#) under the **Data Dictionary & Acronym Glossary** section. We invite you to explore it and reach out to the IE Office with suggestions for new additions, updates, or corrections as we continue to build and refine this tool together. For feedback, please contact **Adriana Caetano** at acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu.

JOIN THE SDCCD INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)!

The SDCCD IRB is an established body that protects the rights and welfare of humans on internal and external research projects and is currently seeking SDCCD faculty and professionals who are interested in serving as reviewers to ensure proposed research projects that include SDCCD data or communities are appropriately safeguarded. Meetings are monthly. Please contact [Natalia Alarcón](#), IRB Chair and Director of SDCCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research for more information.

Check out the Website!
Sign up on our Interest Form!

SAN DIEGO
Community College District

The graphic features a blue background with white and light blue circles. It shows three stylized human figures (two men and one woman) interacting with a computer workstation. The text is in white and light blue, with the main title in large, bold, white letters. The SDCCD logo is at the bottom right.



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](#)



Want to learn more about grant seeking?

View the flex workshop hosted by Dr. Michael Lettieri, who is leading grant writing efforts, and Krista Stellmacher, CFRE and Director in service to the Office of Resource Development and Foundation.

[View Recording](#)

Non-Participation in Immigration Enforcement Activities

Please remember that our district has an official immigration policy, [AP 3415](#). This policy directs all inquiries regarding immigration enforcement to the District Chancellor and District General Counsel. If you receive a confirmed report of immigration enforcement on campus, please contact:

- SDCCD Chancellor's Office (Greg Smith): 619-388-6957 | chancellor@sdccd.edu
- SDCCD General Counsel (Ljubisa Kostic): 619-388-6589 | lkostic@sdccd.edu

You are not expected to engage with immigration enforcement or place yourself or others at risk. If approached by immigration officials, you may respond: "I am not authorized to speak with you, answer your questions, or provide access to any people or facilities per SDCCD policy. Only the District Chancellor and General Counsel have authority to assist you." To stay informed and prepared:

- Update your emergency contact information in the [MySDCCD portal](#)
- Download the [SDCCDsafe App](#)
- Refer to the [District's Immigration Resources page](#)
- Continue to read campus emails and official updates

San Diego Mesa College has a clear, coordinated Immigration Enforcement Response Plan centered on our Emergency Management Response Team, led by the President and including College Communications, Vice Presidents, Facilities and Operations, OEHS, and the Campus Community Emergency Response Team, in coordination with SDCCD Police. Recognizing that every incident is unique, this structure ensures we are prepared to act quickly and compassionately

with clear communication, coordinated safety measures, and robust support for students and employees should an incident occur.

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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