

## **San Diego Mesa College Humanities Institute Mission Statement and Outcomes**

Since it began as a campus-wide initiative in September of 1990, the Humanities Institute has supported the work of faculty and staff to bring diverse programming/events (including organizing and sponsoring conferences, guest speaker series, and community partnerships) to Mesa College. In the past, this was made possible by having a full-time faculty member and staff-support to coordinate this level of work with the campus.

The current Humanities Institute works to:

1. Provide a funding base for faculty and staff to use for coordinating/organizing programs/events that promote our mission of working to serve as an internal vehicle for cultural, Interdisciplinary and San Diego Mesa College community priorities;
2. Provide support to complete paperwork related to funded programming/events;
3. Provide a network of campus and community partners for publicizing programming/events through email and print.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mesa College Humanities Institute serves as an internal vehicle for cultural, interdisciplinary, and Mesa College community priorities. All institute activities are intended to increase student engagement, recruitment, and retention.

### **OUTCOMES**

#### **1. Cultural Enrichment:**

To offer lectures, seminars, concerts, plays and interaction with scholars and creative artists.

#### **2. Curriculum Enhancement:**

To enhance curriculum connections that will enrich students' educational experiences.

#### **3. Staff Development:**

To provide opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations.

#### **4. Outreach/Partnerships:**

To foster relationships with community including working with K-12 schools and promoting community partnerships with Arts, Sciences, Historical and/or Cultural organizations.

#### **5. Global Awareness:**

To offer programs intended to promote global awareness and multicultural understanding.

#### **6. Annual Campus-Wide Events:**

To annually encourage and support a tradition of representing multicultural voices from diverse communities. Annual Mesa College events include: Women's History Month, Black History Month, Annual Chicano Latino Heritage Celebration, Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration, Annual Languages Department Conference, Social Sciences Occasional Lectures Series, Annual César E. Chávez Celebration, Native American Heritage Month, and the Annual Festival of Colors.