

SAN DIEGO  
MESA COLLEGE



WEEKLY UPDATES FROM *Prez Hands*

*Hello Mesa College Community!* .....

**Weekly Update from Prez Hands** provides 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*

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
**ACCJC SITE VISIT**  
FEBRUARY 26 - 28, 2024

**FEB 26**  
**CAMPUS OPEN FORUM**  
FEBRUARY 26, 2024 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
MC 211 A/B

**FEB 28**  
**EXIT REPORT**  
FEBRUARY 28, 2024 | 12:00 PM  
MC 211 A/B

**MESA ACCREDITATION WEBSITE**  
  
[www.sdmesa.edu/accreditation](http://www.sdmesa.edu/accreditation)

San Diego Mesa College will undergo an ACCJC Peer Review Team visit from February 26 - 28, 2024 as part of our comprehensive evaluation process.

The team will focus on five core inquiries that relate to areas of clarification, improvement, or commendation:

- Identification of student learning outcomes, particularly in the case of CTE courses and programs
- Regular assessment of learning outcomes
- Student-centered scheduling approach
- Innovative equity efforts that empower people, not position
- College-level governance processes and policies

The campus community is invited to meet and interact with the Peer Review Team at the **Open Forum on February 26, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in MC-211 A/B.**

The team will present preliminary findings at a brief **Exit Report on February 28, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in MC 211 A/B.**

Our campus community is invited to participate in the **Caring Campus Academy**. The Institute for Evidence Based Change is launching the *Caring Campus Academy*, a course with five virtual sessions. There are two tracks, one specifically for faculty and one for staff. The purpose of these sessions is to introduce new faculty and staff members to Caring Campus behavioral commitments and provide them with tools and ideas for implementing and sustaining the commitments.

The first virtual session is 90 minutes long; the remaining four are 60 minutes each.

We expect participants **will attend all five sessions** because an important part of each session is interaction among participants, enabling the development of relationships with colleagues from other colleges and learning from one another. There will be short homework assignments as well. We will record the virtual sessions so they are available for later review by participants.

Please reserve your seat by completing this form today : <https://forms.gle/B961ExdpFwkrPC1i6>

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OFFICE OF *Instruction*



**This year's Love Your Heart on February 14, 2024 was great success!** Over 200 students attended and received free blood pressure screening from our Medical Assisting students, blood pressure appraisal and health education from Dr. Calvin Wong and Dr. Sarah Williams. This event was in collaboration with Student Health Services and Mental Health.

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OFFICE OF *Student Services*



We are thrilled to present **Jumpstart Your Success** on **Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** This is a time that we invite prospective students to our campus and showcase what we have to offer, and how great we do it! The program will include student support services, academics, department resources, clubs, and the lively community feel we all create at Mesa. We encourage you to host a table for your department or service area so that you can provide information, share a demonstration, make connections with prospective students, and showcase what your department offers. Follow this link to the online registration form, which is due by Friday, March 1, 2024. For more info on JumpStart visit [www.sdmesa.edu/jumpstart](http://www.sdmesa.edu/jumpstart).

The **Dreamers Resource Center** has introduced the Monarch Support to provide emergency funding to undocumented students who are experiencing a challenging time. Students would need to complete this form and one of the DRC staff will get in contact with them as soon as possible.

<https://bit.ly/MonarchSupportSP24>

**The Dreamers Resource Center continues to approve undocumented students to receive a \$200 bookstore credit.** We encourage all

Borderless Scholars to apply.

<https://bit.ly/SurveySpring2024>

**Mesa Peer Navigator applications** are now open! Encourage students to join a great team of leaders to mentor new Mesa College Olympians! (See attached/below) Deadline to apply is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Apply at [sdmesa.edu/pn-app](http://sdmesa.edu/pn-app).

**Associated Students elections are ongoing for the Spring 2024 Semester** and we want your students to run for office! Please share this great leadership opportunity with students who might be considering running for a position as an Associated Student Leader. Spring Election Applications are available online here: [https://bit.ly/AS\\_2024](https://bit.ly/AS_2024). **Applications for all positions are due by Sunday, February 25, 2024 @ 11:59pm.** For more information about Mesa College Associated Students, click this link: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/campus-life/associated-student-government/>.



The poster features a group of diverse students standing in front of a modern building. To the right is the Mesa College logo, a circular emblem with a flame and the words 'MESA COLLEGE' and 'ASSOCIATED STUDENTS'. Below the photo, the text reads '2023-2024 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS APPLICATION' in bold. Underneath, the words 'INSPIRE.', 'LEAD.', and 'SERVE.' are stacked in large, spaced-out letters. A QR code is positioned to the right of this text. Below the QR code, a small line of text says 'We are looking for students with a desire to learn and represent student community!'. At the bottom left, there are social media icons for Instagram and a globe, with the handles '@SDMESAAS' and 'WWW.SDMESA.EDU'. A dark blue rounded rectangle at the bottom contains the text: 'SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024 @ 11:59PM', 'SCAN FOR APPLICATION OR VISIT', and the URL 'https://bit.ly/AS\_2024'.

The Dreamers Resource Center with the collaboration of the Student Health Services will start its “**Honoring You**” series on February 27, 2024. Join us for a 3 part series to honor our undocumented students, and provide a brave and safe space for conversations related to the undocumented community.

- February 27th, 11am-12:30pm, (I4-207) What is my Purpose?
- March 13th, 12pm - 1:30pm, (I4-207) Arts and Expression
- April 18th, 12pm-1:30pm, AVANZA (I4-202) What’s Next?

**More Upcoming Events from Student Services:**

- On Friday, March 1, 2024 is the **District Counselors' Workshop** hosted by Mesa. We anticipate having over 100 counselors in attendance from SDCCD. The event will focus on how district will address compliance to all the new legislation in addition to how counselors can do their best work with students who are on probation and DQ.
  - Our districtwide career fair is scheduled for March 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - Transfer Options Fair is April 18, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - The Transfer Center is partnering with the Dreamers Resource Center to assist transfer students with additional documentation required for transfer on April 16, 2024.
  - The Transfer Center is partnering with the Black Leadership Fellows to host Transfer Transition (finding your home away from home) on April 23, 2024 during Black Student Success Week. Also partnering with Financial Aid and Black Leadership Fellows for a Financial Aid workshop for Transfer Students on April 24, 2024
  - Mesa Transfer now has Linktree. This is a great social media-friendly platform. Please check us out. <https://linktr.ee/mesatransfer>
  - Commencement is scheduled for May 24, 2024 - registration will be sent via mail and email near the end of March. All up to date information can be found here: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/student-support/graduation-and-commencement/commencement-overview.shtml>
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## *Participatory Governance*

To learn more about our Associated Students, Academic Senate, and Classified Senate, please visit the links below:

Associated Students

Academic Senate

Classified Senate

*In The Know*



For additional information on what is happening on campus and in our community - visit the links below:

Mesa College Newsroom

Mesa College Events Calendar

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*Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!*

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