



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*



Thank you to all who came out to celebrate with us the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., a civil rights leader who dedicated his life to achieving equality for all people. Many of our Mesa family came in community with our SDCCD colleagues to honor and reflect on his valuable teachings that are still meaningful today. My heart is still full from this eventful weekend!

Join Us for our 60th Anniversary!

You are cordially invited to **Save-the-Date for the San Diego Mesa College 60th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, January 31, 2024**. In 2024, Mesa College will be celebrating 60 years of equity and excellence. You are invited to be a part of the celebration as we launch our year-long festivities. We will begin with a formal program on the Quad from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and transition to music, dancing and other celebratory activities. Join us as we celebrate with students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, partners, the Mesa College Foundation, and members of the community. Your presence will add to the joy as we reflect on the past and look forward to continued years of empowering students with knowledge and opportunities. Please save the date and plan to join us! More details to follow.

Please save-the-date for the San Diego Mesa College's 2024 Spring Semester Convocation will continue with our academic year theme of "Equity in Action: Illuminated Paths," focusing on intentional steps and strategies to guide our collective equity lens to support student success. The event will feature campus and district updates, a gathering for the all-campus picture, and breakout sessions.

Convocation Information:

- **Thursday, January 25, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**, Mesa Gym (8:00 a.m. coffee & muffins)
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Program (followed by the All-Campus employee picture)
- Two breakout sessions
- Lunch provided, Mesa Quad
- Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/pHVLDjCPfX2h3edYA>

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Look for additional emails with information on the program and breakout sessions.



Our Mesa College Library and Learning Resource Center received the 2024 Library Excellence in Access and Diversity (LEAD) Award from Insight Into Diversity magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education! The LEAD Award honors academic libraries' programs and initiatives that encourage and support diversity, equity, and inclusion across their campus. Our Library and LRC teams are committed to promoting access, outreach, and literacy services to underserved groups, including ethnic and racial minorities, gender differences, and people with disabilities. Mesa College will be featured, along with 55 other recipients, in the March 2024 issue of Insight Into Diversity magazine.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*



Last month, Mesa College celebrated our Neurodiagnostic Technology Program graduates! These students completed a 15-month program of professional education that combines in-depth academic study on campus with practical experience in the program's hospital facilities. This program is recognized by the American Board of Registration of Electroencephalographic and Evoked Potential Technologies (ABRET), and upon completion graduates will be able to sit for the national credentialing board exam.

We are so proud of our graduates!

The San Diego Mesa College Ethnic Studies Faculty Council (MC-ESFC) has been selected to receive the 2023-24 Exemplary Program Award that recognizes outstanding community college programs. This is a Board of Governors award, sponsored by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, and awardees are recognized by the Board at the Board of Governors meeting. *We are so proud of our team!*

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

The Associated Students will be hosted their Annual Legislative Leadership Retreat on Tuesday, January 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

The day will be filled with leadership development, team building, communication skills and most importantly, collaboration and fun! All Student Leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Baktash Olomi at bolomi@sdccd.edu.

Mesa's Path to STEM Success will be held on Monday, January 22. Counselors Patty Rodriguez, Guillermo Marrujo, and Marisa Alioto will be supporting the event.

For more information, visit the [Path to STEM Success landing page](#).

The Veterans Orientation will be held on Wednesday, January 24 and Thursday, January 25. Our team will be answering any questions related to VA education benefits, and students will have the chance to discover transfer opportunities, talk about career/internship resources and more! To register, please use the [Incoming Military-Affiliated Student Orientation RSVP Form](#)

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

Employee Follow-Me printing has now expanded to the Library's 4th floor and Communication Studies classrooms have been upgraded to digital format AV.

Participatory Governance

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

[Associated Students](#)

[Academic Senate](#)

[Classified Senate](#)

In The Know

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

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