



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**

I would like to extend a special congratulations to VP O'Connor for being announced as a 2022-23 Fellow of HACU's Leadership Academy/La Academia de Liderazgo. The HACU Leadership Academy is designed to increase diverse representation in executive and senior-level positions in higher education. To read the full story, please visit: [sdmesa.edu/newsroom](https://sdmesa.edu/newsroom).

San Diego Mesa College's 2022-23 theme is Shining Light on Equity and Excellence and we are creating space at our President's Cabinet meetings to do just that. We are inviting members of our campus community to share the great equity work that is taking place throughout campus. At the September 6, 2022 President's Cabinet meeting, Dr. Christina Crosby from the Department of Psychology presented on "Assignments with Equity in Mind". This video is available for viewing on the Mesa College YouTube Channel at: <https://bit.ly/SDMesaEquity9622>.

### **Office of Instruction Updates**

We are excited to see that students are on campus and engaged in club activities. This week, 25 students attended the first Chemistry Club meeting in-person, while 4 joined in on zoom. The Chemistry Club is sponsored by our amazing new hire in Chemistry, Professor Synthia Chang.

Museum Studies student Christopher Martinez was selected for the Mellon Conservation Workshop for Summer 2022. Christopher was selected in a competitive process with students from colleges and universities across the region. Christopher was recommended by Professor of Fine Arts Alessandra Moctezuma through her connections at Balboa Conservation Center (BCC).

### **Administrative Services Updates**

Administrative Services is preparing for the professional learning workshop they are hosting this Friday, as SHIFT/ SpeakOut presents "Disrupting White Supremacy Culture through Community Care" to Mesa College supervisors and managers.

## Student Services Updates

The San Diego Promise program at Mesa is offering a limited number of completion grants up to \$600 per semester for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. This opportunity is available to former Promise students at Mesa who participated in the 2019-2020 cohort or the 2020-2021 cohort, and completed the program. These grants will support students who are still working toward their educational goals at Mesa beyond the initial two years covered by the San Diego Promise program.

The San Diego Promise program at Mesa is also offering a limited number of emergency grants for Fall 2022 worth up to \$250. Promise students are being invited to apply for a brand new laptop as well as part of our Fall 2022 Laptop Opportunity Drawing.

Veterans Career Counseling hotspots will resume today from 11am-2pm. Veteran students will be able to discuss topics such as finding a job/internship, how to start a resume, and how to create a cover letter with a career counselor. Both the Veterans Department and Veterans Success Center will provide refreshments for students who come by seeking assistance this week as well.

Monica Woodruff from Student Health Services will continue to provide walk-in personal and wellness counseling services for our veterans inside the Veterans Success Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm, both in-person and virtually.

Student Health Services has been hosting “The Cooling Station” for students to beat the heat since last week. There are cold packs, ice water, and tips for staying cool available to students, located in the I-400 building in room 209.

The Mesa [Puente Project](#) is hosting their annual beginning of the semester celebration next week at the Crown Cove Aquatic Center on Coronado Island, on September 14th.

Mesa Admissions has completed all College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) enrollments for Fall 2022.

## Campus Updates

The Mesa College Music Department is pleased to welcome back the campus community back to *Recital Hour* – Mesa’s Free Concert Series. Today’s performance will take place at 3pm in room C-119. For upcoming concerts and events, please visit: [bit.ly/SDMesaMusicDeptEvents](https://bit.ly/SDMesaMusicDeptEvents).

The Fall 2022 Convocation video is now posted on Youtube, and can be viewed [here](#).

Tomorrow is the last day to see *The Weight of Color, the Shape of Light* exhibit in the Art Gallery. The Art Gallery will be open from 12pm to 7pm.

The Olympians defeated West LA in their first football game of the season on Saturday. The final score was 42 to 20. This Saturday the Olympians will play Ventura in their first home game of the season at 4pm. President Hands will serve as Honorary Captain at this weekend’s game.

## Mesa 2030 Updates

A sub group of the Program Review Steering Committee is meeting with consultants weekly as we build our new Program Review workspaces. An updated Program Review timeline will be shared with the campus in the coming weeks.

The Program Review Steering Committee has developed the following deliverables for the 2022-23 year:

- Update and share our Program Review Handbook and website
- Implement and deploy new Program Review workspaces and resource request process via Nuventive
- Develop and implement a training plan for Nuventive
- Communicate the outcomes of the program review and resource allocation process to the College
- Revise and deploy Integrated Planning evaluation survey

The Accreditation Steering Committee continues to draft our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report, collect evidence of our work that demonstrates how we meet each standard, and will begin drafting our Quality Focus Essay this Fall. The 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the ISER will be shared out with the campus in October.

Yesterday, the updated [Governance 101](#) website was shared at the Mesa President's Cabinet meeting.

Throughout Spring 2022, coordinating bodies for each Strategic Objective shared their progress and identified upcoming action items. Additional updates for the Roadmap to Mesa2030 can be found [here](#).

## In the Know

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

- [Mesa College Newsroom](#)
- [Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Best,  
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