



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!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*

Olympian Open Helicopter Ball Drop is here!

Join the San Diego Mesa College Foundation for an exciting day of fun, prizes, and community impact at the Olympian Open Helicopter Ball Drop!

 500 golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter

 One ball will land closest to the target — and WIN BIG!

 Amazing prizes including:

- 5-night stay (Sedona, Palm Springs, or Lake Tahoe)
- 2027 Olympian Open Foursome
- Sycuan Casino stay & play package
- \$500 gift card
- San Diego Sockers family bundle for 8 people

 Every entry supports student success and scholarships at San Diego Mesa College!

 Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable event.

 Scan the QR code or access to the link:

<https://givebutter.com/c/SDMCAthleticsOlympianOpen2026>



The poster features a blue helicopter dropping white golf balls over a golf course. At the top is the 'MESA' logo in a circle, followed by 'OLYMPIAN OPEN' in a blue banner. The main title 'HELICOPTER BALL DROP' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the text reads: '500 golf balls dropped from a helicopter. One will land closest to the target and WIN BIG!'. A target with a blue flag is visible on the green. At the bottom, a blue banner lists 'AMAZING PRIZES' with icons and text for: '5-NIGHT STAY AT YOUR CHOICE OF SEDONA, PALM SPRINGS, OR LAKE TAHOE', '2027 OLYMPIAN OPEN FOURSOME', 'SYCUAN CASINO STAY AND PLAY PACKAGE', '\$500 GIFT CARD', and 'SAN DIEGO SOCKERS FAMILY BUNDLE FOR 8 PEOPLE'. A QR code with the text 'SCAN ME' is on the right.



The Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District met in person, with online participation available, on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

[Read or print](#) the full Board Report or share the Board Report on [social media](#).

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held in a hybrid format at 4 p.m. on August 27, 2026. Meetings can be viewed on the Board of Trustees YouTube Channel.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER **CLOSED** FOR RENOVATIONS

During the summer, the LRC Building will be closed from June 8 - **August 21, 2026** for renovations. Library services and tutoring support will continue at the temporary locations listed below.

Circulation and Help Desk Services

B-106

1. Laptop checkout and returns
2. Calculator checkout and returns
3. Computer and printing stations
4. Course reserves
5. Book checkout and returns
6. Study spaces with whiteboards
7. Book scanner

Research and Study Space

D-108

1. Librarian research assistance
2. Individual study spaces
3. Study spaces with whiteboards
4. New books available for checkout
5. Library materials return

Tutoring Services

K-108A

1. Onsite tutoring | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2. Virtual tutoring | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Library services are available **Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** and closed Friday - Sunday. For questions or more information, please contact 619-388-2696 or mesalibraryrequest@sdccd.edu.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

ENROLLMENT
update

Fall 2026 FTES is 5,363 and our headcount is 18,253. For Fall 2026, we are 83.5% towards meeting our goals and anticipate being able to meet our targets even with changes in enrollment and fraudulent "bot" students being removed. As for Fall 2026, the numbers continue to increase, and we have 6.96% more students this week compared to last week.

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

WELCOME WEEK

Event submissions due Monday, August 10th!

Student Affairs is pleased to present the FALL 2026 Welcome Week on Monday, August 24th through Thursday, August 27th!

We strongly encourage all departments that want to have an external (i.e. outdoors) set-up to request space at the Welcome Week booths on the Mesa Commons so that we can all support each other while we support our students; follow the instructions in the online form to request space at the Welcome Week booths if you are planning to host an outdoor activity. Other Welcome Week related set-ups, such as requesting a table and chairs to be placed right outside of your office space, must be submitted separately through the usual event planner process; we still ask that you let us know about your activity so that we may include it on the schedule of Welcome Week events!

Please submit your activities to the online Welcome Week Activity Form no later than Monday, August 10th, 2026.

If you would like to volunteer at the Welcome Week Info Booth on Monday and Tuesday, then please contact Courtney Lee (clee@sdccd.edu) in the Student Affairs office with your availability.

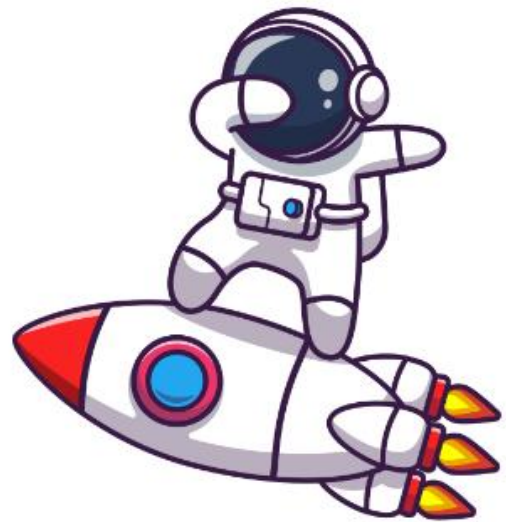
We look forward to a welcoming, festive, and engaging Welcome Week!

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

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

NON-EVENT PARKING PERMIT REQUEST FORM

NEW!

WELCOME TO THE EVENTS & RESERVATIONS PORTAL

[Create Event](#)
[Edit Event](#)
[Non Event Parking Permits](#)

This form can be used for parking permit requests that are **NOT** related to an event and do not require additional resources or a space/room (i.e. community clinic, meetings in dept. conference rooms, guest speakers during a class, etc.)

- Must be entered two weeks in advance
- Requests require manager approval, similar to Event Requests
- Can be used for single or group permits

Parking related to events will need to be entered as part of an Event Request.

San Diego Mesa College

www.sdmesa.edu/events

Reminder regarding parking permits for events, guest speakers, and meetings.

Event Parking:

All parking for events should be included as part of your Event Request in the [Events & Reservation Portal](#). Please keep in mind that

all event requests must be submitted at least three weeks before the date of your event (longer for large events). More information can be found in the [Event & Reservation Portal FAQs](#).

Non-Event Individual/Group Permits:

Requests for non-event parking can be submitted via the [Non Event Parking Permit Request Form](#) now available on our [webpage](#), within the [Events & Reservations Portal](#). These would include requests that are not part of an "event," such as guest speakers, departmental meeting attendees, etc. that do not require any other support.

Notice: Effective Monday, April 6, the Business Services Office will close at 12:00 PM daily for walk-up service to accommodate year-end processing. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this busy time.

[Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#) | [Consolidated Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#)

OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*



Summer IE OFFICE HOURS

A DEDICATED TIME TO THINK THROUGH YOUR DATA TOGETHER

-  **EXPLORE DATA**
for program review or accreditation
-  **NAVIGATE**
our dashboards
-  **UNDERSTAND**
what your data is telling you
-  **COLLABORATE**
on questions, ideas, or projects

 **EVERY TUESDAY 12:30–1:30 P.M.**

1ST & 3RD	TUESDAYS	2ND & 4TH	TUESDAYS
	In person in the IE Conference Room (A-109)		Via Zoom Meeting ID: 872 4762 5082

 *We look forward to being your data thought partner.*

New Resource: Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary

The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office has published a new [Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary](#) on our website to support a shared understanding of the terminology used across Mesa College. Whether you're reviewing reports, navigating dashboards, or interpreting campus communications, this resource is designed to clarify common data definitions and acronyms in one central place. You can find it on the [IE website](#) under the **Data Dictionary & Acronym Glossary** section. We invite you to explore it and reach out to the IE Office with suggestions for new additions, updates, or corrections as we continue to build and refine this tool together. For feedback, please contact **Adriana Caetano** at acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu.

On behalf of the SDCCD Institutional Review Board (IRB), we are sharing that the district is seeking Mesa College faculty participation on the IRB from Fall 2026 through June 2027.

The IRB supports the review of research involving human participants and helps promote ethical research practices across the district. This opportunity may be a good fit for faculty with experience or interest in research methods, human subjects research, ethics, program evaluation, or applied inquiry.

Commitment details include:

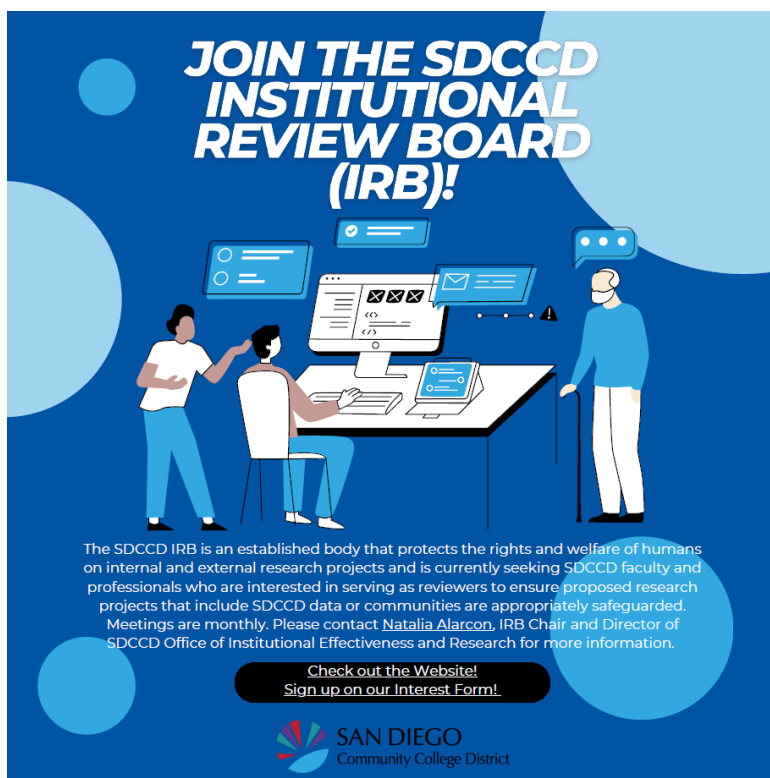
- 1-year term
- One 1.5-hour meeting per month
- Review of approximately 5-6 proposals per semester
- Onboarding and Human Subjects training required
- No summer meetings

Interested faculty are encouraged to reach out to Natalia Alarcón, District IRB Co-Chair, at nalarcon@sdccd.edu.

Learn more by clicking these links:

[SDCCD Institutional Review Board](#) | [IRB Steps to Become a Member](#)

Thank you for your considering this opportunity."



JOIN THE SDCCD INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)!

The SDCCD IRB is an established body that protects the rights and welfare of humans on internal and external research projects and is currently seeking SDCCD faculty and professionals who are interested in serving as reviewers to ensure proposed research projects that include SDCCD data or communities are appropriately safeguarded. Meetings are monthly. Please contact [Natalia Alarcón](#), IRB Chair and Director of SDCCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research for more information.

[Check out the Website!](#)
[Sign up on our Interest Form!](#)

 **SAN DIEGO**
Community College District



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](#)



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](#)

Non-Participation in Immigration Enforcement Activities

Please remember that our district has an official immigration policy, [AP 3415](#). This policy directs all inquiries regarding immigration enforcement to the District Chancellor and District General Counsel. If you receive a confirmed report of immigration enforcement on campus, please contact:

1. SDCCD Chancellor's Office (Greg Smith): 619-388-6957 | chancellor@sdccd.edu
2. SDCCD General Counsel (Ljubisa Kostic): 619-388-6589 | lkostic@sdccd.edu

You are not expected to engage with immigration enforcement or place yourself or others at risk. If approached by immigration officials, you may respond: "I am not authorized to speak with you, answer your questions, or provide access to any people or facilities per SDCCD policy. Only the District Chancellor and General Counsel have authority to assist you." To stay informed and prepared:

1. Update your emergency contact information in the [MySDCCD portal](#)
2. Download the [SDCCDsafe App](#)
3. Refer to the [District's Immigration Resources page](#)
4. Continue to read campus emails and official updates

San Diego Mesa College has a clear, coordinated Immigration Enforcement Response Plan centered on our Emergency Management Response Team, led by the President and including College Communications, Vice Presidents, Facilities and Operations, OEHS, and the Campus Community Emergency Response Team, in coordination with SDCCD Police. Recognizing that every incident is unique, this structure ensures we are prepared to act quickly and compassionately with clear communication, coordinated safety measures, and robust support for students and employees should an incident occur.

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](#)

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