

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

IGNITE YOUR LIGHT



2024/2025
ANNUAL REPORT

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Mesa College

San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive institution committed to being the leading college of equity and excellence. The diverse community of students, faculty, professional staff, and administrators collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, access, and innovation in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement, which leads to degrees, certificates, transfer opportunities, workforce training, and lifelong learning, Mesa empowers students to reach their educational goals and shape their futures.

As one of the largest community colleges in California, Mesa serves over 30,000 students each year, 30% of whom are first-generation students. The College offers nearly 200 associate degrees and certificate programs, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management, one of the first four-year baccalaureate degrees offered by a California community college.

Mesa College is San Diego's top transfer institution and supports 19 athletic teams, consistently among the most successful in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. As a proud Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI), Mesa is also a student-parent and military-friendly college, serving more than 4,000 veterans, active-duty service members, and their families.

To support its diverse student population, the College offers a variety of learning and support centers, including the AVANZA Engagement Center, Dreamer Resource Center, Family Resource Center, FAST/ Foster Youth Center, High Tech Center, Honors Center, Kapwa Umoja Puente (KUP) Center, Pride Center, STEM Center, Veterans Center, and The Stand: The Dr. Pamela T. Luster Resource Center, which provides food and clothing assistance.

Executive Leaders



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Ashanti T. Hands, Ed.D.

President, San Diego Mesa College

At San Diego Mesa College, 2024–2025 was a year defined by purpose, progress, and pride. Guided by our theme, “Equity in Action: Ignite Your Light” we embraced opportunities to center student voices, elevate excellence, and transform vision into real-world impact.

Throughout the year, our community rose to the moment. Mesa students made history across disciplines. From state championships in cross country and beach volleyball to international recognition in speech and debate, our Olympians demonstrated resilience and heart. Inside classrooms and research labs, students tackled real-world challenges in neuroscience, public health, and global studies. Faculty continued to innovate and inspire, helping students connect learning to their lives and futures.

We expanded student-centered spaces and support services, creating stronger foundations for connection and success. From the grand opening of our MESA Center to the new Kapwa, Umoja & Puente (KUP) Village, Family Resource Center and other new student support spaces to hosting vibrant cultural events, we affirmed that students belong at Mesa and deserve to be seen, heard, and supported. The Powwow, Festival de Libros, Festival of Colors, and Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day brought cultural awareness and joy to the heart of our campus.

We advanced equity with intention and care. We expanded programs that support student parents, system-impacted students, and those experiencing basic needs insecurity. We promoted campus health and safety with initiatives like free Narcan distribution and self-defense training. We equipped our community with tools like the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Discussion Guide and championed policies such as Assembly Bill 355, the California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program, supporting long-term structural change. Through new academic programs, workforce partnerships, and events exploring the role of artificial intelligence in education and employment, we empowered our community to lead with vision and clarity in a rapidly changing world.

Each story in this report is a reflection of our values in motion. When we invest in equity and excellence, and foster a culture of belonging, we create conditions for transformation. Our students don't just achieve; they thrive, bringing insight, purpose, and brilliance to a world that needs them.

With gratitude,

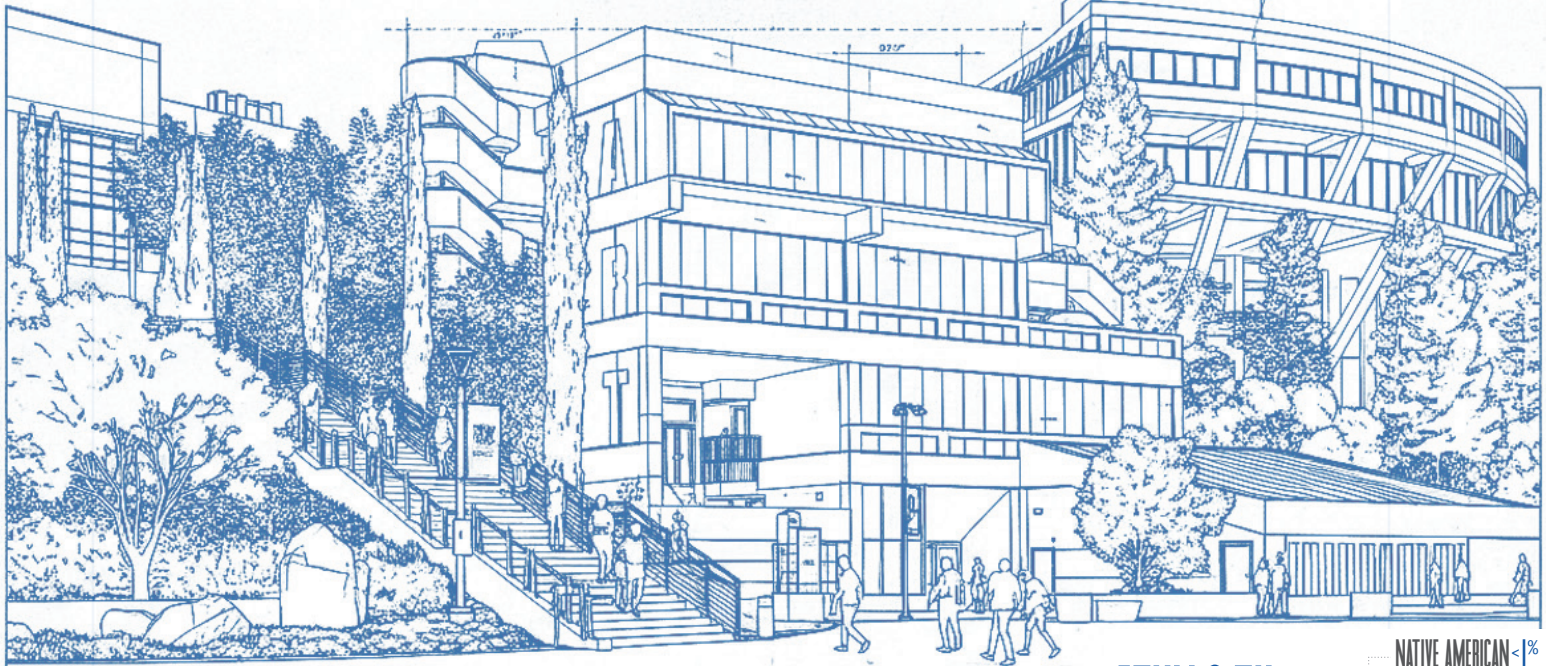
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Ashanti T. Hands, Ed.D.
President, San Diego Mesa College

WE ARE *Mesa*

The Leading College of Equity and Excellence

Founded in
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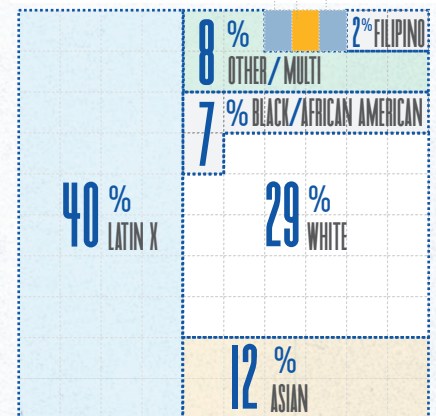


2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$46 Cost/Unit for California Residents

ETHNICITY

NATIVE AMERICAN <1%
PACIFIC ISLANDER <1%
UNREPORTED <1%



31,107
Students Enrolled

31%
1st Generation College Students

6,225
Students recieved Financial Aid

\$34,285,244
Financial Aid Distribution

4,701
Active Military, Veteran, Spouse/Dependent

2,038
San Diego Promise Participants

1,932
Academic Degrees & Certificates Awarded

STUDENT AGE 16,367 Students Age 18-24

4,435 Students Age 25-29

4,108 Students Age 30-39

1,573 Students Age 40-49

1,182 Students Age 50 & Over

\$1,313,344 Supplies and Equipments

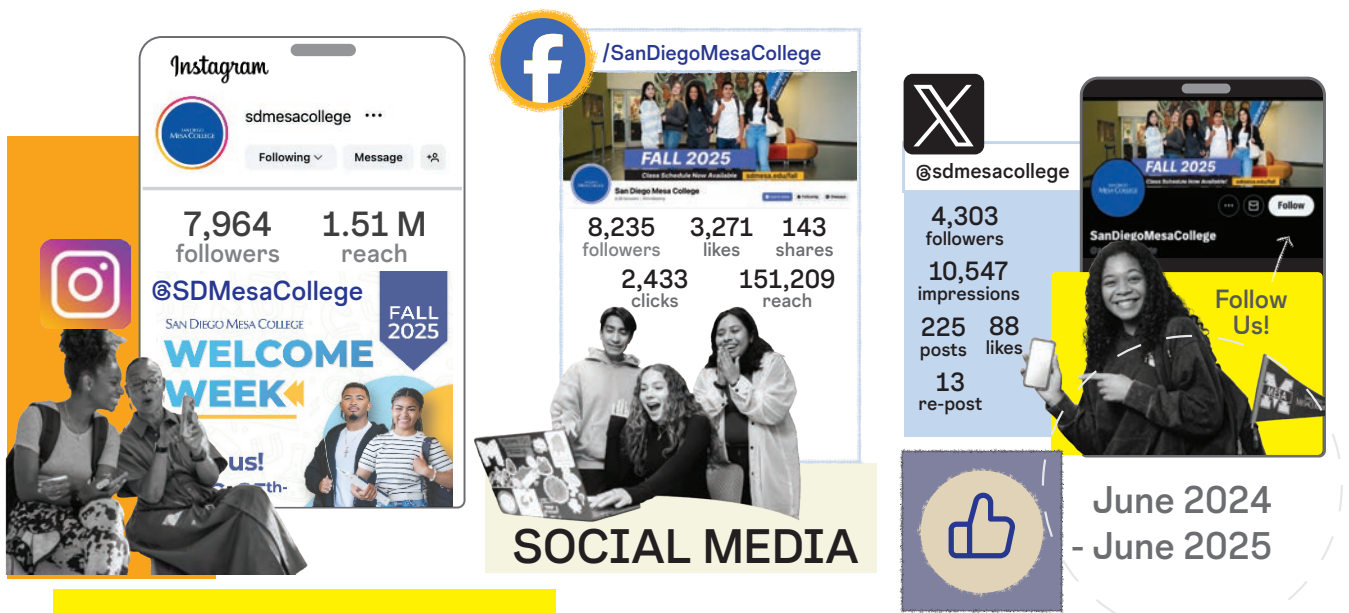
\$76,444,648
TOTAL BUDGET

DISTRIBUTION

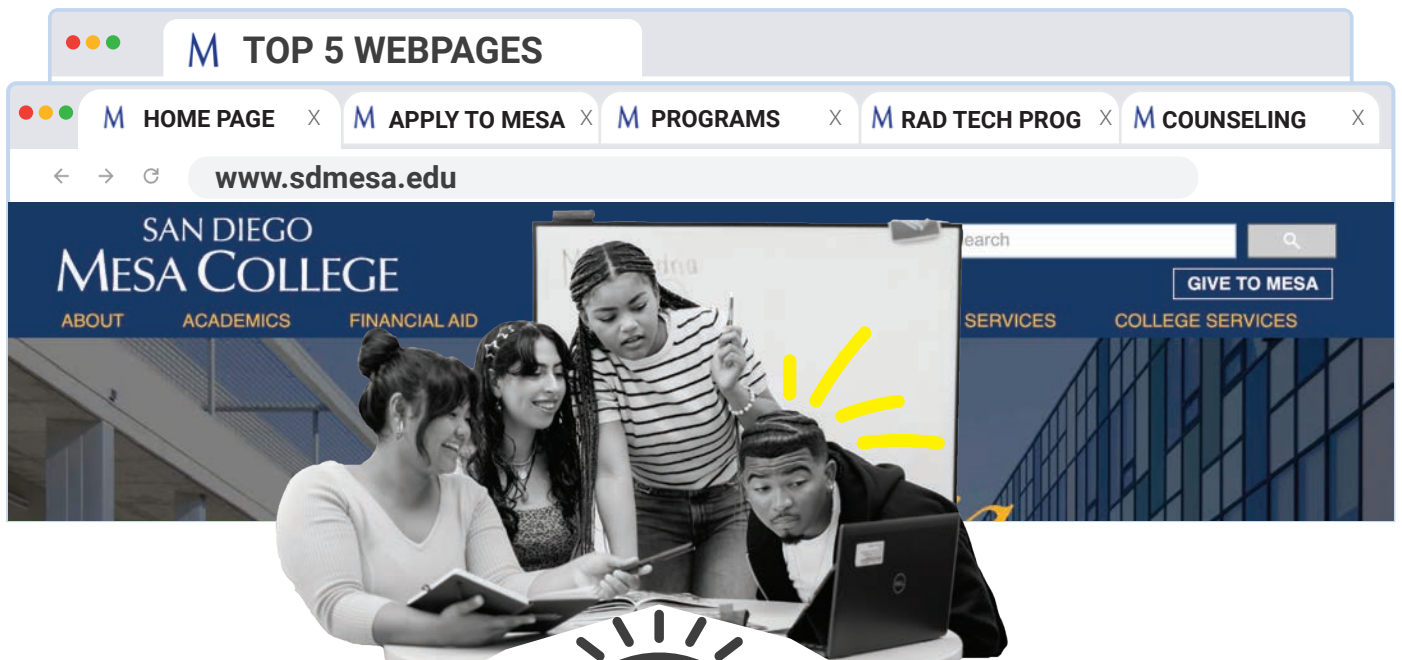
\$42,035,435
Academic Salaries

\$11,506,332
Classified Salaries

\$21,589,537
Benefits



ONLINE COMMUNITY



Honoring our Graduates



Top Five 2025 Transfer Schools for Mesa College:

SDSU | San Diego State University

UC San Diego

National University

CSUSM

University of San Diego



Celebrating Student Achievement at Commencement 2025

San Diego Mesa College proudly celebrated the accomplishments of nearly 540 graduates at the 2025 Commencement Ceremony. With thousands of family members and guests in attendance, the event was a powerful and joyous occasion. The celebration began with an energetic drumline performance and a grand processional that set the tone for the day's festivities.

Mesa College continues to lead as one of San Diego's top transfer institutions, with 725 students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer in 2025—a testament to the college's ongoing commitment to student success and educational equity.

Mesa Giving Day: Honoring Graduates, Empowering Futures

#MesaGivingDay celebrates the achievements of San Diego Mesa College's graduating class while paving the way for future Olympians. This annual tradition offers our community a meaningful opportunity to give back by supporting student success, innovation, and equity-focused initiatives.

Mesa Giving Day 2025 was a record-breaking success. With the incredible generosity of our Mesa community, we raised more than \$35,000 and exceeded our match challenge, delivering a total impact of \$45,000 for Mesa students and programs.

These contributions help ensure that Mesa College remains a place where every student can thrive.

To learn more about how your support makes a difference, visit sdmesa.edu/mesagivingday.

Equity in Action Building Community Through Culture

Festival de Libros Celebrates Culture, Literacy, and Student Creativity

As part of the Chicano/Latino Heritage Celebration, Mesa College hosted its annual Festival de Libros, celebrating Chicana/o, Latine, and Indigenous storytelling while promoting literacy and community engagement. Students connected with local authors, explored books from vendors, signed up for library cards, and engaged with themes of love, migration, education, anti-colonialism, and liberation.

The Festival de Libros Writing Contest invited students to submit short stories or poems inspired

by Eduardo Galeano's vision of a just, welcoming world. The top three winners earned cash prizes and shared their work at the event.

Winners:

1. Elena Sanchez *"Now and At the Hour of My Death"*.
2. Lilyana Rose Mendez *"Perhaps One Day"*
3. Montezuma Zepeda *"CULTURA (Letters from Montezuma)"*



KUP Learning Community Mixer

The Kapwa x Umoja x Puente (KUP) Mixer brought students together to explore identity, share experiences, and build community. Focused on intersectionality, the event encouraged solidarity across the AAPI, Black/African American, and Latino/a student communities.



Introducing ALMA: Alliance for Latine Mesa Achievement

Mission/Purpose: As the Leading College of Equity and Excellence, Mesa College is proud to be designated a Hispanic Serving Institution. We embrace the cultures, life experiences, and diverse perspectives that our Latine community brings to the institution. We are intentional and unapologetic in the development of programs and practices that strive to meet the various needs of our Latine students and employees. As an HSI, Mesa College is committed to equity and excellence for Latine students in access, success, degree attainment, transfer, career education, and overall experience.

Equity in Action Health and Safety



R.A.D. Self-Defense Training for Student Safety

Mesa College Police hosted Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) classes for students, staff, and faculty. This women-only program combined awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and hands-on self-defense techniques. Taught by nationally certified instructors, the course equipped participants with practical tools to stay safe and empowered both on and off campus.



Wellness Walkabout Promotes Connection and Wellbeing

On October 11, Mesa College hosted its first-ever Wellness Walkabout, an event focused on promoting employee wellness, connection, and campus integration. Guided walks began every half hour from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., each led by a special guest, and started at the campus Quad. Faculty and staff were invited to step away from their desks, enjoy fresh air, and connect with colleagues.



National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week at Mesa

Mesa College Student Health Services hosted an interactive exhibit during National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week to educate students on the realities of substance use. Students explored hands-on learning stations, wore impairment goggles, and received free resources such as fentanyl test strips, drink test kits, and Narcan. The event also connected students with campus and community recovery support—all while enjoying a free lunch and earning optional extra credit.



Equity in Action Policy and Student Success



Promoting Safety Through Equity & Access

In October 2024, Mesa College hosted its inaugural Safety Fair, an event focused on empowering our campus community with equitable access to critical safety tools and knowledge.

Held in partnership with first responders, C-CERT, the Great Shakeout, and the San Diego Sheriff's Department, the fair

featured hands-on breathless CPR, self-defense training, and emergency preparedness resources.

By centering community engagement and inclusive safety education, this event supported Mesa's ongoing mission to eliminate barriers and ensure all students and employees feel informed, protected, and valued.



MOST: Advancing Teaching Excellence at Mesa College

Mesa's Ongoing Support for Teaching (MOST) is a faculty led program that puts equity in action through personalized coaching, workshops, and professional learning cohorts. This year, MOST

expanded opportunities for faculty to learn together in supportive communities while also offering just in time coaching and the Teaching Tree resource hub. With a focus on equity minded

DEIA Discussion Guide: Advancing Equity Through Reflection and Accountability

In alignment with Mesa College's commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA), Dr. Judy Sundayo and the Mesa College DEIA Workgroup developed a comprehensive DEIA Discussion Guide. This resource is designed to help departments and units reflect on, assess, and strengthen their practices through a DEIA-centered lens. With an emphasis on psychological safety and shared accountability, the guide outlines actionable strategies in areas such as recruitment, onboarding, curriculum development, leadership, and communication. It provides structured prompts and best practices to foster cultural responsiveness and inclusive environments across campus.





Mesa Supports Assembly Bill 335 to Establish Grants for Black-Serving Institutions

San Diego Mesa College proudly supports Assembly Bill 335, part of a series of reparation bills signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in September 2024. Authored by former State Senator Steve Bradford, AB 335 would designate qualifying colleges as Black-Serving Institutions (BSIs), making them eligible for additional funding to support Black student success.

Mesa College has long demonstrated its commitment to this work through programs such as Umoja, the Black Leadership Fellows Program, and the Rising Scholars program. The college has also advocated for the passage of AB 335 through districtwide equity initiatives and statewide coalitions.

"This designation establishes an imperative for colleges to dismantle systemic barriers that have restricted access and success. It ensures the resources follow the responsibility."

- Mesa President Ashanti T. Hands.



#RealCollege Curriculum: A Professional Learning Opportunity for Supporting Students Facing Basic Needs Insecurity

San Diego Mesa College is proud to offer the #RealCollege Curriculum's first course, developed by the national nonprofit organization Believe in Students. This resource is designed for faculty and staff committed to addressing basic needs insecurity among students.

The curriculum includes:

- Quick and Easy Access: Simple enrollment process to begin right away
- Free First Course: "The Students We Have" is available at no cost and takes only 90 minutes to complete
- Flexible Learning: Asynchronous modules for self-paced, on-demand learning
- Efficient Training: A guide for driving impactful change across departments
- Practical Application: Strategies and tools to implement immediately to support student success

 **Believe in Students**
Empowering college students for success



AWARDS Mesa's National & Regional Recognition



National Distinction in Access and Impact

San Diego Mesa College has been recognized in the 2025 Carnegie Classifications as a “Mixed Associate Large” institution—an honor held by only 2% of U.S. colleges and universities. This rare classification reflects Mesa’s high enrollment, wide range of academic programs, and focus on associate degrees. Additionally, Mesa earned a “Higher Access, Medium Earnings” designation in the new Student Access and Earnings Classification, highlighting our strong service to racially and economically diverse students and identifying areas for continued growth in post-college wage outcomes. These recognitions affirm Mesa’s intentional focus on access and equity, reinforcing our mission to support student success at scale. More than a label, these honors serve as a call to action—encouraging us to lead with purpose, advocate for impactful policy, and strategically leverage this recognition to drive innovation, secure resources, and improve long-term student outcomes.

STAR TRIO Grant Empowers First-Gen Student Success

San Diego Mesa College was awarded a \$1.76 million TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support low-income, first-generation, and disabled students. This funding continues Mesa’s STAR TRIO program, which has supported student success since 1977. The program offers academic tutoring,

financial aid guidance, mentoring, and more—helping students stay on track to graduate or transfer. “Everything changed for me when I became part of STAR TRIO,” said Spring 2024 graduate Ginger Mankins. “I used the space daily to study, get help from a tutor, and build community. I finished my ADT in under two years and transferred to SDSU.”



MT2C Earns National Certification

The Mesa Tutoring and Computing Centers (MT2C) was honored as a “Certified Online Tutoring Program” by the Association of Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance (ACTLA). In Spring 2025, MT2C supported 1,169 students through

5,161 free tutoring sessions, both online and in person. Tutors were also embedded in over 60 course sections. Open to all subjects and backgrounds, MT2C’s dedicated staff help students build confidence and succeed in their academic journey.

AWARDS Mesa's National & Regional Recognition



City of San Diego Proclaims Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day at Mesa College

Mesa College honored Rosa Parks' legacy with its annual birthday celebration and libation ceremony. The event featured a City of San Diego proclamation, presented by Councilmember Henry L. Foster III's office, declaring February 5 as Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day. The celebration began with a silent walk to the Rosa Parks Transit Station, where students, faculty, and community members gathered for a program led by Black Studies Professor Thekima Mayasa. President Ashanti Hands and local advocates spoke on Parks' lasting impact and the ongoing fight for equitable public transportation. Mesa's connection to Rosa Parks spans decades, and her spirit continues to inspire collective action for justice.



bit.ly/raypolarsteam

Dr. Ray shared her experience about NSF Polar STEAM project

Dr. Waverly Ray Named 2024 Statewide Sustainability Champion

Geography Professor, Dr. Waverly Ray was honored with the 2024 California Community Colleges Board of Governors Energy and Sustainability Award – Sustainability Champion. Her leadership in climate literacy and environmental justice has gained

statewide recognition. Amongst her many contributions, Dr. Ray helped establish Mesa's A.A. degree in Sustainability, launched the TerraMesa Community Garden, and developed a new course: Sustainable Places and Practices. She also secured

grants supporting student internships and serves as co-director of the Climate Literacy @ Mesa initiative. Her recent Arctic research with the NSF Polar STEAM project highlights her national impact.

Igniting Student Success



Speech & Debate Team Makes History at International Tournament

San Diego Mesa College's Speech and Debate Team achieved a landmark victory at the International Forensics Association's 35th Annual International Speech and Debate Tournament. The team secured first place in debate, marking Mesa as the most successful

debate team in the Association's history.

Students Dylan Dorman and Jasmin Fathi led the winning effort, with the team also earning second and third place in debate and a seventh-place finish in persuasion.

From Germany to Mesa: Meet Maryem, Our Youngest Graduate of 2025

Born in Munich, Maryem joined Mesa College at 14 after completing her high school education through homeschooling and a brief stint in public school. Despite initial challenges, she thrived academically, earning associate degrees in Political Science, Italian, and Mathematics. Her passion for international politics and languages, coupled with encouragement from faculty, propelled her success. Maryem received the William Cyran Memorial Scholarship, the Jeff

Berry Languages Scholarship, and the Graziella Spinelli Italian Language Scholarship. She credits Mesa's Writing Center and supportive professors for her growth. In Fall 2025, she will transfer to UC San Diego's Eleanor Roosevelt College to major in International Studies – Political Science, aiming for a career in the United Nations. Maryem reflects, "I often worried about proving myself because of my age, and I now know I have no need to do so."



Melissa Chavez Finds Confidence, Community, and a Future at Mesa College

Melissa Chavez, a Culinary Arts graduate from Class of 2025, credits Mesa College with transforming her confidence and sense of purpose. Originally from Pomona and raised in Indio, Melissa arrived uncertain about college and her career path. With the support of faculty like Chef Tonya Whitfield and Hospitality Professor Brian Lesson, along with campus resources such as the Mental Health Department, she blossomed both academically

and personally. Melissa made the Dean's List in her first year and discovered new passions beyond cooking—like swimming, which she accomplished with the help of Coach Jim Fegan. Reflecting on her journey, Melissa says Mesa helped her realize she's capable of much more than she ever imagined. She looks forward to pursuing her future, equipped with newfound resilience and a strong community behind her.



Igniting Student Success



From Adversity to Advocacy: Angel René Wilson Heads to Yale

When Angel René walked across the stage at Mesa College in Spring 2025, he celebrated more than academic success; he celebrated resilience, identity, and self-belief. After being forced out of his home and church for being gay, Angel faced more than five years of instability before enrolling at Mesa at age 24. He lived in his car for six months while rebuilding his life and returned to college with determination.

Angel thrived as a student and leader, earning straight As and

serving in ASG, Umoja, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Police Advisory Board. He is also a musician, with his album *How to Live A Beautiful Life* available on major platforms. With mentorship from Mesa professors and a campus rooted in care, Angel found his voice, overcame an eating disorder, and graduated with honors and multiple scholarships. He is headed to Yale University in Fall 2025, proof of what is possible when opportunity meets determination.



Mia Hondojo- Mesa College Valedictorian and Future Bruin Reflects on Growth, Community, and the Power of Redirection

After facing college rejections that redirected her path, Mia Hondojo chose San Diego Mesa College, inspired by her sister's positive experience and encouragement. Although she was initially hesitant about attending a community college, Mia soon found the support and opportunities at Mesa that reshaped her perspective.

Mia transitioned from business to biology after discovering her passion for science. A member of the Kapwa learning community, she reconnected with her AAPI identity and credits faculty mentorship and cultural engagement with helping her

thrive. She was active in the Honors Program, Asian Pacific Diversity Club, Outreach, and the AANAPISI grant team, and participated in prestigious internships with Scripps Research, Scripps Health, and the California Medicine Scholars Program at UC San Diego.

Graduating as a valedictorian, Mia will transfer to UCLA to study physiological science. She plans to pursue a career in healthcare, where she hopes to promote diversity and serve others with empathy and innovation.

Light Carriers Mesa's Response to Change



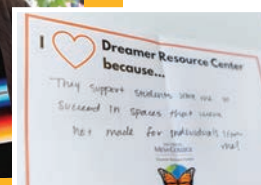
Advocating for Students Through Policy, Representation, and Support

At the first ever SDCCD town hall hosted by Mesa College, Chancellor Gregory Smith, along with Trustees Marichu Magaña and Mariah Jameson, emphasized their commitment to student advocacy through inclusive policies, representation and support systems. Magaña and Jameson, both with deep ties to Mesa, spoke about the importance of visibility and the use of existing laws and networks to protect against discrimination.

Undocumented Student Center, featuring student testimonials and staff panelists who called for stronger allyship, inclusive language and trauma informed training. Mesa students Angel Aguilar Garcia and Lucio Lira emphasized the need for safe spaces and proactive community engagement. Smith invited feedback and reaffirmed the district's commitment to protecting student resources, stating, "We need to be loud that we exist in opposition to that kind of rhetoric."



The event highlighted the work of the Pride Center and the



Standing with Undocumented Students: Education, Protection, and Empowerment

In response to growing anxiety surrounding immigration enforcement, Mesa continues to be a strong advocate for undocumented students and their families. Through virtual and multilingual events like Know Your Rights & Emergency Preparedness Workshops for Undocumented Families, hosted in partnership with SDCCD and local nonprofits, community

members learned how to protect themselves and create family safety plans. These workshops—offered in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole—were held on Zoom to ensure accessibility and safety.

Additional efforts included resource-focused events like the Women's Immigration Resource Info Session, which

offered critical guidance on navigating immigration systems and connecting with clinics, shelters, and legal aid. Mesa also took proactive steps on campus by posting official policies on immigration enforcement in classroom buildings and distributing informational cards to students and faculty outlining how to assert their rights if approached by law enforcement.

Light Carriers Mesa's Response to Change

Embracing the Future: AI Integration at Mesa College

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming both education and the workforce, and Mesa College is responding. In May 2025, the event AI in the Workforce Part 1: Industry Insights, a collaboration between the Career and Technical Education and LOFT programs, brought together professionals from health care, construction, libraries and computer science to discuss how AI is reshaping their fields. From improving occupational safety to enabling HIPAA compliant personalized care and advancing software innovation, panelists offered real world perspectives and advice on preparing students for the future.



A follow-up event, AI in the Workforce: Innovating Instruction, highlighted how faculty are integrating AI tools into their teaching. With support from the Career Center's workforce training partnerships, Mesa is helping the campus community adapt to an AI integrated society.



Cyber Aware: Strengthening Digital Safety in a Changing World

As technology rapidly evolves, so do the risks—and instead

of ignoring the shift, Mesa is preparing students to face it head-on. Cyber Aware, a campus-wide event, brought together by San Diego Community College District's Information Technology team for an engaging day of digital learning. Attendees explored how to avoid scams

and identity theft, spot fake job offers, secure their devices, and protect academic data. Through interactive discussions and networking, the event emphasized that understanding cybersecurity is no longer optional—it's essential in today's connected world.

Champions of Impact



Lucio Lira Recognized with Statewide LGBTQ+ Excellence Award

San Diego Mesa College celebrated Lucio Lira, Counselor Coordinator at the Pride Center, as the 2025 recipient of the Dr. Emilie Mitchell Rainbow Excellence Award, honoring his leadership in creating inclusive, empowering spaces for LGBTQIA+ students. Lucio was recognized for developing affinity spaces and launching the Pride Scholars Learning Cohort, bringing personal experience and empathy to his work. Reflecting on

the recognition, Lucio shared that the award reaffirmed the need to show up for LGBTQIA+ students, especially in today's climate.

Mesa College President Dr. Ashanti T. Hands praised Lucio's contributions: "Lucio Lira embodies the heart and soul of Mesa—equity in action, rooted in care. His work ensures our LGBTQIA+ students are not only seen, but celebrated."

Coach Gary Watkins Makes History with Playoff-Bound Olympians

In Fall 2024, San Diego Mesa College Football made history under Head Coach Gary Watkins, who became the first Black head coach to lead a team into the California Community College Athletic Association (3C2A) playoffs since their inception in 2008.

This marked Mesa's first playoff appearance since becoming eligible in 2018. The 8-2 Olympians entered the Southern California Regionals as the No. 3 seed, facing No. 2 seed Riverside City College.



Watkins, in his seventh season at Mesa and sixth as head coach, led with humility and determination, emphasizing team effort over personal recognition. "Mesa's players and staff earned this," Watkins shared.

Athletic Director Ryan Shumaker praised Watkins as a "rockstar football coach" whose leadership has positively impacted the entire college community.

Dr. O'Connor Helps Shape California's Common Course Numbering and Policy

Dr. Isabel de Los Angeles O'Connor serves as the President of the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers. As part of that role, she serves on Consultation Council and the League's Advocacy Committee on Legislation. A member of the original Common Course Numbering taskforce representing CIOs, Dr. O'Connor now serves on the four-member Common Course Numbering Steering Committee as well as the Common Course Numbering Council, which provides guidance to the state community colleges on AB1111 implementation.

Carole Thompson Connects Learning to Careers with Becky the Bot

In 2024, Work-Based Learning Instructor Carole Thompson introduced an innovative digital resource—Becky the Bot—to help students confidently navigate their career journeys. Designed as a virtual guide, Becky provides students with curated information including job examples, salary ranges, step-by-step career roadmaps, and links to reputable resources for deeper exploration.

Thompson, who specializes in connecting academic learning with real-world application, developed Becky to extend her mission of preparing students for success beyond the classroom. Through industry partnerships, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, she empowers students to align their education with professional goals—putting equity and opportunity into action.

Champions of Impact



Coach Ricketts Named 5CTCA Coach of the Year, Leads Olympians to Historic Title



Coach Ricketts capped off a remarkable season by being named the 5CTCA Coach of the Year after leading the Mesa College men's cross country team to a dominant state championship. Under Ricketts' leadership, Mesa had three All-Americans finish in the top 11, with

two additional runners placing 16th and 17th to earn All-State honors. The team's sixth runner also placed 26th overall, joining the All-State list. This marks Ricketts' third state men's team title and sixth straight top-three team finish.

Beach Volleyball Head Coach Kim Lester has been named the 2025 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) All-Sports Coach of the Year

Beach Volleyball Head Coach Kim Lester was named the 2025 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) All-Sports Coach of the Year, marking her second time receiving the honor. She first earned the distinction in 2004.

Under Lester's leadership, the Olympians delivered a historic season. The team won its fourth consecutive PCAC conference championship and concluded the year by capturing the 2025 CCCAA State Title. Lester also coached standout pair Jaiden Mojica and Myah Gomez to a third-place finish at the 2025 CCCAA State Pairs Championships.



"This award is a tremendous honor, and I'm deeply grateful to be recognized in this way. Personally, it's a reflection of the incredible support I've received from our players, coaching staff, and administration. It's never about one person; this award really belongs to the entire program."

- Coach Kim Lester.



Celebrating Department of the Year

The Learning Resources & Academic Support Program made a significant impact in 2024–2025. The program provided nearly 20,000 hours of tutoring services to students and saw a 64% increase in Honors contracts since the previous academic year.



2024

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SUMMER CRUISE



AUG

WELCOME WEEK - FALL



SEP

LATIN-X KICK OFF



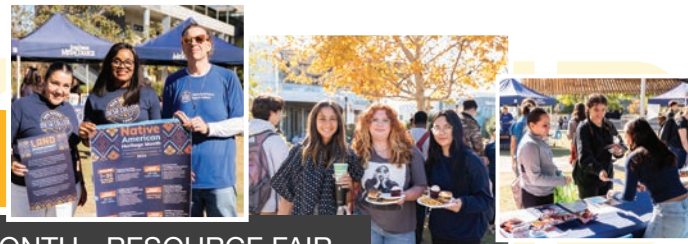
OCT

ADVOCACY FAIR



NOV

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH - RESOURCE FAIR



DEC

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



2025



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



SEED SCHOLARS SOCIAL



WOMENS HISTORY MONTH - JULISSA ARCE PAVING A WAY FOR JUSTICE



BUSINESS CAREER FAIR



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



PRIDE CENTER - PRIDE FLAG RAISING

Pathways and Partnerships



Mesa Reaffirms its Partnership with National University

San Diego Mesa College proudly raised the National University partnership flag as a symbol of our shared commitment to student success. This growing collaboration supports Mesa students with direct, flexible, and affordable transfer pathways to bachelor's degrees.

Highlights of the partnership include:

- 46% tuition scholarship for Mesa students with an AA-T or AS-T
- Reduced tuition to \$880 per course
- Accelerated completion in 90 quarter units or less
- Scholarships for Mesa employees: 25% off most programs, 15% for doctoral degrees



Junior Achievement Interns

In summer 2025, seven high school students were welcomed to Mesa College as part of the Junior Achievement program. During the month long experience, students received hands-on training and professional development through workshops and job shadowing in departments including Outreach, Facilities, Student Affairs, EOPS and the Learning Resource Center. They also explored certificate programs such as Allied Health and engaged with the San Diego Community College District Police Department.



The program gives students exposure to diverse career pathways beyond traditional roles in higher education. Mesa College President Dr. Ashanti Hands reflected on her own experience with Junior Achievement, sharing, "Those early lessons in leadership, budgeting and teamwork helped shape my future. Today, I use those same skills as a college president. That's the power of programs like this."



First ever CSUSM Day Builds Transfer Pathways and Collaboration

In Spring 2025, Mesa College welcomed the California State University San Marcos community for the inaugural CSUSM Day, a campuswide partnership event designed to strengthen transfer pathways and cross-institutional collaboration. More than 30 CSUSM departments and programs were represented, including Admissions, Housing, Financial Aid, EOP, Veteran Services and New Student and Family Programs.

For the first time, all four CSUSM colleges came together for a Mesa-exclusive event, offering students direct access to faculty, academic departments and student support teams. Representatives also visited classrooms and engaged in meaningful dialogue with Mesa students, staff and faculty.

Pathways and Partnerships



Mesa Welcomes the HBCU Transfer Caravan

This year, San Diego Mesa College proudly hosted the inaugural San Diego County stop of the statewide CCC to HBCU Transfer Caravan, becoming the first destination on the tour. The event brought representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country to campus, providing students with direct access to transfer information, scholarship opportunities, and on-the-spot admissions.

California community college students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher who meet specific requirements are guaranteed admission to participating HBCU institutions—offering a powerful pathway for students to continue their education in culturally affirming environments.

Expanding Emergency Aid for Student Success

In partnership with the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), the Project Success Emergency Aid Program has been renewed with \$10,000 in funding for the upcoming academic year. This initiative provides students facing urgent, unexpected financial hardships with up to \$500 in emergency support. Since launching, the program has distributed \$50,000 to assist 111 students, helping them stay on track academically. The renewed funding will allow Mesa to continue supporting students in crisis.



In addition to emergency funds, Project Success offers:

- Online Financial Literacy resources to build money management skills
- Loan Repayment & Default Support
- The VitaNavis platform to connect students' interests with academic and career goals



Mesa at the Heart of Downtown's Civic Renewal

San Diego Mesa College is proud to be part of a visionary effort to transform Downtown San Diego's Civic Center into a vibrant cultural and educational hub. Led by the Downtown San Diego Partnership, Prebys Foundation, U3 Advisors, and the San Diego Community College District, the concept includes a proposed World Art Museum & Research Center inspired by Mesa's renewed World Art Collection, under the leadership of Dr. Denise Rogers. Still in its early stages, the project imagines dynamic educational spaces that could support Mesa's Museum Studies, Art History, and related programs. This collaboration highlights Mesa's commitment to equity, access, and innovation—positioning the college and its students at the center of an emerging urban cultural district.

Impactship and Research Opportunities



Mesa Impactship Program Hosts First Inaugural Internship Expo

In Fall 2024, the Mesa Impactship Program (MIP) hosted its first-ever MIP Internship Expo, bringing together more than 25 employers from a wide range of industries to connect with Mesa College students. Held in the Mesa Quad, the event offered students valuable face time with professionals, internship opportunities, and hands-on career readiness support.

The Expo exemplified MIP's mission to support underserved student populations by providing equitable access to internships, workforce training, and financial support. Students received on-the-spot resume tips, interview prep, and guidance on applying for MIP funding—up to \$1,000 or hourly compensation through Work Experience or Directed Clinical Practice (DCP).



Hire Up Program Launches to Support System-Impacted Students

Launched in Fall 2024, the Hire Up program at San Diego Mesa College provides targeted financial support to students who are former foster youth, CalWORKs recipients, or were formerly incarcerated.

Designed to reduce economic barriers, the program offers monthly stipends of up to

\$2,720—calculated by enrollment level and unmet financial need—to help cover college-related expenses. To qualify, students must be enrolled at least half-time, have a current FAFSA/CADAA on file, and be in good academic standing. Participants must also be actively involved in the Rising Scholars Network. Hire Up exemplifies Mesa's

ongoing commitment to equity by supporting system-impacted populations and helping them stay on track with their academic goals. The program also aims to address socioeconomic disparities by equipping students with the tools and training needed to reenter the workforce and achieve self-sufficiency.

Impactship and Research Opportunities

The CADRE (CreAting Dedicated Scientists through Research Education) program, a collaboration between the Mesa Impactship Program (MIP) and UC San Diego's Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI), continues to transform student pathways in science.



From Numbers to Public Health: Luna Reyes Finds Her Calling

Luna Glenn Reyes, a Mesa College alum and first-generation college student, found her path to public health through the CADRE internship program. Originally from Mexico, Reyes discovered a love for math early on and later connected it to health equity through biostatistics. As a 2024 CADRE intern, she worked in Dr. Lindsey Burnett's UC San Diego lab studying pelvic floor disorders—gaining hands-on lab experience and analyzing patient referral data with a focus on disparities affecting Latinx communities. She also co-created a scientific poster presented at a national conference and is now collaborating on a follow-up study and research paper. Reyes, who transferred to UC San Diego in Fall 2024 to study Global Health, says the CADRE program eased her transition to the university and helped her find a sense of belonging.



From Mesa Classrooms to UC San Diego Labs: Alec Guerra

Mesa College student Alec Guerra joined the CADRE Program in 2024 with a passion for medicine and a goal of becoming a radiologist. He sought hands-on research experience and found it through CADRE's partnership with UC San Diego. Under the mentorship of Dr. Sara Gianella Weibel, Alec worked in a lab focused on HIV research—organizing tissue samples, extracting DNA, and even participating in a rare autopsy as part of the Last Gift study. What began as a resume-building internship turned into a transformative experience. Alec impressed his mentors with his work ethic and curiosity, ultimately earning a part-time role at the lab. "It's been great to actually go to work every day and genuinely look forward to what I'm going to be doing," he said. Alec plans to transfer to UC San Diego and continue his journey to medical school.



From Refugee to Researcher: Oleksandr Sharlai's Path Through CADRE

A refugee from Ukraine and a biology major at Mesa College, Oleksandr Sharlai joined the CADRE Program to pursue a future in neuroscience and psychiatry. After arriving in San Diego, he began rebuilding his life and found purpose in mental health advocacy and research. Through CADRE, Oleksandr interned in Dr. Christine Smith's cognitive neuroscience lab at UC San Diego, where he developed memory assessment questions tied to major news events and observed MRI sessions, neuropsychological testing, and even a human brain dissection. The partnership gave him deeper insight into memory disorders and the ethical dimensions of research. Now continuing his work at Scripps Research, Oleksandr studies PTSD and brain function while also serving on the national Young Leaders Council with Mental Health America.

*** Other 2024 CADRE interns included Mesa College students Mya Hanauska and Meghana Nilugal, mentored by Alessandra Castaldi, Ph.D., Swarali Barhate, mentored by Christine Smith, Ph.D., and Winston Mutter, mentored by Paula Desplats, Ph.D.

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Athletic Excellence and Historic Wins

Mesa Ranks Among Top Two-Year College Athletic Programs in the Nation

Securing second place in the 2024–2025 Ron Case Cup standings, Mesa earned national recognition as one of the top two-year college athletic programs. Presented by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA), the Ron Case Cup honors excellence in championship competition across California, Oregon, and Washington.

This remarkable achievement reflects a standout year for Mesa Athletics. Highlights include state championships in Women's Beach Volleyball, Men's Cross Country, and Women's Cross Country. Other strong finishes came from Men's Track & Field (state finalist, 6 individual titles), Men's Volleyball (state finalist), and Women's Track & Field (third in state, 1 individual title).



"This accomplishment reflects the hard work, talent, and dedication of our student-athletes, coaches, and support staff. We're proud to foster a culture of excellence that continues to raise the bar."

-Ryan Shumaker
Dean and Athletic Director



Football team qualified for the SCFA National Division Playoffs for the first time in Mesa history

Mesa Women's Beach Volleyball Wins State Title!

In a thrilling finish to their season, Mesa's Women's Beach Volleyball team captured the 2025 3C2A State Championship! With grit, teamwork, and unstoppable energy, the Olympians secured a powerful win over Fresno City College—bringing home the title and making Mesa history.



Jaiden Mojica Named AVCA All-American, Leads Mesa into Playoffs for Women's Beach Volleyball

Sophomore setter Jaiden Mojica capped an outstanding regular season with four major honors: AVCA All-American First-Team, 3C2A All-State, PCAC MVP, and First-Team All-Conference. With 594 assists, 154 digs, and 40 aces across 67 sets, Mojica has been instrumental in Mesa's conference championship run. As the team prepares to defend its title in the upcoming playoffs, Head Coach Bobbie Jo Stall-Vest praised Mojica as "a gifted athlete and fantastic teammate."

Athletic Excellence and Historic Wins



Mesa Men's Track & Field Clinches 6th Straight Conference Title

Mesa College men's track and field team captured its sixth consecutive Pacific Coast Athletic Conference title, dominating with 367 points and winning 17 of 21 scored events. Under the strategic leadership of Head Coach Sean Ricketts, the Olympians outpaced runner-up Cuyamaca College by 283 points. Their continued success reflects the dedication of student-athletes, coaches, and departmental support.



Mesa Women's Track & Field Secures 4th Straight PCAC Championship

Mesa's Women's Track and Field team has done it again, claiming their fourth consecutive Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) Championship! The Olympians dominated with 323 total points and first-place finishes in 17 of 21 scored events, proving their strength across the board.

Led by Head Coach Sean Ricketts, the team continues to shine thanks to year-round preparation and strategic coaching.



Mesa Cross Country Sweeps State Championships with Historic Dual Victory

Mesa's Men's and Women's cross country team dominated the 3C2A State Championships, capturing both the men's and women's state titles in a historic sweep. The men's team clinched first place with a score of 47 points, led by standout finishes from Ian Rosen and Alex Leroy. Not to be outdone, the women's team rose to the occasion earned the state championship with 85 points.

Men's Volleyball Standout Named MVP

Trevor Clark capped off an outstanding sophomore season by being named Most Valuable Player in the South Region for men's volleyball. Known for his dominance on the court and consistent high-level performance, Clark played a key role in leading the Olympians to a 21-4 record, a South Region Pacific title, and a trip to the 3C2A State Championship final. His leadership, work ethic, and unmatched energy set the tone for a historic season. Clark will continue his athletic and academic journey at UC Irvine, leaving behind a legacy of excellence at Mesa.





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FOUNDATION

Founded in 1976, the San Diego Mesa College Foundation partners with generous and passionate members of the community to support the mission and students of San Diego Mesa College.

The Foundation breaks down barriers and builds up dreams—opening doors to higher education for students from all walks of life. Because where students find belonging, entire communities thrive.

BREAKING BARRIERS.
EMPOWERING MINDS.
TRANSFORMING FUTURES.



Raised over
\$680,000
in support of
Mesa's students
and mission

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Students



Reached over
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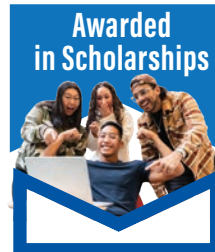


SCHOLARSHIPS



\$205,000⁺

Awarded
in Scholarships



265⁺

Scholarships
awarded



188

Recipients



220

Application
Reviewers





***Emeriti Leaders and
Founding Supporters**
Dr. Constance M. Carroll (Left)
and Dr. Pamela T. Luster (Right)*

Celebrating the Spirit of Mesa

As part of Mesa College's 60th anniversary, the Foundation launched its inaugural Spirit of Mesa fundraiser—an evening of storytelling, entertainment, and community building to honor six decades of impact and shape the next chapter of

opportunity. Designed to welcome new supporters into the Mesa community, the event drew together over 150 community leaders and raised over \$150,000 to keep college within reach for all San Diegans.

Partner Spotlight: Janice Deaton and Blake Harper

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to Blake Harper and Janice Deaton for their transformative gift establishing the Catherine Harper Memorial Scholarship. Blake and Janice are both recognized attorneys, who share a passion for lifelong learning and a deep commitment to justice and advocacy.

Together, they honor the memory of Blake's daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Harper, a remarkable young girl who described herself as "Confident, an aspiring Author, Talented, Heroic, Exceptional"

and who believed the 'I' in her name stood for "infinity" - the number of years she hoped to live because she loved her life so much and had a lot to give.

Catherine's love for life and courageous spirit during her battle with illness will continue to inspire through this scholarship that supports our diverse community of students who have journeyed across borders to San Diego to build their futures. This gift embodies Catherine's own spirit of infinite possibility and ensures that her legacy of potential, determination, and hope

will live on in the dreams and achievements of Mesa College students for generations to come. We are profoundly moved by Janice and Blake's commitment to opportunity and creating pathways for others to pursue their educational aspirations in Catherine's honor.



Alumni Spotlights Full Circle Moment



Vincent Vigil: Returning to Mesa with a Legacy of Music and Art

Twenty years after studying in Mesa's Museum Studies Program, Vincent Vigil returned in October 2024 to give back to the Mesa community that helped launch his journey. Now an acclaimed photo collector with work housed in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Library &

Archives, Vigil curated a Beatles-themed exhibit for the Mesa College Art Gallery titled "The Beatles/I Saw the Photograph." The showcase featured 60 rare images and reflected both his personal collection and deep gratitude for his time at Mesa.

Inspired by professors like Alessandra Moctezuma, Vigil credits the college for shaping his artistic path. "When you fall in love with something, like I fell in love with photography, don't stop," he says. His return to campus was not just nostalgic—it was a full-circle moment, inspiring today's students and continuing Mesa's legacy of creativity, community, and opportunity.



Whitney Doyle: From Valedictorian to Garden Manager

For 2019 Mesa College graduate and valedictorian Whitney Doyle, returning to campus as the TerraMesa Garden Manager has been a true full-circle experience. As a sustainability major, Doyle first discovered her passion for local, equitable and ecological food systems at Mesa. Now, supported by a block grant, she

oversees garden operations, manages the compost hub and mentors interns and volunteers.

Through her work, Doyle advances Mesa's sustainability efforts while also taking steps toward her goal of becoming an educator.



"It feels like a full-circle moment to return to where my understanding and advocacy were cultivated. I feel honored to possibly do the same for a student that visits the campus garden."

-Whitney Doyle reflected on her return.

Alumni Spotlights

Full Circle Moment



Stephen Adegoke: From Mesa Student Athlete to NFL Coach

For Stephen Adegoke, San Diego Mesa College was more than just a stepping stone to the NFL — it was where the discipline, resilience, and balance needed to succeed at the highest levels first took root.

As a student-athlete, he embraced a rigorous academic courseload while competing in both football and track. “Having a demanding schedule was a blessing,” he reflects. “I had an opportunity to learn from some of the best instructors in the world and gain knowledge that I will carry with me the rest of my life.” That experience prepared him for the focus required in his current role as an NFL coach, where every day demands precision and purpose.

His advice to today's Mesa student-athletes is clear: “Take pride in everything you do and act deliberately. Make sure how

you spend your time now reflects who you want to be in the future. Every experience is a learning experience, even if the outcome isn't what you expected.”

Returning to Mesa each year as a coach carries deep meaning. “Mesa has a special place in my heart because it helped me develop into the man I am today,” he says. “I enjoy coming back to meet new people, connect with familiar faces, and remind the football team that anything they want to achieve is possible. I once walked in their shoes.”

Among his most cherished memories is the day he

graduated. After competing in a track meet north of Los Angeles, his best friend rushed him to San Diego just in time for the ceremony. “I put my cap and gown on over my track uniform during the car ride,” he recalls with a smile. “Walking across that stage meant the world, because of all the hard work it took to get there.”

From student-athlete to NFL coach, his journey is a testament to the determination, balance, and community fostered at San Diego Mesa College — and a reminder to current students that their dreams are within reach.

Connect with Mesa College

Alumni are invited to join the Mesa College Alumni Network by visiting www.sdmesa.edu/alumni

THE MESA COLLEGE ALUMNI NETWORK

The goal of the Mesa College Alumni Networks is to connect alumni with each other and their alma mater – Mesa College. Alumni are welcomed and encouraged to stay connected to Mesa College through campus events, news, affinity groups, and by engaging with the Mesa College Foundation. With the support of the Foundation and the Office of Communications, Mesa College established its Alumni Network in 2019 and immediately launched communication and

alumni engagement efforts. Through social media and a robust email campaign, Mesa College initially reached out to more than 50,000 Mesa College Alumni, with nearly 600 engaging back requesting to be reconnected.

The Alumni Network continues to grow. Membership is free, and it is a great way for alumni to keep in touch with classmates, to stay informed, connected, and support Mesa College.

Handshake

Additionally, the Alumni Network has teamed up with the Mesa College Career Center to offer a variety of programs, such as Handshake, for alumni to get connected with jobs, gain access to events, schedule appointments with a career counselor, and search for and apply to millions of different job openings.

Learn more about the handshake program, please visit www.sdmesa.edu/handshake

New Spaces & Branding



New Affinity and Student Support Spaces

San Diego Mesa College recently opened its new CommUnity Spaces, designed to enhance engagement, learning, and a sense of belonging on campus. These student-centered spaces support student achievement through equity, cultural identity, and community connection.

The new spaces include:

- The KUP Unity Village
- Dreamer Resource Center
- CalWORKs Office
- Promise Program Office
- Rising Scholars Office
- Family Resource Center.

These spaces provide essential resources and support for various student groups, including undocumented students, student parents, first-time college students, and those impacted by the justice system. The spaces aim to foster a sense of belonging, offering a safe and empowering environment for all students.



"These spaces serve as daily reminders that our students belong here, and their aspirations are met with unwavering support."

Dr. Ashanti Hands
Mesa College President



New Spaces & Branding



MESA Program Launches New Center to Empower STEM Scholars

This year, San Diego Mesa College celebrated the grand opening of the newly dedicated MESA (Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement) Center in MS-120. Designed to support underrepresented students pursuing STEM pathways, the MESA Program provides academic guidance, mentorship, and professional development to help students successfully transfer to four-year institutions and thrive in STEM careers.



The center serves as a hub for community-building and student support, offering a dedicated academic advisor, specialized workshops, and opportunities for networking and research. As part of a statewide initiative, MESA promotes equity in STEM by centering the needs of first-generation, low-income, and educationally underserved students.



Our Brand Refreshed: Mesa's New Logo

In September 2024, Mesa College unveiled a refreshed logo as part of the San Diego Community College District's year-long brand project. The redesigned logo reflects Mesa's bold, student-centered identity and aligns with a districtwide visual update. In partnership with the District Communications team, Mesa's Office of Communications supported departments with updated logo files and style guides to ensure consistency across all platforms. While embracing this new look, the college is also committed to sustainability by encouraging the use of existing materials before transitioning to the new design. This visual shift marks a new chapter in our story.

Mesa 2030 & Institutional Effectiveness

Mesa 2030



The Mesa2030 Comprehensive Strategic Plan continues to drive our Educational and Facilities vision. Mesa2030 sets the long-term goals and the Roadmap to Mesa2030 identifies priorities and strategic objectives. Via our annual Program Review, Mesa showcased how individual programs and departments connect their work to the Strategic Objectives and Mesa2030 Goals.

Transforming Campuses, Strengthening Futures

Thanks to voter support, Measure HH will allow the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) to modernize campuses across San Diego City, Mesa, Miramar, and Continuing Education colleges. These investments will create state of the art classrooms, labs, and training facilities

designed to prepare students for high demand careers in healthcare, science, technology, engineering, arts, math, and public safety. With a 5.8 billion dollar annual economic impact, the district's work extends far beyond the classroom, strengthening the regional workforce and fueling long term

prosperity. Measure HH also provides for essential community enhancements, from affordable housing and childcare centers to green spaces and recreational facilities, ensuring campuses remain places of connection and opportunity for all San Diegans.

Institutional Effectiveness

The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) and Research offices provide college-wide leadership in advancing the infrastructure, integration, and culture of continuous improvement. IE fosters a commitment to equity, excellence, and accountability through planning, research, program review, outcomes assessment, resource allocation, and accreditation.

Key Accomplishments in 2024–25:

- Strengthened Outcomes Assessment: Achieved Year 3 compliance in the four-year outcomes assessment cycle through sustained, transparent, and collaborative campuswide efforts.
- Expanded Data Capacity: Completed over 450 hours in SQL and Power BI training across Research team members, strengthening

institutional expertise and laying the foundation for more accessible, timely, and actionable data insights.

- Provided Strategic Research & Planning Leadership: Played a key role in three major institutional initiatives:
 - Development of the 2025–2028 Student Equity Plan.

- Preparation of the College's application for California's new Black-Serving Institution (BSI) designation, reinforcing Mesa's commitment to serving Black students.
- Coordination of the College's first-year implementation of Vision Aligned Reporting (VAR).

WE ARE *Mesa*

The Leading College of Equity and Excellence

Land Acknowledgment

We, at San Diego Mesa College, acknowledge that the land we occupy is unceded territory of the Kumeyaay people, indigenous to this region from time immemorial.

The Kumeyaay people continue to demonstrate strength in their ability to surmount generational trauma, which started with the injustices of colonization and continues to this day.

The relationship of the Kumeyaay people with the land underlies their strong commitment to protect the land, preserve their heritage, and work for balance and harmony.

This land acknowledgement is our commitment to honor the Kumeyaay people and to establish a relationship with them based on truth and mutual respect.

Mission

San Diego Mesa College is a comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity. We honor those commitments as a diverse community of faculty, students, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, innovation, and excellence in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their future.

Vision

To be the leading college of equity and excellence, educating students to shape the future.

Values

- Access
- Excellence
- Accountability
- Freedom of Expression
- Diversity
- Respect
- Equity
- Scholarship
- Sustainability
- Integrity

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