



Hello all, and Happy Fall!

The campus is alive with students once again! Thank you so much to all of you who have been pointing our first timers in the direction they need to go. Welcome Week also continues, and you can [click here](#) to view the online Fall 2022 Welcome Week Schedule of Events, and [click here](#) to view some of our Welcome Week photos!

The Fall 2022 Convocation welcomed nearly 350 faculty and staff last week, and the catered lunch from Homestyle Hawaiian was a big hit! The program included campus and district updates as well as introductions of new faculty and staff, and presentation of the Olympian Spirit Awards. In case you missed it, you can [click here](#) to view the Fall 2022 Convocation powerpoint and agenda.

The Olympian Olympics were an amazing way to kick off the Fall semester, and greeted over 300 Mesa College student-athletes last week. Participants engaged in competition in various sports, as well as in opportunities to learn about various student services on campus. You can view the Flickr album [here](#). Go Olympians!

Last week, Larry Maxey, Acting VPSS, and Leticia Diaz, Acting Dean of SSE, facilitated an Equity Workshop for the new faculty participating in the “New Faculty Institute” welcome orientation and luncheon. Photos from the event can be viewed [here](#).

The [Veterans Success Center](#) is now set up as a hyflex space. The Veterans Success team is looking forward to providing students with access to technology that includes the options to broadcast workshops, explore virtual options, and stream video.

After three years of being conducted remotely, this year’s International Orientation Week was facilitated in-person. The Orientation Team welcomed 30 students from 20 different countries this summer.

So far, 16 Mesa faculty members have registered for [MOST Include](#), a four week (Sept. 12 - Oct. 7) asynchronous facilitated and humanized online cohort that puts online faculty in the shoes of online students, in order to learn about Inclusion and Accessibility of Mesas online course designs. Registration is still open!

On a personal note, I am excited to announce my recent selection for the Aspen Institute’s New Presidents Fellowship. You can view the official Press Release [here](#).

Along with Dr. Tina King, SDCCE President, I co-authored an Op Ed piece, [Community colleges help hundreds of thousands](#), which was featured in the San Diego Union Tribune.

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Best,

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