



FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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MESA COLLEGE
Office of the President

April 2018

It's Smile Season at Mesa College!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful and restful Spring Break. With April upon us, we are looking forward to multiple spring events, with the count down to Commencement in May.

Mesa hosted another successful **Women's History Month**. Our signature event was the [7th Annual Gracia Molina De Pick Lecture Series](#) which featured noted author and historian **Maria Garcia**, who spoke to over 60 attendees about her book *"La Neighbor: A Settlement House in Logan Heights"* and the role of Chicanas in San Diego Communities. Thanks to the faculty, staff, and students who made all the events possible.

The rain did not stop us from hosting a successful **Jumpstart** on Saturday, March 10. Over 300 prospective students joined us for tours, presentations, interactive demonstrations, workshops, and dancing—and they really got to experience Mesa. This year, the event also featured **Cash in on Community College** and Mesa was a host location for the **Festival of Science and Engineering's Festival Week**. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and I want to thank facilities for making the quick changes, and all departments who participated.

Mesa College Culinary to Table Series

Mesa's new Culinary to Table Series is enjoying great success this semester. In February, Chef Davin White discussed fabrication, preparation, and sustainability with fish and shellfish; in March, there was a demon-



stration on poultry from Chef Michael Ground. Sessions have been filled with students and faculty, eager to learn about food preparation. Upcoming events will be on April 13 at 11:00 a.m., with an emphasis on goat cheese, and a May 4 at 11:00 a.m. demonstration on plant based foods. The sessions are \$25 at the door, and students are offered discounted tickets at \$10 each.

STEM Community Scholars Embark on Tours

San Diego Mesa College is the proud recipient of a generous grant from The San Diego Foundation. The program, offered in conjunction with [STEM Conexiones](#), is known as STEM Community Scholars, and funds stipends and field trips for 13 students, as well as field trips for an additional 35 students. Mesa's STEM Community Scholars participated in their first field trip on March 2, which included a tour of Wild Willow Farm, a sustainable farm with educational resources, and a visit to the Tijuana River Estuary, in Imperial Beach. The next field trip will be this week to Mt. Laguna in the Cleveland National Forest.

Speech & Debate Team Takes Over Montreal

In March, Mesa's Speech & Debate team went to Montreal to compete. The tournament was open to community colleges and 4-year universities, and Mesa College placed 3rd at the tournament, only one point away from taking 2nd place! During their trip, the students were also able to visit museums, learn about Canadian cuisine and visit Notre Dame Basilica/Cathedral. I am proud of the team for representing Mesa College.

The Stand: Farmers Market

Mesa is proud to debut "[The Stand: Farmer's Market](#)," created via a new partnership with Feeding San Diego. The Stand: Farmers Market grand opening will be on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Sunrise Plaza, adjacent to Mesa Commons, where students and members of the Mesa community will have access to free food, including fresh produce. The initiative is part of Mesa College's effort on "Taking a Stand Against Hunger." Free reusable bags will be given to the first 150 guests. Various additional resources will be available at the event, including representatives from the CalFresh program – which provides free money for food to eligible students. Faculty and staff will also be on hand to answer questions about The Stand and other campus resources. For more information, visit www.sdmesa.edu/thestand or contact the Student Success & Equity Office at (619)388-5940.



Mesa Culinary To-Table Series
Goat | Goat Cheese

Please join us for a demonstration in fabrication, preparation and sustainability of goat and goat cheese.

Friday, April 13, 2018
11am | Room MC 201
\$25 at the door | \$15 for students
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THE Stand
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Farmers Market

"TAKING A STAND AGAINST HUNGER"

FEEDING SAN DIEGO **FREE PRODUCE!**

Thursday, April 19, 2018
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sunrise Plaza
adjacent to Mesa Commons

LRC 20th Anniversary – That was Then, This is Now!

Please join Mesa College on Thursday, April 5, at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate “That was Then, This is Now!” by highlighting 20 years of offering amazing resources to Mesa College students, faculty and staff at the LRC. Special guests will include Chancellor Carroll, Trustee Rhinerson, former LRC Dean Dr. Wayman Johnson and current LRC faculty and staff who will discuss the evolution of LRC as we know it today. There will also be special displays of artwork, photographs, and various artifacts, along with a trivia contest. The event is free and open to the public, and we encourage students to attend.

President’s Community Breakfast – Spring 2018

The President’s Breakfast, a community outreach opportunity, is being held on April 6, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. This semester’s focus is on our Career (Technical) Education Program, also known as Strong Workforce. These 2-year degree programs are designed to prepare students to enter the workforce upon graduation in a career field that offers a living wage. During the breakfast we will give updates on all things Mesa College, learn about initiatives, connect with like-minded leaders, and discuss how we can help build a stronger workforce in San Diego.

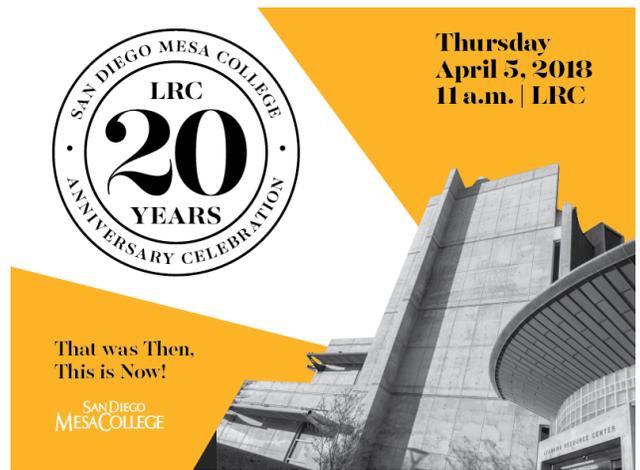
Canyon Day – 10th Anniversary

This year, Mesa College will be hosting the 10th Anniversary of [Canyon Day](#) on April 14 – an event dedicated to clearing and cleaning up Tecolote Canyon. The event starts with an informational lecture led by City Park Rangers about protecting local natural areas and preventing pollution. Students, staff and faculty then head into the canyon to remove trash and invasive species that are harmful to the surrounding ecosystem. Volunteers get a free commemorative t-shirt and can earn community service credit. This is an important event for Mesa and the surrounding community, so I hope that you can join us.

Mesa College Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Each year, Mesa College awards hundreds of scholarships to our students for their hard work, and we celebrate them at our annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. I am pleased to announce that in 2018, we are breaking records yet again. This year, Mesa offered 105 scholarship opportunities, and we were able to give awards to over \$230,000 in scholarship funds to 260 students – many of whom are receiving multiple awards.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 20, at 5:00 p.m., at Doubletree in Mission Valley. I'm hoping you can all join us for this celebration. Tickets will be available for purchase this week, and this is an excellent opportunity for faculty and staff to show how much we support our students.



Mesa Upcoming Events

LRC 20th Anniversary Celebration

April 5, 11:00 a.m. LRC

"That was Then, This is Now," please join us as Mesa College celebrates 20 years of the LRC.

Tools for being Media Savvy in an Age of Fake News

April 10, 9:00 –10:30 a.m., LRC 435

A workshop on distinguishing fact from fiction in news and social media.

Cultural Unity Week: April 9 - 13:

Fashions of the World with Mesa Fashion Department & Music Department, Sunrise Plaza, Wednesday, April 11, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Festival of Colors with African Drum Call, Mesa Dance Department, Spoken Word Poetry, Aztec Dancers, & more! Sunrise Plaza, Thursday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Voices from the LEFT, MC 211, Thursday, April 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Canyon Day—10th Anniversary

April 14, 8:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m., Tecolote Canyon Trailhead at Marlesta & Genesee

Join us for the Canyon Day Cleanup event.

25th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony

April 20, 5:00 p.m., Doubletree by Hilton, Mission Valley

Grad Fest

May 2-3, 9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m., Mesa Commons

Grad Fest is when students can order supplies, decorate mortar boards and get tickets for Commencement.

STAR Awards

May 8, 12:45-2:15 p.m., Mesa College Gymnasium

Student Athlete Recognition for our Mesa College Athletes.



TOOLS FOR BEING Media Savvy In An Age of Fake News

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

9:00 –10:30 a.m.

LRC-435



2018 STAR AWARDS

**Student
Athlete
Recognition**

- ☆ Recognizes
- ☆ the academic achievements,
- ☆ community spirit and
- ☆ athletic excellence of
- ☆ Mesa College athletes.

MESA OLYMPIANS ATHLETICS

Check out some highlights of the sports events at Mesa in April!

Men's Tennis VS Grossmont College, Tuesday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis VS Mt San Jacinto College, Thursday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Track VS Arnie Robinson Invitational, Friday, April 6 to Saturday, April 7 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Baseball VS Grossmont College, Thursday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Softball VS Imperial Valley College, Friday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Volleyball VS San Diego City College, Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Badminton VS Grossmont College, Friday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m.

For more info, visit www.gosdmesa.com



New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College	Congratulations!
Christina Crosby	AP, Psychology
Thanh-Thao Vu	Senior SSA
Azucena Murillo	Senior Clerical Assistant
Jennifer Armer	ILT / Art Gallery - promotion
Kevin Branson	Instructional Computing Specialist Supervisor - promotion



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