

*Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: November 16, 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!

### **WOW (Word of the Week) - Course Success Rate**

- The percentage of students who complete a course with a grade of A, B, C, or P out of total official census enrollments.
- Numerator: A, B, C, CR, IA, IB, IC, IPP, P
- Denominator: A, B, C, CR, D, F, FW, IA, IB, IC, ID, IF, INP, IPP, P, NC, NP, W
- Excluded grade notations: DR, IP, IX, MW, RD, UD, XX

### **Office of the President Updates**

Please remember to RSVP to our annual Holiday Luncheon, taking place on Wednesday, December 7, from 11:00am to 1:00pm in MC-211 A/B. Click [here](#) to reserve your meal for the 2022 Holiday Luncheon. Please RSVP by Monday, November 28, 2022 at 4:00pm.

San Diego Mesa College student, Charlee Miller, was recognized by the San Diego County Public Defenders Office as one of the '25 Most Remarkable Teens' at the City of San Diego Central Library ceremony. The recognition was for talent and also her drive to succeed, ability to overcome adversity and her passion for civic issues or projects. Charlee was recognized for creativity through art.

The College Police have partnered with the US Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots Campaign. New, unopened and unwrapped toys can be brought to any college police station through December 15. There is also a collection box on the second floor of the District Office. For additional information, please visit the campaign's official website at <https://toysfortots.org/>.

Please join your colleagues at the Chancellor's Forum today from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in MC-211 A/B. This forum will include a presentation and discussion of plans for the future of the college. Flex credit is available (#15404).

### **Campus Events**

Student Affairs, in collaboration with The Stand: Basic Needs Resource Center, The Learning Resource Center (LRC), Associated Students (AS) and Student Health Services, are hosting Hunger & Homelessness

Awareness Week. This week of event provides students with opportunities to get a seasonal flu shot, receive a warm and fuzzy blanket, and receive a \$25 grocery store gift card and free hygiene products. The flyer of events can be viewed [here](#).

The Mesa College Theatre Company will present free public performances *Scenes by William Shakespeare* today (12:30pm) and tomorrow (1:30pm), followed by ticketed events in December. To purchase tickets to the December performances, please visit the Eventbrite link [here](#).

The Mesa College Music Department is hosting their free Recital Hour this afternoon at 3:00pm, in room C-119. Today's performance will feature a Jazz Ensemble, directed by Louis Valenzuela. The Spring 2023 events are uploaded as well, and can be viewed [here](#).

Mesa College will be the hosting campus for the Fall 2022 [district-wide career fair](#) tomorrow from 10:00am to 2:00pm, aligning with National Career Development week, which runs from November 14-18. Students and alumni can register [here](#). To date we have close to 250 attendees registered, and 82 employer/organizations attending!

Tomorrow from 2:00pm to 6:00pm in MC-211 A/B, Student Services will host the annual Thanksgiving Feast in which students from the Culinary Program will cater a delicious meal for our students. There will be student musical performances, games, opportunity drawings, and more!

The Fine and Performing Arts Committee, in partnership with the Constance M. Carroll Humanities Institute, presents *ArtBuilds*, a unique presentation on Art and Technology. *ArtBuilds* is a collaborative discussion between engineers and artists, which will be held in the Apolliad Theatre (C-100) on Friday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Attendees can also join via Zoom using the link [here](#).

Please join the Mesa College Dance Department for an evening of Dance and Entertainment featuring faculty, guest, and alumni choreography. *Mesa Moves: Dance Visions*, showcases a wide range of dynamic dance styles, where performances of Jazz, Modern, Contemporary, Urban Choreo, Latin, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, and Fusion meet. The performances will be held in the Apolliad Theatre (C-100) on December 8, 9, and 10. Each day the performance will take place at 7:30pm, with an additional performance on 12/10 at 4:30pm.

### **Office of Instruction Updates**

On November 8, Mesa College welcomed 35 students from Hoover High School and 2 instructors. The students are all currently in WORK270 and tutoring at Hoover High. The visit included presentations about general admission, Work Based Learning, and the Education pathway. After the presentations, students participated in campus tours, as well as an observational tour of the MT2C tutoring spaces for students who took ED150.

On November 14, Mesa College Professor of Spanish, Dora Schoenbrun-Fernandez, presented via Zoom on her Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) with Professor Trujillo, Professor of English at the Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas, Mexico. Students from Mesa College and the Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas have been working together all semester learning Spanish and/or English.

The Program for the Internationalization of the Curricula (PIC), organized by AMPEI (Mexican Association for International Education) with the support of the United States Embassies in Mexico and Canada and other strategic allies, has extended an opportunity for you to apply for a trilateral collaboration between the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

The [\(PIC US-MX-CA\)](#) aims to contribute to the Internationalization of the Curricula of Higher Education Institutions by applying the AMPEI-COIL methodology for strengthening academic programs in the universities of the three countries. We invite you to see attached materials and visit our website at: <https://ampeii.org.mx/pic-us-mx-ca/>.

As consideration of partners is essential for participation, we have implemented the AMPEI-COIL partnership platform, available at <https://coil.ampei.org.mx/>. We invite you to register and participate in the program. After sharing your contact and academic data, you may be contacted by other colleagues interested in teaching a COIL course. You may also explore the catalog to determine a potential COIL teaching partner to work with. Please make sure that all of your contact information is correct, and please upload a photo to complete your profile. Registration is open at: <https://forms.gle/GiXWan9EoaVn3mhh9>.

### **Office of Institutional Effectiveness Updates**

Mesa2030 - The EEI Survey has closed and we are now analyzing the data received. We will be visiting groups around campus to share results in the coming weeks. If you are interested in a presentation to your group, please contact Bridget Herrin.

IE Glossary - The Office of Institutional Effectiveness, along with many collaborators from PIEC, Program Review, Enrollment Management, Outcomes, CDAIE, and more, are still working on drafting a Glossary of Terms. View the draft [here](#) and feel free to add your contributions [here](#).

Accreditation – The second draft of the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) was shared at President’s Cabinet on October 18, and we are looking for feedback from the campus! You may view the draft [here](#) and provide feedback [here](#). All feedback is due November 18.

Enrollment Management – The Scheduling Tools Team is currently working on updates to the Enrollment Daily Dashboard. You may view it [here](#). Be on the look out for opportunities to learn more about the dashboard in the coming months.

### **Student Services Updates**

The Mesa College Black Leadership Fellows recently hosted a premier showing of *Wakanda Forever* with the intentional purpose of building community with our Black students from Mesa College and some of our feeder high schools. There will be a follow-up session to discuss themes and reactions.

NextUp and FAST Scholars hosted “FAST Giving” on Monday. Student attendees expressed what they were thankful for and also shared a family style feast.

Student Success and Equity, in collaboration with Student Health Services, hosted a Meet and Greet with President Hands this morning. Attendees learned about President Hands' journey from a student through now serving as the President of San Diego Mesa College.

CalWORKs and CARE are hosting “Parent Cafes” on Mondays in November (11/14 and 11/28) from 10:00am to 11:00am in I4-409A. Student-parents can stop by to meet other Mesa student-parents, and learn about services and programs available to them on campus.

Mesa CRUISE is promoting their upcoming Peer Navigator Workshops for December. Workshops will be held virtually via Zoom on December 1 and December 7 and will focus on scholarships and financial aid. More information to come.

## 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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