

Weekly Update from Prez Hands
Week of December 6, 2023



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!

Office of the President



Your San Diego Mesa College Women's Volleyball team are 3C2A State Champions!

Huge congrats to Coach Bobbie Jo, her student-athletes, and her staff on a job well done! This is the first ever state title for our women's volleyball program at San Diego Mesa College – history has been made!

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 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



The [Mesa Impactship Program \(MIP\)](#) application for Spring 2024 is now live! Please share the [MIP flyer](#) with students and encourage them to apply by the **1/19/24** deadline. Eligible MIP students may receive a **one-time payment of \$1000 OR hourly compensation** for unpaid workplace training & enrollment in a Work Experience or Directed Clinical Practice (DCP) course. MIP funding is intended to support students with reducing or eliminating out-of-pocket expenses associated with internships such as childcare, equipment, fees, meals, professional attire, & more.

Want to support an intern on campus? The MIP team is seeking classified professionals, faculty, or admin to serve as **MIP Campus Mentors** to students interns in your department or program. Complete the [MIP Mentor Interest Form](#) to learn more and promote the career development of students! Contact the MIP Team for questions:

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The Real Estate Program just received our official notice from the CA Department of Real Estate that our Real Estate course 120, Real Estate Practice, meets the new curriculum requirements of Implicit Bias and Fair Housing effective June 5, 2023. Including this content is necessary for the course to remain eligible for students seeking a real estate examination per a new Senate Bill 1495. Thank you to the faculty who made this possible.

Try an
Hour of Code
during
CS Ed Week!



Image from: <https://www.csedweek.org/2023>



Join the Computer Science department in celebrating Computer Science Education Week! Learn about the new generation of students impacting computer science and join millions across the globe in an hour of coding!



On Monday, Mesa held **Kapwa Civic Engagement Share-Outs** where students shared some of their amazing work that celebrates their inner artist, activist, healer, and humanitarian. Two of the projects seen in the photos here included students organizing a lei fundraiser to help with the Maui wildfire recovery efforts and students staffing a regional book sale at four San Diego libraries.



Mesa College professor **Dr. Waverly Ray** recently returned from a nine-day voyage from Seattle to Honolulu on the *Research Vessel Thomas G. Thompson* with **STEMSEAS (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Student Experiences Aboard Ships)**. STEMSEAS provides ship-based, exploratory experiences for undergraduates from diverse backgrounds aboard National Science Foundation-funded research vessels. The goal of this expedition was to help community college faculty feel prepared to serve as future expedition mentors and expose faculty to this experience so that they can encourage students to do the same. Dr. Ray was one of thirteen educators selected out of hundreds of applicants.

Office of Student Services

Student Affairs:

We are pleased to share that the annual Hunger & Homelessness Awareness which was included events and programming from The Basic Needs Resource Center, Associated Students, Financial Aid, Student Affairs and Student Health Services was a tremendous success. We were able to reach over 1,200 students! Please see the remarkable data below:

- 200 students participated in the **Warm and Fuzzy Distribution** which included a warm blanket and \$25 grocery store gift card (\$5,000 total in gift cards for this event. Thank you to Basic Needs.)
- **Thanksgiving Feast** hosted by Associated Students, The Basic Needs Resource Center and Student Affairs provided
 - 500 delicious meals created by Culinary Arts
 - 100 \$15 each to Mesa's 72fifty Cafe
 - 20 \$25 each to Mesa's 72fifty Cafe
 - 116 \$25 each Grocery Store Cash Cards
- **Financial Aid Student Services Resource fair** included over 20 Student Services departments providing resources and information to students and Financial aid provided 300 free meals plus lots of giveaways
- During the entire week Student Health Services continued to provide **Free Flu & COVID** Vaccines to students.

Outreach & Promise

- Promise Counseling Workshop - Heart & Stones Rock Painting, will be December 8th, 10am-11am on campus. The Heart and Stones workshop facilitates a community of Promise students in a meditative/calm setting where they will learn about aspects of color psychology while painting stones with personal positive messages. The purpose is to meet as a community of students before finals week and decompress through productive creativity. For details and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3Y4cFTL>.
- Mesa Outreach will be at the SDCCD Counselor and Partner Conference on December 7th, 8am-2pm at Miramar College. This collaboration, networking, and development event invites high school counselors and partners to get to know the San Diego Community College District and what San Diego City, Mesa, Miramar, and Continuing Education Colleges have to offer so they are able to provide guidance and support to their own communities! More information at <https://www.sdccd.edu/outreach-day/>.

Student Health: Student Health Services will host the annual Comfort December 5th - 7th starting at 10am - 2pm located in the LRC Quad. The Comfort Tent will give students an opportunity to destress while they are preparing for finals week. There will be snacks, mental health counselors, coloring, and other activities to help students relax and focus on finals.

Office of Resource Development

- Big thank you to those of you who have supported a scholarship or gave to the San Diego Mesa College Foundation on Giving Tuesday. Thanks to generous support, in the past few months, we have raised \$116,056 across our scholarships and programs!
- The Foundation Board is setting goals for 2024 and Board Member and former Mesa President Liz Armstrong hosted a workshop-style gathering for our Board to gear up to raise at least \$600,000 next year!
- Thanks to all of you who submitted Innovation Grants. The Committee is currently reviewing the 17 applications and we are on track for award announcements in January.

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

[Associated Students](#) | [Academic Senate](#) | [Classified Senate](#)

In the Know

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

1. [Mesa College Newsroom](#)
2. [Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Best,
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