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NEWS and EVENTS at SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

This Month at Mesa: March

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Project Unity a First on Many Fronts



Blood donated by Mesa College students, faculty and staff during Project Unity is making its way to the troops on the battlefield and to the hospital patients at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NSCMD). The barrier-breaking joint project led by two seemingly disparate groups at Mesa College — the Student Veterans Union and the Muslim Student Association — drew more than 87 donors, many veterans and active duty military and dependents, to the NMCS D blood mobile on February 25.



NMCS D Blood Recruiter Doreen Rekoski reports more than 87 donors, with 66 people clearing the process (21 people tried to donate, but were deferred for a number of common reasons). Since each unit collected can benefit up to three patients, some 198 people will benefit from lifesaving donations made during Project Unity.

“It was a very successful blood drive!” wrote Rekoski in her recap report to veteran organizer Edward Higuera. “It was a pleasure to work with all of you, truly.... and so much fun to see all that energy and enthusiasm.”



That energy and enthusiasm came from event organizers, veterans Edward Higuera and Richard Gilbert, and Huda Doski and Noorsaba Bahramzi, leaders of the Associated Student Muslims group. All were pleased with the drive’s success, and the experience of working together.

“Working on the Project Unity blood drive has had a tremendous impact on my life,” said Huda. “I didn’t realize it at the beginning, but looking back, my perspectives have changed. Not only have I learned more about the veterans, I’ve learned more about myself....I would do it all over again in a heartbeat.”

Watch the Project Unity YouTube video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksK7Apv6J3I&feature=youtube_gdata_player.



Olympians Defeat the Bulldogs during “Mesa MVB Armed Forces Night”

Dressed in desert digital camouflage jerseys in honor of their visiting opponents, the Mesa men’s volleyball team posted an impressive 25-13, 25-9, 25-13 win over the men’s volleyball team from US Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, on February 25 during “Mesa College MVB Armed Forces Night.”

“The results were to be expected from a team that spends more time training to serve their country than serving the volleyball,” reports Mesa MVB Head Coach John Landicho. The Marines, who train only once a week, came away with valuable lessons and promise to be better equipped for the rematch at Camp Pendleton on Wednesday, March 9.

The matches were created to support the Marines players, who are in training for tryouts for the All-Marine volleyball team, which will go on to compete with other teams representing the other branches of the US military. The Olympians raised \$107.25 from a crowd of 120 in support of the Semper Fi Fund.



Kudos to...

Rita Sanchez, Mesa College professor emeritus in the English/Chicana Chicano Studies departments, is among five women to be inducted into the San Diego Women’s Hall of Fame on March 12 from 5-9 p.m. at San Diego State University’s Alumni Center. The honor will be bestowed on Professor Sanchez in the area of Activism for her activism and initiation of change. The awards are co-sponsored by the Women’s History Museum and Education Center; the Commission on the Status of Women; SDSU Women’s Studies Department; and UCSD’s Women’s Center. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.womensmuseumca.org>. Tickets cost \$70 per person, \$50 for seniors, and \$40 for students/low income.

Tom Adams, Mesa College baking and pastry culinary instructor and pastry chef of Lemon Grove Pastry Shoppe, was named “2011 Chef of the Year” by the San Diego Chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

Professor Alessandra Moctezuma has been appointed to the Arts and Culture Working Group for the San Diego Foundation. The Foundation’s Arts & Culture Program works to ensure that the San Diego region has all of the resources it needs to be a nationally competitive arts and culture center, now and into the future.

Barbara Sexton, professor of art and lead drawing instructor, is a featured artist in the prestigious drawing invitational exhibition curated by Mark-Elliott Lugo at the Art Gallery located in the Earl and Birdie Taylor Memorial Library. The 7th annual showcase features a wide variety of drawing media, styles and concepts. Located on Cass Street in Pacific Beach; the exhibition runs through March 25; open daily or by appointment 858-581-9934.



Rita Sanchez



Tom Adams



Alessandra Moctezuma



Barbara Sexton

Let's Get Flex-ible

It is that time of year again! The Flex Subcommittee has started production of the Mesa College Flex Handbook for the academic year 2011-2012. If you would like to present a workshop during 2011-2012 and have it included in this publication, please prepare and submit your survey form by Thursday, March 31, 2011. The form has been revised for easier use. Click here to link to the "2011-2012 Request for Flex Workshops" form. Please note that the form is formatted so that you can type your workshop proposal directly onto it. After you have done so, please print a hard copy and send it to Dean Yvonne Bergland, Room A-109.

It's Repeat Boutique and Fashion Week Time! "Fashion Week" is coming up on March 8 to 10th. Students are need of gently worn clothing suitable for resale. So please consider cleaning your closet and donating goods for the cause! You can drop off clothes, handbags, belts and other accessories at B103, or email Susan Lazear at slazear@sdccd.edu for a pick-up.

New VEBA Fitness Training Options VEBA is conducting a "Make Your Own" Challenge, open to all District employees. Challenge options include: YMCA Membership Drive with no joiner's fee (registration: February 14 to April 3); the YMCA Big Splash! (registration: April 26 to June 10); and Five or Ten Pound Drop (registration: February 1 to March 13). Other options include a walking fitness program and "Take Back the Park." Go to www.vebaonline.com for more information and to register now. (You can also email or call a Health Coach at 619-466-4386 or healthcoach@vebaonline.com)

Are you C-Certifiable?

C-CERT Coordinator Charlotta Robertson reports that the ten June C-CERT slots for Mesa employees are now filled. However, there are seven more spaces for the July C-CERT training, July 27 through 29th. If you are interested in attending the July training sessions, please email Charlotta by Friday, April 1, 2011, to guarantee your spot (Please obtain your manager/supervisor's approval before signing up). After April 1, any remaining seats will be offered to City and Miramar. (Note: A four-hour refresher training will be held for current C-CERT members. Details coming soon.)

Save the Date for the Design Center Open House

The Mesa College Design Center dedication and sneak preview of the Student Exhibit has been scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. The Student Exhibit will run from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 20.

On-Track with the Olympians

The spring semester is in full bloom and all of Mesa Athletics teams are competing with heart and performing with excellence. The Olympian Baseball team started off their season at home against Mt. San Jacinto College and took a heartache of a loss 4-7 but would battle back with great strength and beat the Eagles 15-1 the following day. They opened conference play with a 11-2 win over the visiting Imperial Valley College. The men will return home to play San Diego City College on March 3 at 2pm. The women's softball team has been on a tear from their first day of competition beating Orange Coast College 9-1 and rounding out their preseason 12-2. The women Olympians prevailed beating Imperial Valley 9-1 at Imperial Valley to open conference competition. The men's volleyball squad started out their season against a tough line up consisting of Moorpark, Santa Barbara, LA Pierce and had the honor of hosting the men's club volleyball team from Camp Pendleton on Feb 25. The Mesa men were victorious on the night winning three games straight in front of both teams' families and friends. They face a loaded conference and will take on Grossmont College March 2 and then face Irvine Valley March 4 with both matches at home.

The track and field team performed well in their first home meet, the Conference Preview. The men and women's team posted impressive numbers and are looking to earn a position at the top of the conference this season. With 70 athletes on the roster, track and field is going to be strong in every event and a force to deal with. Both men's and women's tennis teams are moving forward. The men's team is defending their Pacific Coast Athletic Conference title and is off to a great start with wins over Grossmont and Palomar. They will face Mt. San Jacinto on March 10 here at Mesa. The women's team will take on City College on March 8 to kick off their conference play for 2011 and look forward to having another successful season with a very full and talented squad. In the pool, the men and women's swim team both celebrated victories in the PCAC over Southwestern College and will travel to Grossmont College on March 4 for another conference match-up. Last season, the ladies were the conference champions and threaten to go for another title. Although the men's team didn't earn a PCAC title, they did place 9th in the state and are working hard to earn a conference title.

Transfers:

- **Naomi Grisham**, Associate Professor/Counselor transferred to Miramar College.

Retirements:

- **Mary Lou Locke**, History Professor, retired in December 2010.

Passings:

- Former Men's Basketball Coach, **James (Jay) Mulvehal** (January 1, 2011)
- Retired Professor **Richard Lighthall**, who was one of Mesa College's founding faculty members. (February 1, 2011).

STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED

- **Shared governance** committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.
- Prop S&N Updates are posted to VP Ron Perez's monthly reports at <http://sdmesa.edu/parking/>. **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.
- Enroll in **FLEX workshops** of your choice! For questions, contact the Flex Office at (619) 388-2509 or visit A-109.
- Volunteers are needed for **Canyon Clean-up** on Saturday, March 26. Please see www.sdmesa.edu/canyonday.

THE MONTH AHEAD: April

- April is the busiest month of spring semester. Please submit your items to Mesa e-News and This Month at Mesa at your earliest convenience!

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