

SAN DIEGO  
MESACOLLEGE



WEEKLY UPDATES FROM

*Prez Hands*

*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*



*Honoring Juneteenth Freedom Day*

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. Celebrated annually on June 19th, it marks the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, bringing news of the end of slavery—two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed. Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. It is a day of reflection, education, and community, emphasizing the ongoing journey toward racial equality and justice

Mesa College received our official ACCJC Commission Action Letter and Peer Review Team Report reaffirming our accreditation for 18 months, with a Follow-up Report and visit no later than October 1, 2025.

This reaffirmation highlights our collective success in sharing our Mesa Story, committing to continuous improvement, and upholding our reputation for quality education and is demonstrated by the Peer Review Team's commendation recognizing our *"commitment to mission and building a culture of being the "Leading College of Equity and Excellence" through its innovative, cross-collaborative, and equity-focused practices and professional learning provided by The LOFT and Guided Pathways efforts."*

While a full 7-year cycle approval would have been ideal, this reaffirmation and commendation serve as a testament to our community's incredible collaboration and dedication and allow us to engage in meaningful work to create the conditions that matter for success. I am incredibly proud of our college and am confident that we can make the changes necessary to soon achieve our full 7-year approval.

For the full Accreditation Message to the Campus, and for more information about our Accreditation, please click the links below:

### San Diego Mesa College Embraces Accreditation



On June 17, the Mesa Meditation Garden had their grand opening, celebrating the hard work and dedication of our Terra Mesa Club who worked tirelessly to provide a space of tranquility for all. Be sure to visit the garden adjacent to the Terra Mesa Community Garden on Marlesta Drive East (East of P-100 building).

For more photos from the event, please click [this link](#) to the Meditation Garden Album on our San Diego Mesa Flickr page.

Next week on June 26, 2024, the Pride Center in Room D-102 is hosting Queerky Movie Day with an iconic screening of an LGBTQIA+ film to celebrate our community story. The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will also be free HIV Testing during this event. All tests are confidential, free, and quick!

For more information or requesting accommodations, please contact the Pride Center Counselor and Coordinator, Lucio Lira at [llira@sdccd.edu](mailto:llira@sdccd.edu).





**Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lorie Crosby Howell, who has accepted the position of Dean of Learning Resources and Academic Support!**

Dr. Lorie Crosby Howell boasts a wealth of experience that exceeds 25 years in leadership roles within both credit and non-credit institutions. Throughout her career, she has held diverse positions in instructional and student services programs, consistently demonstrating an unwavering dedication to academic excellence and the success of students. Notably, she fulfilled the institutional and site dean role at the College of Continuing Education, where she provided oversight for cutting-edge programs in Clothing, Textile Arts and Technology, Culinary Arts and Sciences, High School Diploma, High School Equivalency, and Basic Skills.

Dr. Crosby Howell will begin her new role July 1.

Mesa Study Abroad students took off to their journey to Madrid, Spain! They will experience a month filled with fun while learning the rich culture and curriculum through hands-on experience.

Are you interested in studying abroad? Visit the Study Abroad page of Mesa and see which country is next for your journey!

**Mesa College Study Abroad Programs**



The Outreach Department is proud to announce their new Coordinator of Outreach and Assessment Center Supervisor, Jennifer Park! Jennifer started her career as a SDICCCA Fellow serving Student Affairs in 2018. As she grew professionally in her role, she assisted AS Leadership, AS Leadership Equity Action Development Series (LEAD), and the Writing Center for scholarship workshops. With her commitment of excellence and equity, Jennifer built up the Outreach team with increasing engagement, visibility, and recruitment efforts while ensuring inclusion of all walks of life.

Congratulations, Jennifer, on your new role!







**2024 SUMMER CRUISE**

**New Students – CRUISE into Mesa!**  
Creating Rich Unique Intellectual Student Experiences  
Become confident and prepared for your first year at Mesa College

**It's FUN!  
It's FREE!  
And it's open  
to all new  
college students!**

- Connect with a Peer Navigator who will serve as your mentor
- Receive support for CRUISE and the academic peer
- Build community and meet other incoming students
- Learn about campus resources and student life
- Participate in workshops ahead of your transition to Mesa College

**CRUISE SESSIONS**  
Recent High School Graduates

**JULY 9-10 JULY 16-17 JULY 23-24 JULY 30-31**  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (lunch provided!)

For more information and to register for Summer CRUISE  
visit us @ [www.sdmesa.edu/cruise](http://www.sdmesa.edu/cruise)  
Deadline to register is one week before chosen session!

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Contact: Aquila Rivera | Room 16-203 | 619-388-2727 | [aquilarivera@sdmesa.edu](mailto:aquilarivera@sdmesa.edu)  
Request for quantity-related accommodations should be made no later than eight (8) working days prior to event

**Summer CRUISE will be have 4 sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from July 9 -July 31 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Summer CRUISE is designed for all new, incoming students who recently graduated from high school or have graduated from high school and have not attended college in the last three years, new students transitioning from Continuing Education, Veterans and Adult Learners who have yet to attend college.

To learn more about CRUISE and to register for a session, visit our website at [www.sdmesa.edu/cruise](http://www.sdmesa.edu/cruise).



**INFO SESSION!**

**CSAC**  
DREAM ACT SERVICE  
INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

**What is the California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) Program?**  
DSIG encourages California Dream Act Application (CADAA) students to perform community or volunteer service. The grant will be available to students for up to 4 semesters while they have an active CAA. Expect A or B award. Students who perform at least 160 hours per semester of community or volunteer service with a qualifying service organization.

**DATE & TIME**  
**IN PERSON SESSION**  
Tuesday, June 25, 2024  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
LOCATION: Avanza Center 14-202

**ZOOM SESSION**  
MONDAY, JULY 1 @ 2PM  
TUESDAY, JULY 2 @ 9AM  
MONDAY, JULY 8 @ 4PM  
MONDAY, JULY 8 @ 7PM  
TUESDAY, JULY 16 @ 3PM

**HOW MUCH CAN YOU RECEIVE?**  
The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) will award up to \$4,500 per academic year (up to \$2,250 per semester).

**CONTACT THE DRC:**  
Call: 619-388-5115 | Text: 619-388-5115  
Email: [mesadreamers@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesadreamers@sdccd.edu)  
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm  
Friday 9am - 4pm  
Qualifying organization

**ZOOM ID:**  
Join via Zoom on your smartphone

**QR CODE**

**San Diego Mesa College**  
DREAM ACT SERVICE  
INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Dreamer Resource Center is hosting their CSAC Dream Act Incentive Grant Program information session!

An in-person session will be hosted on June 25th, 2024 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Avanza Center (14-202). There will be zoom sessions offered as well.

For more information, please contact the DRC at [MesaDreamers@sdccd.edu](mailto:MesaDreamers@sdccd.edu) and/or at 619-388-5115.



**MESA TUTORING AND COMPUTING CENTERS**

**SUMMER TUTORING**  
**JUNE 17 – AUGUST 8**

**MONDAY – THURSDAY**  
**IN PERSON: 11 – 2**  
**ONLINE: 4 – 7**

For more info:

**QR CODE**

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**MT2C**

We are excited to announce that from June 17th-August 8th, summer tutoring will be available for free for all students hosted by the Mesa Tutoring and Computing Centers (MT2C)!

#### Tutoring Schedule:

In-Person Tutoring – Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm ([First and Second Floor of the LRC](#))

Online Tutoring – Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Drop-in tutoring is available for all subjects. Appointments are available for some subjects.



The fourth floor of Student Services building officially installed a new hydration station! Associated Students and Mesa College Operations collaborated to provide fresh and filtered water for all students, staff and faculty of Mesa College. With the new hydration station, we can reduce plastic waste and utilize reusable water bottles!

Student Health Services is pleased to share that the California Youth Advocacy Network (CYAN) published the Smoke and Tobacco free Report Card for Colleges and Universities. The incredible news is that as of today, San Diego **SAN DIEGO MESA College received A+ 100% Smoke and Tobacco-Free, including e-cigarettes.**

In 2005, when Mesa received our first report card, Mesa received a letter F because smoking on campus was prevalent. Mesa led the District in the efforts to create a smoke-free/tobacco free College. Mesa became officially smoke free on January 1, 2007. Ultimately, City, Miramar and the District went smoke/tobacco free followed by UCSD and SDSU. We now are thrilled to celebrate that Mesa has received a grade A+ for being a fully smoke free campus!

To review the report card and additional info, click the link at: [CA College and University Report Card](#).

Congratulations San Diego Mesa College!

## OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

**RSVP TODAY FOR**  
**C-CERT TRAINING**  
CAMPUS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
August 12-14th | 8:00AM-3:00PM | MC-211A/B



[Register Here for August C-CERT Training](#)

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming C-CERT Training taking place **August 12- 14, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in MC 211A/B**. For this Academy there will be a limit of approximately 25 people. You will receive a confirmation email from Matt Fay that you have been added to the training list.

This training will equip you with essential skills and knowledge to effectively respond to emergencies and disasters on campus. As a member of C-CERT, your role is crucial in preparing, organizing, and collaborating as a team during and after emergencies. C-CERT members strengthen campus resiliency and play a vital role in emergency response efforts. Review flyer for all the details of this training.

Join us in enhancing campus safety and preparedness by registering for this important training. Your commitment to the C-CERT is invaluable, and we look forward to having you on the team.

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## 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](#)

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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**Ashanti Hands, Ed.D.**

**President | San Diego Mesa College**

*Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!*

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