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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!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*

Save the Date for our Fall Convocation!

 SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

**ROOTED IN PURPOSE.
GROUNDED IN EQUITY.
GROWING TOGETHER.**

Convocation / Fall 2025

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:00 am 📍 Mesa College Gym

San Diego Mesa College | 7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego, California, 92111-4998



SDSU and SDCCD established a partnership to boost transfer and success rates for local students, and construct shared faculty.

San Diego State University (SDSU) and the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that signals a shared commitment to expanding higher education access, enhancing student transfer pathways and supporting regional workforce development through a new academic facility at SDSU Mission Valley.

SDSU will provide guaranteed admission for eligible students from our three credited colleges in SDCCD, starting with those applying for Fall 2026. In addition, SDCCD will develop a STEM-oriented academic building at the SDSU Mission Valley Innovation District – a space designed to house education, research and industry partnerships.

[Click Here to Read Article](#)

The Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District met on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Mesa College received approval for a new program: Liberal Arts and Sciences: Mathematics, Pre-Engineering and Computer Science, Associate of Arts Degree. The Board also reviewed and ratified emergency actions to repair and clean the water damage caused by a clogged sewer system on the fourth floor of the LRC Building at Mesa College.

[Click Here to Read Board Report](#)

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](#)

Spirit of Mesa

This Moment, Our Mission

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Friday, October 10, 2025



sdmesa.edu/SpiritOfMesa



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



OFFICE OF *Instruction*



Our Rad Tech department in conjunction with our WBL teams hosted an event last Tuesday inviting industry and our soon-to-be graduating students to connect in the form of "speed dating".

Students rotated into rapid 10-minute interviews, having the chance to engage one-on-one with multiple potential employers. The format allowed for meaningful, focused conversations and gave students valuable exposure to a variety of workplace settings as they prepare to launch their careers in medical imaging.


Employers from Sharp, UCSD, and Rady's were some of the employers in attendance, and some students were offered positions pending AART test results. We are so proud of our students!



SD Mesa AANAPISI supports Pacific Islander Festival Association (PIFA)'s 23rd Annual Taste of the Pacific

As we continue to support and uplift our Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander community, San Diego Mesa College proudly represented at PIFA's 23rd Annual Taste of the Pacific! This sold-out celebration featured nearly 20 amazing vendors and served as a heartfelt sendoff for our incredible AANAPISI - PATH Interns — Lida Wang (UC Berkeley) and Kaitlyn Salinas Dinh (SDSU). We thank them for their contributions and wish them the very best on their next academic journeys!

 [Recap of PIFA - Taste of the Pacific 2025](#)

 Save the Date: for PIFA 41 - September 20 & 21, 2025

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!

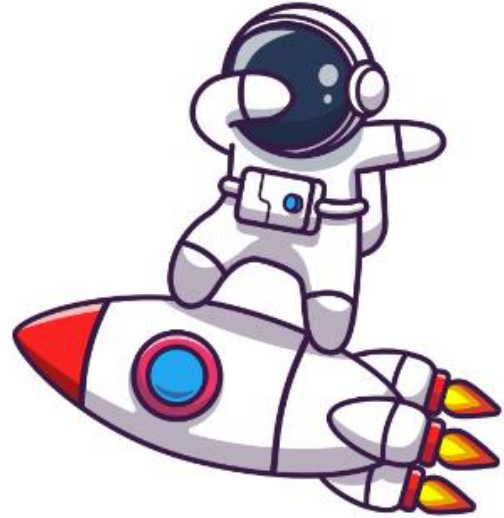
Please submit your activities to the online [Welcome Week Activity Form](#) no later than **Friday, August 1, 2025**. If you have any questions about the general set-up area, please contact Courtney Lee (clee@sdccd.edu) in the Student Affairs office for more information. Put on your creative hats and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

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](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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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!



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
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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- Learn about campus resources and student life
- Receive support for CRUISE and your entire academic year at Mesa College

CRUISE SESSION


Continuing Education, Veterans, and Adult Learners

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





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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>





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


HOW TO APPLY:
Scan the QR Code to complete online application, or go to tinyurl.com/SDMesaP

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US!

- @SDMesaPrideCenter@sdccd.edu
- 619/388-5096
- @SDMesaPride
- Room D-102

DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 18TH





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High Tech Center
Located in the Library, Room 110

Scan to Register




<https://forms.office.com/r/s9BP4abHA2>
For any accommodations please contact cruffner@sdccd.edu



Higher Education Legal Services

Schedule a FREE Appointment Today

<https://findyourally.com/>



For more information contact The Dreamer's Resource Center at 619.500.2053 or MesaDreamers@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](#)



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:

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*."

Nancy Cortes at ncortes@sdccd.edu
Hai Hoang at hhoang@sdccd.edu

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:

[Mesa College Newsroom](#)

[Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

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Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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