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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!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*

Save the Date for our Fall Convocation!

A poster with a dark blue background. At the top left is the San Diego Mesa College logo. Below it, the text 'ROOTED IN PURPOSE. GROUNDED IN EQUITY. GROWING TOGETHER.' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, 'Convocation / Fall 2025' is written in orange, followed by a horizontal line. Under the line, the date and time 'Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:00 am' are in white, followed by a yellow location pin icon and 'Mesa College Gym'. At the bottom, the college's address and phone number are listed in small white text. On the right side of the poster is a large, stylized tree graphic in shades of blue and grey.

San Diego Mesa College Fall 2025 Convocation

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Program at Mesa Gym; Lunch at Mesa Quad)

Departments will be closed during Convocation

Join us for our annual **Convocation** as we kick off the year with important updates, shared goals, and a celebration of our collective work.

Mesa Gym

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM: Coffee and Pastries

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM: Program with Campus Highlights, Updates and Olympian Spirit awards, Opportunity Drawing

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: SDCCD Chancellor Visit

10:40 AM – 12:15 PM: Breakout Sessions 1 and 2

12:20 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch in the Mesa Quad

Then, **gather around after the meeting in the Quad** to relax, recharge, and reconnect with colleagues!

-  **Unwind with inflatable games**
-  **Cool down with handcrafted gelato provided by our Culinary Team**
-  **Enjoy a flavorful lunch from Los Chuchy's**



For the upcoming fall semester, the LOFT is providing opportunities for Classified Professionals, Faculty, or Administrators to attend professional development conferences. The Office of the President is sponsoring four conferences:

- 2025 Nandi Annual Conference: In the Pursuit of Softness: A Radical Act of Resistance
- 2025 Strengthening Student Success Conference: Co-Creating a Liberatory Future
- 2025 HACU Annual Conference: "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Forging Transformational Leaders to Uplift Democracy and Prosperity"
- 2025 Colegas Annual Conference: "Unidxs Pedemos: Uplifting through Education, Democracy, and Change"

For more information on the conferences, [please click here](#).

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](#)

A promotional poster for the Spirit of Mesa event. The background is dark blue. At the top, the title "Spirit of Mesa" is in large white font, with the subtitle "This Moment, Our Mission" in a yellow script font below it. A blue badge with white text says "SAVE THE DATE". To the right, the date "Friday, October 10, 2025" is written in white. Below the text is a 2x3 grid of six photos showing various people at the event: a man in a black shirt, a man in a black jacket, a person in a rainbow shirt, a woman in a black shirt, a group of people in blue shirts, and a woman in a black shirt. At the bottom left, the URL "sdmesa.edu/SpiritOfMesa" is written in white. At the bottom right is the San Diego Mesa College Foundation logo, which includes a yellow square with a black triangle and the text "SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE FOUNDATION".

Spirit of Mesa
This Moment, Our Mission

SAVE THE DATE Friday, October 10, 2025

sdmesa.edu/SpiritOfMesa

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Save the Date for Time Wise at Mesa College

Date: August 26, 2025

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Location: Mesa College, G-102

Tim Wise is one of the country's most compelling voices on culture, politics, and power, bringing three decades of experience to some of the most urgent issues of our time. A gifted storyteller and sharp strategist, he helps audiences understand how we got here, what's at stake, and how to move forward with clarity, courage, and purpose.

Please let us know you'll be attending by accessing the RSVP form: <https://forms.office.com/r/SW27Nq3JJJa>

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



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Our current Psi Beta President, Jason Glatt, has spoken at the 2025 American Psychological Association convention in Denver, Colorado. Jason highlighted the Psyched for Success event in which Mesa College participated in. Psyched for Success is a series of events hosted by Psychology professionals who would connect with students to overview the breadth of the field, engage interest of the study of Psychology, and navigating potential career paths.

For more information in regards to Psyched for Success, [please click here.](#)



SD Mesa AANAPISI Director, Leland Simpliciano, Elected 2025–2027 SDCOE AAPAC Chairperson!

Earlier this summer, our very own Leland Simpliciano was elected as the 2025–2027 Chairperson for the [San Diego County Office of Education's \(SDCOE\)](#) Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council (AAPAC)!

In his new role, Leland will champion SDCOE's goal of reducing poverty by promoting accessible education—especially through the community college pathway. Recently, he's helped bridge the SDCOE community to Mesa by hosting several "firsts," including [Conversations in COMMUNITY Listening Sessions](#) and the [San Diego Unified School District \(SDUSD\) APIDA Youth Conference](#).

Just last week, Leland and the council wrapped up their retreats, including the SDCOE Superintendent Advisory Kick-Off Meeting. We're excited for the opportunities ahead to further strengthen the K–12 to Mesa pipeline.

Interested in expanding your professional learning this fall? Several exciting conferences are coming up, offering valuable opportunities to engage in equity-focused learning, build new skills, and bring fresh insights back to our campus community. If you're a Classified Professional, Faculty, or Administrator, we encourage you to explore these events and consider applying. Selected participants will be asked to share key takeaways through presentations or discussions.

Please apply to attend an upcoming conference sponsored by the President's Office. Please check the deadlines for submission. Also, you can apply to request funding to attend a conference. Please refer to the Conference and Travel Committee section to access the information.

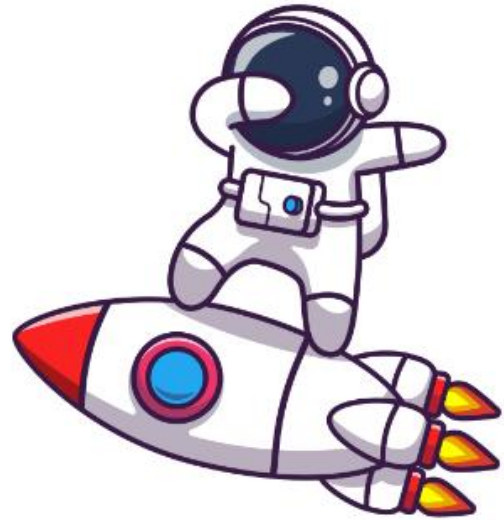
[Applications are now open—don't miss your chance to attend!](#)

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

MESA COUNSELING
Promise Program
Individualized Counseling and Guidance Support

Your Counselors

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>

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Pride Center
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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) 388-6096
- @SDMesaPride
- Room D-102

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Dreamer Resource Center

Higher Education Legal Services

Schedule a FREE Appointment Today

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For more information contact The Dreamer's Resource Center at 619.500.2053 or MesaDreamers@sdccd.edu.

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DSPS

Disability Support Programs and Services 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.

August 12th or 13th 9am-12pm

High Tech Center
Located in the Library, Room 110

Scan to Register

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<https://forms.office.com/r/e9BP4abbA2>
For any accommodations please contact cruffner@sdccd.edu

For New Mesa DSPS Students!

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New Business Card Request Process

To submit a request:

- Visit the Reprographics page: <https://www.sdccd.edu/departments/operations/enterprise-services/reprographics/index.aspx>
- Click on "Request Business Cards."
- This will open the request form: [Business Card Request Form \(PDF\)](#)

Key updates:

- Managers are now responsible for approving business card requests.
- Once the form is completed and signed, send it to Anthony Tolentino at atolenti@sdccd.edu for processing.



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.

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

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

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Hai Hoang at hhoang@sdccd.edu

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:

[Mesa College Newsroom](#)

[Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

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