

Fact Sheet

2025-2026

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1964
Founded



31,898
Students enrolled
2024/2025



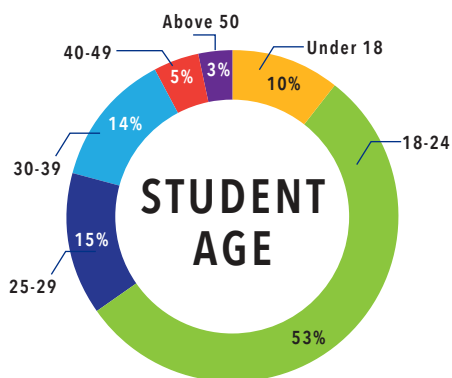
2,082
Academic, Bachelor
Degrees & Certificates
Awarded



32%
First Generation
College Students

San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive institution committed to being the leading college of equity and excellence. We honor our diverse community of students, faculty, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, access, and innovation in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer opportunities, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their futures.

Among the largest community colleges in California, Mesa serves more than 31,000 students annually, with nearly 30% identifying as first generation. Mesa offers more than 200 associate degree and certificate programs and is approved to offer two bachelor's degrees. A top San Diego transfer institution, Mesa is an AANAPISI, Black Serving Institution and Hispanic Serving Institution. Mesa is also recognized as a Student Parent Friendly College and a Military Friendly Gold Status School, serving more than 5,000 veterans, active duty service members and their families.



ETHNICITY

Latinx 42% • White 27%
Asian/PI 13% • Other/Multi 8%
Black/African American 7% • Filipino 1%
Unreported 1% • Native American 1%



4,928
MILITARY

Active Military, Veteran
Spouse/Dependent

MISSION

San Diego Mesa College is a comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity. We honor those commitments as a diverse community of faculty, students, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, innovation, and excellence in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their future.

VISION

To be the leading college of equity and excellence, educating students to shape the future.

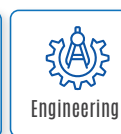
VALUES

- Access
- Accountability
- Diversity
- Equity
- Excellence
- Freedom of Expression
- Integrity
- Respect
- Scholarship
- Sustainability

MESA 2030 GOALS

- Completion
- Community
- Pathways & Partnerships
- Stewardship
- Scholarship

TOP 5 MAJORS



\$46
Cost per Unit,
CA Resident



2,653 San Diego
Promise Participants

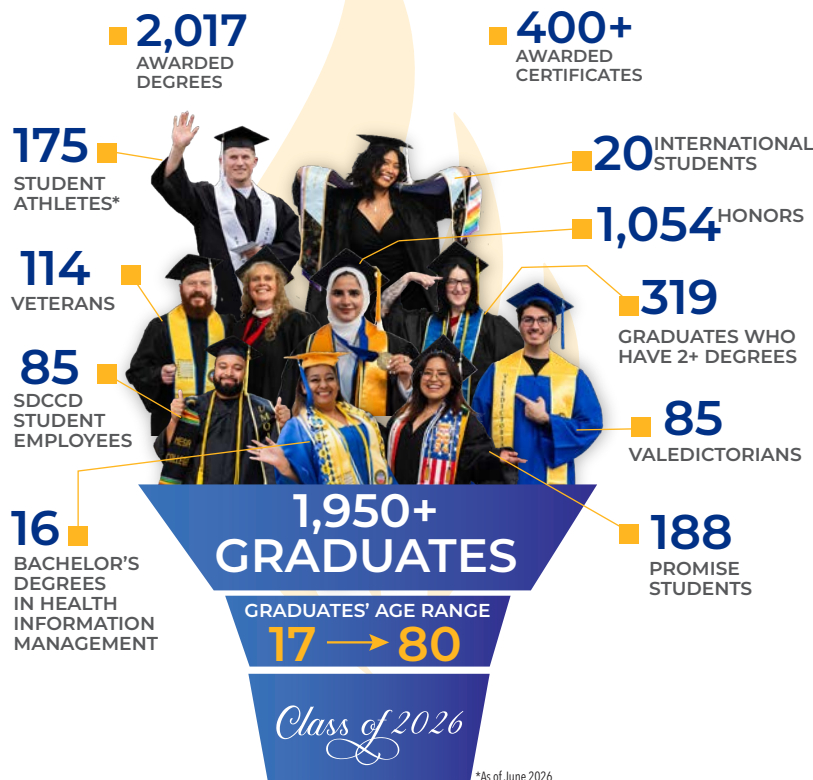


\$34,996,907
Financial Aid
Distribution
As of 9/23/26



16,277
Students received
Financial Aid

HONORING OUR GRADUATES



STUDENT CENTERS

To support its diverse student population, the College offers a variety of learning and support centers, including the AVANZA Engagement Center, Dreamer Resource Center, Family Resource Center, FAST/Foster Youth Center, High Tech Center, Honors Center, Kapwa Umoja Punte (KUP) Center, Pride Center, STEM Center, Veterans Center, and The Stand: The Dr. Pamela T. Luster Resource Center, which provides food and clothing assistance.

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The Leading College of Equity and Excellence

DISTINCTIONS

- Transfer Success: Ranked #3 statewide among California community colleges for the number of students transferring to a CSU or UC, with 2,406 students transferring in 2023-24.
- Mesa College was the first California community college to offer a bachelor's degree in Health Information Management. Mesa made history by awarding the first set of bachelor's degrees in Spring 2018. Since then, 192 students have graduated from the program. Mesa is one of 45 California community colleges approved to offer bachelor's degrees and among 12 approved to offer two or more baccalaureate programs.
- Mesa College is home to more than 2,000 works of art from roughly 60 countries. The San Diego Mesa College World Art Collection provides students with hands on opportunities to study, curate and preserve culturally significant works from Africa, Asia, the Americas and the Pacific.
- Mesa College is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) a Gold Status Military Friendly College and multiple times as a Fulbright Top Producing Institution.
- Mesa College is a recipient of the national Family U Seal for the 2023-2026 period. The Family U Seal is a national certification granted by Generation Hope to higher education institutions that demonstrate exemplary, measurable efforts in supporting parenting students.
- Mesa College Athletics finished Top 10 in the 2025-26 Ron Case Cup standings, recognizing overall athletic excellence among community colleges across the nation.
- Mesa College has been recognized in the 2025 Carnegie Classifications as a 'Mixed Associate Large' institution, an honor held by only 2% of U.S. colleges and universities. Mesa also earned a 'Higher Access, Medium Earnings' designation, affirming our commitment to equity and access while highlighting opportunities to strengthen post-college outcomes.

BUILDING MESA'S FUTURE

San Diego Mesa College is transforming its campus through major facilities investments funded by Measure HH, the San Diego Community College District's \$3.5 billion general obligation bond approved by San Diego voters in November 2024. Measure HH supports new construction, modernization, infrastructure improvements, and accessible learning environments across the San Diego Community College District.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, ADMINISTRATION & PARKING

Size: 122,456 GSF | Budget: \$373.8M

New performing arts complex featuring a main stage theater, instructional spaces, administration offices, parking, and a new home for Mesa's World Art Collection, supporting theater, music, dance, art, and interdisciplinary learning.

ATHLETICS COMPLEX

Size: 151,399 GSF | Budget: \$565.3M

New athletics complex supporting Mesa's 19 sports programs, including an Aquatics Center, four court gym, fieldhouse, team rooms, throw park, beach volleyball, a new softball field, and stadium and baseball upgrades.

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