



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

- The Press Release announcing provisional approval for Mesa College to Offer a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy Assistant can be found [on this link](#).
- October is Campus Sustainability Month, and the ESC and TerraMesa would like to: 1) invite you to post about your BUS/BIKE ride to campus on @sdTerraMesa and 2) encourage student and employee groups on campus to take the MESA GREEN PLEDGE. Information about both of these can be found on our newly-updated [ECOMESA website](#).

Office of Student Services Updates

- On October 25, Student Health, in collaboration with Mental Health, will provide an educational event on Domestic Violence. We will include signs of domestic abuse, referrals to outside agencies, SDCCD Title IX on-site resources, and American Native Health Center with warning signs and resources to help support people in domestic violence. The "Silent Witnesses" are cutouts of adults, children and animals with stories on them of domestic violence. This static display is a moving representation of the consequences of domestic violence.
- Also on October 25 at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Mesa College will be hosting the Cal-SOAP College Fair in the Mesa Gym. Representatives from 80+ colleges and universities will be present to speak about their programs and opportunities. The event is free and open to all high school students and families! For more information, visit [this link to information on the CAL-SOAP College Fair](#).
- Our Promise Counseling Workshops, "Academic Success", are Zoom sessions to learn about learn about W's, EW's, Disqual, Academic Renewal, etc. This week, there will be a session on Thursday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m.. Registration is required. [Please click this link to register for the workshop](#).
- The Mesa Promise Program has begun spotlighting our Promise students. To see some of our outstanding Promise students, visit our Instagram at [@sdpromisemesa](#). If you are a Promise student who would like to participate in our Promise Student Spotlight program, fill out a Spotlight form available on our Promise Canvas shell at <http://bit.ly/promisecanvas>. All students who complete the Promise Student Spotlight form will receive credit for their campus engagement activity requirement.
- Stop by the Assessment & Testing office (I4-201) to meet the Mesa Promise team, guess the number of candy corn in our pumpkin jar for a chance at a Starbucks gift card, and fulfil your Fall Campus Engagement requirement! Submit your guess by November 3rd.
- CalWORKs, CARE, and The Stand is Hosting a Student-Parent Family Night this Thursday, October 26th from 4pm-7pm in MC-211A. Student parents will get a chance to learn about the resources available to them on campus and have opportunities to engage and build community with others.

Office of Instruction Updates

The San Diego Mesa College Mesa Impactship (MIP) team, our Internship Program at Mesa College, has played a districtwide leadership role in the implementation in the Learning Aligned Employment Program (LAEP), a new \$500 million investment that supports paid internships in the Community College and UC/CSU systems. The first to develop a local team and begin placing students in the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), Mesa College staff have

identified and worked to resolve many implementation hurdles prior to other campuses beginning. At full capacity, this program will support 150 Internship placements per year within MIP per year. These local efforts have strengthened districtwide and regional understanding of LAEP and implementation processes – making it easier for others to begin implementation.

This work has led directly to the LAEP statewide advocacy efforts designed to support engagement with CA State Legislature and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to strengthen student-centered implementation of LAEP.

Congrats are in order for our MIP Co-Coordinators Dr. Shawn Fawcett & Dr. Pavel Consuegra, and our MIP team, Carole Thompson and Cimone Platts, whose deeply held commitment to our students, are guiding a statewide conversation to ensure LAEP is realizing our shared vision to reduce equity gaps.

Interested in hosting an intern in your office or department? MIP is now accepting internship sites on Campus for Spring 2024. Please reach out to the MIP team if you'd like to host an intern or know someone who may be interested. Interested in what is included in the statewide advocacy? Click this link for the [LAEP Advocacy Needs Document](#)

If you interested in learning more about LAEP, visit this link: [Learning-Aligned Employment Program - California Student Aid Commission](#)

Please check out these articles about the current exhibition “Glimmers of Grace” featuring the work of Grace Gray-Adams: [San Diego Magazine Article: Mesa College Hosts Survey of Work by Feminist Artist Grace Gray-Adams](#) and [San Diego Union Tribune Article: Lifting Up Women Finding Grace Spanning Decades of Work In Art Exhibition at Mesa College](#).

Office of Resource Development Updates



This is a friendly reminder that the 2023-2024 Innovation Grants Application period is now open and applications are being accepted with a suggested submission date of **November 6, 2023*** At this point, we recommend that you begin drafting your application via the “Application Drafting Playground” - **Start Drafting Here:** <https://bit.ly/InnovationGrants24-Playground>. You can learn more by visiting the [Innovation Grants page](#), or join Krista Stellmacher in her “Innovation Grant Office Hours” to take place in the LOFT on Monday, October 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



It's that time of year! Here are all the ways you can play a role in our 2024 Scholarship Cycle between now and **Wednesday, November 15, 2023:**

Renew an Existing Scholarship If you are already a scholarship lead or donor, you'll receive an email by end of day today from "Mesa Scholarship" (mesascholarship@sdccd.edu) inviting you to renew your scholarship. Note: If you're using a newer version of outlook, this will appear in your "Other" not "Focused" inbox section.

Support an Existing Scholarship - [Visit our Foundation Giving Page](#) and scroll down to "Give to a Specific Scholarship" under "Invest in Bright Futures"

Establish a New Scholarship - [Learn the step-by-step process to set up a Mesa Scholarship by clicking here](#)

Volunteer to Review Scholarships - If you prefer to support students with the gift of your time and talent, please consider signing up as a scholarship reviewer: bit.ly/MesaScholarshipVol2024

Champion Mesa Scholarships to Others - Spread the word to your people! You can either share this email, make announcements on social media, or connect potential donors and volunteers to us via an introduction. For questions, please contact mesascholarship@sdccd.edu.

There's still time to register for Taste of Mesa! Join us on November 2, 2023 for internationally-inspired cuisine and two cook-off competitions between alumni, students, and an advanced baking team.

Visit the [Taste of Mesa event page](#) for more information and to get tickets.

Office of Institutional Effectiveness Updates

Please join us at the "Open Work Session: Program Review and Outcome Assessment" on Friday October 27, 2023, from 11 a.m. to Noon via Zoom: [Meeting ID: 922 9732 6323](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Eliza Rabinovich at erabinovich@sdccd.edu. Hope to see you there!



Welcoming Edson

We are grateful for our ongoing partnership with the Strong Workforce Program (SWP) Regional Consortium and the Center of Excellence (COE) for Labor Market Research. From this collaboration, we are so delighted to announce that Edson Cuellar Deciga will be joining our Mesa research team as the CTE Research Expert. Before joining Mesa, Edson was a member of the district's research team where he contributed to a range of research initiatives. In his new role, Edson will play a pivotal role in contributing to CTE research efforts that align with the goals of the SWP Regional Consortium and Mesa College.

Edson is a first-generation college grad from the University of California: Santa Barbara where he earned a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Poverty, Inequality and, Social Justice. Although his educational journey is not over as he plans on pursuing a Masters in Statistics and, Public Policy. Edson has three younger siblings and two Mexican-immigrant parents whom he credits for all of his ambition. While passionate about helping others pursue their dreams, Edson hopes to one day join the ranks of other elected officials as either a House Representative or Senator.

Please join us in extending congratulations and a warm welcome to Edson at Mesa.



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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