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NEWS and EVENTS at SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Countdown to Accreditation

As of October 4, we're seven days to Accreditation, and we're counting down! Mesa College welcomes its accreditation team for our site visit, scheduled for October 11-14, 2010, and led by Dr. Brice Harris, Chancellor, Los Rios Community College District. Click here to [meet the Accreditation Team](#) and read the [Abstract](#) – or “Cliff Notes” version – of the College's Self-Study Report.

Constitution Day, Mesa Style

Mesa College commemorated Constitution Week with displays at the LRC and the Bookstore, a rousing speech and debate, and a discussion with Congressman Bob Filner. On Thursday, Sept. 16, the reigning national and international debate champions, the Mesa College Olympian Speech and Debate Team, debated proposed changes to the Fourteenth Amendment to a crowd that filled the Free Speech Stage area. On Constitution Day, Sept. 17, Congressman Filner discussed Arizona's new state law regarding undocumented residents, their children and its intersection with the Fourteenth Amendment's definition of citizenship. SDCCD Chancellor Constance M. Carroll also discussed the significance of Constitution Day. Thanks to Student Affairs for coordinating the events and event sponsors: the Social Sciences Occasional Lectures Series, the Olympian Speech and Debate Team, the Mesa Bookstore and the LRC.



Reaching New Heights for Student Success

Under clear skies, SDCCD and Mesa College administrators officially marked the beginning of construction for Mesa's new Student Services Center. The ceremony was held at the site of the former I-400 building adjacent to parking Lot #1 on Wednesday, Sept. 22. The \$55.7 million, four-story, 85,000-square-foot building will provide a central location for most student services on campus. “Form and function will come together to enhance the services students receive, to provide a welcoming environment, and to provide employees a working environment conducive to providing the very best in student services,” noted Interim President Elizabeth Armstrong in her remarks. The new building will also have classrooms, conference areas, a Terrace Café and an express elevator between the lower parking lot and the upper campus.



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A Walk in the Park in Support of AIDS Research

About dozen Olympians joined the vivacious and enthusiastic Team Mesa for the 2010 AIDS WALK AND RUN on Sunday, Sept. 25. Mesa actually had a dual team presence: one sponsored by Mesa Student Health Services and another group from Mesa Women's Volleyball Team. The walk is the largest one-day HIV/AIDS Fundraiser in San Diego County, and Mesa College has been represented for more than five years. "Every single person makes a difference; and bit of money adds a lot," said organizer Suzanne Khambata. There's still time to make a contribution; if you'd like to donate [contact Suzanne](#).



Communication Services Wins at NCMPR Conference

Your communication services team won four awards at the September Region Six Conference of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. Anabel Pulido took bronze and silver awards for photography and the "Beyondance" poster created for Jan Ellis and the Dance Department. Carol Beilstein took a bronze award for a folder she designed for Genevieve Esguerra and the Outreach "Gear Up" program for middle schoolers. Lina Heil and Anabel share silver honors for the Mesa College 2009-2010 Annual Report. The team shares their success with the winning campus clients and Reprographic Services for the outstanding print jobs.

PROP S & N Updates – LEEDing the Way

As part of the SDCCD's Green Building Policy, all Propositions S and N projects are designed to obtain the highest possible Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Both the Police Station and the Allied Health facilities, have received LEED Gold awards. What that means in layman's terms is that Mesa's new structures passed high standards – and surpassed silver standards – for "water, energy and atmosphere efficiency; material and resource selection and indoor environmental quality." Mesa is on track for four LEED certifications, targeting Silver for Student Services and Certified for Math and Science.

On-Track with the Olympians!

Fall kicked off with an exciting start for our [Olympians Athletics](#). With eight sports competing -- four men's and four women's teams -- and over 200 student-athletes, Mesa College is well represented in the athletic arena. Two student-athletes were named "Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week." **Kelsey Magness** of the women's volleyball team was named for the women's sports while **Josh Grall**, of the men's water polo team, was named for the men's sports.

The [men's cross country squad](#) ran a great race in Arizona where they placed 3rd while the [women's cross country team](#) continues their success following a 2nd place finish last season in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. The [Olympian football team](#) will return home to play on October 16 to play East Los Angeles College after losing a very close game at Orange Coast College on September 25th. The [men's soccer team](#) continues to play tough teams and keep the score close as they head into conference play. The [women's soccer team](#) is going strong in the PCAC as they are currently 3-1 in the conference as they battle to defend their conference title. The [women's volleyball team](#), also defending PCAC Champions, is amidst playing a tough non-conference schedule and will begin their conference campaign October 6. The [Mesa men's water polo](#) team is threatening to be the conference champions this year as they continue their run with a 3-0 record. The [women's water polo squad](#), another defending PCAC Championship team, has started their season with a 1-2 record and has started to make their move to defend their title.

And finally, [Men's](#) and [Women's](#) Basketball kick off basketball season on Saturday, Oct. 2 with Midnight Madness at 10 pm in the Gym.

This and That:

RALLY! The [Associated Student Government](#) at Mesa College is organizing a rally in support of the **National Day of Action for Education**. The rally will take place on October 7th from 12:30 – 2:00 pm on the Mesa Quad (in front of the cafeteria) in the Free Speech Area. Student leaders from San Diego City and Miramar colleges along with local and state elected officials will be present and speaking. Members of the faculty, staff and student body are invited to participate.

TRANSFER UPDATE: Transfer Director Naomi Grisham reports that number of students are coming in to the [Transfer Center](#) stating that they are hearing from faculty and friends that TAG no longer exists. She offers this clarification: TAG does exist. Mesa College has TAG with the following: SDSU, UCSD, UCI, UCR, UCM, UCSB, UCSC, and UCD.

Seeking Classified Staff Interested in Global Awareness -- The Classified Senate is still seeking classified staff to serve on the college's new Global Awareness committee. If you're globally inclined, please contact [Michael McLaren](#).

Letters on the Wall -- As printed in the Wall Street Journal (Weekend Journal, Sept. 4): Letter to the editor re: ["Why God Did Not Create the Universe"](#) -- I am a fan of none of these mythologies. I don't teach intelligent design in my science courses because it is outside the realm of modern science. However, until and unless hard evidence of "other universes" comes in, how can I (or anyone) justify the teaching of the multiverse idea in a science classroom? The elevation of the multiverse mythology within science to anything more than a pure speculative idea personally embarrasses me. --Jerry Schad, Professor of Physical Science and Astronomy, San Diego Mesa College

Notice to TASKSTREAM Users -- A workshop designed for all TaskStream Users is being offered Friday, Oct. 22, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in LRC 114. Participants will learn how to use TaskStream for recording the assessment of SLOs and AUOs. Practical applications will be presented, plus time devoted to hands-on input. Faculty flex credit is available. Please enroll in [Workshop #59921](#) to reserve your seat.

Classified Staff Moves!

Promotions:

- Angie Avila, Senior Clerical, Mesa Instructional Services/Resource Development and Research
- Flordaliza Abuyo, Senior Clerical, District Facilities
- Irene Williams, Administrative Assistant, District Instruction

Relocated to District:

- Paula Christopher, Evaluator
- Vang Thao, Evaluator
- Susan Newell, Evaluator

Passings

Joan Theresa Miller, adjunct instructor of Anthropology, passed away in late September. Ms. Miller taught for the SDCCD since 1997, first at City College, and, for the past several years, at Mesa College. She is survived by her husband and three children. Ms. Miller will be missed by her department colleagues, her students, and other friends in the Mesa Community. We honor her memory and her years of service to Mesa College.

THE MONTH AHEAD: October

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

- **Accreditation Open Meetings:** Tuesday, October 12, 1-2 pm in H-117/118. Wednesday, October 13, 4-5 pm In H-117/118.
- **Accreditation Exit Interviews:** Thursday, October 14, 2-3:30 pm in H-117/118.
- Fencing goes up for the new Math+Science Building on October 29.
- The campus community is invited to attend the Humanities Institute lecture "**Xican@ Public Murals at San Diego Mesa College: History and Future**," *which will discuss the history of our murals and how they will be preserved for future display. Monday, Oct. 25 from 11:10 to 12:45 pm in H-117/118.*
- **Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness:** The San Diego Mesa College Women's Student Union invites you to join in the **American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** walk on October 17, 2010 in Balboa Park. Their team, "San Diego Mesa College Women's Club" can be found on the general American Cancer Society website. There is no fee or minimum fundraising to participate in this walk. To join in, [click here](#).

STAY INFORMED

- **Shared governance** committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.
- Prop S&N Updates are posted to VP Ron Perez's monthly reports at <http://sdmesa.edu/parking/>

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