

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: April 19, 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!

Office of the President Updates

Earlier this week, the Mesa campus community joined the SDCCD in recognition of Yom HaShoah to commemorate the survivors of the Holocaust, as well as the lives lost. President Hands spoke at the event, and welcomed guest speakers Robert Hicks and Sandra Scheller.

Mesa College is a proud sponsor of this year's inaugural CCC LGBTQ+ Summit and we are sending a delegation, including President Hands, to attend.

Congratulations to Dr. Veronica Gerace, who received this year's ASCCC (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges) *Regina Stanback Stroud Diversity Award* several months ago. The news of this award was embargoed until this week. Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah nominated her for the award, and President Hands and the Academic Senate President, John Crocitti, wrote supporting letters on her behalf. The prestigious *Regina Stanback Stroud Diversity Award* acknowledges an individual or group that is exceptional in contributing to the advancement of intercultural harmony, equity, and campus diversity at their college. You can read more about Dr. Gerace's accomplishment [here](#).

[The RP Group](#) acknowledges exceptional contributions made by individuals and organizations in advancing student and institutional success through community college research, planning, and institutional effectiveness efforts every year. In 2023, the RP Group recognized Hai Hoang at San Diego Mesa College for his leadership in the statewide evaluation for the Bachelor's Degree Program since 2019 leading to AB 927. Hai also collaborated with UCLA to publish a research brief titled "Benefits and Opportunities: California's Community College Baccalaureate Programs" through Wheelhouse at UC Davis, which provided compelling evidence that the Bachelor's Degree Program has increased access and success for special populations, helped them secure good-paying jobs, and is benefiting the California economy. The RP Group has featured information about the award and the research brief on their [website](#).

Office of Instruction Updates

San Diego Mesa College has entered a partnership with tre-o-bytes, a non-profit organization with a mission of changing the socio and economic trajectory for students by providing vocational STEM education. Tre-o-bytes will be holding workshops for any Mesa student that is interested. Workshops and demo days will be held in the Innovation Research Lab located in the B building. Please see the flyer on the right for information on signing up.

Campus Events

Mesa College celebrates Cultural Unity Week this week, from April 17-21. There will be a wide range of workshops, fun activities, and inspiring panel discussions, both in-person and online. These events aim to educate about our unique racial, ethnic, and cultural differences, so that we can celebrate these differences and appreciate our similarities! For more information, visit: www.sdmesa.edu/calendar.

This evening, the San Diego Black Arts and Culture Panel Discussion will feature the Director of the San Diego African American Museum of Fine Arts, Gaidi Fini, SDAAMFA Board Member Carolyn Y. Smith, Encanto Business Owner Francine Maxwell, and Founder of San Diego Urban Warriors, Dajahn A. Blevins. The event will be moderated by Dr. Denise Rogers. *Event details are below.*

Wednesday, April 19 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego 92111 | Mesa Commons: MC-211 A/B

Zoom Link: bit.ly/BlackArtsandCultureDiscussion

The Mesa Music Department is also holding another recital hour in room C-119 from 3:00pm to 4:20pm this afternoon, featuring Dr. Todd Rewoldt on the Classical Alto Saxophone.

The Stand: Basic Needs Center is hosting a Farmers Market tomorrow, in front of Mesa Commons from 11:00am - 1:00pm. All interested campus members are invited to participate and everyone is encouraged to bring your own reusable bags or cart.

The first event of Mesa Earth Day 2023 is happening tomorrow. Adam Aron, Professor of Psychology at UCSD, will share some of his research which focuses on the social science of collective action and the climate crisis, from 11:15am – 12:30pm in BT-101. [Here is the website for Prof. Aron's latest book](#). After a general introduction, he will focus on Chapter 10.

Our Mesa College Men's Volleyball team will host a playoff game here on Mt. Olympus for the first time in program history. The match will take place this Friday at 6:00pm, in our newly renovated gymnasium. Please join us and encourage your students to attend as well. All Mesa Student-Athletes are welcome to join us absolutely free of charge. Go Olympians!

Black Student Success week is happening at community colleges across the state next week from April 24-28, 2023.



The flyer is for a workshop titled "MESA IRL ARDUINO FUNDAMENTAL WORKSHOP" held at the San Diego Mesa College Innovation Research Lab. It features a background image of colorful wires connected to an Arduino board. The text includes the tre-o-bytes logo, the workshop title, a description: "A hands-on introduction to the Arduino electronic circuits and programming!", and the schedule: "THURSDAY April 20th, 2023 10am - 11:30am Every Thursday! (5 sessions) FREE SESSIONS 90 Minute Workshop Location: Innovation Research Lab (B-106)". It also includes two QR codes for signing up and following, and contact information: "CONTACT US: www.treobytes.org (619) 533-8589 info@treobytes.com". A note says "Join us for our Demo Days every Tuesday at the MESA IRL From 10am-1pm". A "SIGN UP!!" button mentions "Limited spots available".

The week-long events will be on successful approaches to ensuring Black students success. To view our week of events, please click [here](#).

Student Services Updates

This year, the *From Reel to Real Health Fair* centers on social media trends, most notably TikTok. Some of these trends can be just plain foolish, but others are actually dangerous and have the potential to impact a student’s health. In addition, the Urban Restoration Counseling Center will be on hand to talk about stress and anxiety management, while information about birth control and mental health will be available for all attendees. The Health Fair will be held from 10:30am to 2:30pm, at the Mesa Commons Plaza, on April 18 and 19.

The Community College League of California (CCLC) held their annual Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Awards Luncheon earlier this month. Our PTK All-California Community College Winners for San Diego Mesa College were Jaynell Armstrong, Juanita Lukisa, and Phoebe Truong. PTK recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has a presence on almost 1,300 community college campuses in 11 nations. Building on the success of the national All-USA Team Program, PTK launched the All-State Academic Team Program. The purpose of this program is to provide recognition at the state level for these top community college students.

Office of Institutional Effectiveness Updates

Our Committee on Outcomes and Assessment(COA) is hosting an outcomes summit on Friday. During this event, our goal is to have rich conversations surrounding the importance of outcomes and assessment and learn about the value that it has for our students and our institution. We are fortunate to have two experts in the field come and share their work and experience. Our research team will present our own data at Mesa and where we are now in our efforts to eliminate equity gaps for our students. We will also hear from some of our own faculty at Mesa about how outcomes assessment affected their teaching practices. Lastly, we will share updates for Nuventive, our new outcomes assessment and program review platform, and get a sneak peek into the work that has been done so far. COA looks forward to seeing you at the Outcomes Summit! *See event details below.*

Friday, April 21, 2023

1:00pm – 3:00pm



Zoom Meeting ID:
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2023 OUTCOMES SUMMIT

PRIYA RAMAN, PH.D.
Associate Professor
Director of Assessment San Jose State
University, Faculty at Large, Academic
Senate Executive Committee, Senate
(College of Social Sciences), SJSU
Academic Senate

JAREK JANIO, PH.D.
ESL Faculty and Department
Chair
Santa Ana College
Founded SLO Symposium
and Friday SLO Talks

San Diego Mesa College's Committee on
Outcomes and Assessment

APRIL | 21st | 2023 | 1-3PM

For event details, email
Liza Rabinovich (erabinovich@dccc.edu)



Student Health Services presents

From Reels to Real

Health Fair

April 18th & 19th
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Mesa Commons Plaza

FREE FOOD

Who/What to expect:

- Info on Chlorophyll + Bloom
- Professor Irina Kozlovsky, Ph.D. in Psychology - Fact Checking TikTok
- The Benefits of Dry Scooping Pre Workout
- Info on Birth Control options
- Urban Restoration Counseling
- Active Minds

Sponsored by:
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Student Health Services

For more information, call (619) 388-2774 or email: skhambat@sdccc.edu
Request for disability related Accommodations should be made no longer than 2 working days prior to event.

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 7140 9757

Zoom Link for the online event:

<https://sdccd-edu.zoom.us/j/86371409757>

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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