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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*

As we prepare for the Fall semester, gentle reminder that the **last Friday off will be this Friday, August 9, 2024**. We will resume a 5-day work week the week on Monday, August 12, 2024

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YOUR
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next week

Next Thursday is our Mesa College Fall Convocation!

San Diego Mesa College Convocation
Thursday, August 15, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Mesa College Gym

Please RSVP for our Fall Flex Week and Fall Convocation:

[RSVP for Fall Flex Week](#) (Flex Numbers: 25178, 25179, 25180) | [RSVP for Fall Convocation](#)

The San Diego Community College District's Board of Trustees has unanimously agreed to place a \$3.5-billion bond measure on the November ballot to fund critical construction and modernization projects that will ensure the region's largest provider of workforce training and higher education continues to be a leader in driving the San Diego economy.

To learn more about the bond, please visit the [SDCCD News Center](#).

HBCU CARAVAN

We are thrilled to announce that Mesa College has been selected as one of 9 campuses to host the 2024 HBCU Caravan! Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established primarily to serve the higher education needs of the Black community, but any student is welcome to attend any of these great institutions.

The 2024 HBCU Caravan will take place on October 28, 2024. Please scan the QR code for more information and other events from the Transfer Center



A special issue of our SDCCD *WE - With Excellence* Magazine is out!

In this special issue, District highlights how colleges are building a healthier community, including benefits such as reimbursement for licensing fees and our very own Health and Wellness Community Clinic.

On page 23, you can read about Mesa's recent highlights, including alumnus Mario Romero being part of a team that successfully landed the first privately-owned spacecraft on a lunar surface; Husna Ayoubi receiving the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship; and Mesa's participation as one of 19 minority-serving in the 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Export Market Challenge.

To read the latest issue, please click on the cover photo to the left.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*



The School of Health Sciences and Public Service are so excited to welcome Dr. Annette Miner and Ashley Murray to the team!

Dr. Miner is our new American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreting Faculty. She is an interpreter educator, curriculum developer, consultant, and researcher with over 30 years of interpreting and 20 years of experience. She started as an adjunct here in 2018 and is now a full-time faculty member, where she will continue to strengthen and support our deaf community.

Ms. Murray is our new Radiologic Technology Program Director. She graduated from Mesa in 2015 with an associate's in radiologic technology. She then joined Sharp Grossmont as a radiology technologist, where she excelled in leadership roles as a clinical instructor, working closely with students from local radiology technology programs.

We look forward to the positive impact you both will have on our Mesa Community!

OFFICE OF *Student Services*



The EOPS Summer Readiness Program (SRP) is a 4-week summer program for new Mesa College students. The purpose of the EOPS SRP is to support the success of marginalized student groups by providing essential support, community, and preparation for college life. There were 30 students that completed a Personal Growth 120 class taught by EOPS & Borderless Scholars Counselor, Rosa Palacios.

Key components of the program included:

- **Community Building:** Midweek lunch check-ins where lunch was provided, and weekly student activities facilitated by the instructor and the SRP team.
- **Off-Campus Activities:** University campus tours, including visits to USD and UCLA.

- **Life Skills Development:** Presentations from campus departments and resources such as the library, tutoring services, Student Health Services, Financial Aid, DSPS, Career Center, and Transfer Center. Students also learned about money management and financial literacy.

By the end of the SRP, students expressed their gratitude for the resources and information that prepared them for the Fall 2024 semester.

EOPS, CalWORKs, Pride Center, and Promise will be offering Registration Open Labs on August 8 and August 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in I4-201. All students are welcome! Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and register for classes.

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
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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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