President’s Breakfast | Spring 2021

Innovative Solutions for Supporting Students

Friday, April 16 | 8:30 AM

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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
AGENDA

- President's Welcome & Acknowledgements
- Guest Speaker Councilmember Raul Campillo
- President’s Update & Student’s Emerging Needs
- Partner Spotlight: The San Diego Foundation
- Innovative Solutions to Students’ Needs
- Student Voices
- Your Feedback: Breakout Sessions
- Staying Connected
I acknowledge the land on which we sit and occupy today as the traditional and ancestral home of the Kumeyaay and other Indigenous nations (Cahuilla, Cupeño, Luiseño) of the Southwest region and Northern Mexico.

Without them, we would not have access to this gathering and to this dialogue. We take this opportunity to thank and honor the original caretakers of this land.
Councilmember Raul Campillo
District 7

Communities
• Allied Gardens
• Del Cerro
• Grantville
• Linda Vista
• Mission Valley
• San Carlos
• Serra Mesa
• Tierrasanta
Mesa’s Executive Leadership Team

- Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D., President
- Isabel O’Connor, Ph.D., Vice President, Instruction
- Ashanti Hands, Ed.D., Vice President, Student Services
- Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Administrative Services
MESA 2030
VISIONING 10 MORE YEARS AS THE LEADING COLLEGE OF EQUITY + EXCELLENCE
MESA 2030 GOALS: Framework for Long-term Planning

Equity + Excellence

- Community
- Pathways + Partnerships
- Stewardship
- Completion
- Scholarship
# Equity + Excellence

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Facilities Planning (draft)

- Improve connections to all areas of the campus
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San Diego Mesa College Pathways

Mesa Pathways Fellows Project

San Diego Mesa College Pathways

Ian Duckles
The Benefits of Meta Majors

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STUDENTS' NEEDS
Assessing Need

Mesa drew upon data from many sources, including:

1. A survey of students conducted by Mesa’s Research Office between March 25, 2020 and April 23, 2020
   - 9,777 student respondents

2. A survey of students and employees conducted by the Research and Planning (RP) Group for California Community Colleges in Spring/Summer of 2020
   - 1,585 student respondents
   - 175 faculty respondents
   - 85 classified respondents

3. A #REALCOLLEGE survey of students conducted by The Hope Center at Temple University in 2020
   - 3,697 student respondents
Challenges Faced by Students

Top 5 challenges identified by students in March/April 2020 Mesa Survey

1. Income Loss - 58%
2. Unable to Pay Mortgage, Rent, or Utilities - 24%
3. Working Remotely - 18%
4. Not Enough Food - 16%
5. Children Homeschooling - 15%
Challenges Faced by Students

Top 6 challenges identified by students in Spring/Summer 2020 RP Survey

1. Difficulty Concentrating on schoolwork at home.
2. Struggle balancing life, work, family and school responsibilities.
3. Insufficient/reliable internet access.
4. Lack of adequate technological devices such as PCs, Laptops, etc.
5. Don't have time for school right now.
6. Unfamiliar with required technology or software for distance learning such as Canvas, Zoom, etc.
Technology Access

From Mesa’s March/April Survey

20% have unreliable or no access to internet at home.

24% are worried about running out of data on their plan when completing online coursework.

32% share the equipment with others in their household.
Hope Study on Basic Needs

Prepared by The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice at Temple University

Students at San Diego Mesa College told us that...
- 68% experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity, including
  - 43% who experienced food insecurity in the prior 30 days,
  - 59% who experienced housing insecurity in the previous year, and
  - 17% who experienced homelessness in the previous year.

We also learned that...
- 44% had a close friend or family member who was sick with COVID-19, while 7% were sick with COVID-19 themselves.
- 41% of students exhibited at least moderate anxiety.
- 13% of students who experienced basic needs insecurity used emergency aid, but 42% had not heard of emergency aid programs on campus.
- 55% of students experiencing basic needs insecurity did not apply for campus supports because they did not know how.
- 54% of students experiencing basic needs insecurity received some form of public assistance.
How Students Said We Could Help

- Financial Relief
- Flexibility
- Communication and Resources
- Technology Support
- Mental Health
- A Ray of Sunshine
Partner Spotlight: The San Diego Foundation

Introduction by Pamela T. Luster Ed.D
President
The Strategic Plan
The San Diego Foundation inspires enduring philanthropy and enables community solutions to improve the quality of life in our region.
Vision: Our Chosen Future

Just, equitable, and resilient communities.
Strategic Priorities: Pillars to Achieve Our Vision

Advancing Racial & Social Justice

Fostering Equity of Opportunity

Building Resilient Communities

Delivering World-Class Philanthropy
Any Questions?
COVID-19 Relief Funding

- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
  - I, II, & III
- Block Grant
  - Federal Allocation
  - State Allocation
- San Diego Foundation
- Associated Students
- San Diego Mesa College Foundation
THE STAND RESOURCE CENTER & BASIC NEEDS

Updated Website: www.sdmesa.edu/thestand

Basic Needs Application

Drive-thru Markets

Partnership with Culinary

Emergency Aid/Direct Student Support
Creative Solutions - Inside and outside the classroom

Mesa College Instructional Services
Topics to Cover

Transition to Remote Operations
Providing Access
Inspiring Success Stories
Transition to Remote Operations
- 1800 synchronous and asynchronous class sections
- 621 courses approved for online through curriculum committee

Technology Distribution
- Laptops 840
- WiFi Hotspots 51
- Webcams 62
- Music Kits 61
- Pottery Wheels, Science Kits
Tutoring

- Move to online, Canvas integration,
- Tutoring Consortium,
- Tech Tutors
- Scholarship Partnership
- Teacher Pipeline: Hoover/SD Unified
Olympian Pathways Prototype (OPP)

- Student Success Teams Approach
- Intentional, Intrusive Interventions
- Increased retention/success
- Sense of belonging
- Accountability
Culinary Arts

On Campus
Essential Workers
Food Insecurity Meals
Thanksgiving/Holiday
Mesa Drive-through Exhibit

- Technology and Remote Instruction
- Designed & Implemented Exhibit
- Worked with 20 Local Artists
- Art Displayed on Fence
- Pre-recorded Narration
- Community Affair
Traffic Flow Patterns

Dental Assisting

Health Sciences and Public Services

- Faculty and Classified Staff Planned and Designed
- Checkin, Traffic patterns
- Prepared Lab Spaces
- Hybrid Courses
- Use of Technology
- Equipment kits
- Student Support
Thank You!
Creative Solutions to Challenges Brought on by the Shift to Remote Learning

• Rapid response to remote learning transition
• Mobilized a COVID Relief Taskforce; Developed a process to distribute emergency funds
• Counseling Faculty provided facilitated student check in sessions
• Supported the effort to distribute technology to students in need
“...our system and our students are hurting and they are outraged because of the systemic racial injustices that still exist in our country. In this moment, we need to use our positions of privilege, influence and power to make a difference...to actively strategize and take action against structural racism.”

Chancellor Oakley, June 2020
“Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

HOW ARE YOU CALLED TO ACT?

IN THE CHAT, SHARE ONE ACTION STEP THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN OR WILL TAKE TO ADDRESS RACIAL INEQUALITY
Ways Mesa College has responded to the call…
• Student Services Call To Action
• Black Faculty Counseling Collaborative
• 'Know Your Rights' webinar
• Partner with Financial Aid to create workshops specifically supporting black students
• Feel, Heal & Be Real
• Effort to call students
• 21 Day Equity Challenge
• Black Forum – Hosted by Student Health Services
STUDENT SERVICES CALL TO ACTION

Student Services
Call to Action
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Student Services Call to Action Goals 2020/21

Marketing Materials
- Admissions (Resource List)
- Assessment (Clarity of Process)

Student Engagement/Experience
- AVANZA (Intentional Engagement)
- Counseling (Welcoming Environment)

Increase Participation
- CalWorks (Outreach)
- Career & Peer Ambassador (Career Exploration)
- Student Health Services (Individual and Group Mental Health)
- Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (Outreach)
- Evaluations (Degree/Certificates)
- Financial Aid (FAFSA, DREAM Act)
- Outreach/Promise (Outreach/Partnerships)
- Student Affairs/Associated Students (AS/Scholarships)
- Veterans (VA Workstudy)

Professional Development/Awareness
- Counseling (Open-house)
- Disability Support Programs & Services (Workshops)
- The Stand: Basic Needs (Professional Learning)

Removing Barriers
- Counseling (Technology)
- Evaluations (Petitions)

Programs/Activities/Plans
- Evaluation (Graduation Party)
- Transfer (Workshops and Partnerships with Puenta, UMOJA)
- Transfer/Career/Evaluations (Events and Plans)

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sdmesa.edu/student-services
#BlackLivesMatter

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BLACK LIVES MATTER
RESEARCH GUIDE & RESOURCE PAGE

Featured Research Guide
BLACK LIVES MATTER

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LGBTQ+ SAFE SPACES & COME AS YOU ARE FORUMS

LGBTQ SAFE ZONES
VIRTUAL Training for Faculty, Administrators, Classified Professionals, and Students

* Understand the issues facing LGBTQ individuals
* Understand the importance of using inclusive language, including pronouns
* Provide tools to increase LGBTQ+ inclusivity on campus
* Build a stronger and sensitive campus environment

Wed Mar 31 @ 9-11 am
Our Safe Zones Team: Laura González, Anna Liza Manzo, and Jaime Sykes-Seiverd

PLEASE REGISTER with Sharilyn.swilson001@sdc.edu or Laura G. at Lagonzal@sdc.edu so we can send you materials in advance or for accommodations

Spring 2021

Feb. 10th to May 19th
Wednesdays 2:00-2:45PM
(exclude Holidays and Spring break)

Zoom ID: 92879802449
Password: connect
For disability accommodation please contact 619-388-2774 or bvs@sdc.edu at least 5 working days prior to event.

Contact: Linda Gibbins-Croft, LCSW
Lgibbons@sdc.edu

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Student Health Services
ACTION ACROSS THE CAMPUS –

• ACADEMIC SENATE
• ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
• ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
• CLASSIFIED SENATE
Kapwa Scholar Voices

Link to student testimonials & our syllabus: tinyurl.com/kapwa205
Check out student poems: Link to be shared
Kapwa Learning Community + Asian Pacific Diversity (APD) Club

- Held Social Distance Gatherings (picnics, textbook pick up, meet your profs)
- Established Open Communication (Discord + text messaging)
- Hosted APD Monthly Meetings
- Provided Leadership Opportunities (APAHE)
- Collaborated with Puente
- Organized Virtual Campus Events with Community Partners (student moderated)
HOPE + JOY

EMERGENCY TOWN HALL MEETING
WED, MARCH 24

Please join Mesa’s Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Committee and Asian Pacific Diversity (APD) Club for a critical conversation centering our APIA student voices on the historical and systemic motivations behind the increasingly violent hate crimes against the APIA community and the needs of our APIA students. We are committed to building solidarity with Mesa administration and allies as we work toward creating a safe space for our APIA students and fostering racial, gender, and class justice for all.

2:00 - 3:30 PM
REGISTER HERE:
http://tinyurl.com/APIATownhall

CONTACT: AALATORR@SDCCD.EDU OR JDERILLO@SDCCD.EDU FOR ANY QUESTIONS

Save the Dates
KAPWA SCHOLAR SUMMIT
UPLIFTING VOICES OF THE NEXT GEN

Friday, May 14th - 10 AM - 2:30 PM
Saturday, May 15th - 10 AM - 2:30 PM

You are invited to join us and celebrate our students manifesting their inner artist, activist, healer, and humanitarian for their civic engagement projects in the KAPWA Learning Community.

Questions?
Jennifer Derilo, jderilo@sdc.edu | Amber Alborn, aalborn@sdc.edu | Esther Chai, echai@sdc.edu
Please email to request an ASL Interpreter 5 working days prior to the event.

Asian Pacific Diversity Club
A SAFE SPACE WHERE ALL ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER CULTURES ARE EMPOWERED, INSPIRED, AND UNITED BY A STRONG FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
COMMUNITY

The Kapwa Learning Community presents

**Ginseng Roots**
A Storytelling & Comics Discussion Panel

**Monday, March 22nd, 11:10 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.**
Register here: tinyurl.com/ginsengrootspanel

With generous support from
**The Dr. Constance M. Carroll Humanities Institute**
**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**
Questions? Prof. Jennifer Derila, jderila@sdsccd.edu

Kapwa Learning Community + APIA Committee + Work-Based Learning
Celebrating Cultural Unity Week

**Carreiring While Asian Panel**

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021, 11:10 AM - 12:35 PM**
Register here: bit.ly/3lu4yxt

You are invited to learn from amazing Asian Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) who have traveled in non-APIA fields. They will share their strategies for honoring their cultural roots and thriving in predominantly white industries. Everyone is welcome.

**Sanara Keerti**
Student Moderator
San Diego Mesa College

**Philip Esteban**
Chef - Business Owner
White Rice

**Janessa Kim**
Dentist - Business Owner
Urban Dentist

**Annie Nguyen**
Mobility Partner/Business Program Manager
Google

**Farshid Ramos**
Social Media Manager
Patrilyst

Uplifting the Voices of the Next Gen
Legacy of the Japanese Internment
A Speaker Event in Remembrance of
Executive Order 9066, issued on February 19th, 1942

**RESCHEDULED - CAN'T BURN US ALL**
**Monday, April 19th, 11:10 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.**
Register here: bit.ly/3IJAlktm

Learn how the next generations of Japanese Americans are manifesting intergenerational resilience to reclaim their families' experiences of the internment camp and transform historical trauma into community healing.
JOIN US

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INNOVATION LED TO PERSEVANCE
Join Mesa College on Social Media

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/sandiegomesacollege  YouTube  sdmesacollege
Upcoming Campus Events

April: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Month
Sat, April 17: Jumpstart Your Success
Weds, May 12: Virtual Scholarship Awards Ceremony
Fri, May 14: Mesa College Research Conference
May: Golden Scissors Fashion Show
Culminating Ceremonies
Fri, May 28: Virtual Commencement Ceremony
Fri, June 4: Drive-Thru Grad Parade

Throughout April and May: Farmers/Mobile Market, Be Calm, STEM Lecture Series, Recital Hour, and many more.

sdmesa.edu/calendar