



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) - *Productivity: FTES/FTEF*

A measure of the productivity of a class or group of classes. Number of full-time students per full time faculty member.

Office of the President Updates

Please Save-The-Date for the San Diego Mesa College presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, November 10, right here on campus. The event will kick off with the Board Open Door Session in the Culinary Dining room from 3:30pm – 4:00pm, where you can meet one-on-one with members of the Board of Trustees. The San Diego Mesa College presentation to the Board of Trustees will be held from 4:00pm – 5:00pm in MC 211 A/B. Light refreshments will also be served.

This week 75 faculty, classified professionals, student leaders, and administrators joined our Fall 2022 President’s Cabinet Retreat. The retreat focused on Mesa2030 goals, objectives and progress stoppers, the assessment of student data and voices, and discussion and dialog centered on courageous leadership. Congratulations to both our Men and Women’s Cross Country teams, who swept the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) Championships last week!

Later this week I will welcome students at our first ever Black Excellence Symposium on Friday morning, which will be hosted by the Black Leadership Fellows.

Campus Events

The Mesa College Art Gallery will host a reception titled “Pride and Protest: A Celebration of LGBTQ+ Love and Activism” this evening, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the Art Gallery (FA-103). 25 student artists will be presenting their works, and Mesa College Music students will provide live entertainment under the direction of N. Scott Robinson.

The United States Congress passed [S.Res.331](#) on July 29, 2021, declaring the month of November as Hip Hop History Month. To celebrate, Honors student Elham Shamloufard will lead a discussion titled “The Power and Poetry of Kendrick Lamar”. Attendees can join the discussion [here](#) on Friday, November 4, at 11:00am.

Office of Instruction Updates

The Community Care Licensing Department (CCLD) performed an unannounced site visit last week at the Mesa Child Development Center. The CDC was proud to report that there were no findings/no violations issued during the visit. Areas inspected include health and safety, classrooms and playgrounds, staff and children document files, child attendance sheets, food storage, cleaning supply storage, and building

ingress and egress.

In support of the Early Childhood Education and Education Pathways on our campus, Professor Ida Cross created a Child Development/Education Club for students and is serving as the faculty mentor. She recruited students by hosting a table at previous campus events. The club's first meeting was on October 14 in the yard of the Child Development Center. Students stayed after the meeting to decorate the playground for the Fall Festival, which took place on October 26.

Student Services Updates

For the Fall 2022 Club roster, there were 25 returning clubs and 5 new clubs, with a total of 38 club advisors, including 34 faculty members, 2 staff, and 2 administrators.

The 5 new clubs include:

1. American Red Cross Club
2. Beginnings In Healthcare Society (BIHS)
3. Child Development Education Club
4. Law Club
5. Student Entrepreneurship Club

The AS hosted a Halloween Pumpkin carving contest and costume contest on Monday in the quad. Peer Navigators celebrated Halloween by painting mini pumpkins and playing board games with community members in the Avanza Engagement Center.

Yesterday, the Rising Scholars hosted *Movement BE* with a workshop series titled, "Tell Your Story Before They Do", which provides the opportunity for Rising Scholars students to tell their own stories through creative storytelling, poetry and art. Students attend a 4-part workshop series culminating in a finished project.

Veterans Celebration Week activities are scheduled for next week, November 7-10, 2022. The flyer can be viewed [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](#)

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