



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

President Hands' Listening and Learning tours have begun with almost 30 groups scheduled. In these 50 minute discussions that will be held through December 2022, President Hands will visit departments, programs, and senate groups on campus regarding Mesa College's biggest opportunities, challenges, and how they breathe life into Mesa's vision of Equity and Excellence. This tour will help President Hands develop a deeper understanding of the Mesa College community. At the conclusion of the tour, themes will be collected, shared, and used to shape our future at Mesa College. The following questions will guide the dialogue.

- What accomplishments are you most proud of?
- What issues tend to persist at Mesa? What new challenges are emerging?
- How does your area embody Equity and Excellence?
- What opportunities would lead to greater success and how would you pursue them?

Campus Updates

SDCCD is rolling out new student emails to go along with an Office 365 account, starting this week. Students can visit the link [here](#) for help setting up their new emails. There is also a tutorial to guide students on creating their emails, which they can view [here](#). Students enrolled in at least one class for Fall 2022 who are still unable to access their new email after going through the above options may reach out to Student Email Support at support@student.sdccd.edu or call 619-388-1140.

Events

Mesa College is kicking off Latinx Heritage Month with ¡Latinx Bienvenida!, which will be hosted in-person in the I400 building in room 202 from 11:00am to 12:30pm tomorrow. Everyone is welcome, and there will be food, activities, and campus resources available. You can view the activities and events for the month [here](#).

Mesa College will celebrate Constitution Day on Thursday, September 15. An in-person celebration will take place in room G-102 from 11:15am to 1:15pm. This event is sponsored by the Political Science and Humanities departments, along with Financial Aid, Student Affairs, and Instruction. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

The Mesa College Music Department is hosting another Recital Hour as part of the *Mesa College Free Concert Series* this afternoon, starting at 3:00pm in room C-119.

Administrative Services Update

Administrative Services hosted a professional learning workshop for Mesa College Supervisors and Managers last Friday, called "Disrupting White Supremacy Culture through Community Care". The goal of this workshop was to address the challenges brought on by the pandemic that are associated with the continued prioritization of traditional workplace values, and how these values impact our workplace

community members in this current moment. There were 24 supervisors and managers were in attendance.

Office of Instruction Updates

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Toni Trejo Parsons has accepted the position of HSI Program Activity Manager. Toni has been a contracted Math Faculty member at Mesa since 2005, where she has since served in a variety of Faculty leadership positions.

The Mesa Olympians Football Team defeated #3 Ventura College at their first home game over the weekend, with a score of 35 to 20, to improve to 2 to 0 for the season so far. President Hands was named Honorary Team Captain at the game, and a photo from the event can be viewed on her social media account [here](#).

The Mesa Olympians Women's Volleyball Team swept Mt. San Jacinto and Cypress at their matches on Saturday, finishing both games with a score of 3 to 0, to improve to 9 to 1 overall for the season so far. Last week's coaches' poll had the Olympians ranked at #6 currently.

There are 22 Faculty members in our 4 week MOST Include cohort, which started this week. There are also 16 STEM Faculty members registered for the Foothill-DeAnza *Humanizing Online STEM Academy*, the first section of which starts in October.

MOST is expanding their [coaching efforts](#).

- Continuing drop-in coaching hours
- Now offering pre-scheduled bookings
- Asynchronous 3-IDEas coaching

Student Services Updates

The Pride Center website is now live! To learn more about the Mesa College Pride Center, visit: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/campus-life/lgbtq.shtml>. The Pride Center Presentation, STAR TRIO Presentation, and 2022 EOPS Summer Readiness Program Presentation will all be presented during the All School Meeting today at 12:00pm in the I400 building in room 202.

In a collaboration between our Veterans Counselors and the Transfer Career Center, a UC TAG/TAP Workshop will be held within the Veteran Success Center today from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The Transfer Center will also collaborate with General Counseling to host [transfer application workshops](#) Monday through Friday. From Monday through Thursday these workshops will be held in Zoom format, and Fridays will be held in-person.

Transfer Day will be held on October 13, 2022. Students will have the opportunity to discuss transfer planning and articulation with more than 40 California State Universities (CSU), Universities of California (UC), Independent/Private Colleges/Universities, and Out-of-State Colleges/Universities. College representatives will provide information regarding the application process, financial aid, and programs and scholarships available.

The Mesa Career Center will assist in hosting a district-wide job fair on Thursday, November 17, aligning with National Career Development week, which takes place from November 14 through November 18. Students will be invited via Handshake. More information will be announced at a later date.

Students can receive support with their resume and cover letter by scheduling a peer-to-peer appointment with a Career Ambassador. The [Career Ambassador Program](#) (CAP) meets students where they are in their career journey by providing peer-to-peer coaching sessions on job searching, résumé writing, cover letter writing, interview preparation, and other career readiness resources.

The Mesa LOFT is inviting attendees to register for the monthly California Community College Racial Equity Leadership Alliance eConvening Series, hosted by the [USC Race and Equity Center](#). For more information on Mesa College's participation in the Alliance, click [here](#). You can also register [here](#).

The Honors Center (K-108A) is now open! Students and faculty can stop in to meet the 2 new Honors Center student assistants, Phoebe Truong and Salvador Muñoz. Additionally, the 2022 Fall Honors

Orientation, where students and faculty can learn all the ways they can participate in our Mesa Honors program, will be held this Friday, September 16th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, also in K-108A.

The Evaluations [2022-2023 Graduation Deadlines](#) are here. Students earning a Degree and/or Certificate of Achievement must apply for graduation.

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](#)

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