

September 2015

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Colleagues:

Welcome back to the fall semester 2015 and to the first issue of First Monday on the Mesa for the 2015-2016 academic year. This one will be short and sweet! We know you are busy working with students in classrooms, labs, offices, and all over campus and your time is valuable. So lets get started....

Fall Convocation 2015



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to bring convocation to Mesa. We had over 200 adjunct faculty on Wednesday evening, August 19, attend our annual

workshop, and over 300 faculty and staff on Thursday, August 20th join us for our annual all-college gathering. This year we tried a lunch gathering, and folks seemed to enjoy the opportunity to chat with their colleagues before heading off to department meetings and other gatherings. We debuted the 2014-2015 Annual Video " A Year of Firsts" which can be seen on the Mesa College YouTube channel [here](#).

We also heard updates from Board President, Dr, Maria Senour, Chancellor Carroll and AFT Guild President, Jim Mahler. We covered a lot of ground, focusing on welcoming new folks, updates on new facilities, accreditation and our efforts in student success and equity. The power point slides can be viewed [here](#).



The Writing Center Opens for business!

The Mesa College Writing Center is open for business. Located on the second floor of the LRC, the center has wonderful professors and tutors who are ready to help Mesa College students with their writing assignments. Why a separate writing center? Anyone who has visited the Academic Skills Center knows just how busy it is, and even though we have provided excellent services there, we could not expand our efforts within that space. For a college with over 24,000 students each semester, its about time! Sim Barhoum is coordinating the efforts, see his e-mail message from September 4 for details on how your students can access the many services available.



LATEST NEWS



CAMPUS EVENTS

<p>EVENT PHOTOS</p>  <p>Scholarship Banquet 2015</p>  <p>2015 Fall Convocation</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>9/15/15 Business Workshop Learn skills to apply in business plus more. Sept 15 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>9/16/15 Funding and Job Search Presentation on the Planning and Marketing Department's Question and Answer session will be held in the Student Center Sept 16 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>9/16/15 Art in a Flash Mesa College is proud to have 200+ students and faculty members create and organize an art show. Don't miss this opportunity. Sept 16 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>9/16/15 2015 New Student Orientation Open House for New Students Sept 16 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>9/16/15 Public Hearing City of San Diego Department of Planning and Community Development Sept 16 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>9/16/15 Art in a Flash</p> <p>FULL CALENDAR</p>
<p>WELCOME WEEK</p>  <p>Welcome Week</p> <p>2015 COMMENCEMENT</p>  <p>2015 Commencement</p>	
<p>SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES GRAND OPENING</p>  <p>Social & Behavioral Sciences Grand Opening</p>	

New Mesa College Website goes live at the end of September!

As with any new endeavor, we will have a few bugs to work out, but this has been a herculean effort. Thanks to Rachelle Agatha and Lina Heil for leading the effort and the web guy extraordinaire, Joel Arias for his insight, hard work and training.



Welcome New Students!

On August 20th we welcomed the first class of students who will have access to the BS degree in Health Information Management. We continue to work with our colleagues in the district and across California to create this dynamic and historic program.

There's a lot happening on the Mesa this Fall!

Look for many cool activities this Fall by checking our events calendar [here](#).

For Athletics events, check [here](#)

and for latest edition of the Mesa College e-news...[here it is](#)


Have a great September!

Pamela T. Luster, President

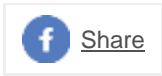
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