



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*



Welcome Back!

It is so good to see our Mesa Community back on campus. We hope all had a wonderful and much needed break as we head into the spring semester.

Join us for the Annual MLK Parade!

We invite all to join the San Diego Community College District's Martin Luther King, Jr. parade float and contingent at **10 a.m. on Sunday, January 14.**

Participants can [sign up here](#) and submit their SDCCD MLK shirt size. Please note, shirts are first come, first served at the parade site.

ABOUT THE PARADE

Date | **Sunday, January 14, 2024**

Arrive Time for marchers | **8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

Parade Time | **10 a.m.**

Route Length | **1.2 Miles**

Staging Area | **Harbor Drive** (Between Grape and Ash)

What if it rains?: **The MLK parade will happen rain or shine**

[Click Here for More Information](#)

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.



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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