

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: November 9, 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) - Headcount

Number of students in a class.

The individual count of students/faculty/employees, or unduplicated headcount.

Office of the President Updates

Please join us at the San Diego Mesa College presentation to the Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow, in MC-211 A/B from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Attendees may choose to join virtually using the Zoom link [here](#).

The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube [here](#).

Please be sure to confirm your attendance for our annual **San Diego Mesa College Holiday Luncheon**. The event will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, in MC-211 A/B. The holiday lunch will be prepared by our incredible students and faculty of the Culinary Arts/Culinary Management Program. To ensure we have enough meals for everyone, we are using Eventbrite to confirm your RSVP. Click [here](#) to reserve your meal for the 2022 Holiday Lunch. Please **RSVP by Monday, November 28, 2022 at 4:00pm**.

Mesa College Alum Jonathan Hart was selected to join the Inaugural Cohort of the US Digital Corps over the summer. The US Digital Corps is a new program that was launched last year by the White House to bring civic-minded, early-career technologists together, to serve in various positions within the federal government. You can read the full article [here](#).

Please save-the-date for the **Chancellor's Forum** on Wednesday, November 16, from 2:30pm to 4:00pm, in MC-211 A/B. Join your colleagues in attending a presentation and open forum with the Chancellor to discuss issues affecting the District and Colleges and plans for the future. Flex credit is available (#15404).

Campus Events

This week, Mesa College is celebrating **Veterans Celebration Week**. All events are held in the Veterans Success Center each day, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The flyer of events can be viewed [here](#).

The Fine and Performing Arts Committee is hosting a free lecture series this afternoon from 2:30pm-3:30pm titled "Left Meets Right: Arts & Technology". Artist Shelly Zhao will share her journey as an artist and Mesa Alum. Shelly is currently a Visual Arts Media student at UCSD. Attendees can join the Zoom link [here](#).

Join the Associated Students tomorrow at the Mesa Quad from 12:00pm-2:00pm for free food and carnival games at our **2022 Pep Rally!** Show your support to all our San Diego Mesa College sports teams, play carnival games, and snag a free lunch!

Office of Instruction Updates

Congratulations to our PTA Program Director, Mandy Johnston, PTA, M.Ed. Mandy was elected to the California Physical Therapy Association Board. She will be serving as the PTA Director.

The Mesa Impactship Program (MIP) supports students with exploring careers, developing professional skills, and compensating hands-on industry experiences through employment, internships, volunteering, or Directed Clinical Practice (DCP). This semester, 29 students participated in the program. Please save the date for the Enrollment Management Town Hall. This event will take place on Thursday, December 1, from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in MC-211 A/B. More information to come.

Student Services Updates

On Friday, the Black Leadership Fellows hosted their first “Black Excellence Symposium”. The event was a huge success, with more than 150 attendees, including 60 students from our neighboring feeder school Kearny High School. We look forward to more events like this, which create space for and build community with, our current and future black students.

Also on Friday, Mesa College hosted the Fall 2022 “Principal’s Roundtable” which invited the principals of the surrounding feeder high schools to share data, presentations, and collaborative dialog on ways to improve the student experience.

CalWORKs and the Financial Aid Office will host a Financial Aid 101 Workshop this afternoon, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm via Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is [839 8747 6704](#). Attendees can meet a Financial Aid staff member and learn about the important basics of the Financial Aid application and process at Mesa College.

CalWORKs and CARE are hosting Parent Cafes on Mondays in November (11/7, 11/14, and 11/28) from 10:00am to 11:00am in I4-409A. Attendees can stop by to meet other Mesa student-parents and Mesa employees, and learn about services and programs available on campus.

SDCCD Career Fest Activities for weeks one and two can now be found on the flyer [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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