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Hello Mesa College Community!

Weekly Update from Prez Hands provides a brief overview of the exciting efforts taking place within our community. The updates are also a great way to tell our collective story of success, and to document our journey of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Enjoy!

OFFICE OF THE *President*



Join us for Convocation Spring 2026 this Thursday!

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | Coffee and Pastries in Mesa Gym

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Program with Campus Highlights, Updates and Olympian Spirit awards

10:00 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. | Dr. Gina Garcia, Keynote Speaker, Servingness 2.0: An Updated Approach to HSIs

10:35 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. | Breakout Instruction and Transition Time

10:40 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. | Breakout Sessions I (45 mins)

11:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Transition

San Diego Mesa College | 7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego, California, 92111-4998

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Breakout Sessions II *(45 mins)

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch in the Mesa Quad

[Click here](#) to register for the breakout sessions.

[Click here](#) for the convocation schedule and description of breakout sessions.



Congratulations to our Classified Professionals Learning Committee for coordinating an outstanding MiniCON event! This one-day workshop brought the Mesa community together to share ideas and strategies centered on Equity and Excellence, AI and technology, health and fitness, and more.



Mayor Todd Gloria speaks during the annual rally of San Diego Youth Services at City Hall on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, in San Diego. (Michael Ho / For The San Diego Union-Tribune)

SDCCD Negotiation Agreement of the Golden Hall
Mayor Todd Gloria has given a speech on the future projects of San Diego in regard of the continued momentum on housing, infrastructure, and major redevelopment projects while acknowledging ongoing challenges. One positive highlight from Mayor Gloria's remarks was his announcement of plans to enter into an exclusive negotiating agreement with the San Diego Community College District for the redevelopment of Golden Hall in the downtown Civic Center. .

[Click here](#) to read the full article.



Mesa College honored the legacy of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. over the holiday weekend. We attended the **YMCA Human Dignity Award Breakfast** on Friday, the **44th Annual MLK Jr Parade** on Sunday and the **All Peoples Alliance**

San Diego Breakfast on Monday. It was great to see so many members of our community show up for these events and to see so many Mesa College alumni as a part of the official programs.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

Intersession and Spring 2026

With Intersession 2026 wrapping up in the next two weeks, our analysis will focus on Spring 2026. We continue to see students enrolling with 1,254 more students registering since last week Tuesday. The current headcount is 19,750 and FTES is now 5,676, which brings us within 3 percent of meeting our Spring 2026 target FTES. We have already started to look at in- demand courses based on the waitlists and our existing resources.



The LOFT has released the *Never Stop Learning - Spring 2026 Edition 1!* [Click here](#) to read the newsletter.

Catalyst Registration Reminder

Catalyst 2026 will be our 8th annual Catalyst event. This space was co-created with Mesa colleagues to support our faculty at the start of Spring Flex Week. [Click here](#) to sign up for a class.

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

Volunteer to help support students during Welcome Week

Welcome Week is just around the corner, and Student Affairs is excited to host the Welcome Week Info Booth on the Mesa Commons! This is a fantastic opportunity to provide a warm welcome, answer questions, offer directions, and ensure our new and returning students feel supported as they kick off the new semester. If you would like to volunteer at the Welcome Week Info Booth on Monday and Tuesday, then please contact **Courtney Lee** (clee@sdccd.edu) by email in the Student Affairs office with your availability."

The image shows a spiral-bound notebook with a white cover. The title 'Counseling 101' is written in a large, stylized font. To the left of the title is a small orange rocket ship icon with a trail. Below the title, the text 'All you need to know about Mesa Counseling!' is written, followed by 'Let's get started!' with a yellow arrow pointing to the right. The notebook is bound in a blue cover with a spiral binding on the left. The background of the page features several small, overlapping photographs of people, likely students or staff, in various settings like classrooms and outdoor areas.

The Counseling Department has released their *Counseling 101 Guidebook!* [Click here](#) to view the Guidebook.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply Now!

sdmesa.edu/scholarships

December 5, 2025
Applications open

February 17, 2026
Last day to apply

Over 115 Scholarships

Awards from \$250-\$2000

Open to all enrolled Mesa College students

All GPAs encouraged to apply

Don't miss out! Financial support to help you reach your goals.

For more information or additional questions, please contact mesascholarship@sdccd.edu

Scholarship applications are now available! Please encourage your students to apply to the Mesa College Foundation Scholarships. [Our Scholarships webpage has all the information you might need!](#)

The final deadline to apply is **Thursday, February 17th, at 11:59pm!**

You may also direct students to [the Apply for Mesa Scholarships video](#), and [a brief video tutorial we created on how to get started with applying](#).

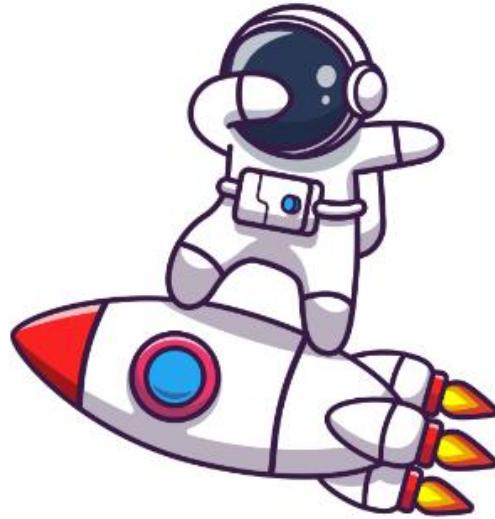
Scholarship Application Workshops for Mesa College Scholarships are now available! [Follow this link for more information about the workshops](#). 25 students who attend a workshop session and apply for at least 3 scholarships will be randomly chosen to receive a \$50 gift card!

If you would like a classroom presentation about our scholarships, then please contact Zulma Heraldez (zheraldez@sdccd.edu).

*New Issue
Alert*

[Click here for the latest Mesa Journeys Newsletter!](#)

The Mesa Journeys newsletter gives a more in-depth look at all the great things that are happening on our campus. We encourage all faculty and staff to pass this along to our students, and also to sign up to receive these newsletters straight to their inboxes! Click below to sign up and for more information about Mesa Journeys:
<https://linktr.ee/mesajourneys>



[Click on the flyer to enlarge](#)

Empowering Student Parents: A Collaborative Approach to Success through CalWORKs, CARE, and The Stand Basic Needs Resource Center

Join us in exploring how a collaborative partnership between the San Diego Mesa College CalWORKs, CARE, and The Stand Basic Needs Resource Center is leveraged to provide support for student parents at a community college. Learn about the unique challenges faced by student parents, resources available at San Diego Mesa College, and effective strategies to cultivate collaboration and student success.

Facilitated by CARE Counselor Coordinator, Grace Aumoeualogo; CalWORKs Adjunct Counselor Coordinator, Alondra Gomez; Basic Needs Coordinator, Johanna Aleman; and Dean of Student Success and Equity, Leticia Diaz



Tuesday, January 27, 2025



10:00 - 10:45 AM



LRC Room #222



For more information or accommodations, please contact gaumoeualogo@sdccd.edu

STUDENT SERVICES DISCOVERY QUEST



Explore and uncover valuable resources that support student success. Whether you're a student, faculty member, or classified professional, we'd love for you to be part of the adventure.

Come learn, connect, and have some fun along the way!

DATE Tuesday, January 27, 2026

TIME 1:00 - 1:45 PM

LOCATION AS Conference Room I4-409
(4th floor of the Student Services building)

This session will include movement to different offices, as teams will be tasked with visiting 3-4 different student services departments.
For accommodations, please contact Leticia Diaz: ldiaz@sdccd.edu or 619-388-2884

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP
INFO SESSION & WRITING WORKSHOP
START YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!
<https://sdmesa.academicworks.com>

- 1 Get an overview of Mesa scholarships
- 2 Get a guided tour of the online application
- 3 Brainstorm and work on your essays with Writing Tutors
- 4 Ask questions. Get answers.

DEADLINE TO APPLY 2/17/22

CLICK TO JOIN **Zoom Session**

Zoom ID: 97943255785

- Tue. 1/13 @3pm
- Thurs. 1/15 @10am
- Wed. 1/21 @3pm
- Thu. 1/22 @4pm
- Mon. 1/26 @10am
- Fri. 1/30 @10am
- Wed. 2/11 @3:45pm
- Tues. 2/17 @3pm

Get 1 on 1 Support!

1PM-2PM EVERY MONDAY

In-Person:
 Visit the Student Affairs Office at I4-408
 For Zoom:
 Please email: Adrian Balingit
 at vbalingit@sdccd.edu

For accommodations, please email at least 5 business days prior to the event.

Contact: **Brittany Branson**
bbranson@sdccd.edu

Sponsored by [Student Affairs](#) and [MT2C](#)

In-Person Session

LRC Writing Center (2nd floor)

- Tues. 2/10 @11:10am
- Thurs. 2/12 @11:10am
- Tues. 2/17 @11:10am



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Looking to boost your personal statement? Mesa Tutoring & Computing Center (MT2C) has drop-ins and appointments available with writing tutors!



EXCITING NEWS!
 25 students who attend a [workshop session](#) and apply for **3 scholarships** will be randomly chosen to receive a \$50!

BILINGUAL COLLEGE FAIR

January 24, 2026

LMEC

2875 Ocean View Blvd
San Diego, CA. 92113

9:00am - 3:00pm

- Community Colleges
- Universities
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Workshops
- And More

Representatives from local & international colleges & universities



Register here

For more information please contact the Community Affairs Department of the Mexican Consulate:

+619-308-9930



comunidadessdi@sre.gob.mx

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 Consulado General de México
 en San Diego

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 EDUCATIONAL CAMPUS



Ventanilla de Orientación Educativa

CSAC
CALSOAF
 SAN DIEGO ANTI
 IMPERIAL COUNTY
 SCHOOL DISTRICT
 CONSORTIUM

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
 The Black Faculty Counselor Collaborative

Spring 2026
Counseling Drop-In Appointments

Take the opportunity to meet with a Counselor for...

- Educational/Class Planning
- Transfer to a university
- Exploring Majors/Careers
- Petitions/Appeals/Academic Renewal



Kimberly Williams-Kee
 Tuesdays
 11:00AM-12:00PM



Terrence Hale
 Wednesdays
 1:00PM-2:00PM



Jordan Nash
 Fridays
 10:00AM-11:00AM



Sign-up for a 30-min session by visiting:
bit.ly/BFCCCounselingSignUp
 or using the QR code.

*Counselor availability may change without notice
 For questions or more information, please contact
sdmesafollowup@gmail.com or 619-388-2672.

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION TO MESA COLLEGE:

EXPLORE YOUR PATH TO A DEGREE OR
 TRANSFERRING TO A UNIVERSITY



Join us to...

- Apply to Mesa College
- Meet with an academic Counselor
- Tour Mesa College Campus
- Learn about Financial Aid options & Student Support Programs and Services

Food will be provided

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

8:30AM - 12:00PM

BUILDING I400 ROOM 202

For questions or accommodations, please contact Ldiaz@sdccd.edu.

REGISTER HERE

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/FROMCETOMESACOLLEGE](https://bit.ly/FromCEToMesaCollege)

TRANSFER APPLICATION UPDATE WORKSHOPS

JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 30

The transfer academic update is the next step to transfer after applying to CSU/UC schools in the fall.

The update is due January 31!

There will be no workshops on
 1/19 & 1/29



Zoom Registration



bit.ly/MesaTAU26

Times

MONDAYS	3PM-5PM	on Zoom
TUESDAYS	12PM-2PM	on Zoom
THURSDAYS	1PM-3PM	In person BT-207
FRIDAYS	10AM-12PM	on Zoom

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

mesatransfer@sdccd.edu [\(619\) 388-2473](tel:6193882473) sdmesa.edu/transfer [i4-306](https://i4-306.sdc.edu)

Measure HH Bond Program

Thanks to the overwhelming support of San Diego voters, the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) is embarking on a bold capital improvement initiative to modernize and transform all district campuses. [Approved in November 2024](#), Measure HH will provide state-of-the-art educational facilities, address long-deferred maintenance needs, and ensure our colleges remain accessible, equitable, and innovative for decades to come. [Click here](#) to read more about Measure HH.

The Accounts Payable team at the District Office is excited to share that the District is implementing new invoice-processing software to improve efficiency, accuracy, and document security.

Beginning January 12, 2026, Accounts Payable will use a technology, Brainware OCR and Perceptive Content, to electronically capture invoice data and manage supporting documents. This change will significantly reduce manual data entry and streamline invoice processing.

What You Need To Know

- All invoices must be submitted to APinvoice@sdccd.edu, which is stated on all purchase orders
- Invoices must follow the new submission requirements outlined in the attached Accounts Payable Invoice Submission Guidelines
- Only invoices should be sent to this inbox
 - Questions and inquiries should be directed to APinquiry@sdccd.edu
- This process **does not apply** to Payment Requests, Travel, or interface files (e.g., Payroll, Financial Aid, Bookstore)

[Please review the attached guidelines carefully](#), as invoices that do not meet the requirements may be delayed. Thank you for reviewing this information so you are aware of the new process and can help direct suppliers if questions arise during the District's rollout.

Adobe Post Migration Email

District Information Technology Services has announced the successful migration of your employee Adobe account to the district's new Adobe platform.

What do I need to do?

- To activate your new license, please **log out** of any open Adobe applications.
- **Restart** your computer and log back into Adobe by relaunching an Adobe application or the Creative Cloud Manager icon on your desktop.
- **Your district email address and password** will be used for this login. If presented with the choice of "personal" or "company or school,"
- Please choose "**company or school**."

Important Additional Information

If your job function requires additional Adobe Software that you do not have access to on this new platform:

A Service Desk request with your supervisor's approval will be necessary: [Request Additional Adobe Software](#).

Once approved, you will be able to install your approved software from the Adobe Creative Cloud icon on your desktop.

If you have any issues or questions, please feel free to contact the service desk by email at itservicedesk@sdccd.edu or 619-388-7000.

To help us maintain a safe, clean, and fully operational campus, please remember that all requests for Facilities support should be submitted through the [Facilities Work Order System](#). This system ensures your request is routed to the correct team and allows us to track progress and response times.

You may submit a work order for issues such as:

Elevator outages
Water leaks or plumbing concerns
Broken glass or damaged fixtures
Cleaning needs (urgent or routine)
Heating/cooling concerns
Lighting or electrical issues
General repairs or maintenance

Thank you for helping us keep our campus environment safe and welcoming. If you have questions about the process, please feel free to contact the Facilities Services at 619.388.2814.

RSVP TODAY FOR **ALICE TRAINING** Active Shooter Training & Preparedness



As part of our ongoing commitment to campus safety and preparedness, we have scheduled a series of safety trainings and events for 2026. All employees are encouraged to attend at least one ALICE training during the year.

Each ALICE session will focus on situational awareness, response options in an active threat situation, and practical strategies to increase personal and community safety on campus.

Personalized ALICE Trainings for Buildings

Building Managers may also request a customized, building-specific ALICE training for their area. To schedule a session tailored to your building's layout and needs, please contact: Sgt. Mark Green (mgreen@sdccd.edu)

Schedule:

[Friday, January 30, 2026; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

[Friday, April 10, 2026; 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Friday, August 21, 2026; 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Friday, October 16, 2026; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

EVENTS AND OPERATIONS

When to Call Events/Operations vs Facilities

Events and Operations

- Event Requests
 - Room Reservations
 - Setups
 - Event Parking
- Parking
- Site Improvements
- Furniture Requests
- Office Relocations

Facilities

- HVAC
- Leaks
- Restrooms and related supplies
- Landscaping
- Minor Repairs

Facilities: 619-388-2814

Events & Ops: 619-388-5881

SAFETY

Workplace Campus Safety vs Public Safety

Workplace Safety

- Cal/OSHA
- Emergency Management
- C-CERT
- Facilities Inspections
- Permits
- Hazardous Waste
- Biohazardous Waste
- Training
- Ergonomics

Public Safety

- Public Disturbances
- Medical Emergencies
- Theft
- Threats
- Criminal Behavior
- Mental Health Issues
- Suspicious Circumstances
- Anything Requiring Immediate Response

Police Dispatch: 619-388-6405

[Click here](#) to learn which administrative areas are involved in managing our college operations.

OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*

IE Office Hours – A Dedicated Time to Think Through Your Data Together

The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office is launching weekly Office Hours to serve as a partner for your data questions and ideas. Whether you're exploring data for program review or accreditation, thinking through how to use our dashboards, or simply trying to make sense of what the data is telling you, we welcome the opportunity to work alongside you. During the Spring semester, **from January 20 (Flex Week) through June 1**, we will pilot these new office hours. Join us **Tuesdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m.** in the IE Office (A-109). We have a conference room for collaborative conversations—and yes, there's coffee too!

We look forward to being your data thought partner.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness is excited to announce the launch of the redesigned [Transfer Volume Dashboard](#), an interactive tool that provides a comprehensive view of Mesa College students who successfully transferred to four-year universities using the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) methodology.

This dashboard allows users to:

Explore annual transfer trends, top university destinations, and common majors pursued by Mesa transfer students.

Examine efficiency metrics, including time to transfer and units earned.

Analyze equity gaps to understand whether transfer outcomes are proportional across student populations.

These insights support institutional planning, illuminate key student pathways, and help the college strengthen strategies that promote equitable and timely transfer for all students.

You can access the Transfer Volume Dashboard [here](#)

. Note: Access requires SDCCD Single-Sign-On credentials. If you are logged in and cannot access the dashboard, please follow this [instructions](#).

To schedule a demo, ask questions, or provide feedback, please contact acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu and ncortes@sdccd.edu.

FOUNDATION CORNER

A space to learn about our latest efforts to connect partners who share our passion for education with opportunities to give. See how fundraising can help you, our students, and Mesa's mission.

[Learn More](#)

**BREAKING BARRIERS.
EMPOWERING MINDS.
TRANSFORMING FUTURES.**



Please take a moment to complete the “Mesa Dreams” survey. Your feedback helps us better serve you and guide our future fundraising goals.

*Co-Creating
Possibilities*

GIVE YOUR INPUT, SHAPE MESA’S FUNDRAISING GOALS

Mesa is taking part in a district-wide fundraising campaign to raise more philanthropic dollars. We will be making a set of brochures to share fundraising priorities & campus needs.

We need your help defining what will be “on the menu” for donors to give to!

Please take a moment to complete the “Mesa Dreams” survey, which:

- Takes 10-15 minutes
- Has 14-16 questions
- Aims to capture your needs, as well as your boldest wish list
- Will shape fundraising goals
- Asks you to dream big!

SCAN HERE:



bitly/MesaDreams25

Want to learn more about grant seeking?

View the flex workshop hosted by Dr. Michael Lettieri, who is leading grant writing efforts, and Krista Stellmacher, CFRE and Director in service to the Office of Resource Development and Foundation.

[View Recording](#)

Participatory Governance

To learn more about our Associated Students, Academic Senate, and Classified Senate, please visit the links below:

[Associated Students](#)

[Academic Senate](#)

[Classified Senate](#)

In The Know

For additional information on what is happening on campus and in our community - visit the links below:

[Mesa College Newsroom](#)

[Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Ashanti Hands, Ed.D.

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Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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