Forest Service Field Trip

A group of around 35 students headed to Mountain Laguna last April 7th around 8am from the Mesa College Campus. There were students from many different majors. We were welcomed by a group of USDA forest rangers and scientists. Each took a turn to talk about their backgrounds, careers and experience working for the U.S Forest Service.

Mesa students were able to interact and talk one on one with the rangers and ask questions. Students toured the mountain, learned about native plants, extinct species, history of Kumeyaay people, and much more.

Don Barrie, Mesa Geology Professor and Physical Sciences Department Chair, spoke about the geology of the surrounding area. His talk was followed by a picnic lunch.

We closed the day by doing a park cleanup. All students were more than happy to volunteer. What a fun day!

Earth Day Fair

Mesa College celebrated Earth Day on April 19th, with its annual Earth Day Fair on campus. There were information booths, plant sales and lots of fun! The conservation and sustainability club; TerraMesa was a big lead in this event, selling t-shirts and helping Botany Professor Leslie Sieger sell succulents. There was a great turnout. Almost 30 new students signed up for the TerraMesa interest list. Opportunity drawings were held the following day. The first place winner won a brand new bike. It was a great event and we hope to continue to promote and partner with TerraMesa to continue environmentally friendly events like the Earth Day Fair.
Canyon Day

SEEDS Scholars took leadership position on Canyon Day. On April 22th Clairemont Mesa community members helped cleaning up the Tecolote Canyon. SEEDS Scholar Joanna trained with ranger previous the cleaning up day to lead a group of volunteers that picked up trash and removed invasive species from the canyon.

SEEDS Scholar Flavia said that volunteering on Canyon Day was such a great experience because she was able to give back to the community and also meeting people and learn about plants. She was overwhelmed about founding so much trash that she did not even imagine.

Thank you to all volunteers that came and helped with responsibility and commitment to keep a better community.

Award Ceremony

SEEDS Scholars were able to meet and dine with their mentors at the ceremony. Some Scholars brought their family members and or friends to the event. It was a fun and emotionally night.

Scholars were able to meet other awarded students from different departments and listened to their experiences and stories.

Congratulations to the 21 SEEDS Scholar’s students that were awarded at the Award Ceremony on Friday April 28th.

Climate Change March

Past April 29th student Eduardo Moncada represented Terramesa Environmental and Sustainability Club at the Climate’s Change March. Moncada said “What motivated me to participate in this event was that I really think people should get more involve and learn about this issue and take it seriously”. Also, He mentioned to SEEDS staff that he would like to host a talk on Mesa Campus in the future and talk to students about Climate Change. He mentioned that everyone should do their own thing and try to recycle more. We thank to student Eduardo to take on leadership and represent Mesa.
Community College Students visit UCSD

This year the University of California San Diego offered a one-of-a-kind visit to community college students to explore the University! The attendees were offered round trip bus transportation. A light breakfast and lunch were provided. It was an exceptional experience where students learned all about what UCSD has to offer. Student services like financial aid, student housing and transfer assistance were all available to answer students’ questions. As a student myself, I felt welcomed and very impressed with their research facilities and programs available for incoming transfer students. We hope they continue this type of outreach since there is a high demand to attend this university. This unique approach is guaranteed to attract students to enroll.

SEEDS Scholars Graduate!

This year some of our SEEDS scholars and peer mentors will be on the road to 4-year universities. We are so happy for them and proud of their success. They will be missed dearly. We commend them on their achievements and hard work and wish them nothing but success. Here are three of our scholars and former office assistants that will be Mesa College Alumni!

Sara Ramirez
Attending UCSD

Michael Elgincolin
Attending SDSU
Major: Business Administration

Khalid Taha
Attending UC Riverside
Major: Chemical Engineering