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So technically, today is not the first Monday of this month, but close enough to kick off the first issue. We have so much happening this month, and here's what we think you'd like to know.

Opening of Social and Behavioral Science Building (SBSB)-September 29

The day is here, and students are enjoying classes in the building today. Faculty and staff were here over the weekend to unpack and share a little pizza as they moved in. Congratulations to the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and to faculty in PE, Exercise Science, Health and Communication Studies on the new building. As a result of the SBSB opening, work will commence immediately to clear out modular village. Some of the buildings are being moved and will stay to accommodate additional English classrooms on the far west side of Lot 1, but the majority are being removed permanently and will make way for new parking spaces for the spring semester.



Celebration on the Mesa-50 years of Student Success-Friday, October 3

This Friday we celebrate Mesa College's 50th Anniversary with student performances and reminiscences from our past. The evening features student dance, dramatic arts, world music, choral ensemble, speech and debate, a mini fashion show and delicious food prepared by the Culinary Arts students. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/san-diego-mesa-college-celebration-on-the-mesa-50-years-of-student-success-tickets-12231586003> or by dropping off your check in A-103 to Anne Zacovic. Proceeds go to the Mesa College Foundation to support scholarships, college programs and veterans.

Title V Grant- *Proyecto Éxito*-begins October 1, 2014- we need you!

We are excited to get moving on the Year One objectives of our new Title V grant under our designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution. In an earlier email I described the grants objectives. Look for announcements in the next few weeks from the President's Office to solicit interested faculty and staff for a number of important

roles which carry reassigned time, such as professional development coordinator, grant curriculum coordinator, English course designer, personal growth course designer, and structured learning assistance coordinator.

Also included in the grant is the creation of a Teaching & Learning Center (TLC), a place for faculty to work together as they apply new pedagogical approaches to teaching. We will be asking faculty to become part of a planning task force for the TLC very soon.

Governor Signs SB 850-Pilot Baccalaureate Degree Program-September 28th

Authored by Sen. Marty Block (D-San Diego), this important legislation directs the California Community Colleges system to establish a pilot baccalaureate degree program in 15 college districts by no later than the 2017-18 academic year. The Mesa College Academic Senate passed a resolution last spring endorsing a number of programs to be considered for the SB 850 pilot should the bill pass. The college and district have now identified the BS degree in Health Information Management at Mesa College as most closely aligning with the criteria for the new pilot, and thus the college is moving forward with the faculty in HEIT to submit this program. A number of steps are ahead, including our local curriculum processes, ACCJC and industry accreditation approvals, student fees and more. We await the State Chancellor's Office direction on how to apply. Stay tuned!

Accreditation 2016-Telling Our Story

The Mesa College Accreditation Team is underway, as each set of Tri-Chairs has been approved by their constituent groups, and the first standard meetings have taken place. There's still time to jump on board, and we have about 60 people who are already working on the first draft of our self-study. For more information, please use the newly updated [accreditation website](#).

Board Meeting at Mesa College -October 9th

Join us in the Design Center (Z building) for the annual Mesa College meeting of the SDCCD Board of Trustees. The Board enjoys hearing from all of you in their open session scheduled at 3:30 PM that afternoon in the Design Center student lounge. The meeting begins at 4PM with the Mesa College presentation. This year we will be featuring the Educational Master Plan and a session we are calling "It's all about student success!" with students, faculty and staff presenting the Student Success Plan, Student Equity Plan and Title V grant.

As we move into the autumn months, we find a multitude of opportunities to be involved in college life. The list is long, and the days are getting shorter. I appreciate the level of energy that it takes to be an engaged member of this community. I see many of you in meetings, at events, and in your offices working very hard to create the kind of college where students succeed. Many hands make light work, so let's do this together.

Thank you for all you do,



For more information on upcoming events, please visit our [Events Calendar](#).