October 3, 2024

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*

You're Invited!

Join us in celebrating 60 years of impact at San Diego Mesa College! Help us pave the way for future students at this special friends and fundraising event.

When: October 25, 2024
Where: San Diego Mesa College
Come together with friends, enjoy an evening of community, and support a great cause. Let's make a difference for the next generation of students!

To purchase tickets please visit: bit.ly/SOM_2024

We hope to see you there!

Spirit of Mesa
Celebrating 60 Years of Impact
Friday, October 25th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.
San Diego Mesa College

Join us for our Mesa College Safety Fair on Thursday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the Mesa Quad! Learn about our campus-community emergency response team (C-CERT), first aid, evacuation tent, breathless CPR, search and rescue, and self-defense.

For more information, please email Matt Fay at mfay@sdccd.edu.

We hope to see everyone there!

SAN DIEGO Community College District | Be. Belong. Become.

The SDCCD Facts on File Report on Academic Year 2023-2024 is now available. To read, click this link to the report. The Mesa College section begins on page 11.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has collaborated with PlayLab AI and the UC Berkeley School of Education to provide an exciting pilot opportunity for educators to create impactful AI-powered tools to enhance the teaching experience, improve student learning, and complete administrative tasks.

The project is seeking **faculty, classified professionals, and administrators** who are excited to engage with PlayLab, an AI-powered platform that allows users to create custom bots to provide tailored solutions that will support student needs, enhance educational outcomes, and support administrative efforts. Please forward this email to your campus colleagues to help build awareness of this opportunity.

There is no cost to participate in this exciting opportunity! If you are interested, please complete this form below to express interest, and you will be contacted with more details about participation.

DREAMSCAPE LEARN™

Mesa College attended the District's Arizona State University Dreamscape Informational meeting on Monday, where they learned about academic learning through a virtual reality setting. This technology is currently showing improvement in student performance, with students in the Dreamscape Learning courses 1.7 times more likely to receive an "A" on their assignments compared to their non-DSL peers.

To watch the recording of the workshop, click this link: SDCCD Dreamscape Demo

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.

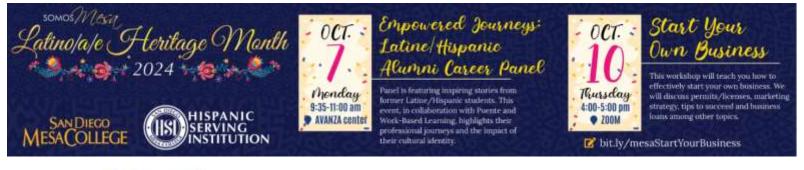To learn more about the bond, please visit the SDCCD News Center.

OFFICE OF Instruction

Stop AAPI Hate Workshop Recap:
In a collaborative effort consisting of: Asian Pacific Islander American Advisory Committee (APIAC), Asian American Pacific Islander Studies Program (AAPI Studies), Kapwa Learning Community (Kapwa), Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI), and Asian Pacific Diversity Student Club (APD), the SD Mesa AAPI Collective would like to thank you for partaking in the Stop AAPI Hate Workshop to ensure we are a safe and welcoming campus for our students and community. Information and link to resources can be found attached and linked: Mesa Stop AAPI Hate Resources
Upcoming AANAPISI Events (October 7 - 11):
Please join us for more additional events next week!

SOMOS Mesa
Latino/a/e Heritage Month 2024

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OCT. 7 Monday 9:35-11:00 am ● AVANZA center
Empowered Journeys: Latine/Hispanic Alumni Career Panel
Panel is featuring inspiring stories from former Latine/Hispanic students. This event, in collaboration with Puente and Work-Based Learning, highlights their professional journeys and the impact of their cultural identity.

OCT. 10 Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm ● ZOOM
Start Your Own Business
This workshop will teach you how to effectively start your own business. We will discuss permits/licenses, marketing strategy, tips to succeed and business loans among other topics.
bit.ly/mesaStartYourBusiness

OFFICE OF Student Services

Join us **Eighth Annual California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW)** on October 14 - 18, 2024. Join the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Community College League of California and our statewide partners for a week of collaboration and supporting students, faculty and those involved in advocating for undocumented students **(click here to register).**

At SD Mesa College, the DRC with the collaboration of various departments is doing an **Undocumented Student Action Month** to bring awareness for our undocumented students. Please support and share this information (flyer attached) with your students as we have a list of events and presentations.

Click here for a list of events connected to Undocumented Student Action Month

CCCEOPSA Conference - The CCCEOPSA Conference will commemorate our 55th year of supporting, advocating and uplifting the voices of our EOPS students in California Community Colleges. Our EOPS team is looking forward to attending the conference which will be held at the San Diego Marriott and will offer three days of workshops, keynote speakers, a scholarship

award ceremony, updates from the Chancellor's Office and FACCC, and our annual CCCEOPSA membership meeting. Presenters will share their knowledge, experience, and best practices; all aim to Advance the EOPS Legacy and continue our hard work to encourage the enrollment, retention, and transfer of our EOPS students.

Our scholarship recipient for the CCCEOPSA conference is Mimi Holmes, a 3rd year EOPS student majoring in Psychology. We are so proud of Mimi and all that she has accomplished thus far. This scholarship is going to be a big support to Mimi as she continues her studies at Mesa College.

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH

[Click here for a list of events connected to LGBTQIA+ History Month](#)

What is LGBTQIA+ History Month?
LGBTQIA+ History Month, observed annually in October in the United States, is a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions, struggles, and achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual individuals throughout hxstory. This celebration serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the LGBTQIA+ community's rich cultural, social, and political heritage and the ongoing fight for equality and acceptance. During this month, educational institutions, organizations, and communities often host events, discussions, and activities to honor LGBTQIA+ history and promote a more inclusive and accepting society.
Everyone is Welcome!

SAN DIEGO PROMISE

There is a new, 3-unit, late-start ARTF-100 Art Orientation class available for those looking to meet their 12-unit Promise requirement.

Here are some important details:

Class: ARTF-100 | Art Orientation
Units: 3.0
Course Description: This course is a survey of the visual arts. Emphasis is placed on the various aesthetic approaches, philosophies and artistic orientations around the world in historical and contemporary perspective. This course is intended for humanities majors and all students interested in art and/or art history.

·　　　　　Course Type: Fully Online
·　　　　　Dates: 10/14/24 - 12/16/24
·　　　　　No Textbook Required

Please note that spots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Be sure to [submit this form](#) by Monday, September 23, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. if

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ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Looking for high achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Twenty team members are named annually with each receiving a $5,000 scholarship, a total of $100,000 in scholarship rewards.

ELIGIBILITY
· 3.50 minimum cumulative GPA
· Must be on track to a certificate or associate or bachelor's degree
· Mesa students do not need to be a PTK member
  (See website for other requirements)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
Looking to boost your personal statement? Mesa Tutoring & Computing Center (MT2C) has drop-ins and appointments available with writing tutors!
www.sdmesa.edu/mt2c

NOMINATION PROCESS
All interested students should apply online. From the submitted applications, the selection committee will nominate up to four applicants from Mesa College (two intending to transfer and two entering the workforce) to advance to national scholarship opportunities and All-State Academic Teams.

To learn more: **https://www.ptk.org/**
To apply: **https://bit.ly/ptklogin**

Due 11:59 PM, Monday, November 18, 2024

Email Anthony Chhum at **Achhum@sdccd.edu**

you'd like to enroll. By completing this form, you're adding yourself to the list of interested students. The Promise team will contact you with more information if a spot is available. Make sure to check your email! For questions, contact sdpromisemesa@sdccd.edu.

The Transfer Center is providing application support through October and November! Please scan the QR codes to the right, and if you have questions, please contact the Transfer Center at mesatransfer@sdccd.edu.

The Transfer Center is also hosting a **Transfer Day College Fair** next Thursday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. outside of the Mesa Commons and Quad. Connect with College Reps from CSUs, UCs, Private and Out-of-State College and Universities.

For a flyer, please click here.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER: APPLICATION OPEN LABS

VIA ZOOM:
- Monday's 3 - 5 PM
- Friday's 10 - 12PM

Register for a Zoom Session : tinyurl.com/tcopenlab

IN-PERSON:
- Tuesday's 12 - 2 PM
- Thursday's 1 - 3PM

LOCATION: BT-206

Register for an In-Person Session: tinyurl.com/tcfallevents

No Application Workshops Will Be Held On: 9/23, 10/10, 10/28, 11/11

Questions? Contact the Transfer Center at: mesatransfer@sdccd.edu | Ph: (619) 388-2473 | Located: I4-306 (3rd Floor Student Services Bldg.)

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

Please submit your **Intersession/Spring 2025** classroom/laboratory computer (on-site and distance education) and other technology related equipment requests before **Monday, October 21, 2024**. Requests received after the posted deadline date may not be fulfilled in time for the beginning of the college term.

- Software and hardware requests can be made by submitting an online Mesa College Technology Request form (HERE).

- These forms and other Technology related services information are located on our Homepage (HERE).

Wellness Walkabout

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Promote employee wellness, connection, campus integration and community

Designated Route | 30 Minutes per Walk | Conversation Starters Provided

OCT 8, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
30 mins/session (walk)

Please scan the QR code for Registration and Location

For questions, please contact Catherine Cannock at ccannock@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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