

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: December 15, 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) – Census

For purposes of funding, the state takes a “snapshot” in time at the first 20% of the course. For a 16-week semester, this occurs Monday of the 3rd week.

Office of the President Updates

Please join me in congratulating Dean Herrin, who recently accepted a new role as Interim Dean of Admissions and Student Support at MiraCosta College! Dean Herrin has been at Mesa since 2017, and started as the Associate Dean of Research and Planning, then moved into her current position as Dean of Institutional Effectiveness in 2019. Congrats Dean Herrin! Dean Herrin’s last day on campus will be Wednesday, December 21, 2022. We will host a proper Mesa send-off in the new year.

Congratulations to Mesa students Andrea Ashley and George Buchanan for being awarded scholarships to Case Western Reserve as part of the Veterans Posse Program!

The Annual Report for 2021-22 is live on our website, and can be viewed [here](#).

To view the Chancellor’s Holiday Message, click on the link [here](#).

Incase you missed it, please take a moment to check out the Holiday Card from the Mesa President’s Office [here](#).

Office of Instruction Updates

On Friday, December 2, the Mesa Child Development Center hosted a special guest, Shawn Brown, to engage our littlest residents in a dance party. The students involved were from the Child Development/Education club, the Dance department, and the Music department. Photos from the event can be viewed in the Flickr album [here](#).

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Tina Recalde, Dean of Health, Science, and Public Service, who was recently appointed as the Vice President of Instruction at Palomar College. Tina’s last day at Mesa College will be January 13, 2023.

Administrative Services Updates

Please take a moment to review the recent recommendations for a safe and healthy winter break from the District: https://bit.ly/SDCCD_Winter_2022_Update.

Student Services Updates

Please remind your students that the Mesa Scholarship Cycle opened for applications last week on December 9. Students can visit sdmesa.edu/scholarships for more information. Students are also encouraged to apply to the Mesa College Foundation Scholarships by visiting sdmesa.academicworks.com. The final deadline to apply is February 13, 2023. Students awarded a scholarship are also asked to attend the Annual Scholarship Awards Recognition Celebration taking place on April 29, 2023.

The Mesa Classified Senate is teaming up with the San Diego Center for Children to provide gifts for children to “buy” their loved ones at the upcoming Holiday Bazaar, using points they recently earned in preparation of this special day. If you would like to volunteer your time to work at the “gift store” or assist children with wrapping gifts, you can sign up [here](#) by Friday. The Holiday Bazaar will be held at 3002 Armstrong Street, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 20. The Mesa Classified Senate is also seeking gift wrapping supplies, which can be dropped off with Jennifer Phelps (BT-203), Courtney Lee (I4-408), or Andrea Lelham (G-201) or dropped off at the event.

In the Know

To stay abreast of the latest news and to find out what’s happening on campus, visit the links below.

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