

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: July 12, 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

Join us this Saturday, July 15, as we march along with others in the SDCCD family in the 2023 San Diego Pride Parade! We will have an awesome float, great t-shirts, and the best spirit around! To join us, meet at the float in the staging area at stall 183 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. to walk in the parade by 12:25 p.m. For more information about the Pride Parade and how to sign up, please [click here](#).

Mesa's Kapwa has done some amazing things in the Spring! To read all about it, please [click here](#) to read their May Review newsletter.

Mesa College welcomes to the team Mesa alumni, Miguel A. Murillo Ayala, as our newest Instruction Librarian! Miguel started his educational journey here at Mesa, then went on to receive a Bachelor's in Chicana and Chicano Studies from UCLA and a Master's in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. Miguel's dedication to social justice and inclusivity stems from his personal experiences as a Latinx first-generation and former undocumented student with learning disabilities. He is committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within libraries and their communities.

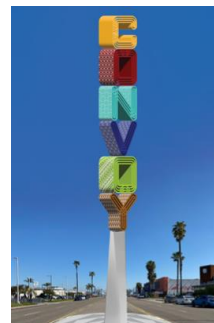
The Convoy District is finally getting its own neighborhood sign! Much like the ones you see in Hillcrest and North Park, this 30-foot tall sign will be located on the median of Convoy Street and Opportunity Road. It will spell out the name "Convoy" in vertical letters, representing many of the Asian writing that is written in vertical symbols, and the letters will feature colorful patterns and designs that honor the AANHPI communities.



Office of Student Services Updates

This week we launched our [Summer CRUISE](#)—Creating Rich Unique Intellectual Student Experiences program this week for incoming college students. Sessions are scheduled July – August.

Departments from Mesa's Student Services building is teaming up to host a Registration Rally starting Wednesday, July 12, and will be held every Wednesday until



August 9. This is an opportunity for all Mesa College Students to get support with class registration, financial aid assistance, and so much more! Each session is from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on campus in I4-201. For a link to the flyer, [click here](#).

Mesa’s Transfer Center is actively assisting students who are preparing to apply for transfer this Fall. To support them, they have organized [Transfer Talks](#) where students can have their transfer questions answered by counselor and staff. Click on the link for more information and how to register.

Mesa’s Veterans Office successfully completed a site visit and audit from the California Educational Specialist, Mr. Shane Ferree, who reviewed the VA Educational Benefits processes to ensure that the office complies with state and federal regulations. Mr. Ferree reviewed various files including: student ledgers, Credit for Prior Learning, unofficial transcripts, enrollment certifications, etc.

The number of Mesa students on Handshake is steadily increasing, with over 1,900 active students, more than 7,200 job opportunities, and over 5,200 employers ready to connect with our students. For any inquiries or training on the Handshake platform, please direct students to contact the Career Center at 619-388-2777 or mesacareer@sdccd.edu.

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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