

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: October 5, 2022

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**

VP O'Connor and myself, along with a team of 15 faculty and staff, will be attending the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) conference later this week.

The San Diego Mesa College website was recently updated, and our homepage now displays thumbnails of recent social media posts, with links to each account. Beneath the social media section, there are also shortcuts to some of the most visited webpages within the site. Further down, visitors to the site can get a quick look at upcoming calendar events, find out other ways they can get involved, and learn more about campus life. To view this update, visit [sdmesa.edu](https://sdmesa.edu) and scroll down.

### **Campus Events**

Student Health Services hosted the second day of their *FEELIN' GROOVY* mental health fair today. Activities included focus on exercise, community building, art as therapy, forgiveness of self and others, yoga and meditation for mood enhancement, animal-human interactions for focus and concentration training, the CARE program for psychosis education/early detection, Urban Restoration Counseling Center, a 10 minute chair massage, music, and a free and nutritious lunch.

The *Coffee with a Cop* event took place this morning, and was a great way for our community to get to know their Mesa campus officers.

The Kapwa/Umoja/Puente (KUP) Mixer was held this morning and was a great inaugural event for students to meet and create community.

The Mesa College Theatre Company will be presenting their collection of original works written by Mesa students, titled "Festival of New Plays" this weekend. Showtimes are this Friday and Saturday at 7:00pm, and Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Each show will run for 60 minutes, and tickets can still be purchased [here](#).

### **Office of Instruction Updates**

The newly formed Mesa Chemistry Club will be participating in ChemExpo2022, which occurs during National Chemistry Week, at Miramar College on Saturday, October 22. This annual event is organized by the San Diego Section of the American Chemical Society, and the Mesa Chemistry Club is collaborating with our Fashion Club to do a fashion show. A flyer for the event can be viewed [here](#).

### **Administrative Services Updates**

The New Classified Institute held its first workshop for its inaugural year last Friday, beginning the first ever onboarding program at San Diego Mesa College. President Hands and VPs Maxey and O'Connor spoke with the inaugural cohort about their journeys, and of the importance of their work on campus.

Student Accounting has issued HEERF semester bus passes to 161 students for Fall 2022 thus far. October 2022 monthly bus passes are still available for purchase until October 10.

### Student Services Updates

Dr. Ailene Crakes, Dean of Student Development, partnered with Dr. Pearl Ly, Dean of Social/Behavioral Sciences and Multicultural Studies, to organize Mesa's first AAPI Gathering for Students and Employees last week. The gathering was well attended with over 120 sign-ins of 57 students and 63 employees. Photos are available to view [here](#).

Student Health Services also recently presented their *Be Calm* series. Mesa students were invited to join and share their voice and thoughts of resilience, hope, and strength, and respond to what is happening in Iran and on behalf of women around the globe.

The Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program Grant was successfully submitted to the U.S. Department of Education on behalf of Mesa College. You can find out more about the grant [here](#).

### Office of Institutional Effectiveness Updates

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness will be hosting an orientation for Department Outcomes Coordinators (DOCs) this Friday, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The orientation will cover Outcomes 101, the role of The Committee on Outcomes and Assessment (COA), the role of the DOC, the new outcomes assessment platform Nuventive, and more. [Click this link](#) for a preview of the presentation slides. The Zoom Meeting ID is 971 0570 4161. You can also [click this link to join](#). If you are unable to attend the session, a recording will be posted on the website [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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