

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: June 29, 2023
Sent on behalf of President Ashanti Hands



Hello Mesa College Community,
Weekly Updates from Prez Hands provide a brief overview of the exciting efforts occurring 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

Congratulations to two of our newest, permanent deans: Hai Hoang, who is now the permanent Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, and Leticia Diaz, who is now the permanent Dean of Student Success & Equity!

During his acting role, Hai has been instrumental in leading our college through our Program Review and Accreditation processes and laying a strong, data-inspired, student-centered, equity-minded foundation for our future work at our President's Cabinet retreat. He has been an integral part of the research team and college-wide efforts, assisting with various projects including Foundation Strategic Planning, Scholarship Committee, Strong Workforce, Perkins, and others.



During her acting role, Leticia established herself as a true leader. Not only has she effectively overseen all of the programs that fall under the School of Student Success & Equity, she has introduced new programs and services in support of our students such as Fresh Success that will lead to better employment and a path to economic self-sufficiency for our students. Additional accomplishments include implementation of a new online application, intentional promotional strategies and materials, increased direct aid, instituted the EOPS Summer Readiness program, and many others.

Office of Instruction Updates

This week, the LRC is receiving an exciting facelift! New furniture is being installed on the first, third, and fourth floors. We are so excited and cannot wait to share photos in the coming weeks!

Office of Student Services Updates

Starting next week, Mesa's Veterans Success Center will be hosting virtual Summer Wellness workshops! Each session will be held every Wednesday this month starting July 5 at 1:30 p.m. and will cover various topics around mental health. Although these workshops are focused on the veteran student population, you do not need to be a veteran to attend. To register, please [click here](#).

In the Know

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

1. [Mesa College Newsroom](#)
2. [Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Best,
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