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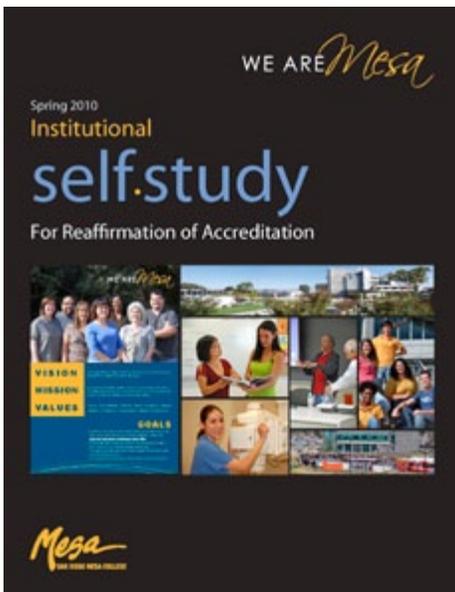
MESA NEWS

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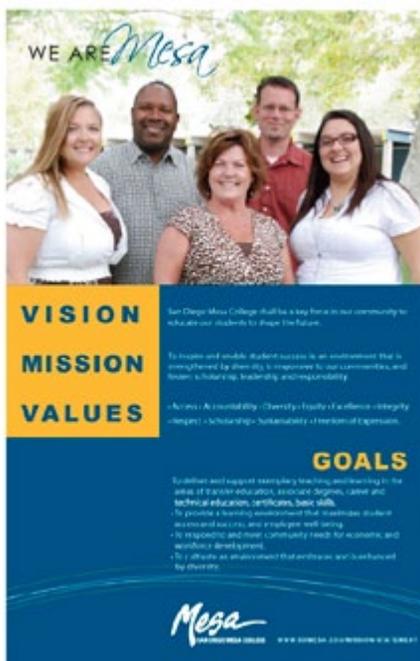


Countdown to Accreditation

As of September 1, we're 40 days to Accreditation, and we're counting down! Mesa College welcomes its accreditation team, led by Dr. Brice Harris, Chancellor, Los Rios Community College District, October 11-14, 2010. Tim McGrath, VP/Instruction and Accreditation Liaison Officer, advises that if you have not quite found the time to read all 373 pages of the Mesa College Self-Study, you can find the "Cliff Notes" version online! Click here to jump to the four-page [Abstract](#) of the report on pages 60 to 63 for a succinct overview of the self-study findings. The [Accreditation webpage](#), created by accreditation team members Yvonne Bergland, Jill Baker and Juliette Parker, is a wonderful resource that offers detailed information on all aspects of the self-study and the upcoming Accreditation visit.

We Are Mesa!

Seen those cool Vision, Mission, Values posters around campus? Maybe you have your own personalized, framed postcard on your desk? Thanks to the more than 160 individuals, departments and schools that participating in our Vision, Mission, Values campaign and especially to Carol Beilstein and Anabel Pulido for photographing, designing and organizing the entire project, with the help of the terrific print job by the Reprographics Staff. To have your department photo taken email: cbeilste@sdccd.edu.



Can you name that Mesa Value and what it means to you and the work you do every day? Log in to the Classified Senate public folder to play "Word of the Day." You can check out who's won so far and win a cool prize (sorry, Classified Staff only). Kudos to committee members Robin Watkins, Anabel Pulido, Neil Bhatia, Cynthia Hess and Patricia Davila for the "way cool" contest and prizes, and for helping to promote ownership of the Mesa College mission statements. Need help naming the college mission statement or values? Just log on to <http://www.sdmesa.edu/mission-statement>.



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WELCOME BACK WEEK Highlights

Student Affairs Dean Ashanti Hands reports on a hugely successful welcome week and sends a big, campus-wide thank you. Welcome Week 2010 took not only the dedication of a (Modular) village, but the involvement of the entire campus. Dean Hands reported that the weeklong events totaled 123 student programming hours, and counted 15 student volunteers, 28 staff members, 8 faculty volunteers, 9 administrators, plus numerous people who worked “behind the scenes,” and many department and program sponsors. Way to go, Team Mesa!



Olympians Fall into Gold

Women's Soccer: The 2009 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference top team looks to continue its successful run and defend its title championship. With a plethora of new freshmen, the team has been working very hard this summer to match last year's conference record of 15-1 and 17-4 overall. Coach Jim Fegan reports that **Women's Water Polo** will be attempting to defend their Pacific Coast Conference title this season, their seventh in the past 9 years. The women's swimming and diving team will be doing the same in the spring and trying to improve on their 4th place State finish. Find all scheduled athletics events and links to everything Olympian at <http://www.sdmesa.com/athletics/>.



This Garden Rocks!

Have you checked out the new natural low-water use natural garden in front of the LRC and next to the B-100 building? Low water use landscapes have already been incorporated into the new Prop S&N construction projects here at Mesa, but this plot is the first to transform existing landscape and the first to feature San Diego native plants. Once the plants are established, we can expect to save up to 70% water use in the summer; and up to 100% during the winter season! The grounds crew plans to continue to transform small plots of grass around campus, so keep your eyes open! Congratulations to Deb Canning and groundskeepers Tony Provenzano, Rosalio Fuentes, Mo Katawazi, Kris Doonan, Anthony Burt, and Dave Warczakowski.



Summer Sensation -- Mesagwana!

The elusive lizard was the topic of conversation in the summer, and a hot topic in the local news. If you haven't yet met Mesagwana, check him out here.

Welcome Back 2010 Video

Missed the welcome back video at the fall convocation? No problem. Simply [click here](#) to watch it. Kudos to videographer Michael Gast, and photographers Carol Beilstein and Anabel Pulido... and to everyone on campus for a fabulous year.

Who You Gonna Call? Donna Duchow Site Compliance Officer

Donna is Mesa's dedicated Site Compliance Officer ("SCO"). She can be reached by phone at 388-2305 or 388-2440 and via email at dduchow@sdccd.edu. As Site Compliance Officer, Donna is specially trained in and knowledgeable of the laws, regulations, policies, and procedures pertaining to Equal Opportunity in education and employment. She is available to investigate and help resolve complaints of discrimination and sexual harassment by SDCCD employees, students and members of the public.

Out and About: Professor, **Jaye Van Kirk (Psychological Science)**, was part of an international delegation of psychological science faculty to visit South Africa this summer. The Association for Psychological Science organized the trip to address a variety of academic and social issues including: educational practices, psychiatric and health care of HIV patients, resources and psychiatric services. The meetings with counterparts in South African universities will serve as a foundation for future international collaborations on global educational practices in Psychological Science.



C-CERTified Employees

In June, 43 volunteer Olympians participated in a comprehensive and intense three-day C-CERT training that covered everything from CPR/First Aid to Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Psychology and Search and Rescue efforts. The broad range of attendees included campus-wide administrators, staff, faculty, and law enforcement personnel that truly appreciated the depth and breadth of the training. The hands-on exercises with fire extinguishers, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and medical triage, took the training beyond the textbook level and table exercises and into the face of reality. "The Mesa Campus Community can feel much safer with 43 fully-trained and C-CERT qualified members that are better prepared and ready to respond to emergencies and disasters," says Charlotta Robertson, Mesa College C-Cert Coordinator.

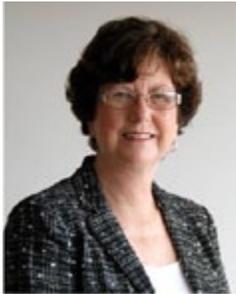
C-Certified Olympians: Ana De Orlow; Ashanti Hands; Barbara Plandor; Barbara Young; Barry Coleman; Charles Zappia; Charlotta Robertson; Danielle Short; Dave Warczakowski; Diana Medero; Dion Aquino; Farideh Farheidar; Jackie Szitta; Jennifer Simley; Jonathan Fohrman; Jose Lopez; Ken Berger; Kevin Krown; Leroy Johnson; Lina Heil; Lynn Dang; Margie Fritch; Marichu Magana; Matt Flores; Mavis La Vay; Melvin Clay; Michael Lewis; Michael McLaren; Michael Reese; Michele Marbrey; Nathan Talo; Nick Johns; Noel Tabor; Penny Hedgecoth; Rob Fremland; Robin Watkins; Sara Beth Cain; Sue Lalicker; Tim McGrath; Victor Bocaya; Zod Schultz.





Olympians on the Move

Liz is Back! Elizabeth J. Armstrong takes the Helm of Mesa College
Elizabeth J. Armstrong took the helm of Mesa College as its interim president on August 2, and is expected to serve through next June, or when a permanent president has been selected. She succeeds Dr. Rita Cepeda, who was selected as chancellor of the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District. No stranger to Mesa, Liz served as vice president of instruction at Mesa College from 2002 to 2008, when she retired. In 2009, she came out of retirement to serve as interim vice president of instruction at Miramar College. President Armstrong’s career includes over 35 years of service in higher education. “I am thrilled to be back to Mesa College.... And I will be visible and available to everyone,” she said in her address to the campus community during the August convocation and meetings. President Armstrong’s goals for the year and monthly updates to Mesa faculty and staff (beginning Wednesday, Sept. 1) can be found at <http://sdmesa.edu/president>.



New Administrators Named:

Mesa’s newest administrators are: Dr. Jill Baker, Dean, School of Business, and Dr. Chris Sullivan, Interim Dean, School of Humanities.



Transitions in Student Services: Joi Blake, Dean of Student Development and Matriculation will be taking a professional leave of absence to complete her Ed.D. program internship as a policy analyst in the Office of the Under Secretary of Education, working under Martha Kantor, Under Secretary, US Department of Education, in Washington, D.C. During her absence, Brian Stockert will be the Acting Dean and will temporarily relocate his office to MV-22. Jill Jansen will serve as Acting DSPS Coordinator. Pedro Olvera will serve as Acting EOPS Director.



Classified Staff Moves!

Promotions:

- ▶ Lynn Dang, Accounting Supervisor, Student Accounting
- ▶ Jessica Gonzales, Senior Secretary, Dean of Humanities
- ▶ Natosha Susoeff, Student Asst. Tech, Financial Aid
- ▶ Elaine Vega, Administrative Technician, Employment/ Payroll Office

New Hires/District Transfers:

- ▶ Johanna Bodnar, Student Services Assistant, DSPS
- ▶ Linda Custer, Accounting Tech, Business Office
- ▶ Gail Fedalizo, Senior Student Services Assistant, Veterans/Records
- ▶ Crisanta (Cris) Palmiter Administrative Technician, Employment/Payroll Office

- **Passings**

Facilities Services Custodial Supervisor Charles Carter passed away in late July following a long illness. Charles was hired as a Custodian in 1988 and promoted to the positions of Custodial Crew Leader in 1991, and Custodial Supervisor in 1997. He retired in 2007. He is survived by his wife Sandra Williams-Carter, Clerical Assistant at the District Service Center, who also worked at Mesa for several years. Charles' three brothers also worked for the District, including Floyd Carter, who works in the Mesa Stockroom.

PROP S & N Updates

Wondering what's up and what's ahead? Read VPA Ron Perez's monthly reports at <http://sdmesa.edu/parking/>

Stay Informed

Shared governance committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.

The Month Ahead

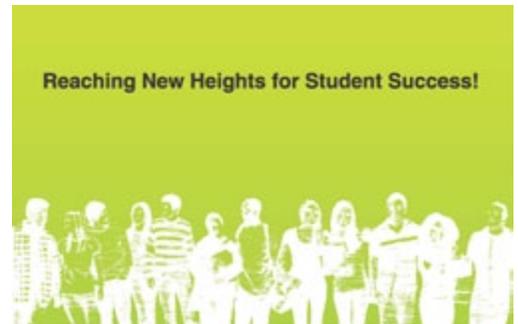
You can always check out what's happening at www.sdmesa.edu/events.

Save the Date!

Constitution Day with Chancellor Constance Carroll and Congressman Bob Filner, 12-2 pm, Wed., 9/17 in G-101.

Student Services Groundbreaking, 10:00 a.m. Wed., 9/22/10, in Parking Lot #1

Chancellor's Forum, SDCCD Progress & Plans, Tue. 9/28, 3-4 p.m., H-117-118



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