

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: June 1, 2023
Sent On Behalf Of President Ashanti T. Hands



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 Updates

Last Friday's 2023 Commencement Ceremony was a huge success! Mesa College awarded nearly 2,000 degrees and certificates this year, including 22 Bachelor's degrees to the six cohort in the Health Information Management (HIM) program. Nearly 650 students graduated with more than one degree, and the graduating class boasted 110 valedictorians and over 700 students graduating with honors. Thank you to everyone who made Commencement such a huge success!

The 4/10 schedule will start next Friday, June 9 and will end after Friday, August 11. Employees will work with their supervisors to create schedules that meet student needs and balance work schedules across programs and services.

Office of Student Services Updates

Registration for the online Summer 2023 CRUISE has opened: <https://bit.ly/SummerCRUISE2023>

Creating Rich Unique Intellectual Student Experiences (CRUISE) aims to prepare and engage new, incoming students through an on-campus experience. Participants will successfully identify resources necessary to excel academically, connect with a Peer Navigator, and get to know other first-year students leading to a sense of belonging.

In our Veteran Success Center, 25 laptops are now available for Military Affiliated students to use.

Over in the Counseling department Raquel Sojourner is serving as the co-lead for the 2023-24 Regional Strong Workforce Career Navigation Project, and she has designed a new [RIASEC self-assessment](#) tool for students. Kristy Carson will be serving as the Counseling Project Lead for the Strong Workforce Counselor Institute for 2023-24.

Office of Resource Development Updates

#MesaGivingDay was a huge success! By March 27, Mesa raised more than double of the original fundraising goal of \$10,000, raising \$22,865 to go towards our students building a brighter future for themselves and our community.

In the Know

To stay abreast of the latest news and to find out what's happening on campus, visit the links below.

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

Best,
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