

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: March 15, 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!

### **WOW (Word of the Week)** - Weekly Student Contact Hours (WSCH)

WSCH is calculated by the following:

- $WCH \times Enrollment = WSCH$
- Rough estimate of FTES
- $(WSCH \times TLM) / 525 = FTES$

### **Office of the President Updates**

Last week I conducted an interview with CBS News 8 promoting our Jumpstart event. The clip can be found here: [Jump start your success at Mesa Community College! | cbs8.com](https://www.cbs8.com).

This week I closed out this year's 2023 AHSIE Best Practices Conference by serving on a President's Panel. Mesa was a sponsor of this event, and we had a nice cohort. *Here is a photo from the event.*

### **Office of Instruction Updates**

Congratulations to Connie Renda, who has been elected President-Elect to the CHIA (California Health Information Association)!

Mesa Brewing is finally bubbling! Last week the long-awaited and historic moment occurred as students in our Fermentation program began brewing our first batch of beer. A huge thanks to our amazing instructors, Brian Celery, Head Brewer of Kilowatt Brewing, Kevin Rhodes, Owner of Groundswell Brewing, and Instructional Lab Technician Fred Hollman, Head Brewer of Groundswell Brewing. Their tireless work, along with many people in facilities, business services, and the school of Business and Technology, made this a reality for our students and community!



From a collaboration of the DEBER Program at Mesa and The Work-Based Learning Office, comes a collective space for amplifying and celebrating the stories and journeys of Latinx men in education. There is a shortage of Latinx educators, especially Latinx male educators. We need representation in our *comunidades*. Representation matters! There are a few spaces left, so register today!

Panel Info:

**DEBER – Changing the Face of Education through Testimonios of Latinx Male Educators: *Abriendo caminos...***

- Thursday, March 16, from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the AVANZA Center (I4-202)
- Zoom Info:
  - Meeting ID: 837 9407 4040
  - Passcode: deber23
- Register here: [tinyurl.com/deberEducators](https://tinyurl.com/deberEducators)

This past Saturday, the Mesa College Chemistry ChemClub participated in the North County community outreach program, *Super STEM Saturday*. They introduced “Fabrics and their Chemistry” in a fashion show format. There were about 50 people in attendance. *The image to the right shows some of the student participants.*

This week, participants of Week 3 of MOST Assess are learning about rubrics and how to provide effective feedback from Section C7 of the CVC-OEI Online Course Design Rubric. The next event, *Leveraging Video for Instruction and Assessment in Math as part of the @ONE Series: Going the Distance with Video*, will take place on Friday, March 17, at 2:00pm. Professors Juan Bernal and Kelly Spoon will host the event. Attendees can use the [Zoom Registration Link](#) and can gain Flex Credit (#16292).

### Student Services Updates

Today, Mesa will host students from the College of Continuing Education for our first-ever CCE Mesa Day. The event will include workshops on financial aid, services, academic programs, career planning, a resource fair, and campus tours which will highlight visits to Culinary and Fashion.

Tomorrow, the [Mesa CalWORKs Meet & Greet](#) will be held in the ASG Conference Room (I4-409), from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. Visitors will learn about the CalWORKs Program and the resources and services available. CalWORKs will also be introducing its team and amazing CalWORKs student-parents. Food will be provided!

Brin Balboa, APIA Student Success Project Assistant, has begun working in Admissions. We are excited to have her supporting Admissions' equity efforts.

Transfer, Career, and Evaluations will be welcoming its first intern next week, Florence Nguyen, who is part of the MIP program, and will be working alongside our transfer team, planning events and supporting innovative projects.



### Campus Events

The Mesa College Music Department Showcase will take place on Monday, March 20, in rooms C-116 and C-119 in the C1 Building, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The San Diego Mesa College Guitar Ensemble will be directed by Ian Bassett, the San Diego Mesa College Choir will be directed by Dr. J. Craig Johnson, and the San Diego Mesa College Jazz Ensemble will be directed by Ian Tordella.

The Black CommUNITY Cookout will be held on Wednesday, March 22, from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the Quad. This event is a collaborative effort between the BLF (Black Leadership Fellows), Umoja, Associated Students, Student Affairs and BSU. This event will support students through the midterm with morale boosting conversation with the community, food, drinks, and games. Please encourage your students to attend this well-deserved and enjoyable mental health break!

As part of Women's History Month 2023, the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery presents the exhibition *Perceive Me*, featuring a series of portraits created by artists in collaboration with plus-size artist Kristine Schomaker. Artist Kristine Schomaker collaborated with 60 artists who created portraits of her to celebrate her plus-sized figure. The exhibition deals with topics related to female body image, and explores the human form in a variety of media, with approaches that are historical, playful, or traditional portraiture. This exhibition does contain nudity. If you want to meet the artist, she'll be here for the reception on Thursday, March 16, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Additional San Diego participating artists include: Anna Stump, Catherine Ruane, Elizabeth Tobias, and Debby and Larry Kline.

### ***Perceive Me***

March 13 – April 13, 2023

Reception: Thursday, March 16, 4-7 pm, Art Gallery FA103

FREE and open to the public.

Free Parking in Lot # 1 on reception night only.

Park in STAFF spaces on reception night.

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Artists Panel Lecture on Zoom: Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 pm

(register on [gallery website](#))

Project website: <https://www.kristineschomaker.net/about>

### **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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