

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: November 30, 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) - Persistence Rate/Retention Rate-Annual

The percentage of official census enrolled students in a primary term who received a grade notation of A, B, C, D, F, P, NP, I, W or RD, and who enrolled in at least one course in the subsequent like Primary term (Fall 18 to Fall 19 or Spring 19 to Spring 20) and received a grade notation of A, B, C, D, F, P, NP, I, W or RD. Students who earn a degree during the initial term are excluded.

Office of the President Updates

Dean of Health Sciences & Public Services Tina Recalde, Associate Dean of CTE Alex Berry, and myself will meet tomorrow with Doug Ismail, President of the California Masonic Foundation, to discuss ways in which we can support our future students preparing for careers in Allied Health and other trade or tech careers.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, a part of the U.S. Department of State, recently congratulated San Diego Mesa College for being named a 2020-2021 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program Top Producer. This highly competitive scholarship expands access for students who might otherwise not be able to participate due to financial hardship, to visit and learn about other countries and cultures.

Please share with your students that the SDCCD will not drop students for non-payment in the upcoming Spring 2023 semester.

Chancellor Cortez, President Shabazz, and myself were recently recognized by the San Diego Business Journal as three of the 500 Most Influential People in San Diego.

Office of Instruction Updates

The Enrollment Management Town Hall will be held tomorrow from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in MC-211 A/B. The Save the Date graphic can be viewed [here](#).

Administrative Services Updates

A refresher course will be held today for current Campus Community Emergency Response Teams (C-CERT) members, at 1:00pm via Zoom.

ZOOM INFORMATION:

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89712079978?pwd=QjZFVnVwb1pBN0dwMXVvN0RrRXZSQTO9>

Meeting ID: 897 1207 9978

Passcode: CCERT

The latest PeopleSoft application updates for the Campus Solutions pillar will be installed on Friday, December 9, beginning at 8:00pm. The Campus Solutions pillar will be offline and unavailable until approximately 6:00am on Saturday, December 10. These updates will not impact the HCM or Finance pillars in PeopleSoft, Email, or Office 365, or restrict access to the network drives.

Student Services Updates

The Peer Navigators will host a workshop tomorrow from 12:15pm to 1:15pm in the Avanza Room (I4-202) with the option of attending remotely using Zoom Meeting ID 943 7767 3320. Attendees will learn how to apply for available scholarships and financial aid, and how these are awarded. Amazon/gas gift cards will be given out to attendees on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Office of Institutional Effectiveness Updates

- EEI Survey Results - We will be visiting groups around campus to share results in the coming weeks. So far, we are slated to visit Deans Council, Chairs Committee, and Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee. If you are interested in a presentation to your group, contact Bridget Herrin.
- Resources – In collaboration with many folk around campus, we are sharing some new and exciting resources that support reflection, continuous improvement, and Program Review.
 - Glossary of Terms - View [here](#) and add your contributions [here](#).
 - Acronym Dictionary (courtesy of Andrew Hoffman) – view [here](#).
 - DEIA Discussion Guide – view [here](#).
 - Resource Link Library- view [here](#).
- Accreditation – Draft 3 of the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report [ISER] will be shared at Presidents Cabinet on February 21. View draft 2 [here](#).
- Enrollment Management – The Scheduling Tools Team continues to work on updates to the Enrollment Daily Dashboard and the Add/Drop Dashboard. View them [here](#) and [here](#).

Campus Events

A HUGE congratulations to Head Football Coach Gary Watkins and the Mesa Football Team, who won the 2022 Southern California Bowl on Saturday against El Camino! The YouTube livestream recording of the game can be accessed [here](#), and some photos after the win were uploaded to Facebook [here](#).

The Mesa College Theatre Company will be performing *Random Acts of Shakespeare* on the Mesa Quad on December 2, 3, and 4, with each performance starting at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased [here](#). Attendees are advised to dress warmly due to the outdoor setting, and to bring something to sit on. Each performance run time is approximately 35 minutes. In the event of inclement weather, the performances may be moved indoors to the Apolliad Theatre.

The Mesa College Art Gallery will be hosting a Student Exhibition from December 6 through December 13. There will be a reception and art sale on December 7, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, with free parking in Lot 1 during this time. Some of the available items include one of a kind art, jewelry, ceramics, glass, art books, and cards. Light refreshments will also be available. The Student Exhibition can be visited Monday through Thursday during normal gallery hours, 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

Please join us for *Dance Visions: Mesa Moves* on December 8, 9, and 10. Performances will be at 7:30pm each day in the Apolliad Theatre, with an additional performance on December 10 at 4:30pm. Tickets and more information can be found [here](#).

CARE/CalWORKs are still accepting donations of new children's books for children of all ages, through December 8. Please bring your new, unwrapped children's books to Karen Geida, EOPS Counselor, in 1400-309, or call the EOPS Office to arrange for pick-up at (619) 388-2706.

The Mesa College Women's Alliance is still accepting donations of new or gently used clothing, new and unopened hygiene products, and baby diapers, through December 9. Donations can be brought to The Stand (K-105/106), where there are collection boxes. Please announce that your donations are for the Women's Alliance Clothing Drive.

The College Police are still accepting donations of new unwrapped toys for their Toys for Tots Campaign, through December 15. Toys can be dropped off at the Mesa College Police Office, Q-100.

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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