



APRIL/MAY 2020



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE INNOVATION RESEARCH LAB



Online Transition

During this difficult time of transition due to the COVID-19 virus, the Innovation research lab will be closed until further notice. The Innovation Research Lab loaned all of the laptops in the center to Mesa College students who are in the Puente Program and/or EOPS, and the Engineering Workshop attendees. Additionally, the IRL transitioned to hosting the remaining Engineering Workshops online through Zoom. Special thanks to Professor Hamid Bahraseman who is leading the workshops online. Furthermore, students who have attended all 9 workshops will receive a Certificate of Completion and students who have attended at least 7 of the workshops will receive a Certificate of Participation.

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STEM CONEXIONES NEWSLETTER

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STEM Student Spotlight

Hanan Dirirsa is one of 50 recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The scholarship will provide her with \$40,000 a year to complete her bachelor's degree. Hanan is a student leader on campus. She was a fall 2019 STEM Peer Mentor for BIOL 210A and currently she is the Woman in Science Club Secretary and a Mesa College ASG Senator. Hanan is also the student representative on the Mesa College Foundation's Board of Directors. Congratulations, Hanan! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Hanan Dirirsa



Spring 2020 Engineering Workshops

Workshop participants who attended all nine workshops were awarded a Certificate of Completion and participants who completed at least seven workshops were awarded a Certificate of Participation.

9 Students were awarded a Certificate of Completion!

4 Students were awarded a Certificate of Participation!



"I really enjoyed the workshops! I feel like I learned a lot and have a new appreciation for Engineering that I did not have before. :) I am very appreciative that it could continue after the semester went online. It was always a nice escape for a little while!" - M.Y.