



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*



Join us this Thursday, March 21 for our **SDCCD Career Fair** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside Mesa Commons near Sunrise Plaza, and extending past the Quad. Recruiters representing more than 100 employers who are looking to hire will be at the event, providing ample networking opportunities for SDCCD students and alumni.

This event is free and open to the public, and is being organized by SDCCD Career Services in cooperation with San Diego City, Mesa, Miramar, and College of Continuing Education.

Last Saturday, in partnership with San Diego Unified School District, Mesa hosted an educational Powwow featuring indigenous prayer, dancing, art, and food. It was a wonderful celebration of culture, community, and tradition with vibrant colors, rhythmic drumming, and the aroma of traditional foods.

To catch a glimpse of the event, [click here for a YouTube video created by SDCCD.](#)



Career Services Champions is a monthly recognition program re-starting in February 2024. Champions are faculty, staff, administrators, or other partners who lead and foster work-based learning and/or career readiness for students. Interested in nominating a colleague or partner? Please reach out to Alex Berry and Olivia Picolla.

Uriel Ornelas | Professor and Program Lead | French Department

French Professor, Uriel Ornelas, led the French Job and Career Fair. At the Career Fair there were a series of activities including resume-building workshops, job interview preparation workshops, networking, internship, and employment opportunities with local French companies and organizations. Additionally, information about work and study abroad programs was shared with students and participants. It was an amazing job fair with over 250 attendees and we could not have done it without the support of the regional Francophone community. We recognize Uriel Ornelas as a Career Services Champion for February 2024.

Jordan Agricola | Administrative Technician | Veterans and Records

In collaboration with the Career Center, Jordan Agricola and the Veteran Success Center, held a panel with veterans who have been working within a wide range of career fields. There were also student support programs tabled in the center to talk about internship/career opportunities for our students. It was a great success with students participating and staying for the whole panel. Jordan was instrumental in ensuring this panel went off smoothly and our Mesa Veteran students had a great career experience. We recognize Jordan Agricola as a Career Services Champion for the month of February 2024.



The San Diego Union Tribune covered Mesa College's current dual-themed exhibition, "We are Women: Jean Cornwell Wheat and Elizabeth Salaam" and "Beautiful, Brilliant, and Brave: A Celebration of Black Women". Elizabeth Salaam, one of the artists featured in Mesa's dual-themed exhibition, talks about her experiences growing up as a biracial woman and the inspiration behind her art.

To read the full article, please visit:

[San Diego Union Tribune Article on Mesa College Art Exhibition](#)

"We are Women: Jean Cornwell Wheat and Elizabeth Salaam" and "Beautiful, Brilliant, and Brave: A Celebration of Black Women" will be on display in the Mesa College Art Gallery (FA-103) from March 18 - April 18, and will be closed during Spring Break. There will be a reception on Thursday, March 21 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in FA-103.

The Math and Science Department along with the MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) Program hosted a successful Pi Day celebration in the MESA center. The event offered attendees a diverse array of activities and events to partake in. From engaging mathematical games and puzzles. The event also featured delicious pie-themed treats, adding a flavorful twist to the mathematical festivities. Participants immersed themselves in the celebration, fostering a sense of community as they explored the wonders of mathematics together.



OFFICE OF *Student Services*



The Stand is requesting donation (books, art supplies, educational toys for children) for the opening of the new campus **Family Resource Center**. Please drop off donations at the Stand by Friday, April 5.

CalWORKs is partnering with The Stand, CARES, and Student Health Services to offer a safe space to focus on healing for parent-students on Thursday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at The Stand Workshop, Room K-105.

Students share their stories and learn coping mechanisms to overcome their hurdles. All students and their families are welcome to attend.

Participatory Governance

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

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