



# FIRST Monday ON THE Mesa

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Office of the President

December 2019

### 2019 Annual Holiday Luncheon

To show our appreciation to our faculty and staff, you are invited to enjoy a holiday meal prepared by the talented students and staff of the Culinary Arts/Management Program. Join us on Wednesday, December 4, in MC 211 for this celebration. Lunch will be served from 11: 00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing all of you there.



### Board of Trustees Meeting at Mesa

On Thursday, November 14, Mesa College hosted the San Diego Community College District [Board of Trustees Meeting in the Mesa Commons](#) building. The theme for this year's meeting was "That's Resilience." In keeping with our equity and pathways efforts, various faculty, staff, and students provided updates on several Mesa projects and events, including Diversifying the Student Experience in STEM, PATH, NextUp, and Umoja. A highlight of the meeting was the "It's A Fact" Reader's Theater by the Speech and Debate Team, in which students participated in a performance centered around inclusion and identity visibility.



### 2019 #GivingTuesday to Benefit the Resiliency Fund

This year #GivingTuesday falls on Tuesday, December 3, and Mesa will be accepting donations to [The Resiliency Fund](#). The campaign works to support students experiencing financial setbacks through emergency grants and loans, thereby aiding student retention by helping those at risk of dropping out of class or college. Thanks to many

## #GIVINGTUESDAY

Tues Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

All 2019  
donations will  
be matched  
and will support  
The Resiliency  
Fund.

You have  
the power  
to preserve  
the dream  
of a college  
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Be there  
for students  
when they  
need it most.

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of you, and events like [The Classified Free Throw Challenge](#), donations for the Resiliency Fund are already up to \$74,000. Through this Campaign, we are hoping to reach our first step goal of \$75,000. All donations are eligible for the match. If you are so inclined, please consider giving a gift. Thank you again for supporting Mesa's students!

### **Mesa Honored Veteran's Week**

Mesa College kicked off the month of November by hosting our Veterans Celebration Week as a part of our commitment to student veterans and their families. To provide a space for veterans to share their stories, Mesa held the Chicano Experiences in the Vietnam War panel, as well as A Veteran Writers Reading + Master Class on Writing Trauma through Comedy, where veterans shared their experiences through storytelling. Mesa also held a flag dedication fundraiser to support the *Veterans of Mesa Scholarship*, and celebrated the opening. Other events included a BBQ for veterans and guests, the Boot Camp Challenge, a resource fair, and workshops for transfer and internship aid. For more information on Veterans programs at Mesa College, please visit Mesa Veterans Office or the Veterans Resource Center.

### **Hunger and Homelessness Week/AS Thanksgiving**

In our equity efforts to support students experiencing food and/or housing insecurity, we hosted Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Volunteers and culinary students upcycled would-be wasted food into wholesome, scratch-made meals for hungry children in San Diego. A Resource and Engagement Fair followed a film screening of the Academy Award winning documentary, "Inocente," and attendees were provided with resources and information on how they can support themselves or others experiencing hunger and homelessness. The annual AS Thanksgiving Feast was held on November 21. This event was created to assist students who are unable to go home for the holidays, and provided them with a sense of community that included food, games, an opportunity drawing, and entertainment.

### **2020 Scholarship Applications Open in December**

Mesa College 2020 Scholarship applications will be available starting December 1, at [www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships](http://www.sdmesa.edu/scholarships), with scholarships ranging in value from \$250-\$2,500. Please inform your students that the



deadline to complete scholarship application materials is Monday, February 18 (midnight PST). Students interested in learning more about Mesa College scholarship opportunities, workshops, and events, may join the emailing list through the website. The Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

### Students can Register NOW for Intersession/Spring 2020

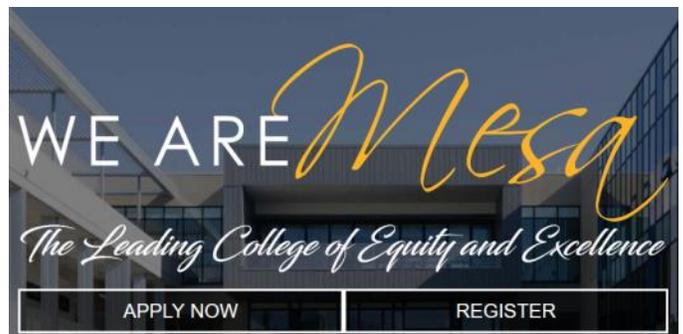
Please remind your students that registration for Intersession and Spring 2020 classes is available at [www.sdmesa.edu/spring](http://www.sdmesa.edu/spring). Appointments and early registration are occurring now, and open registration for all students starts December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mesa College has a variety of online and hybrid classes available, as well as evening and Saturday classes.

### Fall/Winter Sports Successes -

It has been a great semester for fall sports at Mesa College. Our men's cross-country team earned a perfect score of 15 in the PCAC championships and continued on to win the Southern California Regional contest. They entered the state meet as favorites, in Fresno, on November 23, and went on to win the state championship, earning five All-American honors along the way (Stefen Rasmusen, Isaiah Labra, Christian Alcantar, Bobby Brana, and Medhane Waldu). The women's cross country team also competed at the state meet and finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place, earning one All-American honor (Yahaira Zuniga). Our Olympian Football team finished the regular season ranked #13 in the state, and hosted El Camino College on Saturday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Patriotic Bowl. They lost 55-45 and Isiah earned player of the game for the Olympians. Our women's soccer team won the PCAC Championship and is the #5 seed in the Southern California Regional Playoffs. They hosted Citrus College on November 22, and won in dramatic fashion after advancing on penalty kicks. Men's water polo won the PCAC championship and advanced to the playoffs, falling to Riverside, 6-5. Women's volleyball won the PCAC title and awaits their seeding for the playoffs where they should host a first round contest.

### MLK Parade Invite

Please join Mesa College as we participate in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, happening on January 19, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., along West Harbor Drive. The parade is one of the largest celebrations of its kind in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the United States, and features high school bands, drill teams, col-



leges, churches, organizations, and many floats. Come and join us as we celebrate the legacy of one of America's most influential civil rights activists.

### Mesa2030 Task Force Update

The Mesa2030 Task Force (formerly known as the Master Planning Task Force) had its first meeting with the expanded membership on November 19. At this meeting the group continued progress towards assessing and making recommendations regarding Mesa's Integrated Planning model, including identifying long-term plan and short-term plan lengths, titles, and their relationships to Program Review and Resource Allocation. The group will continue this work and make a recommendation to PIEC. Additionally, our consultants will begin their work engaging our campus community with our first campus event on Dec. 4 (insert flyer here). The Mesa2030 Task Force will have its next meeting on February 18 when we return in Spring.

### Pathways Update

Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC) is wrapping up the Fall semester with a flurry of activities. The final Mesa Mixer of the semester was held on November 13. The mixers provided a great opportunity for the entire campus community to participate in dialogue around program mapping and student support services. Thank you to Alison Primoza, Helen Greensbergs, Dina Miyoshi, and Mary Gwin for hosting these events. Our final FLEX event occurs on Friday, December 6, in LRC 435 from 12 – 2:00 p.m. and focuses on "The Pitfalls of Early Implementation of Guide Pathways: How can Mesa College Circumvent these Obstacles?" Leading the event is Megan M. Chase, Ph. D. from the Center for Urban Education. On December 10, Mesa Pathways will be presenting all its work to President's Cabinet. Additionally, the second and final reading of Mesa's Guided Pathways Essential Practices: Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment will occur on that day. MPC is busy preparing for next semester. Efforts include creating an ad-hoc committee to establish a faculty-guided student mentor program to promote more student engagement and preparing for Spring semester FLEX activities. MPC is proud of the work they have accomplished this semester and they are excited to continue their work on Mesa Pathways with you all in the Spring semester.

### Program Review is in the final stretch!

Program Review is in its final stretch! Lead Writers are working with their programs to complete their initial drafts before the first closing date on **December 2**.



## Mesa is Planning Our Future! Share Your Ideas!!



Wed, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunrise Plaza  
Near Mesa Commons

**Mesa College students, faculty and staff are all invited to participate!**

### ENGAGE

*with our planners using interactive displays*

### TELL US

*about your experiences on campus*

### SHARE

*thoughts and ideas for the future of Mesa College*

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Managers and Liaisons will begin reviewing at that time and the Workspaces will open back up for final edits on **January 11**. The resource forms will remain open through the break. The IE team continues to hold trainings and open work sessions on all aspects of the Program Review process and are available for one on one support, if needed. You can access the training schedule, timeline, and other resources at: <http://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/institutional-effectiveness/program-review/resources.shtml>



## Mesa Upcoming Events

**Comfort Tent:** Dec. 2-5; Dec. 9-12. In the LRC Quad for relaxation and nourishment, times TBA.

**Staff Holiday Luncheon:** Wed. Dec 4, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – MC 211 A/B. Faculty and staff are invited to enjoy a holiday meal prepared by the Culinary Arts Program.

**Stem Lecture Series:** Thurs. Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A viewing of the film, *Before the Flood*, followed by discussion on climate change.

**Free Farmers Market:** Thurs. Dec. 12, 12:00 p.m., while supplies last. Sunrise Plaza. Mesa’s Free Farmers Market that provides free, fresh produce to the Mesa College community. Please bring a bag.

**40th Annual MLK Parade:** Sun. Jan 19, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. West Harbor Drive - Embarcadero. All faculty, staff and students are invited and encouraged to participate in the parade.

**Black History Month Events:** February is Black History Month with events TBA.

**Rosa Parks Libation:** Tues. Feb. 4, 12:45 p.m. All are invited to walk from G-103 to the Bus Stop in Recognition & Honor of the many months of walking during the bus boycott.

<b>New Hires/Promotions at Mesa College</b>	<b>Congratulations!</b>
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