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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM

Prez Hands

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*

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Join us for a
Holiday Luncheon

Come together with colleagues and friends for our annual Holiday Luncheon, filled with laughter, good food, and joyful connection as we celebrate the close of another meaningful year.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025
FROM 11:15 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
MESA COMMONS ROOM: MC 211 A/B

Holiday meal prepared by students and staff of the Culinary Arts/Culinary Management Program.

 ROOTED IN PURPOSE. GROUNDED IN EQUITY. GROWING TOGETHER.

Today is our Holiday Luncheon!

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Mesa Commons Room: MC 211 A/B

Vegetarian entrée available and Vegan plates available upon request



Congratulations to our Women's Volleyball Team for making it to the 3C2A State Championship! Matches are scheduled for December 5-7 at Folsom Lake College.

On December 1, 2025, Mesa College hosted our Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Partnership Resource Team (PRT) Site Visit #2. This visit marked an exciting next step in our partnership with the PRT team, as they presented the *menu of options*, a set of recommendations designed to help Mesa advance our work in supporting adult learners.



Last week, I attended the **CCLC's Annual Convention** with SDCCD colleagues. I had the honor of presenting alongside Chancellor Gregory Smith and Manager Leslie Stump on **"Finding Focus: Mission and Brand Alignment."** Our session highlighted how a rebrand can refresh identity, elevate impact, and build stronger community support, helping our community see us clearly. I also had the fortune of seeing Board Member Maria Nieto Senior be honored with the

Inaugural Trustee of the Year Award from the California Association of Latino Community College Trustees and Administrators.

This Friday, a Mesa College Team will be attending the Regional Vision 2030 Convening. This two-day event is designed to engage in meaningful discussions and planning to leverage the strength of the San Diego Region and the Vision 2030 to shape the region's educational future.



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Community College District

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College of Continuing Education

STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU SEE ICE ON CAMPUS

1. **NOTIFY** the following SDCCD offices:
Chancellor: (619) 388-6957, or
General Counsel: (619) 388-6589
SDCCD Police: (619) 388-6405

2. **ENCOURAGE** students to remain in
their classroom or a private office of a
trusted individual.
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3.

WITNESS

Stand by as a witness, if you feel comfortable doing so. You are legally entitled to record enforcement activities as long as you do not directly interfere.

4.

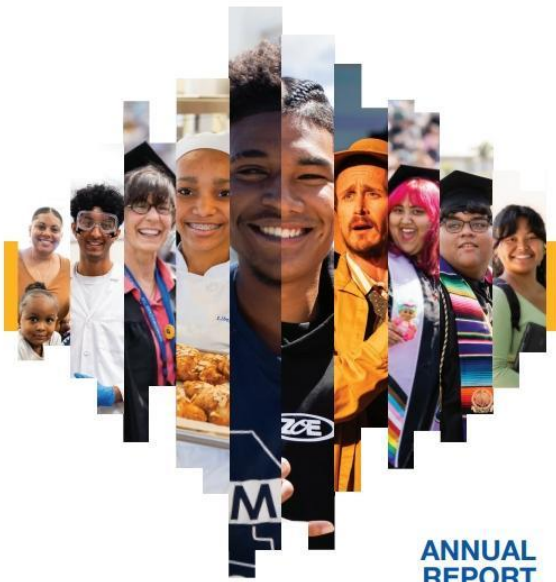
RESPOND IF ASKED

"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. You may contact the Chancellor or General Counsel at: 3375 Camino del Rio South, Suite 300 or 330 San Diego, CA 92108, (619) 388-6957 or (619) 388-6589."

- Do not give consent for them to enter facilities.
- Do not physically interfere with an officer.

Please take a few minutes to look over the safety cards shared at Convocation that outline what to do if an ICE-related incident occurs on campus. These materials provide clear guidance for employees on how to respond and report appropriately.

IGNITE YOUR LIGHT



ANNUAL
REPORT
2024/2025



Download Mesa College's Annual Report ▶
www.sdmesa.edu/officeofcommunications

Equity in Action Ignite Your Light

At San Diego Mesa College, 2024–2025 was a year of purpose, progress, and pride. Guided by our commitment to equity and excellence, our students made history, our faculty inspired innovation, and our community rose to every challenge. From championship wins and groundbreaking research to high-quality instruction, new student centered spaces, and programs that foster belonging, Mesa continues to lead with heart and vision, creating conditions where every student can thrive.



Ashanti T. Hands, Ed.D.

President, San Diego Mesa College



▶ Scan the QR code to explore our Annual Report
see how Mesa is turning vision into real world impact

[Click here](#) to view the Annual Report 2025-2026.

Vice Chancellor Jared Burns' Message: Exadata Database Maintenance

We will be performing an **Exadata Database maintenance this weekend** and will have downtime for PeopleSoft from **Saturday 6:00am to 11:00am**. A message will be displayed on the My SDCCD splash page. Both My SDCCD and Peoplesoft messages will be up from Wednesday to Saturday. There is **no impact** to email, Microsoft Office, or network drives.

[Click here](#) to view the description of the maintenance.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

Intersession and Spring 2026

Intersession 2026 student enrollment is still trending slightly down compared to the same day last year. We did see a small increase with a headcount of 2,107 but at this point last year, we were at 2,268 headcount. While we did not anticipate a large headcount increase over the holiday break, we do plan to see these numbers increase in the next two weeks as the fall semester winds down, which is what happened last year for Intersession 2025. Spring 2026 is up, with 12,536 students enrolled and at this point last year, we had 11,687 students. Since last week, an additional 896 students have enrolled. We are 70% of the way to meeting our Spring 2026 FTES target and look forward to getting closer to this goal in the remaining weeks of the fall semester.



SD Asian Film Festival - Before the Moon Falls

It was a pleasure to partner with Taupoa Samoa Cultural Arts to host the debrief session for the screening of *Before the Moon Falls* during the San Diego Asian Film Festival. Our thoughtful discussion allowed us to unpack themes of identity, mental health, and creative expression within Pacific Islander communities. The film grounded our collective reflection, while the follow-up conversation turned inspiration into action—encouraging us to examine our systems, champion authenticity, and reaffirm our commitment to community-driven transformational change, especially in support of our Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) community. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

To learn more:

- [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#)
- [Taupoa Samoa Cultural Arts](#)
- [Before the Moon Falls](#)

Christie Allred, Professor of English, has been invited to work with the Statewide Puente as the Community College English Statewide Representative for the next 2-3 years.

Starting in fall 2026, she will be working on curriculum development, onboarding of new Puente Teams, ongoing Professional Development for current teams, and Coordination for continuing their Equity Frameworks. We congratulate Christie!



OFFICE OF *Student Services*

This past month, the Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Program provided students with three hands-on opportunities to explore STEM careers, engage with real-world research environments, and learn about pathways available right here in San Diego. Through industry visits (MESA Shadow Day), research-focused experiences (Salk Institute), and a dedicated session with the MESA Program at San Diego State University, MESA scholars gained valuable insight into local STEM career options and SDSU programs tailored for community college

transfer students. These experiences help our students make informed decisions about their academic and career journeys while building connections with professionals and university partners.



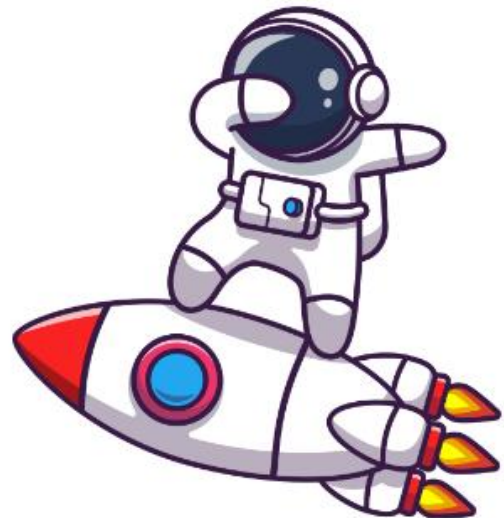
CARE and CalWORKs have continued their partnership with The Old Globe's Globe For all Tour for a second year in a row bringing *Julius Caesar* to Mesa College for an unforgettable night of live theatre in a non-traditional theatre space on Tuesday, November 18th.

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

The Stand, Mental Health Services & Associated Students Present...

Finals Week

Rock Painting!

Decompress after your finals with some fun and relaxing rock painting!



Location: K105

Dates:

Thurs Dec 11, 2025

Wed Dec 17, 2025

Time: 10-1pm



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Mental Health Services

Requests for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-388-2774



Ornament Decorating

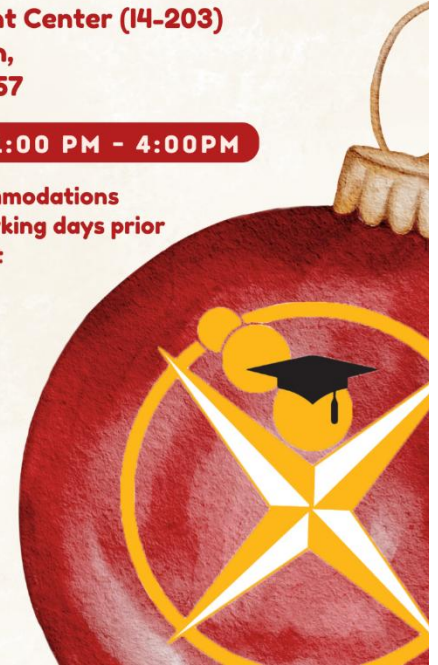
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

AVANZA Engagement Center (I4-203)

For more information,
contact (619) 388-2757

DECEMBER 3 - 4 | 1:00 PM - 4:00PM

Disability-related accommodations
should be made five working days prior
to the event via email at
mesacruise@sdccd.edu



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WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
**MESA COLLEGE
TECH HUB**



CONNECTING CAMPUS THROUGH TECH

The Tech Hub is designed to provide convenient, walk-up technology services for our students, faculty, and classified professionals.

OUR SERVICES

- **Wi-Fi & Access:** Help connecting to SDCCD Wi-Fi.
- **Canvas & Tools:** Setup and troubleshooting for Canvas, Zoom, Pronto, and more.
- **Accounts & Login Help:** Password resets, Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), SSO issues.
- **Email:** Microsoft Outlook.
- **General IT Support:** SDCCD devices, software, and digital resources.

NEED HELP?
STOP BY THE TECH HUB IN THE STUDENT
SERVICES LOBBY, FIRST FLOOR (I-400)
MON-THURS: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
FRI: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONTACT US OR SCAN
THE QR CODE

619-388-7000

<https://help.sdccd.edu>

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Transfer Application Support

UC Application | CSU Application | Common Application

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER:

VIA ZOOM:

- Mondays, 3 - 5 PM
- Fridays, 10 - 12 PM

Register for a Zoom Session:
bit.ly/TransferAppZoom2025



IN-PERSON Room BT-207

- Tuesdays, 12 - 2 PM
- Thursdays, 1 - 3 PM

Register for an In-Person Session
bit.ly/TransferOpenLab25



*Please Note: When registering for an In-Person Session you must select the date you plan to attend.
There will be no labs the following dates: 10/9, 11/11, 11/27, 11/28

CSU USEFUL LINKS:

APPLICATION:
www.calstate.edu/apply

CSU APPLICATION GUIDE:
<https://tinyurl.com/csuguide25>

UC USEFUL LINKS:

APPLICATION:
apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

UC APPLICATION GUIDE:
<https://tinyurl.com/ucguide25>

mesatransfer@sdccd.edu (619) 388-2473 I4-306 (3rd Floor Student Services Bldg.)

UNDOCUMENTED
SUPPORT SERVICES

Know Your Rights & Emergency Preparedness
Workshops for Undocumented Families

Virtual Workshops

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Learn about immigrant rights
and family safety planning.
Facilitated by SDCCD and
Higher Education Legal Services.
This workshop is open to all allies.

Each workshop is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Join Us on Zoom

<https://sdccd-edu.zoom.us/j/85424752391>

Oct. 15, 2025

Nov. 19, 2025

Dec. 10, 2025

All workshops will be in
English with translation
services in Spanish,
and Haitian Creole



HIGHER EDUCATION
LEGAL SERVICES
a program of Jewish Family Service

For more information, or to request disability services (at least five business days in advance), contact Dean Lillian A. Garcia at lgarcia002@sdccd.edu.

RSVP TODAY FOR C-CERT TRAINING

CAMPUS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



We are excited to invite you to our upcoming C-CERT Training taking place January 26-28th from 8 am to 3 pm – you must be available for all three days of training. For this Academy there will be a limit of approximately 15 people. You will receive a confirmation email from Matt Fay that you have been added to the training list.

This training will equip you with essential skills and knowledge to effectively respond to emergencies and disasters on campus. As a member of C-CERT, your role is crucial in preparing, organizing, and collaborating as a team during and after emergencies. C-CERT members strengthen campus resiliency and play a vital role in emergency response efforts. Review flyer for all the details of this training.

Join us in enhancing campus safety and preparedness by registering for this important training. Your commitment to the C-CERT is invaluable, and we look forward to having you on the team.

To register, please click [here](#).



PHOTO ENTRIES DUE FRIDAY

DEC 5TH

AT NOON TO CLASSIFIED
SENATE VIA EMAIL

CLASSIFIED SENATE PRESENTS



HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST



GUIDELINES: DECORATE ANY DOOR IN YOUR OFFICE, CHOOSE ANY HOLIDAY OR TRADITION YOU CELEBRATE THIS SEASON!

- SUBMIT A PHOTO FOR VIRTUAL JUDGING TO **MESAClassified@SDCCD.EDU**
- JUDGING WILL BE VIA ONLINE VOTING FORM THE WEEK OF **DEC 8-12TH**
- WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CLASSIFIED HOLIDAY PARTY **DEC 17TH**

**PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND
3RD PLACE!**



By popular demand, we would like to spread some seasonal cheer on campus by holding a Door Decorating Contest!! There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!!

What: Decorate ANY door in your area, with any type of festive decor.

How to enter: Take a picture of your decorated door and email it to mesaclassified@sdccd.edu, listing the area/department you are representing.

Deadline: THIS FRIDAY, December 5th, at NOON.

***Please feel free to represent ANY holiday, tradition or other festive/seasonal occasion you or your colleagues celebrate this time of year. We are proud of our campus diversity and hope you use this opportunity to show us your creativity!!!

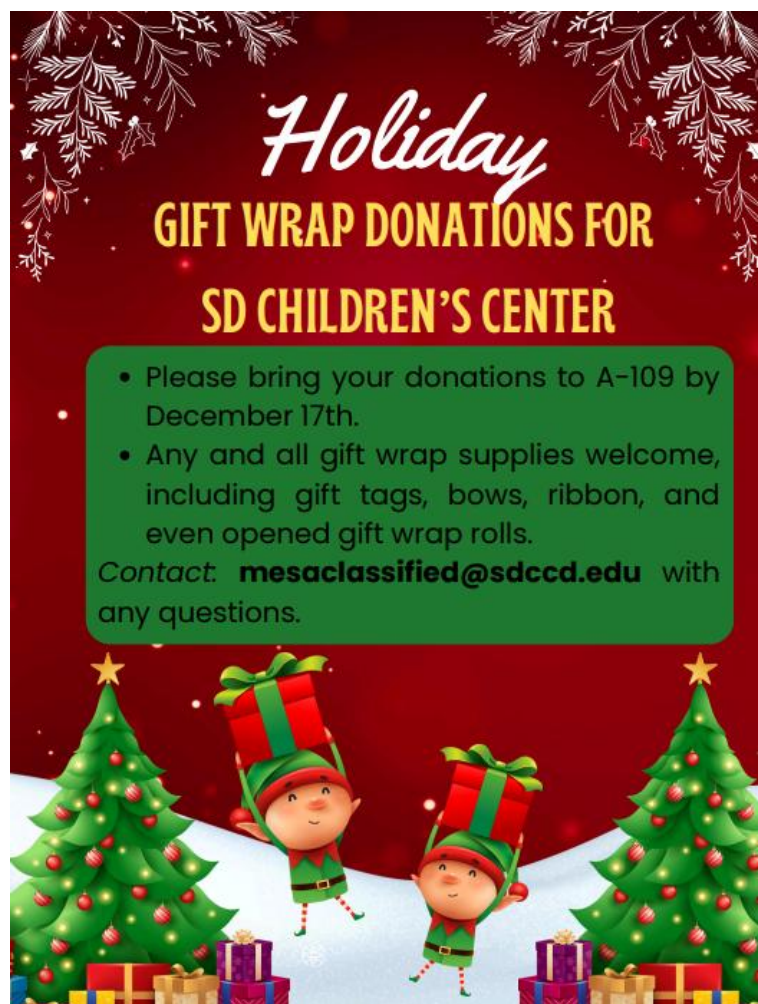
We are requesting volunteers to help with our annual Children's Center Holiday Bazaar and to urge you to donate wrapping supplies.

What: Volunteer to help organize and wrap gifts for kids at the San Diego Children's Center **OR** donate gift wrap, bags, or other wrapping supplies.

When: December 18th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
**must be punctual and available for those hours specifically to volunteer. The center is a closed facility for the safety of the children and your visit will be pre-arranged.

How to sign up: Email us at mesaclassified@sdccd.edu

How to donate: Drop off your gift-wrap donation to A-109 before December 18th. *All donations welcome*, no matter how small. We will also accept open rolls of wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, or tape.



Although the deadline for hardware and software requests has passed, the **Print and Mail Services Department** is still accepting requests. However, **priority will be given to those submitted before the deadline.**

Print and Mail Services Department — Print Turnaround Times

- **Black & White (Instructional):** Two working days
- **Full Color:** Minimum four working days
- **Large Format:** Minimum six working days

Notes:

- Pick up at **MC-217**.
- For **inter-office mail delivery**, allow **two additional working days**.
- During the **two weeks before and after the first day of instruction**, allow **three additional working days**.
- Jobs with due dates beyond the delivery timeframe (including mail delivery) will be held at **MC-217**.

For more information, please [click here](#).



[Click here](#) to view the Bond Projects Update Report for Mesa.

OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness is excited to announce the launch of the redesigned **Awards Dashboard**, a new interactive tool that provides detailed insights into the awards earned by students at Mesa College.

This dashboard allows users to:

Explore award trends across programs and student groups.

Evaluate efficiency metrics, including time to completion and units earned.

Analyze equity gaps to determine whether awards are being earned proportionally across student populations.

These insights help track program effectiveness and inform strategies that guide students toward timely completion with fewer excess units.

You can access the **Awards Dashboard** [here](#).

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](#)



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

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FOUNDATION

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!

bit.ly/MesaDreams25

SCAN HERE:

An illustration of a hand holding a smartphone with a QR code on the screen. The hand is pointing at the QR code. The background is a stylized blue and yellow design.

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.

President | San Diego Mesa College

Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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