

April 2016

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**Colleagues:**

**Happy April and welcome back after Spring Break. We are hurdling our way into the end of the semester at record speed, and there's much to celebrate on the Mesa. We are entering "smile" season, a term coined by our very own SDCCD Trustee Bernie Rhinerson as he described all of the end of the year celebrations. There is indeed much to smile about! In this issue, we continue to introduce you to new Mesa faculty and staff and talk about events, activities and happenings on campus. Enjoy!**



## **New Faces on the Mesa**

**Tassanee Chitcharoen, Assistant Professor, Library (Catalog and Tech Services)**

Tassanee is currently an Assistant Professor (Government Information Cataloger) at University of Colorado Boulder where she has served for the past six years. Previously she served as a Government Information Cataloger/Specialist Library Assistant at UC Davis Shields Library for 3 years. She also served as an Instructional Assistant/ ESL and Geography Tutor at Butte College.

She holds a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree from San Jose State University and a Master of Arts degree in Geography from CSU Chico. Additionally, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, with a minor in Human Ecology from Rutgers University.

**Sade Burrell, Assistant Professor, Special Populations Counselor**

Sade earned her Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Southern California in 2015. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work degree from San Diego State University in 2012. Additionally, she completed an Associate of Arts degree at Cuyamaca College in 2009.

Sade is currently serving as an adjunct counselor at Cuyamaca College in the EOPS/Up Program. She coordinates the UP program, which focuses on underrepresented, foster youth and undocumented students. She completed a MSW Internship with Child Welfare Services working with human trafficking victims, and had internships with Assemblywomen Lorena Gonzales and Community Housing Works. Additionally, she has served as a Kinship Case Manager for the YMCA of San Diego County.

**Charlie Lieu, Administrative Technician, Institutional Effectiveness**

Charlie Lieu is our new administrative technician. He comes to us from the Zenith Education Group, where he provided online administrative and technical leadership, support, and training to deans and faculty. He holds a MA degree in Adult Education and Training from University of Phoenix and a BA in English from SDSU. He started at Mesa on February 22 and has been hard at work in the assessment side of Taskstream and also assisting our researchers with the Accreditation Annual Report and student equity efforts.

**Yolanda Catano, Senior Secretary, Institutional Effectiveness**

Yolanda joins the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, replacing Ginger Davis. She has been the TRIO/SSS Program Coordinator at Palomar College and also the office manager for the California Faculty Association. She has an MA degree in Sociological Practice and a BA in Women's Studies, both from CSU San Marcos.

Searches are underway in a number of areas, and we look forward to bringing you good news about all of them as the semester continues.

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**The Pitches are In!**

April 1 was the deadline for student entrepreneurs to submit their ideas to the Idea to Innovate Competition (I2I). In this shark tank like environment, student-submitted ideas to Ideator, and are now awaiting the results. Stay tuned [here](#) for information on our winners and next steps in the competition. You may recall that last year Mesa College students won on the statewide level.

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## The LOFT is open for business!

Of course like any move...we still need to our pictures on the wall, and get everything situated...but...we at least have a soft launch until our **Open House which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th from 4-5 PM. The Learning for Transformation Center (LOFT)** was a twinkle in our eye until our HSI-Title V grant was funded in 2014. The back part of the 4th floor of the Learning Resource Center has been remodeled to accommodate our very own professional development center. Through our Student Equity funds, we have approved the hiring of a full-time professional development coordinator, and ILT to assist faculty and staff to create relevant and exciting new approaches to our work. A new Instructional Tech faculty member is also in the works to finally replace our beloved Hank Beaver. We have much to be proud of in creating a space that will inspire new ideas, and create opportunities to create the best

learning environment possible for all of us and our students. Congratulations to everyone involved, but especially, Ikuko McAnally, Monica Romero and Leticia Lopez.

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### **Speech and Debate goes international**

On March 13-15, the Speech and Debate team competed on an international stage at the 26th Annual International Forensics Association Tournament in Vienna, Austria. Mesa team members placed in the top 5 in a variety of competitive categories against students from all over the world. Jordan Grant took 2nd place in Prose and 5th place in Poetry. Saul Olivas took 3rd place in Poetry. Kendall Quan took 4th place in After Dinner Speaking. Olivas and Yesenia Rodriguez combined to take 5th place in the Duo category, while Grant and Tad Tobar secured 4th place in Parliamentary Debate. **Professor Kimberly Perigo** also competed, taking 3rd in the Viennese Treasure category. The team placed 5th overall among 2 and 4 year institutions.



## **Spring President's Cabinet Retreat**

April 29th, 9 am -3:30 PM Marina Village Conference Center

It's not too late to invite yourself to the spring 2016 President's Cabinet Retreat. This all day event is a working session for the college where we assess the outcomes of our efforts. On the menu for our session is a focus on student achievement, institution-set standards of student success and progress towards our College-wide goals and outcomes assessment. We also set aspirational goals last year through our work with the new statewide Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative. The PIE Committee will be working over its next two meetings on an initial analysis of where we are with all of our plans, and will be helping the larger group distill and discern the data. If you are not on one of the major planning groups that have been invited BARC, PIEC, Pres. Cab, COA, CDAIE, Senate(s) leadership, etc., please contact Beth Cain ([scain@sdccd.edu](mailto:scain@sdccd.edu)) to add your name to the list of invitees by April 18. Of course, check in with your supervisor to make sure they can spare you for the day

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## **BOGW Regulation Changes Now!**

Help students stay eligible for this important financial support!

Effective Fall 2016, BOG Waiver eligibility is changing. To sustain eligibility for the BOG Waiver, students must complete 61% of their coursework with a 2.0 GPA. More information can be found [here](#) on how to support students to keep their grades and units in positive status.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS & REGISTRATION  
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**NEW STATE  
REGULATIONS**

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**MAINTAIN 2.0+ GPA**  
**COMPLETE 61% OF UNITS ATTEMPTED**

Effective **Fall 2016**, students must maintain **academic** and **progress** standards to maintain BOGW eligibility.

Contact counseling today to learn how to maintain your BOGW eligibility and registration priority and stay on track to success!

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### *Cultural Unity Week is April 11-14*

Thanks to all who are working hard to bring a beautiful celebration to our campus next week. The week builds on our previous celebrations called Festival of Colors,

expanding opportunities to our campus community to lift up our cultural unity. Enjoy!



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# Cultural Unity We

APRIL 11-13

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## MON, APRIL 11 H117/118

- 9:35-11 a.m. Lecture: **The Power Of One: The Border Angels Story**  
Enrique Morones, Director of Border Angels and  
Richard Griswold del Castillo, Ph.D., Professor (SD)
- 1-3 p.m. Film: **RACE: The Power Of An Illusion**,  
(1st of 3 segments, see Tuesday and Wednesday for
- 6-8 p.m. Film: **Boy Meets Girl**

## TUE, APRIL 12 H117/118

- 7-10 a.m. Event: **Critical Campus Conversations**, Prof. Veron  
MS Circle
- 11-12:30 p.m. Lecture: Prof. N. Scott Robinsons' presentation:  
**"Crossing Borders: International Comic Book Pul**
- 1-3 p.m. Film: **Girl Rising**, with post-film discussion, Prof. Ju  
and Student Diversity Club.
- 6-8 p.m. Film: **RACE: The Power of an Illusion**,  
(2nd of 3 segments, 3rd segment Wednesday even

## WED, APRIL 13 H117/118

- 9-11 a.m. Event: **COMMON GROUND: Speaking Up for RES**  
Charlotta Robertson

