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Hello Mesa College Community,

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands provide a brief overview of the exciting efforts taking place within our community. The updates are also a great way to tell our collective story of success, and to document our journey of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Enjoy!

- I recently participated in the San Diego Youth Services Board of Directors Site Tour, led by SDYS CEO Walter Phillips. The tour included visits to the Spring Valley East Community Center, Mid City Youth Center, and TAY (Transition Age Youth) Academy. The tour focused on support for youth in the areas of foster care, homelessness, LGBTQ+, sex trafficking awareness and recovery, diversion programs, family conflict and violence, abuse and neglect, mental health struggles, and substance abuse.
- VP of Instruction O'Connor recently represented Mesa College and SDCCD in an ABC 10 News interview and article titled [Community Colleges see post-pandemic enrollment boost](#).
- Welcome Week was a huge success, and I was so pleased to see so many new faces on campus! To view the Welcome Week photos, please visit our Flickr album [here](#).
- The first walk-up Farmer's Market of the Fall semester saw great foot traffic last Thursday. Photos from that event can be viewed [here](#).
- Photos are now posted from the special meet and greet session for black students, hosted by myself and Acting VPSS Maxey last week. You can view the photos [here](#).
- The Welcome Back event for new and continuing CARE students was held yesterday, and students were provided resources, information about Fall CARE services, and free lunch.
- The new Mesa Pride Center is now offering Academic, Personal, and Career counseling appointments. Students can contact the Pride Center at SDMesaPrideCenter@sdccd.edu to schedule an appointment.
- The Mesa College Art Gallery recently welcomed a new art exhibit, titled *The Weight of Color, The Shape of Light*. The exhibition runs through September 8th and is free and open to the public. There will also be special visits and conversations with the artists. To find out more info, please visit: www.sdmesa.edu/art-gallery. Some photos of the exhibit have already been uploaded into our Flickr album and can be viewed [here](#).
- The Mesa Women's Volleyball Team defeated El Camino College at their season opener last Friday. The Olympians captured the first two sets 25-16 and 25-8. El Camino rallied,

capturing the third set in a close 25-23 battle. The Olympians then regained their momentum, closing out the fourth set 25-17.

- This Friday, three of Mesa's Women's Sports Teams have games: our Volleyball team, Soccer team, and Water Polo team. The Women's Volleyball Team has two games scheduled for Friday, one at 2pm and one at 5pm. All are away games.
- The Mesa Olympians first football game of the season is this Saturday, at West LA at 2pm. The first home football game of the season is scheduled for next Saturday, September 10th at 4pm.
- To stay abreast of the latest news and to find out what's happening on campus, visit the links below.
 - [Mesa College Newsroom](#)
 - [Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Best,

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