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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*



Mesa College 2025 Commencement Photos are Now Live!

Last week's Mesa College Commencement ceremony was truly unforgettable! With perfect weather, heartfelt speeches and performances, and a joyful atmosphere, the event was a beautiful celebration of achievement and new beginnings. Graduates crossed the stage to cheers from proud families and friends, while inspiring words from keynote speakers honored the hard work and resilience of the Class of 2025. It was a momentous occasion filled with laughter, a few tears, and memories that will last a lifetime.

To view photos from Commencement and all of our year-end celebrations, please visit the [Mesa College Flickr Page](#).



Click video above for a wonderful recap video of our 2025 Commencement Ceremony!



For more photos of our commencement ceremony, click here for the [SDCCD Album](#).



Mesa College 2025 Classicon

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the dedicated planning committee for orchestrating another successful Classicon event this year. Your hard work and commitment to providing valuable professional development opportunities alongside engaging and fun activities truly made this conference memorable for all classified professionals involved. Thank you for fostering growth, connection, and celebration within our community!

Huge congratulations to Ikuko McAnally who is this year's Unsung Hero! Ikuko is a steady force, someone who brings clarity to complexity, consistency to chaos, and compassion to every interaction. Her behind the scenes work supports student facing initiatives, strengthens equity driven programs, and makes it possible for others to thrive. She never seeks the spotlight, but her presence uplifts everyone around her. Her ability to anticipate needs, solve problems, and build strong systems has made her truly indispensable.

Summer 2025 Modified Work Schedule

Mesa College has begun a 4x10 work schedule this week.

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**



Happy Pride Month!

[Pride Month](#) is celebrated every June to honor and recognize the LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual, and others) community — its history, struggles, resilience, and contributions to society.

Join us and celebrate Pride Month at our Pride Flag Raising Ceremony Event!

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Mesa College Flag Poles (between parking lots 8 & 9)

Everyone is welcome!

SDCCD Launches SDCCDsafes: Turning Your Smartphone into a Safety Tool

In the coming weeks, the San Diego Community College District will launch SDCCDsafes, a free app that turns your smartphone into a safety tool. Safety at all SDCCD campuses and facilities is a top priority, and this new app will provide students and employees with another way to protect themselves with such features as:

- Placing a direct call to College Police or the 9-8-8 Crisis Lifeline.
- Setting up a virtual "Friend Walk" so a friend or family member can make sure you arrive at your destination safely - whether to a classroom, a parking lot, or even somewhere off campus.
- Reporting an anonymous tip.

The app will be available for download from the Apple App or Google Play stores in mid- to late-June. A notice will be sent out when the app is live.

More details about the app and other District safety services are available at sdccd.edu/safety





Welcome to Mesa, Sarah!

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Hood - new Administrative Technician in the Office of Instruction!

Sarah is a born and raised San Diegan who earned a Master's in education from National University. She began her career teaching and coaching Jr High and High School for 10 years. From there, she ventured into the construction world, as a Customer Care Rep, where she ensured the voice of the customer was heard; inspecting new build quality and ensuring customers enjoy their forever home. As a temporary assignment, Sarah was a Project Analyst at Mesa College for the VP and the Dean of Instruction, providing project support, data analysis, reporting, and other supporting tasks to keep the VP and Dean up to date on college enrollment. Most recently, Sarah comes directly from Padre Dam where she was an Administrative Assistant supporting their HR department, as well as the General Manager's office.

When not working, she loves to spend time with her husband Tim, two kids, and their two huskies. They enjoy traveling, BBQ'ing/smoking, dispersed camping, off-roading, and playing softball. She also enjoys watching the Padres play, especially at Petco Park!

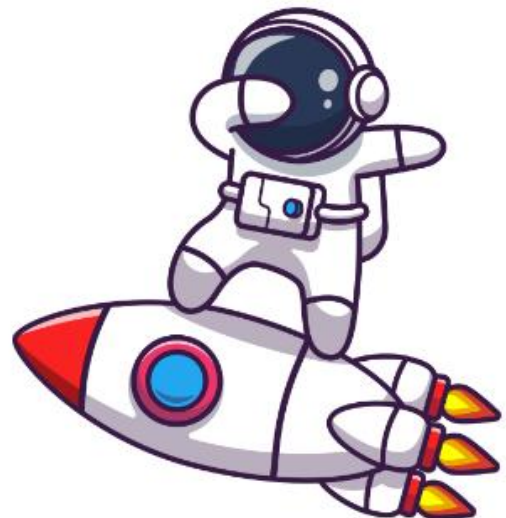
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New Issue
Alert

[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>






New Students - CRUISE into Mesa! Attend CRUISE and become confident and prepared for your first year at Mesa College!


Start college on the right foot with CRUISE, an onboarding program that helps new students transition to Mesa during their first year. The program will guide you to on-campus resources and introduce you to the many opportunities, programs, and people available to help you excel in all areas of your academic and personal growth. You belong at Mesa and we look forward to helping you set sail on a thrilling course of study.


Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/SummerCRUISE2025>

Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) Fall Readiness 2025

You're invited to attend our DSPS Fall Readiness event, designed to help new Mesa DSPS students prepare for the upcoming semester. Choose either August 12th or 13th for a morning session, and take advantage of optional afternoon classroom tours offered on those days as well as an additional morning classroom tour on August 14th.

 **Date:** August 12th or 13th

 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 **Location:** High Tech Center (Library, Room 110)

 **Register**

here: <https://forms.office.com/r/s9BP4abhA2>

EOPS is inviting all interested students to register for our **EOPS 2025 Summer Readiness Personal Growth (PG) 120 course** — a 5-week, in-person class designed to support students in preparing for college success.

This course will help Students explore their academic goals, develop essential college skills, and gain confidence as they transition into higher education. The course is UC/CSU transferable and provides a strong foundation for future academic achievement. Plus, we will have weekly lunches, field trips, and so much more! Attached is the flyer for reference.

Course Details:

Dates: Monday - Thursday | 6/16 - 7/19

Time: 9:35AM - 12:30PM

Course Number: 91548

Room: Mesa BT-101

Type: In person

Click on the flyer to enlarge



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Located in the Library, Room 110

Scan to Register



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For any accommodations please
contact cruffner@sdccd.edu



**For New Mesa
DSPS Students!**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES! READY TO SUCCEED?

**Kick off your summer with EOPS
Summer Readiness 5-Week
Personal Growth 120!**

Instructor: Rosa Palacios
Date: Monday - Thursday
6/16/2025 - 7/19/2025
Time: 9:35AM - 12:30PM
Room: Mesa BT-101
Type: On Campus

Students will receive assistance in achieving their academic goals. This Personal Growth 120 class will convene in person, and the units are transferable.

To secure your spot for the class, simply scan the QR code!

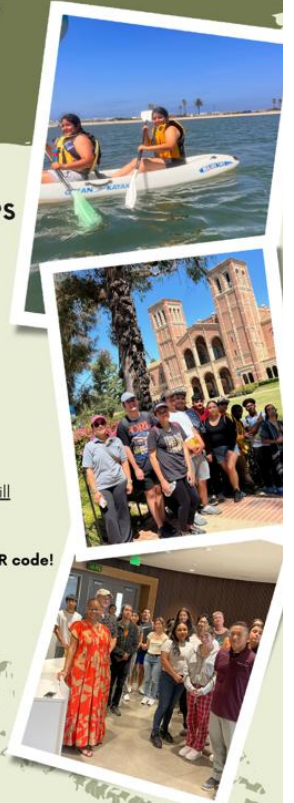


**HAVE
QUESTIONS?**

For More Information:

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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](#)

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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

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

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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