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WELCOME TO MESA E-NEWS, the monthly e-zine of college-wide events, activities and news.

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Interning at the Top

Ask anyone who works with her, and they'll tell you that Joi Blake, Mesa's Dean of Student Development and Matriculation, thinks big and dreams big. So it was perhaps no surprise that she landed at the nation's capitol for the internship requirement for her Doctoral program. The soon-to-be Dr. Blake spent much of fall semester completing her internship, for the San Diego State University's Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership program working at the offices of Dr. Martha Kanter, the Under Secretary of Education. She is pictured below with the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan.



The internship lasted eight weeks and ended on October 29. Joi worked in both the Office of the Undersecretary and the Office of Vocational and Adult Education. During her tenure, Joi attended senior executive meetings and briefings, and participated in symposiums, leadership meetings and the AACC White House Community College Summit Breakfast. The work she has done at Mesa enabled her to contribute to the discussions of the \$2 Billion Trade Adjustment Act competition, the development of Career Pathways Technical Assistance Institute, and crafting of the national strategic plan for community colleges.

"It was an amazing experience," said Joi. "When decisions were being made as to the future of community college in America, I was sitting at the table and able to bring to the discussion the institutional and student perspective."

Mesa College Garners Another MLK, Jr. Parade Trophy

Led by Interim President Liz Armstrong, dozens of Olympians and their families and friends turned out for the 30th Annual San Diego Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, held Saturday, January 15th near Petco Park. Dean of Student Affairs Ashanti Hands reports that the college took 2nd place in the educational unit division; the trophy is on display in the President's Office, A-104. Here's a few shots. For more, link to the Mesa College FaceBook site (just follow the link on the homepage of the Mesa website) and tag yourself!



Professor Kim Williams appointed to State Veterinary Medical Board

One of Arnold Schwarzenegger final appointments as governor last December was naming the first licensed registered veterinary technician to be appointed to the California Veterinary Medical Board. He appointed Kim Williams, an adjunct instructor at San Diego Mesa College's animal health technology program. Kim is also a Mesa College alumna; in 1978, she was among Mesa's first cohort of registered veterinary technician graduates. Kim also serves as veterinary services manager for the Zoological Society of San Diego, working at both the San Diego Zoo and the Safari Park veterinary hospitals. "Kim is probably one of the most dedicated people I have ever met," said Tracey Mumby, a registered veterinary technician who also works at Mesa. "There probably wasn't a better candidate for the position, and she is the one person I who I want representing me on the board."



PHOTO: Kim Williams poses with one of her patients, a cheetah. (Photo courtesy of the San Diego Zoological Society.)

Chancellor, Mesa Academic Senate President, Appointed to Statewide Task Force on Student Success

SDCCD Chancellor Constance M. Carroll and Cynthia Rico Bravo, counselor/professor and president of Mesa College's Academic Senate, are among of 21 individuals named to a California Community Colleges task force to boost completion rates over the next decade. The state board of governors made the appointments to the Student Success Task Force during its January 2011 meeting. Members include broad array of academic, research and business leaders, chaired by board of governors member Dr. Peter MacDougall. The group is tasked with develop over the next 12 months a strategic blueprint to help community college students.



Going... Going...Gone! (well, almost!)

If you haven't ventured to the upper floors of the LRC and G buildings to witness the demolition of the F and J buildings, just take a look at these! Curious about what's going up (or coming down)? Then you won't want to miss the Proposition S&N Campus Construction Update next month. Ron Perez, VP/Administration, will provide an update on construction projects on the Mesa College campus. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thu., Mar. 10 and 9 to 11 a.m., Friday, Mar. 11. Location: G-101.



Photos courtesy of Ken Einstein

Kudos:

To Mesa Men's Volleyball Head Coach John Landicho and Assistant Coach Davis Ransom, served on the coaching staff for the 2010 USA Volleyball High Performance Boys Holiday Training Camp (USAV HP). The camp was held Dec. 26-30 at Epic Volleyball Club in Poway was attended by returning members and top candidates the 2011 USA Boys Youth National Team, plus some of the finest high school freshmen and sophomore players in the nation. This was John's second consecutive USAV HP Holiday Camp. In addition, he also worked the boys' 2010 A3/High Performance camp for USA Volleyball. Coach Landicho has been a clinician and tryout coach for the USAV HP program since 2001. This was Davis' first assignment for USA Volleyball's HP program.

On-Track with the Olympians

The start of the spring semester also means the start of a new season for the Olympians Athletics and a continuation for the Men's and Women's Basketball programs. The lady hoopsters started off their season on a high note taking third place in Santa Maria at the Allan Hancock College Bulldogs' Women's Basketball Tournament. A week later, the team would make a repeat performance at City College's annual holiday tournament taking third place over some very tough competition. They kicked off conference play Jan. 5 against a scrappy MiraCosta and lost a heart breaker of a game 50-51. The Lady Olympians rallied back a couple of days later to beat rival City College in their gym 64-48. The team is currently 7-12 overall and 1-3 in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. The Men's team proudly announced Anthony Zeitounian earned Honorable Mention for the PCAC's Athlete of the Week award following his impressive performance against LA Pierce where he scored 16 points and pulled down 9 rebounds, assisting his team to a 75-70 victory over the Brahmas. The following week, Byron Anderson was named the PCAC Athlete of the Week as he lead the team in a victory over Santa Ana College by scoring 20 points, earning 7 rebounds and giving 5 assists.

On a mission to earn conference titles, Badminton, Baseball, Softball, Men and Women's Swimming and Dive, Men and Women's Tennis, Men and Women's Track and Field and Men's Volleyball teams are all in full swing as they prepare themselves for the competition that lies ahead of them and will begin to compete in the next following weeks.

Way Cool Classes



<http://www.thankyouocean.org/take-action/contests/>

Congratulations to Professor Paul Detwiler and his Marine Biology (Bio 115) students Dominique Gilbert, Cheyne Palmer, Carlos Valdovinos and Kelly Hughes, who submitted the winning video to the Thank You Ocean Campaign. The video makes a statement about the pervasive issue of marine debris and encourages people everywhere to dispose of litter in its proper place. To view this inspirational video, click on the link above. The video was featured as part of a film exhibit at the Blue Ocean Film Festival last August; the entire crew was in attendance to accept the award.

Last summer, Drama Professor **George Yé** directed a short film featuring Mesa drama students for the San Diego 48 Hour Film Project, in which filmmakers from all over the San Diego area compete to see who can make the best short film in only 48 hours. The film, "Cohiba," took the Best of Fest Audience Award and Yé was named Honorary Best Director. The film was also screened at the Temecula Film festival and at the San Diego Asian American Film Festival last fall. "Cohiba," by Cinemock Productions, featured students Kerby Solognier, production designer; Cifford B. Wright, actor; Deepti Kingra, production assistant; Jason Rodger, actor and Gio Tejada, lighting. Watch it online: <http://38.105.236.202/video/the-cohiba>



This and That

Mission Africa Update

Professor Akuna Winston extends a warm note of appreciation to those who participated in the 2010 "One Million Textbooks Drive for Africa" drive. In January, Mission Africa shipped two 40-foot containers filled with K-12 textbooks, college textbooks; and miscellaneous school-related items for schools in three African countries. "Mission Africa is strongly committed to assist in educating the next generation in Africa," she said. "To all those who donated books, boxes, and packing tapes; volunteered hours in the storage/warehouse, picked-up books, packed boxes, input inventory data and made phone calls, THANK YOU."

Volunteer Spotlight



Accounting Professor Roger Gee believes in giving a back to his community. He wanted to inspire youngsters to dream big. So, once a month for the past three years, Roger has been mentoring 10th and 11th graders at the Clairemont High School Academy of Business & Technology, just a few blocks from where he lives. "I was the first in my family to graduate from college," says Roger. "Most of the students that I mentor will be the first in their family as well." (If you would like to be considered for our occasional "Volunteer Spotlight" please email lheil@sdccd.edu.)

Mesa Moves!

Administration:

Dr. Barbara Kavalier was named the new president of San Jose City College.

Brian Stockert has been named Acting VP/Student Services

Charles Zappia has completed his term as Interim Dean, School of Social/Behavioral Sciences and Multicultural Studies.

New Hires:

- **Ginger Davis** is the new Sr. Clerical Assistant for grants under Dean Margie Fritch.

Resignations:

- **Jesus Ortiz**, Student Services Assistant, Financial Aid

Passings...

- Former Men's Basketball Coach, **James (Jay) Mulvehal**.
- **William Hastings**, retired Professor of Political Science and founding member of the department.
- Retired professor **Lavier Lokke**, one of the founding members of the Mesa College Chemistry Department.

New assignments for Mesa College Police Sergeants

Sergeant Gemma Conine joins the Mesa force as the Evening Watch Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Nick Johns will oversee the Day Watch operations as Patrol Sergeant. Any concern you may have related to patrol functions of the day or evening watch police personnel can be forwarded to Sgt. Johns or Sgt. Conine via district email or call 619-388-6405. As a reminder, all requests for police assistance should be directed to the College Police Dispatch Center by dialing x6405. Any concerns related to reserving parking spaces for visitors or special events can be done by emailing the Parking Services Department at parking@sdccd.edu or calling x6416.

THE MONTH AHEAD: March

March is Women's History Month and Science Month at Mesa and one of the busiest months of spring semester. Please submit your items to Mesa e-News and This Month at Mesa By February 22, 2011.

STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED

- **Shared governance** committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.
- **Proposition S&N Campus Construction Update** will be held: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thu., Mar. 10 and 9 to 11 a.m., Friday, Mar. 11. Location: G-101. Prop S&N Updates are posted to VP Ron Perez's monthly reports at <http://sdmesa.edu/parking/>.
- Enroll in **FLEX workshops** of your choice! For questions, contact the Flex Office at (619) 388-2509 or visit A-109.

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