That’s Resilience
Board of Trustees Campus Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Dr. Pamela T. Luster
President
Welcome

Working Together at Mesa College

Pamela T. Luster, President
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Diversifying the Student Experience in STEM

- **Dr. Leticia P López**, HSI Program Manager
- **Dr. Irena Stojimirovic**, Professor of Astronomy
- **Naylynn Tañón Reyes**, Mesa NCAS Student
- **Alexander Hewett**, STEM Peer Mentor
NASA Internships – Dr. Irena Stojimirovic

NCAS (NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars) Pathway

Started with students doing research at Mesa

Collaboration with BOYCE

Internships & Research opportunities

Naylynn Tañón Reyes (Mesa Alumna, 1st NCAS Awardee) with CalTech Advisor at SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science) Conference 2018
NASA Internships – Naylynn Tañón Reyes

**Highlights:**
- Published in 2 papers through BOYCE Astro
- NASA Community College Aerospace Scholar (NCAS)
- Mesa College STEM Scholarship recipient
- Caltech/NASA Exoplanet Archive intern
- Gave a talk on research at MIT
- 2x NASA Intern
- Outreach in Spanish in Perú
- Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics student researcher
- Transferring to Smith College

**Resilience described in two words:**
- Persistence
- Courage
NASA Internships – Naylynn Tañón Reyes
Highlights: STEM Peer Mentor (Physics)

- Utilized peer mentoring as a student
- “Think like a physicist”
- Holistic approach

Resilience described in two words:

- COMPASSION
- CONFIDENCE
STEM Peer Mentoring – Alex Hewett
San Diego Mesa College
NextUp

San Diego Mesa College Grand Opening Celebration!

Please join us for the grand opening of the new Fostering Academic Success & Transitions Center

August 22, 2019 | 11:00am | Room D102

The Fostering Academic Success & Transitions Center (FAST Center) is a place where foster youth are able to gather with other students who were also in care. Here they can receive supportive services and have access to computers and specific resources to meet their needs. With the support of the center, San Diego Mesa College is able to better support foster youth in accomplishing their educational goals and developing self-sufficiency skills.

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Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than eight (8) working days prior to event.
What is NextUp?

NextUp, also known as CAFYES (Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support), provides foster youth at San Diego Mesa College with resources and opportunities that make a difference.
What Do We Offer?

**Academic Advising**
NextUp Students are advised by knowledgeable and caring academic counselors.

**Tutorial Services**
NextUp students can take advantage of no-cost tutorial assistances.

**Textbook Support**
NextUp students receive support to assist in the purchase of books.

**Student Health and Counseling Services**
Counseling and psychological services are offered through Mesa College Student Health Services.

**Transportation Stipend/Resources**
A stipend for transportation or a referral to resources that will provide transportation services.

**Student Activities**
A variety of activities and special events are offered throughout the semester to support the social and intellectual development of NextUp students.

**FAST Center**
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Program Highlights

**Campus Tours**
30 foster youth attended campus tours to SDSU and CSU San Marcos

**Workshops**
Master Keys
Urban Beats
Financial Freedom

**Transfer**
We have five students on track to graduate and transfer.

**Graduation**
Over 10% of the program participants graduated from Mesa in Spring 2019

**Leaders Inspiring Transformation Conference**
Over 175 students, staff and community members in attendance.

**Advocacy**
Chaffee Expansion
Automated verification of FAFSA status
CalGrant Expansion
Student Testimonial: Isaac Flores
It’s A Fact!: Reader’s Theater

San Diego Mesa College Speech and Debate Team:

Mariah Naea, Student
Blake Hindrichs, Student
Stephanie Smith-Baptiste, Student
Jacob Babauta, Student
Katya Azzam, Student
Kim Perigo, Professor, Communication Studies
Preparing Accomplished Transfers in the Humanities (PATH)

Dr. Pegah Motaleb, English

Dr. Mary Gwin, Philosophy

Arielle Amante, UCSD, Literature

Ross Shelton, UCSD, Philosophy
Overview of PATH

• $2.5 million grant Andrew Mellon Foundation in 2016
  • Summers 2017, 2018, and 2019
• Transfer students majoring in the Humanities in SDCCD to the Arts and Humanities program at UCSD
• 81 students completed the Summer Academy
  • 34 Mesa students
• 100% of the students passed both Summer Academy Classes (8 credits)
• 100% of the students would recommend the PATH Academy to other students
• 100% of the students felt a sense of belonging to an Academy Peer Group and an Arts & Humanities major after the Academy
Here at Mesa...

- Participate in the Mentor/Mentee
- Present at the Reclaiming the Humanities Annual Conferences (2 so far)
- Present at other conferences (Humanities Alliance Conference at CUNY; first annual Hispanic Serving Institute conference at Mesa College; HTCC in Irvine)
- Attend Humanities related events both at Mesa, UCSD, and the community
- Work on a Humanities based project
- Receive generous stipends
Mesa Success

Seven students from Mesa have graduated

- Working in a staff position at UC San Diego
- Getting teaching certificate at SDSU
- Working as a paralegal
- Studying for LSAT
- Working for the City of San Diego
PATH Philosophy Reading Group

- Developed by Soon-Ah Fadness at City College spring 2019 - spring 2020
- Pairs UCSD and SDCCD philosophy faculty with philosophy students from both schools
- Read and discuss important papers in the discipline
- Introduces students to the practice of philosophy
Ross Shelton

- Mesa PATH Transfer Student
- Major: Philosophy
- Area of Interest: Continental Philosophy
- Three Adjectives to Describe Ross: Intellectually Tenacious, Courageous, and Autonomous
Arielle Amante

- Mesa PATH Transfer Student
- Major: Literature
- Area of interest: Poetry
- Three Adjectives to Describe Arielle: Intellectually Persistent, Creative, Open-Minded
- Presentation of “Sunset Binds”
Michael Temple,
UMAP Coordinator

Ahmad Muhammad,
UMAP Student Ambassador
WHAT IS THE UMOJA-MESA ACADEMY PROGRAM (UMAP)?
Community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing the cultural, educational experiences for Black, African American, and other students.

BENEFITS
- Opportunities to attend Umoja sponsored events and conferences
- University visits
- Mentoring
- Increased self-confidence
- Make new friends and build community.

GET READY!
TO EARN YOUR DEGREE
TO BE TRANSFER READY
TO PLAN YOUR CAREER
Ahmad Muhammad

- Umoja Student Ambassador
- A pillar of the community
- Umoja Scholar
- UC bound (2020)
- Umoja Club Vice President
- Survivor of many obstacles
- Advocate for Black/Brown
- A true example of resilience
Almost 50% of our students are food insecure and have limited access to nutritionally adequate food.

Nearly 1 in 5 students are homeless, living on the streets, in their car, or in a shelter.

- One-time emergency loans and grants to students experiencing financial setbacks.
- 100% of donations for the Resiliency Fund will go directly to students.

[Link to Resiliency Fund: www.sdmesa.edu/ResiliencyFund]