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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!

OFFICE OF THE *President*



San Diego Community College District

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PRIDE PARADE

The San Diego Community College District is participating once again in the San Diego Pride Parade, and we welcome you to mark your calendars and join our students, employees, and community members at this exciting event.

Hillcrest, from the Hillcrest Pride Flag at University Avenue
at Normal Street to Quince Drive in Balboa Park (1.5 miles)



Sign up to walk with
the SDCCD at
bit.ly/pridesignup25

JULY 19, 2025



[JOIN THE SDCCD AT THE ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE](#)

Students, faculty, administrators, and classified professionals from the San Diego Community College District will walk in the annual San Diego Pride Parade on Saturday, July 20, one of the largest in the country, with up to 100,000 spectators expected. This year's parade theme is "Making History Now."

Free T-shirts will be provided to the first 400 SDCCD participants. A free shuttle service will run between the Old Naval Hospital, on President's Way, and Park Boulevard to the start of the parade route.

[PRIDE PARADE INFORMATION](#)

San Diego Mesa College Awarded \$1.76M to Support First-Generation, Low-Income, and Disabled Students Through TRIO Student Support Services

This award marks the continuation of TRIO SSS services on campus since 1977. Since its launch, Mesa's STAR TRIO program has supported hundreds of students in staying enrolled, earning degrees, and preparing for meaningful careers. Through individualized services including academic tutoring, financial aid, scholarship guidance, career exploration, personal and academic counseling, and mentoring, TRIO SSS empowers students to overcome barriers to success. These comprehensive supports make it significantly more likely that students will complete their degree or successfully transfer, with the lowest possible debt.

[Click here to view story.](#)



Proud to support the District and Mesa College's World Art Collection at the San Diego City Council meeting focused on building a bold vision for Downtown San Diego's revitalization.

As part of a coalition led by the Downtown San Diego Partnership, Prebys Foundation, U3 Advisors, and the San Diego Community College District, this effort centers culture, creativity, and community. Chancellor Gregory Smith and Dr. Denise Rogers both presented on behalf of the District and Mesa College uplifting the essential role of public art in shaping a more inclusive and vibrant urban core.

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation's signature fundraising event, **Spirit of Mesa**, celebrates year two!

This event will focus on how Mesa's mission is all the more critical at this moment in time. The event brings together leaders from across our community who share a passion for equity and excellence in education.

Join us and other regional leaders on the beautiful San Diego Mesa College campus to celebrate the achievements of students, showcase the role of the Foundation, and honor the generosity of donors and sponsors. Together, we can ensure that nothing stands in the way of San Diegans working hard to get an education.

Date: Friday, October 10, 2025

Location: Mesa Quad

[Click Here to RSVP](#)



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





AANAPISI Joins SD API Coalition Post-Fourth of July Beach Clean Up

On July 7th, AANAPISI Director, Leland Simpliciano, and PATH Interns, Salinas Dinh and Lida Wang joined SD API Coalition and Paddle for Peace for a Post 4th of July beach clean up and mindful meditation at Ocean Beach. They collected near 10 pounds of trash! ([Click here for the recap video](#)). To learn more about our partnered community organizations and their events, check out the links below!

[SD API Coalition](#)
[Paddle for Peace](#)

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

Student Affairs is pleased to present the **FALL 2025 Welcome Week on Monday, August 25th through Thursday, August 28th!**

We strongly encourage all departments that want to have an external (i.e. outdoors) set-up to request space at the Welcome Week booths on the Mesa Commons so that we can all support each other while we support our students; follow the instructions in the online form to request space at the Welcome Week booths if you are planning to host an outdoor activity. Other Welcome Week related set-ups, such as requesting a table and chairs to be placed right outside of your office space, *must be submitted separately through the usual event planner process*; we still ask that you let us know about your activity so that we may include it on the schedule of Welcome Week events!

Please submit your activities to the online [Welcome Week Activity Form](#) no later than **Friday, August 1, 2025**. If you have any questions about the general set-up area, please contact Courtney Lee (clee@sdccd.edu) in the Student Affairs office for more information. Put on your creative hats and submit your event using the online Welcome Week Activity form. We look forward to a welcoming, festive, engaging Welcome Week!



The EOPS Summer Readiness Program had the opportunity to take 18 students to UCSD for a university campus visit. Students received a presentation on the UCSD Chancellor's Associates Scholars Program (CASP) by Dr. Watkins and learned about the UCSD Cross-Cultural Center. In addition to the amazing campus tour led by our very own NextUp SST and current student at UCSD- Marlene Gracia, students learned about the excellent educational opportunities available at UCSD. The EOPS Summer Readiness Program proudly contributes to building bridges and making higher education opportunities a valuable option for students.

Promise Counseling Update for Fall 2025

Incoming Promise students have access to 30-minute appointments with Promise Counselors to receive an Abbreviated Ed Plan or get quick questions answered.

Before booking, students must:

1. Watch the [Pre-Registration Workshop Video](#)
2. Complete the [Workshop Quiz](#) (must score 3/4)

Once completed, appointments can be scheduled [here](https://bit.ly/PromiseZoomSessions). (bit.ly/PromiseZoomSessions)



MESA COUNSELING

Promise Program

Individualized Counseling and Guidance Support

Your Counselors



Fabiola Beas



Miriam Pacheco

Summer 2025 Services

- 1/2 hr Zoom or in person sessions where you can discuss your
 - Abbreviated education plan
 - Update your next semester courses
 - Talk about career and/or major options
 - Ask general questions



Schedule 1/2 hr sessions:
<https://bit.ly/PromiseZoomSessions>



PROMISE HAS MOVED!



Find Promise program in Outreach at I4-101

sdpromisemesa@sdccd.edu
619-388-2718



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SAN DIEGO PROMISE

In an effort to better serve our students, the **Promise Program** has moved to I4-101. Find us inside the Outreach Office ready and eager to assist!

The Pride Scholars program assists Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (*and other existing identities within the queer community*) Mesa College students through academic and personal support services. These services involve educational guidance, community-building opportunities, individual case management, housing/food assistance, and more!

How to Apply to Pride Scholars:

Students interested in participating in our program can complete our [Pride Scholars application](https://tinyurl.com/SDMesaPS) (tinyurl.com/SDMesaPS).

Students can also request more information and apply in person at our Pride Center, Room D102.

Application Deadline: September 19th, 2025



PRIDE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Pride Scholars assist LGBTQIA+ Mesa College students through academic and personal support services

PRIDE SCHOLARS SERVICES

- Academic/Career/Personal Counseling
- Textbook Assistance
- Meal Assistance
- School Supplies
- Self-Care Packages
- Individualized Case Management
- Community Building Opportunities
- & much more!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ Community
- Be enrolled in at least six (6) units (or unit minimum from DSPS) at Mesa College.
- Mesa College as school of record



DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 19TH!

HOW TO APPLY:

Scan the QR Code to complete online application, or go to tinyurl.com/SDMesaPS



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US!

- ✉ SDMesaPrideCenter@sdccd.edu
- ☎ (619) 388-5096
- 📱 @SDmesaPride
- 📍 Room D-102

Higher Education Legal Services

Schedule a FREE Appointment Today



<https://findyourally.com/>



Free legal immigration consultations with an attorney are available for students and employees!

Mesa College and Borderless Scholars are partnering with Jewish Family Services (JFS) Higher Education Legal Services to offer free legal immigration consultations.

To learn more about this service, please contact the **Borderless Scholars Office in Room I4-207**, 619.388.5115, or visit <https://findyourally.com/>.

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



SUMMER CRUISE

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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 year
- Build community and meet other incoming students
- Learn about campus resources and student life
- Participate in workshops aimed at your transition to Mesa College

CRUISE SESSIONS

Recent High School Graduates

JULY 15-16

JULY 22-23

JULY 29-30

AUG 5-6

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 →

Deadline to register is one week before chosen session!



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Contact: Agustin Rivera | Room: 14-203 | 619-388-2757 | www.sdmesa.edu/cruise
Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than eight (8) working days prior to event.



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CRUISE SESSION

Continuing Education, Veterans, and Adult Learners

SAN DIEGO
CONTINUING
EDUCATION

Saturday, July 26
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Lunch provided!)



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EOPS

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:
619-388-2706
MesaEOPS@sdccd.edu



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DSPS



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Located in the Library, Room 110

Scan to Register



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

For any accommodations please
contact cruffner@sdccd.edu



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.**



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

OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*

Extension of Pause on Ad Hoc Requests

Earlier this year the Institutional Research (IR) Team announced a temporary pause on all ad hoc requests until June 30, 2025, to allow for a transition to new data tools including SQL and Power BI.

To support emerging institutional priorities, our team is currently dedicating resources to the Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (Title V, Part A) Grant application, due July 3, 2025. As a result, the transition to our new tools is temporarily on hold.

To ensure adequate time for this transition, the pause on ad hoc requests is now extended through July 31, 2025. Any new requests submitted before then will be added to our queue and reviewed in August 2025.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time. For questions, feel free to reach out to:

Nancy Cortes at ncortes@sdccd.edu

Hai Hoang at hhoang@sdccd.edu

Districtwide Dashboard to Replace Mesa's Enrollment Dashboard

Beginning Monday, June 23, 2025 the [SDCCD Enrollment Dashboard](#) will serve as the primary source for enrollment management data across the district.

As a part of this transition, Mesa's *Enrollment Daily Dashboard* will be retired and removed from Mesa's dashboard webpage.

This change reduces duplication of work, minimizes data discrepancies, improves comparability, and streamlines the user experience with a single access point.

To access the dashboard, visit the Mesa College Dashboards page (you can find it by Googling "Mesa College Dashboards" and clicking the first result). Then, under "Operational Tools" section, click the link labeled "*SDCCD Enrollment Management*."

For questions, feel free to reach out to **Adriana Caetano** at acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu.

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:

Ashanti Hands, Ed.D.

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