

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: Aug 30, 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

- San Diego Mesa College earned Gold Military Friendly school status for 2023-2024. Mesa College maintained its Gold status from the previous year. Read the full article here: [Mesa College Earns Military Friendly Designation](#) .
- San Diego Mesa College's enrollment is looking great. As of August 27th, our headcount was 19,201 students, we are at 103% of our FTES targets with a productivity of 14.8. At this rate, we hope to exceed a headcount of 20,000, something that has not been accomplished since Fall 2020. Thanks to everyone for creating conditions that matter for us to serve so many students this Fall.

Office of Student Services Updates

- WE at Mesa College grieve with all who have been impacted by the recent disasters affecting the Maui community. On August 8, 2023, the combination of dry drought conditions & high winds from Hurricane Dora escalated to widespread fires across the island of Maui. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of those who have been devastated by this catastrophe. In response, a healing circle will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 9:30am -11:00am Location: I4-Avanza Center to Share thoughts, feelings, support or questions. This will be a time to connect and seek hope. The intention of this gathering is to be supportive.
- Monday, August 28 Outreach hosted their last "Race to 12 Units" event. This was an opportunity for Promise students to get counseling support. Promise students must be fully enrolled in at least 12 units by Friday, September 1 to maintain their Promise status. Waitlisted units do not count towards the 12-unit minimum requirement.
- Student Health Services will host the Blue Moon event, Healing Under The Stars, an enchanting evening of celestial rejuvenation and inner harmony at the Mesa Commons Quad. For more information, click here: [Flyer for the Blue Moon Healing Under the Stars](#).



2023-2024

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS APPLICATION

INSPIRE.

LEAD.

SERVE.

We are looking for students with a desire to learn and represent student community!

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SUBMIT BY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023 @11:59PM

SCAN FOR APPLICATION OR VISIT
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/RHHBOUERKYJQSJXQ7](https://forms.gle/RHHBOUERKYJQSJXQ7)

The Associated Students hosted their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 30. AS elections are ongoing for the 2023-2024 academic year and we want your students to run for office. Please share this great leadership opportunity with students who are considering running for a position as an Associated Student Leader. Fall 2023 Election Applications are available online here: [Online application for Associated Students](#).

Applications for all positions are due by Friday, September 8, 2023 @ 11:59pm.

For more information about Mesa College Associated Students, click this link: [Information about Mesa College Associated Students](#)

Office of Institutional Effectiveness Updates

- Want to find out more about Nuventive, the new program that we will be using across the entire Mesa campus? It's a platform that captures data that will help us all have more meaningful conversations and continue to meet the needs of our students while highlighting all the good work we are already doing.
- At the upcoming Program Review and Outcomes and Assessment Kickoff Event, on September 8 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (HyFlex) in BT-102 and Zoom (Meeting ID: 897 6100 3589), you can be the first to find out more about all the training and events that we're hosting throughout this semester. We will introduce the platform as well as share upcoming training workshops. You're encouraged to attend. For questions, please reach out to Liza Rabinovich at erabinovich@sdccd.edu.

Office of Resource Development Updates

- Worked alongside the office of Institutional Effectiveness and Business Services to provide more support in campus-wide grant seeking efforts - look for coming attractions.
- Currently prepping for annual Innovation Grants and Scholarships - announcement to follow.

Office of Communications Updates

- Mesa College Art Gallery Reception for The Resistance of the Echo & La Eco-Resistencia this Thursday, August 31. See the [Art Gallery webpage](#) for more information.
- Annette Bening credits Mesa College with teaching her that theater is a very close-knit experience. Read the full article in the Newsroom linked below.

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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