



FIRST *Monday* ON THE *Mesa*

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Campus Community Forums: Keeping Us Connected

We are now past the halfway mark of the fall semester, and our [Campus Community Forums](#) are a great way to stay connected with colleagues and the work that we are doing despite not being on campus. Forums this fall are scheduled for Tuesday afternoons, and have focused on the work we do to continue to be the leading college of equity and excellence. On October 13, Classified Senate presented their “Calling Into Action” work, focused on their work on creating a more-equitable and anti-racist institution. The October 27 Forum was focused on Mesa 2030, our upcoming Educational and Facilities Master Plan. The November 10 Forum will provide an update on Mesa Pathways. All Forums are hosted and available for viewing on the [San Diego Mesa College YouTube channel](#).

Sharing our Mesa 2030 Master Plan with the Board of Trustees

Mesa College will virtually host the District’s Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, being broadcast via YouTube. Faculty, staff, and students will present to the Trustees and Chancellor at 4:00 p.m., highlighting successes and ongoing projects at the College. This year’s theme is “Mesa 2030—10 More Years of Equity and Excellence,” and will focus on how Mesa is integrating its efforts in addressing racial inequality, completion, pathways and partnerships, community en-

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY FORUM
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 | 2:15pm-3:30pm
Featuring: Mesa Pathways



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 12, 2020
Campus Meeting: 4 pm
Business Meeting: 5 pm

Mesa 2030 – 10 More Years of Equity and Excellence

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agement, and stewardship into its master planning process. The presentation will be followed by the regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to view the meeting on the [District's YouTube channel](#).

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week:

The Stand: Basic Resource Center, in collaboration with Student Affairs, Associated Students, EOPS, DSPS, Outreach, and Peer Navigators have partnered together to host an engaging week of events for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 16-20. During the week, we will distribute over 300 Thanksgiving Family meal packs to students, prepared by Culinary Arts. In addition, there will be a "Warm and Fuzzy" distribution which will include toiletries, a warm blanket, and a \$50 market gift card to over 200 students. Throughout the week, there will be special events to support student wellness, provide tips on tight budgets, and facilitate healing and education through community building.

Mesa 2030 Update

This past month, the Mesa 2030 Task Force held the last of the fall 2020 department and program interviews, producing rich dialogue and feedback from our Mesa College community and tying in the conversations we started in the spring.

During October's meetings, we shared the new Mesa 2030 website with the feedback surveys, and asked our members to distribute with their constituency groups. Mesa 2030 gathered at the final October meeting to discuss department and program interviews, the Mesa 2030 goals, and campus development.

The Mesa 2030 team hosted the second Institutional Effectiveness and Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Partnership Resources Team (PRT) meeting and engaged in excellent conversation about next steps to ensure that pathways and equity are explicit throughout our educational and facilities master plan.

We were invited to present during the President's Campus Forum, where members of the Mesa 2030 Task Force spoke on the creation of the Master Plan and our draft goals. We are also planning the President's Community Breakfast and the campus Board of Trustees meeting, which will both be highlighting the development of Mesa 2030 Educational and Facilities Master Plan.



Mesa 2030

PURPOSE

The Task Force will guide the development, review, and college-wide vetting of the plan, to include the analysis of data and discussion of key findings and recommendations. The recommendations will be presented to the PIE Committee and ultimately submitted to President's Cabinet.

MESA 2030 RESOURCES



Mesa Pathways Update

Mesa Pathways Committee and its workgroups continue to advance the work of equity and excellence for our students and college community.

The new Continuing Education Workgroup has been established. Outreach Coordinator Karla Trutna is serving as one of the co-leads. This group is focused on identifying collaborative pathways that bridge the student journey from San Diego Continuing Education to Mesa College. This group is still looking for interested members. Those interested in joining this team should email us at MesaPathways@sdccd.edu.

A new Task Force is starting to develop programming to enable faculty to examine its curriculum through both an equity and cultural relevancy lens. Chris Sullivan and Janue Johnson are leading this effort. Stay tuned for more on this important work and future professional development opportunities.

On November 10, at 2:15 pm, Mesa Pathways will present at the Campus Forum. Join us as we share about past, present, and future pathways work, and hear from our new Mesa Pathways Student Fellows. This will be a fun and informative time with the possibility of winning some Mesa College swag. Mark your calendar. Finally, MPC and the workgroups have begun the process of updating the annual Chancellor's Office Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment for the implementation of our Guided Pathways efforts here on campus. Updates will be completed before Fall break and presentations to the various governance groups will begin upon our return.

Mesa College Drive-In: An Outdoor Art Exhibition

The exhibition will be on view from **November 13 through December 9, 2020**, in Parking Lot 1 with a drive-thru reception on **Friday, November 13, from 1 – 4 p.m.** This is a visual time-capsule capturing the dramatic events of the last eight months—plague, social unrest, and fires. This physically distant display including thirty-six California artists allows you to stay in your car and view the artwork as you drive along the perimeter of the parking lot. The artworks have been painted or printed onto 3 x 5 foot banners and attached onto the fence. Curated by the San Diego Mesa College Museum Studies class, the works on display ponder on the 2020 “new normal” by interrogating spaces—indoors and outdoors, public and private—as well as the virtual versus the physical. This year has been difficult for the art community and Mesa College is staying adaptable through this innovative presentation; this exhibition reimagines the



The screenshot shows the Mesa College website with a navigation bar including 'ABOUT', 'ACADEMICS', 'FINANCIAL AID', 'ATHLETICS', 'CAMPUS LIFE', 'STUDENT SERVICES', and 'COLLEGE SERVICES'. The main content area features a large photo of a group of people sitting around tables in a meeting room. Below the photo is a section titled 'MESA PATHWAYS' with a sub-header 'MESA PATHWAYS' and a list of links: 'Why Pathways?', 'Implementation Teams', 'Guided Pathways Planning', 'Program Mapping', 'Events & Presentations', and 'Resources'. A paragraph of text follows, explaining the goal of Mesa Pathways: 'The goal of Mesa Pathways is to provide our diverse student population with clearer direction, strong support, and well developed roadmaps to achieving their educational, career, and life goals — from the moment of their decision to come to Mesa College until the time they reach their goals. Some will earn a certificate and/or degree, others will transfer, some come for professional development and career advancement while still others come for the love of learning.'



Johanna Poethig, *Ultimate Truth*, digital image (2020)

possibilities of human connection and empowerment in a time of crisis. **Exhibition Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm (Free, and open to the public). Closed Weekends and Thanksgiving week, November 21- 29.

Veterans Week

To celebrate all U.S. military veterans' service, San Diego Mesa College has a [week of events](#) planned from November 9 -13. This year's events will be online and include opportunities for veterans to obtain transfer information, available internships, and a virtual lunch with the Veteran Services team. On Wednesday, November 10, the oldest and youngest student Marines will be recognized on social media to celebrate the birthday of the Marine Corps. This tradition dates back to 1925 and is usually accompanied by a cake cutting ceremony, with the first three slices going to the guest of honor, the oldest living Marine present, and the youngest Marine present. What a perfect way to display brotherhood and connection.

Farmers Market

The Stand: Basic Needs Resource Center is working remotely to serve students. We are happy to provide two large FREE food distributions each month. To ensure that students don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in our mobile markets and other events, please encourage them to click [here](#) to opt in for emails about upcoming events. Fall 2020 Mobile Market dates are below. Mark your calendars and consider serving as a volunteer.

- Monday, November 2
- Thursday, November 19
- Monday, December 7
- Thursday, December 17

Mesa College's Soup'r Sweet Drive-Thru Holiday Event

Since we are not able to get together for our regular holiday gathering, please join us on Wednesday, December 2, from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. for a special drive-thru holiday event where we will be distributing holiday goodies made by our Culinary Arts students.



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