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# This Month at Mesa: May

# New DOE Designation to Help Mesa College Serve Hispanic Students, Opens Doors to Funding

San Diego Mesa College received notification on April 13, 2012, that it has been designated by the Department of Education as a Hispanic Serving Institution. A Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) is defined as a non-profit institution that has at least 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent enrollment, among other criteria. HSI standing may mean more grant funding and appropriations will be allocated to Mesa College in an effort to assist Hispanics in accomplishing their higher-education goals.

"This designation does two important things," said **Pamela T. Luster**, President. "First, it acknowledges that Mesa College is committed to serving historically underrepresented students, and this designation opens the door to grants and funding that will enable us to increase access and success for a greater number of students. Second, it brings the college recognition as a part an excellent network of colleges and universities nationwide designated as Hispanic Serving Institutions."

SDCCD District board member, **Maria Nieto Senour**, said, "This designation reflects the Board's goal to seek ways to better serve our San Diego community. We could not be more pleased!"

Chancellor Constance Carroll, added, "The diligence of Mesa College's leadership and staff in pursuing this designation speaks to a commitment shared by all district employees to provide the best education possible to our students."

SPRING PHOTO ALBUM. Enjoy just some of the shots of spring events, below, including Festival of Colors, Transfer Recognition Ceremony and Health Fair. For more, check out the photo albums on www.facebook.com/sandiegomesacollege













# Coach Arnie Robinson Named 2012 Distinguished Alumnus



Olympic medalist, beloved coach, and champion for youth **Arnie Robinson** has been named the San Diego Mesa College 2012 Distinguished Alumnus. The award, established in 2011, recognizes students who have distinguished themselves in their field of study. Coach Robinson will be honored at the Mesa College Commencement Ceremony at 4 p.m., Sat., May 19, at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The Morse High School graduate was a stand-out athlete at Mesa in 1967-1969, setting school records in long-, high- and triple-jump events. His outstanding athletic performance earned him an athletic scholarship to SDSU; he went on to achieve his greatest fame in his post-college years. A winner of the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Trials

long jump, Robinson was third at the 1972 Olympic Games and took the gold medal in 1976. He was the 1971 Pan American Games champion and was second in 1975. A veteran of 10 international competitions, Arnie was also the first World Cup long jump champion in 1977. He won seven national long jump titles before retiring in 1979. He was named Track and Field Coach at Mesa College in 1982 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2011. Coach Robinson was seriously injured in an auto accident on August 19, 2000. He remained a pillar in the track and field community and is most proud of the very active role he has played in the youth track and field community. For more information on his distinguished career, please see www.sdmesa.edu/alumni.

# Student Krystal Monroe Pays-it-Forward

**Krystal Monroe** had dreams, but it took resilience to pursue a college education and succeed after much adversity. In third semester at Mesa College, the 21-year-old decided to create her own scholarship



to help other students in similar situations to achieve their dreams. The Krystal Rose Scholarship was one of 134 scholarships totaling more than \$85,000 that was awarded to students at the annual gala held April 27, at the Double Tree Hotel in Mission Valley. About 35 students received multiple scholarships. Named for Krystal and her sister, the Krystal Rose Scholarship was open to young women who have overcome obstacles such as growing up without a father, or never having the beneficial privileges of both parents throughout life. Krystal is pictured here with scholarship recipients **Claudia Arreola** and **Chante Prettyman**, who each received scholarships of \$250. You can

read more about Krystal's personal experience in the February 2012 issue of WE Magazine. Click here to enjoy more the photos of the 2012 Scholarship Banquet!

Article: http://www.sdccd.edu/public/events/we/

Gala photos: Online/2012/WE-Feb2012\_WEB.pdf http://www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships

## Of Needles and Pins...

Mesa Fashionistas did us proud at the Calif. Community College Fashion Symposium in April. Mesa College students took taking four awards: a second place award and an Honorable Mention for the Quality Analysis Project; a third place award for the Historical and Cultural Project, and a third place award for the Evening Wear Design competition. About 800 students attending the event at the CA Apparel Mart in LA. "Many of our students attended and participated in various categories," said Prof. Susan Lazear. "I couldn't be more proud of them."







# Our Daughters and Sons Visit Mesa

On April 26, Mesa Student Services hosted 26 children, ages 8-18, on **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day**. After a welcome from **Larry Maxey**, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, the students participated in a number of activities that exposed them to the wide range of jobs in higher education, as well as the education opportunities that await them here at Mesa College. The ASG hosted activities from games to a poster contest and all enjoyed the opportunity to engage with our student leaders. The afternoon campus tour was a hit. Students were able to see, touch, and feed the animals housed in our Animal Health Technology facility, including goats, owls, ferrets, and the infamous "Mesaguana" captured oncampus last year. A tour of the set of the current Mesa College Theater production The Boys Next Door was followed by a behind-the-scenes tour, and even a few acting exercises. Finally, at the MFusion Café, Professor **Tonya Whitfield** and her culinary arts students demonstrated how to turn an ordinary apple into a beautiful bird and had the children mold and create items out of salt dough. Precious moment: Larry Maxey playing "freeze tag" with the students.







# SignOff on the "Commons"

The college reached another milestone with the Design Concept Sign-off for the new Mesa Commons, which will house the cafeteria, bookstore, reprographics, the Culinary Arts/Culinary Management classrooms and restaurant, stockroom, and ancilliary facilties for the campus. Members of the team are shown cutting a cake baked in the design of the new building by Gafcon's Diane Malone. They are: Aaron Trapp, Ashanti Hands, Barry Coleman, Carol Rohe, Chuck Cooper, Gayla Pierce, Jesse Reyes, Jose Cabral, Kathie Day, Larry Maxey, Lina Heil, Margie Fritch, Michael Fitzgerald, Nancy Wichmann, Penny Hedgecoth, Peter Robson, Rocio Sandoval, and Ron Perez.



# Kudos to...

- Spanish **Prof. Leticia P. López**, who has been awarded a fellowship to spend two weeks in Washington, D.C. this summer to learn about USDA-Hispanic Serving Institution partnerships and grants.
- Art Prof. and Gallery Director Alessandra Moctezuma was singled out for her contributions to the local art scene, and for "keeping the next generation of arts leaders coming." "(Her) former students reads like a who's-who of the San Diego art scene," said writer Kinsee Morlan in her article for SD City Beat, who listed recognizable alumni include artist and freelance curator Nuvia Crisol Guerra, Ginger Rosser of the Women's Museum of California, Brynn Morales of Alexander Salazar Fine Art and staffers at the San Diego Museum of Art and other big culture venues around town. Click here to read the article.http://www.sdcitybeat.com/sandiego/blog-884-alessandra-moctezuma-keeps-the-next-generation-of-arts-leaders-coming.html
- Mesa College Chicano Studies lecturer Anthony Guaracha has being selected to participate the 2012
   National Endowment for the Humanities' Summer Institute about Mesoamerica and the Southwest.

   "Mesoamerica and the Southwest: A New History for an Ancient Land," is a fellowship opportunity for

24 select faculty participants from community and four-year institutions to enhance their teaching and research by engaging with scholars in a wide range of disciplines. Anthony is the second CCHA/ NEH selection from Mesa College Chicano/a Studies Department in the last three years (**Mike Ornelas** was the first).

- Fashion instructor **Susan Linnet Cox**, whose book, "Starting Your Career as a Photo Stylist" has just been published by Allworth Press. The new, revised edition of "Photo Styling," first published six years ago, features improved sections on new digital technology, green styling practices, and the aging stylist, along with new color photos. The book is used as the textbook for the course Fashion Photo Styling, Fashion 179, offered every fall semester. Click here for more information. http://www.photostylingworkshops.com/store/product.php?productid=114&cat=0&page=1
- Adjunct Chicano Studies professor and Mesa College alumni Dr. Rodolfo Jacobo's new book Negotiating Spaces: The Lives of Undocumented Youth has been published by Kendall Hunt this spring/summer 2012. Dr. Jacobo began as a student at Mesa College in 1986 and has taught for fifteen years in the Chicano Studies Department. Mike Ornelas was his first college professor at Mesa College. Dr. Jacobo is now an Assistant Professor at Palomar College and will be the chair of its Multicultural Studies Department beginning in the fall 2012. Here's a link for more information on the book. http://www.kendallhunt.com/store-product.aspx?id=25758

### **STAR COUNT**

Mesa College has one of the largest competitive community college athletic programs in the region. Held early in Mary, the annual STAR Awards recognizes the academic achievements, community spirit, and athletic excellence of Mesa College student athletes. This year, students were treated to an inspirational talk by Mesa alumnus and NFL all star coach **Mike Martz** and former Mesa Counselor **Jim McNaughton** whose work on behalf of Mesa Athletes led to the creation of the MAAP program. And the winners are...

Individual GPA winners: **Sara Howard**, W tennis; **Melanie McElroy**, W swimming; **Sean Myers**, M tennis; **Christopher Quiroz**, M swimming and water polo.

Team GPA Winners: Spring 2011: M tennis, cumulative GPA of 3.32; Fall 2011: W volleyball, cumulative GPA of 2.95

Superstar Award: Chanel Putras, Women's Basketball

Individual Community Service Award: Josh Fulks, Men's Swimming Team

Community Service Award: Women's Basketball Haley Brown, W cross country







#### SPECIAL ATHLETICS REPORT: A Season of Gold

Six out of the ten Spring sports Olympia teams earned top honors in their respective conferences. Taking first place in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) was Softball, Baseball, Women's Swimming, and Men's Tennis. In the Foothill Conference, it was the Men and Women's Track and Field teams that took the title of "Conference Champion." Now with the regular season behind them, all six teams qualified to play in their sport's Regional Tournament which begins May 4th.

- After hosting the Foothill Conference Finals, Men and Women's Track and Field teams both were crowned champions of the conference. The men's team dominated the competition as they went for their 2nd consecutive title and the women surpassed their other schools to earn their first conference title. Mesa boosted 11 individual conference winners including the top thrower in the state,
   Cassandra Kennison. Adding to Mesa wins was Jared Pickering, Lucas Kodama, Carlos Bojorquez,
   Nick Aly, Aaron Thomas, Brandon Ford, Maurice Strickland, Alex Allen, Louis Wilkerson and Seth Drake. The Olympians will now face the rest of Southern California in the "SoCal Regional Tournament" on May 5th here at Mesa College.
- The **Softball squad** sealed their conference title after an upset win on the road over Palomar College in a 7-2 victory. Mesa College has not been PCAC Champion since 1987 and has not qualified for the regional tournament since 2006. The women were ranked as the #11 seed and will travel to host college #5 Saddleback College in Mission Veijo for a best of 3 series. The Olympians completed their 25-7 season with a PCAC record of 13-4. The team has been guided all season by PCAC "Pitcher of the Year," **Laura Nelson** and an offensive lineup that has been every pitchers' nightmare.
- The Mesa Baseball team found themselves amidst a three way tie for 1st place in the PCAC and earned themselves a bid to the regional tournament as the #12 spot in Southern California. They are scheduled to face off with #5 Glendale College in Glendale in a best of 3 series starting on May 4 at 1pm. The Olympians amassed a 15-10 conference record while finishing with an overall record of 20-15. With standout pitching from "PCAC Athlete of the Week, " Chris Tuma and Brian Kaye the Olympians will be tough to beat as they are followed up by offensive weapon, third baseman, Justin Esquerra.
- In the pool, the **Women's Swim and Dive** team outperformed their competition in their PCAC finals in a close race with Palomar and Grossmont colleges. Winning her individual race, **Jordan LaHaie** took a conference title for the 1650m swim. Diving for Mesa was "PCAC Athlete of the Week," **Michelle MacDonald**, who took the high honor of "Diver of the Year" as she effortlessly won the conference title for Women's Diving. **Aaron Stinson**, another "PCAC Athlete of the Week" also walked away with the "Diver of the Year" award for the Mesa Men's Dive team following his flawless performance.
- In a four-peat, the Men's Tennis Team closed out their season with another PCAC conference title. The men's doubles team of Gleb Bilylov and Lorenzo Baca faced off in the finals against teammates Ben Ward and Alex Richards. Bilylov and Baca, the #1 seed in the tournament, bested their teammates 6-2, 6-2. In the singles competition, Baca beat his doubles partner, to advance to the finals only to fall to Palomar College's Tracy Beblie. The Olympians will now advance to the Southern California Regional Tournament with five representative players and two doubles teams on May 3rd to the 5th.







## **OUT AND ABOUT**

A Day at the Links! Athletics invitess you to join in the fun at the **Mesa College Football/Matt Kofler 15th Annual Golf Tournament** benefiting the football program. The day of fun will be held Thu., May 24 at Mt. Woodson in Ramona. \$100 fee includes golf, cart, lunch and a donation to the Mesa Football Program; no charge for laugher and tall tales. Please contact Dave Fager 619-388-2434, or dfager@sdccd.edu.

# Comings and Goings:

#### Administration:



Andrew J. MacNeill, Mesa's new Dean of the School of Humanities, is an experienced academic leader and teacher in the discipline of English as a Second Language. Mr. MacNeill comes to Mesa College from Southwestern College where he has served as the Chair of the ESL Department for the past seven years. He has also served as President of the Southwestern College Education Association, the Presiding Chair of the Council of Chairs, and as a member of the Academic Senate Executive Board. His appointment is effective July 1, 2012.

#### **New Hires:**

**Karla Guiterrez**, Student Services Asst., Counseling **Danielle Williams**, Senior Clerical Asst., School of Health Sciences and Public Services

### STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED

- Chancellor Constance M. Carroll and Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd will be conducting a series of district-wide budget forums following the Governor's May Revise. The Mesa College session is 2 p.m., Mon., May 21 in G-101.
- Nominations for the 2012 Unsung Hero Award is Friday, May 11, 2012. The award celebrates a
  member of the classified staff who volunteers their time and talent to serve the needs of our
  community both on and beyond the Mesa College campus. If you'd like to nominate an unsung hero
  you know for this award, please contact Beth Cain (x2722).
- Animal Health Open House and Pet Wash. Two and four-footed friends are invited to attend the free open house at the Animal Health Technology Program facility happening Saturday, May 9. While the critters enjoy a luxurious bath, humans can tour the facility, meet the staff and the resident menagerie, and view student displays. An orientation session acquaint for the associate degree program is also offered. 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sat., May 9, P-300 Building. Cat/dog wash \$10-\$15. All proceeds benefit Animal Health Technology MCATHSA.
- District/campus emergency/disaster preparedness has scheduled a C-CERT training session at NTC on June 18-19-20. The training will consist of First Aid, CPR, Search & Rescue along with book work. There are two spots available per three-day training session for Mesa College employees. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by May 4, 2012, to Professor Erica J. Specht, to guarantee your spot. After that date, all open spots will be offered to City and Miramar. Please be sure obtain your supervisor's approval before signing up
- Year-end closing deadlines for the Business Office are upon us. If you have any questions, please call 619-388-2771.
- Shared governance committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees.

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