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NEWS and EVENTS at SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Accreditation Recap

Mesa College welcomed its accreditation team for our site visit, Oct. 11-14, 2010. The visit was led by Dr. Brice Harris, Chancellor, Los Rios Community College District. Team Chair Dr. Brice Harris commended the college for an excellent Self Study; good preparation for the visit and support of the team; the special assistance of selected staff members during the visit and the meals provided by the Culinary Arts program; the evidence files and additional evidence produced at the request of the team; and, the willingness of individuals to talk freely with the team. While the final report and the college's accreditation status will not be made known until after the Commission's January meeting, Dr. Brice did provide a list of areas of commendation and areas of concern which will likely result in recommendations. Please check the [Accreditation website](#) for updates and notices.

Political Luna-tics

Don't forget to cast your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2. And, if you're looking for to watch the election results, tune in to KGTV 10, where political science professor Carl Luna will offer commentary. [Click here](#) to view his Nov. 1 analysis on local races with KPBS' Maureen Cavanaugh. A frequently sought-after political analyst and commentator, Luna also recently published [Motherland](#), a political thriller set in Russia that was inspired by my time as a Fulbright Scholar in Nizhny Novgorod. As if that's not enough to keep him busy, Luna is also one of 120 applicants that have been selected to fly to Sacramento to be interviewed for one of fourteen positions as a commissioner on the new State Citizens Redistricting Commission. The commission will be responsible for drawing new boundaries for state legislative and Board of Equalization districts.

Great California Shakeout

At exactly 10:21 a.m. on Oct. 21, the Mesa College community "dropped, covered, and held on." Instantly, our C-CERT emergency response team, led by Charlotta Robertson and assisted by Officer Diana Medero, swung into action -- as if a real earthquake disaster had occurred. Those in offices heard an instant message regarding what to do in case of an emergency. For the next hour, the C-CERT volunteers set up a Command Center in front of the LRC and dispatched teams to inspect and report on the status of all areas of the campus. The hands-on exercise demonstrated Mesa's amazing team of trained individuals equipped and ready to act immediately.



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First of its kind: Ethnic Studies Conference

Sparked by the recent passage of Arizona's House Bill 2281 that bans Raza Studies in the Tucson, Arizona school district, the recently formed [San Diego Ethnic Studies Consortium](#) held its first regional conference on Ethnic Studies Oct. 1 and 2 at Mesa College. Approximately 500 educators, students and staff from throughout San Diego attended the conference. Conference co-organizers included Mesa Associate Professor Cesar Lopez and Assistant Professor Manuel Velez from Chicano Studies, and Professor Starla Lewis and Associate Professor Thekima Mayasa from Black Studies. Workshops included topics such as the State of SD Ethnic Studies, Critical Race Theory, Faculty Health and Survival, Coalition Building and many others. The conference started Friday evening with opening remarks by representatives from Mesa, UCSD, Palomar, CSUSM and SDSU. Saturday was filled with education workshops and planning for the next steps. Mesa student Angel Beckwith-Malone said, "The best part of the conference was seeing all of the different kinds of people together because unifying and celebrating diversity is what Ethnic Studies represents."

"Bookstore Boutique" Opens

Just in time for holiday shopping, the "Bookstore Boutique" opens Tuesday, Nov. 2. The unique, cooperative venture between the Mesa College Bookstore and fashion students enrolled in Fashion 110: Fashion Buying and Management offers students a real-world experience in Fashion Merchandising. Items include beanies, scarves, hats, hoodies, t-shirts and yoga pants. Proceeds will benefit the Mesa fashion program.



Death Experience Postmortem

More than 250 students participated in the 2010 Death Experience: Drink, drive, die, sponsored by Student Health Services on Oct. 27. This year was ramped up to be an "in your face" experience. Indeed it was for participants who experienced: making the wrong choice not to accept a cab ride, then (wearing special goggles), the poor coordination of drunk driving; taking a sobriety test from a police officer, being charged and placed under arrest, visiting to a mortuary, meeting the child of a father who had been killed by a drunk driver, and so much more. Stories abounded as students shared their personal experiences and the deaths of loved ones. Student Affairs Dean Ashanti Hands described the event as "moving and we hope, life changing." While 250 students participated, many more were affected, and stopped by displays and vehicles on display, and even to add their personal notes under a Sycamore tree in the Quad. One student wrote: "I lost my car, I lost my job, I lost my home, I even lost my leg. But what I lost most of all was the one I loved."



In the News

Art Professor and Museum Studies Professor **Alessandra Moctezuma** is the new arts blog editor for the *San Diego Union Tribune*. She will be writing about exhibitions in San Diego colleges including shows at the Mesa Art Gallery and also covering Latino artists/Border issues. [Click here](#) to link to her first contribution.

On-Track with the Olympians!

The Olympians have been working hard at earning their way into the championship spots as the fall sports near the end of their seasons. The [women's soccer team](#) is in tight race for 1st place as they won a key game against Grossmont College at Grossmont. The only team standing in their way is Miramar College who they will face Oct. 29 at Miramar. The [men's soccer team](#) also had a key win against City College which improves their standings in the conference to second place. They will battle it out with Southwestern College Oct. 29 here at Mesa. The [women's volleyball team](#) is fighting for the conference title as they sit at 2nd below an undefeated Grossmont College who they will face Nov. 3 at Grossmont. The [women's water polo squad](#) will be playing for the conference title Nov. 5-6 and currently are the third seed. [Mesa men's water polo](#) won the title of Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Champions of 2010 and will be the number one seed as they enter the PCAC Conference Finals. The Olympian [football](#) team continues to work hard and will be playing at home Nov. 6 at 1pm. The squad and team did very well in their conference finals as the men's team took first and were named Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Champions 2010. The women made a great showing and took third place only 18 seconds behind a tough Southwestern line-up. Both teams earned an invitation to compete in the SoCal Regional Championships Nov. 5 at East Mission Bay Park.

Kudos:

- Congratulations to Prof. Alison Primoza and the [Honors Club](#) who, in spite of the weather, counted 82 donors at their fall blood drive on Oct. 4th.
- The Mesa Press, Mesa College's student newspaper, earned five awards at the 2010 Journalism Association of Community Colleges' Southern California conference, held at the campus of California State University, Fullerton on Oct. 15-16. Days later, they took home three awards Tuesday night at the 37th annual San Diego Press Club Excellence in Journalism Awards, including top honors in the opinion/commentary category.
- The Women's Student Union, who organized Team Mesa for the **American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** walk on Oct. 17th in Balboa Park.

This and That

- So far this semester, **Student Health Services** have given out free flu shots to 422 staff and faculty. If you want to beat the bug this flu season, call 619-388-2774.
- The **Child Development Center** is conducting its annual Lending Library Book Drive, Nov. 5-Dec. 10. Drop off preschool age books, puppets and puzzles at the CDC or call 619-388-2812.
- Enroll in [FLEX workshops](#) of your choice! For questions, contact the Flex Office at (619) 388-2509 or visit A-109.

Mesa Moves!

Promotions:

- **Brian Stockert** has been promoted from Program Activity Manager, DSPS, to Associate Dean, Student Support Services (DSPS, EOPS and STAR).

Transfers:

- After serving Mesa College for 15 years, **Carletta Middleton** has taken a promotion as Senior Secretary for the Dean of Student Affairs at Miramar College.
- **Susan Gregory**, transferred from City to become Sr. Secretary, School of Business, Computer Science & Technology
- **Patricia Davila**, Clerical Assistant, has moved to the President's Office from Administrative Services.

THE MONTH AHEAD: November

You can always check out what's happening at www.sdmesa.edu/events.

- Award-winning filmmaker **Isaac Artenstein** to the Mesa campus on November 1, 2010. Artenstein will be speaking at 2:20 pm in G-102 and 6:30 pm in H-117-118 as part of Mesa's Humanities Institute sponsored Latino Heritage Month activities
- Think your chili's hot? Enter the 9th Annual Faculty/Staff Chili & Cornbread Cook-off, sponsored by the Mesa College Police and Facilities Services Join us November 16, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. in the H-100 Faculty/Staff outdoor patio area behind the cafeteria! To enter, Contact Officer [Cynthia Cavada](#) or call 619-388-2749.
- Panel Discussion: **Islamophobia**, Nov. 16, 2010, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., H 117-118.
- **GIS Day**, Nov. 17, 2010, 6 – 7:30 p.m., G101.

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- **Shared governance** committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.
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