

## Mesa Pathways Fellows Program



### Summer 2021

The Pathways Fellows Summer was a very efficient and engaging one. From subscribing to new social media platforms to showcasing and continuing their research efforts, the team worked hard every day to continue raising student voices. This report includes information on the different projects The Fellows have undertaken during the Summer and now brought back for the Fall; such as collaborations with instruction and Mesa Journeys, opportunity drawings on their social media accounts, the creation and distribution of videos with different student stories, and the preparation of a student-focused Student Success Teams Roadshow. With these and more efforts, The Pathways Fellows are letting students' voices be heard while always keeping an equity mindset to achieve our institution's vision of excellence.

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### Fall 2021



#### Welcome Our Newest Mesa Pathways Fellow: Logan Spann!

Logan joined us in late September from the Veterans work study program. He will be mentored by Lindy Mosqueda and tri-lead the Student Success Team roadshows for students. Logan wanted to join the Fellows team because "As a veteran being overwhelmed with my transition and college enrollment, I'd like to help other veterans and make their transition a little easier." Logan has hit the ground running and is already a major asset to the team. See his Spotlight Video for students [here](#).

### Connections & Collaborations

**Mesa Journeys** The Fellows are collaborating with the Mesa Journeys team on social media. Charlie was interested in the access of insights/analytics to gain an understanding of the right times to post on their social media. We discussed reposting each other's content to support and to help grow each other's accounts.

**Instructional Collaborations** In collaboration with Katie Palacios and the LOFT, the Fellows have been invited to be resources for the Faculty Inquiry Groups (FIGs) and to participate on the LOFT's Mesa Online Success Team (MOST) which will focus on developing Mesa's online orientation and providing space and input for humanizing online instruction. In collaboration with Lisa Burgert, the Fellows will serve with student leaders and others to help Mesa further develop its online educational resources (OER).

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### Student Leadership Summit (SLS)

We hosted our [First Student Leadership Summit](#) of the semester on October 5th and had a great turnout, including Basic Needs Ambassadors, Peer Navigators, the Career Peer Ambassador Coordinator, a Physics Peer Mentor, an MT2C representative, the President of AS, and other participants. We were able to officially introduce ourselves, discuss our purpose, and share the projects we are working on for collaboration and cross promotion. We had a good discussion about something each department has experienced when working with students: the students who are too nervous or embarrassed to seek out the services that they need. Each person in attendance was able to share what they've done to help and seen work. All also agreed that this is something we can work on together at the SLS.

### Discussion Highlights

Younger students have a hard time asking for help. They feel embarrassed reaching out to certain resources. How do we show students that they can reach out? Speaking in classes, like having an ambassador show their face, has been helped. If in person, we can walk with students to the services they need.

The session ended on a great note with the mention that next month we will briefly talk about Student Success Teams. All attendees said they'd be there and will bring along more members. In addition, we will continue our outreach efforts to more people. See the session video [here](#).



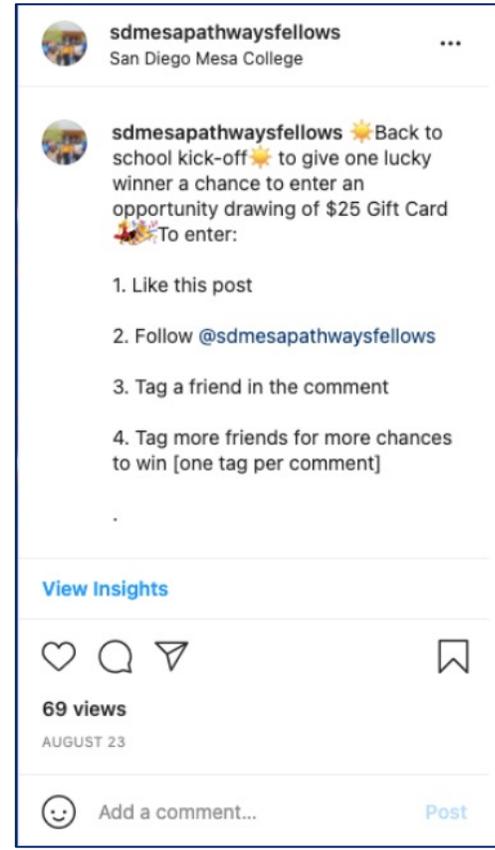
*Erika Banda and Mike Sanders, Basic Needs Ambassadors*

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### Welcome Week

During Welcome Week, the Fellows participated in Associated Students' welcome back **pep rally** on August 17, held an **open sharing session** on August 25 where they connected students in leadership and the Promise program, and hosted an **opportunity drawing** to encourage students to connect on social media.



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### Student Success Teams: A Roadshow for Students



Under the leadership of Dani, Jocelyn, and Logan, the Fellows are organizing Student Success Team roadshows specifically for students.

#### The Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> roadshow with the whole student population on Oct. 19

2<sup>nd</sup> roadshow with the whole student population on Oct. 26

3<sup>rd</sup> mini-roadshow with the student leaders during/after SLS in November

### Student Story Videos



Chris's Story

[LINK](#)



Jenny's Story

[LINK](#)

The Fellows Student Story project is meant to tell the stories of our students' experiences, their journeys through higher education, and challenges. Our students have unique stories that impact their college journeys like Chris, who is passionate about computers but undecided about his educational goals, and Jenny who is an international student learning in a new culture. We've also filmed Jessica, who represents the adult learners, Lici, who took a hiatus from college and just returned, and Logan, who represents the transition from military life back to civilian life and the life of student. We are posting these videos on social media and to our YouTube page, so current and prospective students can see themselves in the stories of others.

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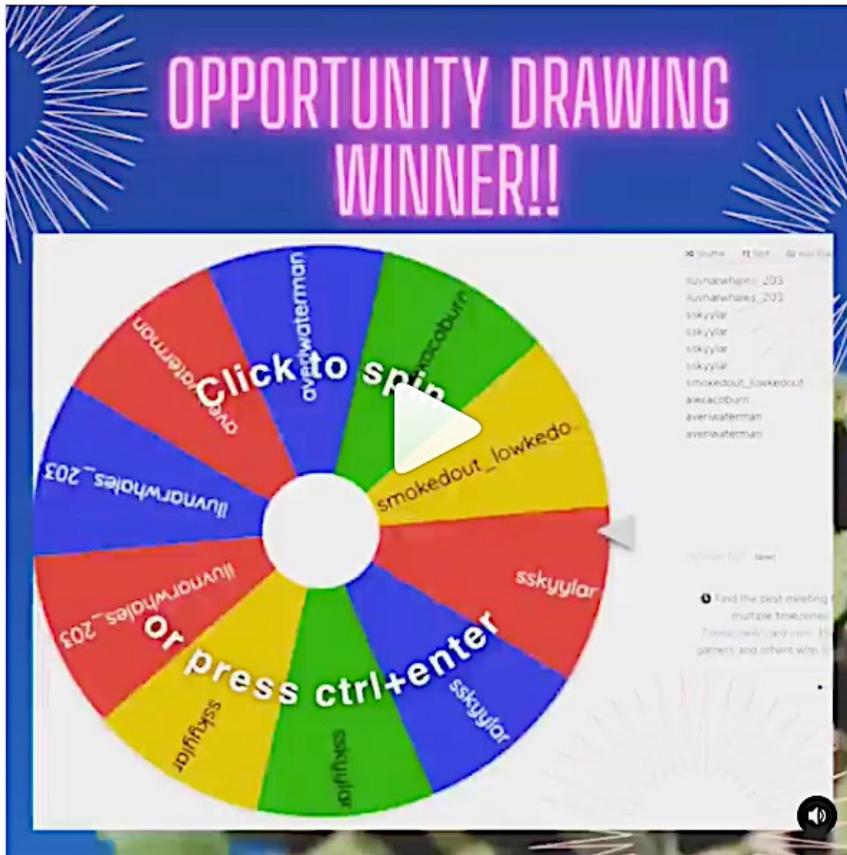
### Social Media | [September 2021 SM Data](#)

The Fellows Social Media project team actively cross-promotes Mesa events and important notices through Instagram and Facebook accounts. We also post the Pathways Student Stories videos to the Mesa Pathways YouTube channel.

For Welcome Week, we wanted to promote our Social media pages, so we hosted an opportunity drawing to be able to reach more students and also have an incentive. We promoted our Welcome Week activities in the Mesa Journeys newsletter and connected to students through the newsletter!

#### Opportunity Drawing results:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CT0G3uKD-uh/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CT0G3uKD-uh/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)



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