



Hello Mesa College Community!

Weekly Update from Prez Hands provides 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!



OFFICE OF THE *President*



Thank you to all who attended our Spring 2024 Convocation! It was so wonderful seeing many of our Mesa colleagues continue to illuminate the path towards equity and excellence. I wish everyone a great spring semester!

Join Us for our 60th Anniversary!

You are cordially invited to **Save-the-Date for the San Diego Mesa College 60th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.** In 2024, Mesa College will be celebrating 60 years of equity and excellence. You are invited to be a part of the celebration as we launch our year-long festivities. We will begin with a formal program on the Quad from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and transition to music, dancing and other celebratory activities. Join us as we celebrate with students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, partners, the Mesa College Foundation, and members of the community. Your

presence will add to the joy as we reflect on the past and look forward to continued years of empowering students with knowledge and opportunities. Please save the date and plan to join us! More details to follow.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

We wish Dean Monica Romero the best as she undertakes a brief leave, with an anticipated return in late March. In her absence, **Dean Leslie Shimazaki and Associate Dean Alex Berry** will share the duties of acting dean of Business and Technology.



Mesa co-hosts AAPI Studies Summit with SDSU

On Friday, January 19, 2024, the Mesa College Asian and Pacific Islander Studies program (Dr. **Hai Ly Tran** and **Ly**) and SDSU APIDA Center (Dr. **Virginia Loh-Hagan**) hosted the San Diego AAPI Studies Summit. This was an opportunity for faculty to convene, share updates, and collaborate on course development. Some of the questions addressed were: What courses are available to students in the San Diego region? What courses need to be developed? How can 2-year institutions collaborate with 4-year institutions and vice versa? Representatives from several campuses were present: SDSU, UCSD, Grossmont College, City College, Miramar College, Southwestern University, and MiraCosta College. We will be hosting more convening

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

Welcome Week Begins January 29, 2024! We look forward to welcoming new and returning students as we begin the Spring semester. For a list of activities, please visit sdmesa.edu/welcomeweek.

Promise Spring 2024 Race to 12 Units is a Promise & Counseling workshop series to assist Promise students to get enrolled in at least 12 units (to remain Promise eligible) by the add/drop deadline of each term. All sessions will be held at Assessment & Testing Computer Lab I4-201.

- Monday, January 29th @ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 1st @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 5th @ 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 7th @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/spring24raceto12>

Spring 2024 Promise applications are now closed. Fall 2024 Promise applications are now open. The Priority deadline is April 5, 2024 and the application deadline is August 5, 2024. Applications are available at www.sdccd.edu/promise.

Participatory Governance

To learn more about our Associated Students, Academic Senate, and Classified Senate, please visit the links below:



In The Know

For additional information on what is happening on campus and in our community - visit the links below:



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