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MESA NEWS

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NEWS and EVENTS at SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE This Month at Mesa: MAY

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And what a gala it was!



Thanks to everyone who supported our students and the Mesa College 18th Annual Ruth Kern Scholarship Gala on Friday, April 29 at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley. The event was well-attended by students, their families and friends, faculty, staff, and administrators. Congratulations goes out to Dean of Student Affairs **Ashanti Hands**, staffers **Kathy Fennessey**, **Courtney Lee** and **Cindy James**, the entire Scholarship Committee. Special thanks go to the Mesa College Foundation and Foundation President **Jeff Marston** for their contribution

to the success of the event. Over \$82,000 was awarded in scholarships in a range of categories. Go to <http://www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships/index.cfm>, where you'll find links to the photo galleries on the right.

Mesa Teach-in/Speak Out Draws 500+

It's estimated that more than 500 people showed up to participate in the faculty, staff and student TEACH-in SPEAK-out about the budget. The brainchild of faculty members **Jennifer Cost**, **Rob Fremland**, **Jonathan McLeod** and the **Academic Senate**, the event expanded to include assistance from Associate Student Government, the AFT and Mesa Classified Senate. Speakers included Chancellor **Constance Carroll**, Trustee **Peter Zschiesche**, and Interim President **Elizabeth Armstrong**, faculty, and many students who stepped up to the mic to tell their personal stories about how the budget crisis and resulting class cuts are affecting their lives and future. Students took the time to pen their stories are well. The letters are being gathered for presentation to legislators.



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Topped Out at the Student Services Building

Here are some shots of the topping out event held April 28 at the Student Services Building construction site. In building construction a topping out (not topping off) is held when the last beam is placed at the top of a building. The tradition goes back a thousand years, to the Scandinavian people. Today, steelworkers traditionally raise a flag, a fir tree or both when the steel frame of a building reaches its maximum height. The last beam to be hoisted is painted white and signed by all the workmen involved. Our Prop S & N construction teams graciously invited the Mesa team to sign the beam as well. Here's some shots, to see the beam being raised, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SDCCDPropsSN?feature=mhum>



Of Needles and Pins...

The Mesa College Fashion Department was well represented at the LA Fashion Symposium held in April. The symposium is an annual event held at California Apparel Mart in Los Angeles. About 1,000 attendees from throughout California heard from industry representatives about job opportunities. The day culminated with a fabulous fashion show including Red Carpet, Repurposed and Sportswear looks from community college students. Mesa College students took a first place in the denim deconstruction competition along with a second place in the Ready-to-Wear Analysis Category. The denim deconstruction competition included 12 teams from different California community colleges. Each team had three members and 30 minutes to take apart a pair of jeans and recreate a new look/product. All with minimal supplies, pins, needle and thread -- but no sewing machines. "It was such a wonderful experience," said student Orah Joly. "It will forever be one of my best memories."



Our Daughters and Sons Visit Mesa

On April 28, Mesa Student Services hosted 13 students ages 9-15 and children of our Mesa employees, for Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. After a welcome from Dean **Joi Blake**, the students participated in a number of activities that exposed them to the different jobs that faculty and staff occupy as well as the opportunities available to them here at Mesa once they graduate from high school. The Associated Student Government hosted activities and games. The afternoon campus tour made several campus stops. Student



ambassador and drama major **Tammy Valdovinos** gave a tour of the Apollid Theater, and was joined by Mesa students who gave an improv acting workshop. Visitors also saw part of the rehearsal for the current Mesa Theater production “The Importance of Being Earnest.” In the classrooms of professors **Paul Sykes** and **Shirin Safaee**, visitors witnessed the dissection of several white mice and a sheep heart. And at the MFusion Café patio, Professor **Mike Fitzgerald** showed them a working garden and how to identify the herbs and other plants through touch, taste, and sight.



Kudos to...

Professor **Janna Braun** and her journalism students, who took home two awards at the statewide Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference in April. Managing Editor **Andrew Fergin** earned second place in the on-the-spot Critical Review competition, during the convention that drew



nearly 600 students, instructors and professional journalists from all over California. Andrew had only one hour to write his review of a Cosumnes River College production of the play “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.” Staff member Lauren Mapp earned Second Place in the on-the-spot Feature Photo competition for her photo (shown here) of a Sacramento State University student rehearsing a jazz piece. This marks the second time **The Mesa Press** has earned second place in the Feature Photo competition at a JACC conference.

Your humble Communications Services Department – **Carol Beilstein, Anabel Pulido** and **Lina Heil** – won eleven awards for campus projects created in 2009-2010. In December, your creative team took four awards at the Region 6 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) competition. That was followed in March by two national NCMPR Paragon Awards, the only national competition of its kind that exclusively honors excellence among marketing and PR professionals at two-year colleges. Five CCPRO (Community College Public Relations Organization) awards followed in April. The department shares the credit with campus clients **Genevieve Esquerra** and Outreach; **Ashanti Hands** and Student Affairs; **Jan Ellis** and the Dance Department; and **Elizabeth Armstrong** and the President’s Office. A special note of thanks to everyone at Mesa -- and especially **Robin Watkins** and Classified Senate -- who participated in the WE ARE MESA Vision/Mission/Values campaign. The campaign took both a national and regional award in Brand Experience and Promotional Ad Campaign categories. (The photo shown is Anabel Pulido’s award-winning shot taken during last year’s student rally.) For a complete list of awards see www.sdmesa.edu/news.



OUT AND ABOUT

Anthropology Professor **Madeline Hinkes** will present on “Forensic Anthropology in Cold Cases” at the Cold Case Homicide Investigations: Methodology and Protocol Training Seminar, May 3-5, Camp Pendleton, sponsored by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS).

Penny Hedgecoth, Mesa’s Digital Production & Mail Services Supervisor, was selected as a judge in the 2011 SkillsUSA California State Conference in San Diego. In the desktop publishing and graphic arts competition Penny volunteered her time to conduct mock-interviews on Friday April 29. Then, on Saturday, she judged the work of the students on the computer screens, based on provided criteria. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. To learn more, visit <http://skillsusa.org/about/infoform.shtml>.



Skyler Dennon, Financial Aid Work Study Coordinator, proudly announces that his long-awaited theatrical project, “The Adventures of Patty-Cat & Kittle,” is making its debut in a staged reading showcase at the Coronado Playhouse this May. Skyler, who is directing and co-wrote the musical, invites you to bring the kids (and their favorite blanket or pillow so they can camp-out in front of the stage and catch the action up close). Free admission; 7:00 p.m. Thu., May 26 & Sat. May 28, 7:00 pm. Box Office 619-435-4856 or www.coronadoplayhouse.com.

VP/Administration **Ron Perez** and Canyon Day Co-Chair Prof. **Don Barrie** gave a stellar report to the Linda Vista Town Council on Thursday, April 21. Ron reported on Prop S and N projects that are transforming the college. **Don Barrie** gave a recap on this year’s Canyon Day and Canyon Classroom, and honored LVTC President **Tom Kaye** for serving on the Canyon Day committee since its inception four years ago.

On-Track with the Olympians

The post season competition is on for the Olympians. Baseball will be facing off against Santa Ana on Friday at Santa Ana, while badminton will be competing at the State Finals in San Francisco. Men and Women’s tennis both qualified for the regional tournament and are threats for the State Finals. Both swim teams were strong competitors in the State tournament and **Katie Gibson** was crowned “Diver of the Year” for the state finals. Track Coach **Renee Ross** reports that on stellar results at the April 29 Antelope Valley College Foothill Conference Finals. The Men’s team earned the title of CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS! With a score of 174.50 points, the beat out Southwestern (141 points) and Cuyamaca (138 points). The Lady Olympians placed 3rd. Congratulations also go to individual athletes: **Maurice Strickland** (Pole Vault) Conference Champion! **Sheena Lewis** (Discus) Conference Champion! **Stephen Coburn** (Discus and Shot Put) Conference Champion! **Cassandra Kennison** (Shot Put and Hammer) Conference Champion! Good luck to the 35 Olympians competing in the Southern California Championship Prelims on Friday, May 6 at Mt. Sac.

A Day at the Links! Athletics also reminds you to join in the fun at the 14th Annual Golf Tournament.

The day of fun will be held Saturday May 21 at Mt. Woodson in Ramona. Entry fee is \$100 (includes golf, cart, lunch and a donation to the Mesa Football Program); no charge for laughter and tall tales. Please contact Dave Fager 619-388-2434, or dfager@sdccd.edu



Mesa Moves

Administration

Brian Stockert, Interim Vice President, Student Affairs

Promotions:

Courtney Lee, to Senior Student Services Assistant, Student Affairs

Passings

Longtime San Diego educator Allen J. Good, died suddenly on Saturday, April 9, 2011. He was born in San Diego, attended Hoover High and San Diego State College, where he earned two Master's degrees. He was a teacher and coach at La Jolla High School and a counselor at Mesa College, where he worked from 1968-1989.

STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED

- EEO & Diversity Training for Screening Committees. Presenter: Sondra Frisch; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Mon., May 9, LRC-Room 435, 1:00 to 5:00 PM Contact: Sondra Frisch, Mesa College Site Compliance Officer/Educator, 619-388-2989
- Year-end closing deadlines for the Business Office are upon us. If you have any questions, please call 619-388-2771.
- Shared governance committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.
- Enroll in FLEX workshops of your choice! For questions, contact the Flex Office at (619) 388-2509 or visit A-109.
- The Bookstore will open Saturday in May.
- The Mesa College Humanities Institute is pleased to announce its Request for Funding Proposals for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. The goal for the 2011-2012 is to highlight the current "State of the Humanities." See Request for Funding Proposals <http://www.sdmesa.edu/humanities-institute/index.cfm> for details.

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