

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: November 8, 2023
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

Pop Up with the Prez is today at 3:30 p.m. in the campus store! Join Prez Hands and Fashion Merchandising Students as they set up a new display.



The **San Diego Mesa College campus presentation at the SDCCD Board of Trustees meeting** is this Thursday, November 9, 2023, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., in MC 211 A/B. Included in the program is a welcome from the Senate Presidents, a reading of the Land Acknowledgment, and presentations on Small Business Virtual Incubator, FamilyU, Zero Textbook Cost, Ozone/LRC/Quad, MOST, Treobytes, and the Mental Health Services. I am encouraging all to attend the program to support your colleagues for this one-hour

presentation; refreshments will be served. Please arrive early on November 9, 2023, between 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., to meet with one of the SDCCD Trustees at their “meet and greet” session held in MC 209 (the culinary dining room). Note that following the Mesa Presentation during the regular business meeting of the SDCCD Board of Trustees, will be held at 4:00 p.m. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

November is Native American Heritage Month! Mesa College is offering the following events in which we strive to acknowledge Native American students, cultures, traditions and achievements. For a list of events, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/MesaNAHM2023>

Next week is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week! This week is an annual program where people come together from across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness through education, service, fundraising, and advocacy. For more information, visit this link: https://qrco.de/HH_2023

The **International Education Committee** is excited to offer you and your students some exciting opportunities next week during international Education Week. IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This is a great opportunity to learn about others; cultures, study abroad, and hear from students about their new global perspectives.

There will be food and opportunity drawings. Join our program and please encourage students to see we are a global world. For more information reach out to Dora Schoenbrun-Fernandez at dschoenb@sdccd.edu

Office of Student Services Updates

Thanks to an amazing collaboration with [Black Deported Veterans of America](#), we are proud to host a film screening of “Bring Them Home,” a documentary about Veterans who are trying to regain their citizenship after being deported. This will take place on today, November 8, from 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.. We are still waiting on final confirmation, but we might also be joined by a panel of veterans who work within this space or who have been able to regain their citizenship and have come back to San Diego.

Our next Promise Counseling Workshop, Learning About Grad School, will be November 15, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Register to get the link at <https://bit.ly/3Y4cFTL>.

Mesa College is supporting community health through Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week! The Associated Students & Student Health Services, in collaboration with the Basic Needs Resource Center and Student Affairs have assembled a week of events from November 13th through November 16th to draw attention to the pervasive problems of hunger and homelessness through education, service, fundraising, and advocacy. Events include Warm and Fuzzy blanket distribution, Financial Aid Student Service Fair, Farmer’s Market and The Thanksgiving Feast. [H&H Week Flyer 2023.pdf](#)

The Mesa College Associated Students is pleased to present their Thanksgiving Feast event on Thursday, November 16 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Mesa Commons 211 A/B. This partnership between Associated Students, the Mesa Culinary Department, The Stand: Basic Needs Resource Center, and Student Affairs features live music, holiday opportunity drawings, and delicious food prepared by the Mesa Culinary program. The event is open to all members of the Mesa College community at no cost whatsoever. If you would like to volunteer as a server or to assist with setup at the event then please follow [this link](#) to sign up! URL for the volunteer sign-up link: <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/Xg47K8q089>

CalWORKs is providing a CalWORKs Student Voices Scholarship Workshop Series for their students to learn more about this exciting opportunity along with tools and tips for a successful submission. Students have the chance to earn a \$1,000 scholarship.

NextUp, FAST, and Rising Scholars: Sound Healing Workshop - Join us to create Positive vibes and help heal our minds. 11/9 at FAST Center, K-101, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NextUp & FAST: Friendsgiving Event - 11/14 at AVANZA Workshop, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Office of Instruction Updates

In October, we celebrated Nation Veterinary Technician week, celebrating the hard work of our vet techs! Thank you for all that you do!



Office of Administration Updates

Business Services Office, Business Office Support, and Student Accounting will be working with Joel to review and update all business forms on the Mesa website. The District is working on new Travel policies, updating the purchasing manual, and new CAL-card guidelines. For now, here the current purchasing manual can be accessed here: [Link to Purchasing Manual](#). New WiFi infrastructure continues to be installed at Mesa in order to integrate features including faster internet speeds, broader coverage areas, and enhanced security to reduce cyber threats. More information can be found here: [SDCCD Wi-fi, Campus Connect](#).

Keeping our college communities safe is a combined effort, and 90% of campus safety is awareness. College Police is committed to maintaining a safe learning environment, and asks that we all please do our part in reporting any suspicious activity. If you see something, say something. Suspicious behavior may include persons loitering in parking lots or around vehicles, using drugs or alcohol, exhibiting unusual behavior, or carrying weapons. College Police also provides a safety escort service Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., to parking lots and classes. Dispatch can be contacted at (619) 388-6405.

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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