

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: Aug 18, 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!



Thank you to those who attended our Fall 2023 Convocation! It was so wonderful seeing our Mesa Community come together. Our focus this year is “Equity in Action: Illuminated Paths”, where we will be centering our attention to how we promote student success and equity. We got to hear from our campus and District leaders, as well as our special guests from the California Community College’s Chancellor’s Office, Deputy Chancellor Dr. Daisy Gonzales and Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdimalik Buul, and Director of the Center of Excellence

for San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges, Dr. Tina Ngo Bartel. We also had breakout sessions showcasing the different ways equity is happening on our campus. For more photos from the event, please [click here](#).



This week was full of welcomes as we begin the Fall semester! We welcomed our new faculty to our Mesa family at the New Faculty Institute; Student Health Services held an open house where attendees got to meet our new Mental Health Coordinator, Derrick White; and Puente held their Orientation event on Wednesday where attendees could meet the 2023-24 Puente Project Cohort.

Our athletes today participated in the 2nd Annual Olympian Olympics! Athletes were grouped with different teammates and competed in all sports offered at Mesa College. Athletes had the opportunity to have fun, meet new athletes, and learn about the student resources available to them.

The Mesa College team, along with the District and College Police, is closely monitoring Hurricane Hilary (currently classified as a tropical storm) that is anticipated to reach San Diego this coming weekend. At this time, we are planning for the campus to be open on Monday, August 21, and for classes to be held as planned. For those of you participating in Welcome Week activities on Monday, in an abundance of caution, those activities will be moved to the inside of the Student Services building (I-400). Please be on alert on Sunday and Monday, and monitoring your District email, the Mesa College website, social media, and local news channels for additional updates.

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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