



Mesa Pathways Fellows

Summer 2021 Team Highlights

Capturing Student Experiences: Research Initiatives

Black Student Experience Study

- The Fellows Research Team, working with the Institutional Effectiveness Office, completed a longitudinal study of Black and African American student experience in late May and presented our initial findings at a statewide showcase in June (view [video](#); view [slides](#)).
- The team then spent the summer diving more deeply into the quantitative and qualitative data in pairs in preparation for continued work in Fall 2021. The main goal for both the Pathways Fellows Program and Mesa's Research Department has been to find a problem highly affecting the Black student community on campus to create solutions and proactive interactions during the Fall semester. The team will continue that phase into early Fall.

OCE Student Portal Study

- The Fellows collaborated with the Onboarding and Career Exploration team to survey 70 students about their experiences with the student portal (view report [here](#)). This may be followed up by focus groups in Fall under the direction of OCE.

Student Connections

This summer, the Fellows connected with students using the following videos they created:

| Meet the Fellows | Spotlight Videos | Instagram @sdmesapathways fellows | TikTok @sdmesapathways fellows |
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| LINK | Gaby's: LINK Jocelyn's: LINK Alex's: LINK Lima's: LINK Nhi's: LINK | LINK | Gaby's: LINK Alex's: LINK Lima's: LINK Nhi's: LINK |



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Student Stories

The Fellows have begun gathering the stories of students who reflect on their journeys at Mesa. We think this project is important so that we can show other students that not everyone follows the same path. See Chris's story [here](#) and Jenny's story [here](#).

TikTok Campaign

We created a TikTok presence to be able to reach more students on a popular platform. We've posted the videos we've made, including a "Celebrities that went to Community College" series to change negative opinions about community colleges and a short video on what Pathways actually is. Visit our TikTok page [here](#). Our summer TikToks have received over 8,000 views

Join us on Social Media!

Here's a [single page](#) that links to our accounts, using linktree.

Constant Contact

Members of the Fellows team received Constant Contact training and now contribute content to this Mesa Journeys student outreach newsletter to connect with students and promote Pathways events, including our involvement in the AS Pep Rally, Welcome Week, and the Student Leadership Summit.

Fall Kick-Off Events

The Fellows participated in AS Pep Rally by introducing Pathways and encouraging involvement; hosted Welcome Week events to connect with students, learn their stories, and answer questions; and held a second Student Leadership Summit to connect with other student leaders on campus and better understand student experiences and needs. You'll see our flyer [here](#).

Connecting with Pathways & Campus Initiatives

Student Success Teams, Plain Language Badge, Return to Campus

In addition, this summer the Fellows team participated in an initial student success team discussion, supported the development of the Plain Language Badge with Pathways Communications, and discussed return-to-campus planning so that our team can be responsive to students and the college in ways we are needed.