



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*



We wish our Mesa College community a wonderful Lunar New Year filled with luck, love, and health!

This Spring, we've had numerous occasions for joy and unity, from Flex Week to Convocation, Welcome Week, and our 60th Anniversary Kick-off Events, however, amidst these celebrations, the recent and impending historic storm and flooding have also stirred feelings of anxiety, fear, and, for some among us, profound devastation and loss.

If you have been impacted by the recent storms, please visit the [President's Special Mesa College Update](#) for links to campus, District, and community resources.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Today, we kicked off Black History Month by celebrating the life and legacy of Rosa Parks, an activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. She is known as the "mother of the civil rights movement", and left behind a rich legacy of resistance against racial discrimination and injustice.

Celebrate Black History Month with us all month long. For a list of events, please visit:

<https://www.sdmesa.edu/black-history-month>.



Our colleagues at District created a fabulous video highlighting some of the wonderful moments from our 60th Anniversary Kick-Off event!

[Click here for the SDCCD Video of Mesa College's 60th Anniversary Event](#)

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

Fall 2024 Promise applications are now open. The Priority deadline is April 5, 2024 and the application deadline is August 5, 2024. Applications are available at www.sdccd.edu/promise. Current Promise students must be fully enrolled in 12 units by February 11, 2024.

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.

All EOPS students are invited to attend the **EOPS Spring Kickoff**. During this event, EOPS students will have the opportunity to set goals and get program updates. All participants will be treated to a special lunch and a good bag.

Dates:
February 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
February 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Location:
AVANZA Room, I4-202

[Please RSVP to the Spring Kick Off Here](#)



Cultivate Wellbeing Join us for an informational workshop on Wednesday, February 14, from 12:30 p.m. -1:30 p.m. at the FAST Center, K-101 to learn about Mesa's Mental Health Services presented by Mental Health Coordinator, Derrick White. Learn about the safe and confidential support from Mental Health Services as you pursue your educational goals at Mesa.

Financial Literacy Workshop focused on Understanding Taxes: The FAST Scholars and NextUp team will be hosting Cal Coast on Thursday, March 7 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. to lead a workshop on taxes at the FAST Center, K-101. Food will be provided to all attendees.

OFFICE OF *Resource Development*

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Calling Volunteers!

Read scholarships, ignite dreams, illuminate paths, transform futures.

The gift of your time can help turn students' dreams into reality.

Join us as we review over 600 student applications and invest in the leaders of tomorrow!




SIGN UP
<https://bit.ly/MesaVol24>
BY FEB 14

TOP REASONS TO SIGN UP:

- 1 Convenience:** help from your own home, on your schedule.
- 2 Inspiration:** be wowed by what students have achieved.
- 3 Impact:** make a tangible difference by putting money into the hands of students.

TIMELINE:
 Sign up by February 14
 Read & review scholarships February 20 - March 8, 2024

No experience needed!
 Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2024VolFAQs>

➔ Sign Up!
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We need your help! We are calling on our community to help us review over 600 student scholarship applications. The gift of your time can make students' dreams come true.

For more information and to sign up, please visit:
<https://bit.ly/MesaVol24>

For a larger version of the flier, please visit [this link](#).

We announced the San Diego Mesa College Foundation's [Transformative 5-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan puts us on a course to dramatically increase our impact on Mesa's mission and students.

We hosted a breakfast for San Diego Mesa College Change-Makers on January 31, 2024. This breakfast was a joyful occasion to shine a light on the impact of major donors and share how our closest supporters can help us friend and fundraise to meet our goals.

We then invited our guests to join us for the 60th Anniversary Celebration and saw many of you at our table. We thank each of you who took a moment to share your Mesa story or give or volunteer to read scholarships.



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:

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Mesa College Events Calendar

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