

San Diego Mesa College wins the 2011-2012 Chet DeVore Trophy

Annually, a special award is given to one of the colleges within the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference including Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Imperial Valley, MiraCosta, Palomar, San Diego City, San Diego Mesa, San Diego Miramar and Southwestern. Named after the founding commissioner of the PCAC, Chester "Chet" DeVore, the highly coveted trophy is awarded to the college who had the most successful men's and women's athletic programs during the academic year.

During the 2011-2012 year, San Diego Mesa College had one of its most successful years, athletically starting with the Fall semester where the Men's Cross Country started off the year with a conference title and also placed 3rd in the State Championships. For the women's side, the Women's Water Polo team earned themselves a conference title while the Women's Volleyball and Women's Basketball teams also took the top positions in the PCAC for the fall semester. The spring semester celebrated more conference titles as Softball, Baseball, Men's Tennis, and Women's Swim and Dive took control over the PCAC taking the title of PCAC Champion. The Men's Track and Field team made a strong showing at the State Championships taking 8th place overall to end the 2011-2012 athletic season. Adding to the success of the program was Olympian football player, Matt Neault and women's basketball player Chanel Purtras who were named the Male and Female

Scholar-Athlete of the year for the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. Both students were not only outstanding athletes in their respective sports, but also both had impressive grade point averages with Purtras ending her career at Mesa with a 3.78 and Neault ended on a 3.93.

Each accolade is worth a certain amount of points which, ultimately, determines who the winner is of the Chet DeVore Trophy. San Diego Mesa College earned 241 points for the 2011-2012 seasons, passing the next closest, Palomar College who had 239 points and won the trophy in 2010.