



Student Services Monthly Updates are designed to tell our story of providing pathways that inspire, engage and empower our diverse students to learn and succeed. These updates also track our support of Mesa's journey of becoming the leading college of equity and excellence. We encourage you to review our highlights and dig deeper into departmental updates to learn about new employees, innovations, data, events/activities, student success stories, special recognitions and new Policies & Procedures impacting the way we serve students. Thanks to our incredible Student Services Team for their tireless efforts in creating the conditions that matter for our students to succeed.

- Ashanti Hands, Vice President, Student Services

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Monthly Update Highlights

Employee Updates

- Lizette Espinoza has joined the DSPS family as a senior tutor.
- Congratulations go to Brunette Purdie who has retired from the Admissions Office. Brunette has been a team member since 1998.

Events & Activities

- Outreach presented the Placement Assistant to counselors at the Mesa College High School Counselor Conference on April 13.
- Juan U. Bernal shared his powerful narrative through AVANZA's Latinx Conexiones to help motivate students to keep pursuing their dream. A story of sacrifice, perseverance, and honesty, captivated the audience throughout the hour.
- 94 representatives from 47 companies joined Career on April 12, 2018 to recruit Mesa students at the Career Fair.
- Scholarship Awards: 107 opportunities offered; \$237,012+ awarded; 175 recipients (62 recipients receiving multiple awards; Awards: 263
- On Thursday, April 19, 2018, San Diego Mesa College debuted "The Stand: Farmer's Market," created via a new partnership with Feeding San Diego. The Stand: Farmers Market event offered students and members of the Mesa College community access to free food, including fresh produce. The initiative is part of Mesa College's effort on "Taking a Stand Against Hunger." Our next Market is scheduled for May 17, 2018.

Innovations & Data

- For 2017-18 Academic year, CalWORKs has 78 active students
- EOPS received the CAFYES Allocation, funding to support a subset of foster youth will begin academic year 2018-2019.
- The evaluations team has begun a partnership with the school of Allied Health and General Counseling to assist students from a variety of their programs in becoming familiar with graduation and commencement participation process through their program orientations.
- 12,711 students were paid the California Promise Grant (formerly BOG) totaling \$9,413,108.
- Outreach continued to partner with the Assessment & Testing Office to host our Pre-enrollment Bundle at the high schools. During the months of March April we went to 9 high schools and assisted 324 students, of which 299 students completed their SSSP steps through assessment via the Placement Assistant.
- Active Minds changes the conversation about Mental Health on campus. SHS is collaborating with Helen Greenbergs (Psychology Professor) and Psi Beta to create new and relevant brochures and design events to de-stigmatize mental illness.
- To-date The Stand has provided services to 592 individual students
- Ramiro Hernandez attended the Veterans Summit put together by the California Community College office of the Chancellor.

Policies & Procedures

- Campus Solution is live for Financial Aid; we have some issues but overall it's been a positive experience.

Student Success Stories

- Seven Umoja students are transferring into the following universities: UC Riverside, CSU Long Beach, and CSU San Francisco.
- 147 students who access support services through DSPS that are graduating in May.
- 699 students were accepted to SDSU (there are more however this is the data based on 50% local status). 99 students were accepted to UC Riverside.
- Michelle Harris Feller LMFT and Vanessa Gambala FNP collaborated to meet the physical and mental health needs of a Mesa student who was homeless. They persevered, overcoming several obstacles, to help her find housing and safety. This student is also caring for her younger sister. This student's father recently received treatment for his serious illness and is reuniting with his daughters. They will all move in together. Recently, this Mesa student was accepted to one of our Allied Health program
- Nine STAR TRIO students received 18 scholarships. Students have been receiving admission offers from universities.

Admissions

Employee Updates

- Congratulations go to Brunette Purdie who has retired from the Admissions Office. Brunette has been a team member in our office since 1998.
- LaKeita Platts attended a college fair at UCSD English Learning Institute for International Students. Deyanira Preciado-Bayardo also attended a college fair at the Stafford House for International Students.

Innovations & Data

Our staff assisted 431 students in person for Residency, International Students, and Allied Health. 3,104 phone calls were handled and 207 forms were processed. Allied Health accepted 114 applications for the Physical Therapy Assistant program.

Assessment

Events & Activities

Genevieve Esguerra presented the Placement Assistant to counselors at the Mesa College High School Counselor Conference on April 13. The department also hosted a table at the resource fair during the conference to answer any additional questions that the high school counselor may have had. Overall, response for the Placement Assistant from the high school counselors was positive with many sharing their positive experiences of it with the other counselors.

Assessment & Testing continued to partner with Outreach to offer Placement Assistant proctoring at the high schools in collaboration with the Outreach department's Pre-enrollment Workshops. We were able to proctor the Placement Assistant onsite at Clairemont, La Jolla, High Tech High-International, High Tech High-Media Arts, Madison, Mission Pay and Patrick Henry. The response from students and counselors at these workshops has been extremely positive and word is spreading among students at the high schools as we have seen an increase in students coming in asking to use the Placement Assistant because they "heard about it from [their] friends."

Innovations & Data

Assessment & Testing provided the following services –

- English Assessments: 58
- Math Assessments: 69
- Placement Assistant: 121
- ESOL: 9
- Orientations: 132
- Total Students Served: 278

High School Students served through Pre-enrollment Workshops in April: 231.

AVANZA Student Engagement Center, Peer Navigator, and CRUISE Programs

Employee Updates

The Peer Navigator program is happy to share we are steady with our team of eight.

Events & Activities

April 16th and 24th

Peer Navigator Monthly Workshop:

Health Services Marlana Gonzalez and Alyssa Burnley presented to students available resources on campus, costs, and services offered. Student feedback reflected appreciation for effort and asked for more in-depth coverage for future workshops.

April 19th

Peer Navigator Movie Night

CRUISERS were invited to snacks and a movie as a way to connect with their PN and to take a "breather." Feedback from participants was positive. April 26th

Campus Conexiones Monthly Speaker Series

Juan U. Bernal shared his powerful narrative to help motivate students to keep pursuing their dream. A story of sacrifice, perseverance, and honesty, captivated the audience throughout the hour.

Innovations & Data

2016-17 CRUISE outcomes are being utilized to efficiently move the program.

Student Success Stories

Toviya Trejo, Marlana Gonzalez, and Natchel Bello have set the standard by being accepted to multiple colleges. In addition, they are CRUISE alum from our first Summer CRUISE program in 2015! They have made the program and campus proud!

Special Recognition

Not to be forgotten, Marlana and Toviya, veteran PNs, have stepped up to the plate by supporting other Peer Navigators through: additional office coverage, continuing to show up on time and submit work as required, and being active participants in the program. We have been fortunate to have their experience successfully transfer to students and team members alike.

CalWORKs

Events & Activities

- 4/13/18 Participated in the Resource Fair for the SDUSD/Mesa Counselor's Conference
- 4/5/18 & 4/25/18 Provided CalWORKs NEW Brochure to be distributed by EOPS at the Mesa Info Night(s)
- Attended the Monthly CalWORKs Region X Meeting
- 4/27/18 attended the CalWORKs Region X Training at Palomar College
- Attended most of Mesa College Undocumented Students Awareness Week events
- Attended monthly meeting with EOPS/CARE Program

Innovations & Data

- For 2017-18 Academic year we have 78 active students
 - Out of our 78 CalWORKs student, 25 are part of the EOPS/CARE program
 - Since our grand opening of Spring 2017 we have had 86 participants in the CalWORKs program
 - The Mesa CalWORKs program has finally been able to access CalWIN which is a San Diego County database program that allows us to verify students' County CalWORKs status without having to impose the students in verify their County CalWORKs status. This has always been a huge burden on the CalWORKs students.

Student Success Stories

- Up to 8 students graduating with either a Certificate, Associate Degree (AA/AS), Transferring with a ADT or Transfer with an Associate (AA/AS)
- A student was accepted into a Allied Health Program!
- A student was accepted into the Dental Assistance Program!
- 2 have been accepted to San Diego State and one to CSU Northridge and another at an out of state university!
- A CalWORKs students attending CSU East Bay came back to Mesa College to finish up his undergrad course to be eligible to receive his BS in Business Administration Degree in May!
- One of our students that was interning with the Family Health Center was just offered a full-time position with the organization! Additionally, she is a semester away for completing the Health Information Tech program and anticipates applying to the Health Information Management program!

Policies & Procedures

- Distributing the new San Diego Mesa CalWORKs Brochure to the different departments on campus every month
- Establish a monthly meeting with SD County Subcontractors
- Establish a monthly meeting with Continuing Ed.

Special Recognition

- To our CalWORKs Logistical Coordinator, Lupita Fernandez, for an amazing year working both behind the seen and in front. She is very students orientated in making sure we can accommodate the students' needs as much as possible. It is with GREAT pleasure in stating that she too will also be graduating this month with a ADT in Political Science from SD City College!!!

Career

Employee Updates

We have completed the on boarding of our Career Ambassador Program (CAP) team! We now have 6 career peers and 1 project assistant that will be participating in this very exciting Pilot.

Events & Activities

GKN Aerospace Industry Trip:

The Mesa College Career Center collaborated with City College Career Center and Miramar College Career Center to provide the first intercampus career industry trip for students. We also want to thank Amanda Horner, Assistant Professor of Business and Marketing at Mesa College, for joining the planning committee.

We partnered with GKN Aerospace, a global engineering business company. We visited the company at their El Cajon location on April 6, 2018. They design, manufacture and service systems and a component for most of the world's leading aircraft, vehicle, and machinery manufacturers.

- 14 students total attended (4-5 from each sister campus)
- Students learned about the company history and culture, career opportunities, and were also provided with a tour of two of their facilities.
- The last session consisted of a Q & A session with the Senior Recruiter who gave students an overview of what they look for in potential employees, the application, interview process, and shared their current open positions.

Microsoft Industry Trip:

We had a Microsoft & LinkedIn Industry visit this month on April 20, 2018. We visited the Microsoft Store in Fashion Valley with a group of 25 students and had such a great experience. The students participated in the following activities:

- Microsoft Company Career Panel
- LinkedIn Presentation: "Rock Your Profile!"
- FREE LinkedIn Professional Photo (dress professionally)
- FREE lunch & Virtual Gaming!

Spring 2018 Career Week Events:

Employer Panel:

The Mesa Career Center partnered with San Diego Mesa College Honors Program and PATH to host a panel event for students. The "Careers in the Humanities Panel" event was a success. We had six panelists join us at Mesa to offer career advice to 19 students. The professionals have a humanities background and currently work in various fields including academia, the arts, digital media, technology, public service, and business. We want to thank the panelists representing the following companies giving students valuable insights:

- Malashock Dance
- Chick-fil-A
- San Diego LGBT Pride
- SD Mesa College Business Department
- City of San Diego Mayor's Office
- The New Narrative

Résumé Tent & Clothing Closet:

Every year we offer the “Résumé Tent & Clothing Closet” event. The purpose of the event is to help prepare students for the career fair. We provide 15-20 minute on-the-spot Résumé reviews. We also partner with The Stand and provide free professional clothing items to students and assist with choosing items.

This year we partnered with WorkAbility III, and we are thankful for their time in providing résumé review appointments to students. Thank you to Jamila DeCarli and her team for joining us that day. We also would like to thank our very own Career Counselors Shawn Fawcett and Raquel Sojourner for assisting students with résumé reviews that day. 31 students attended the event

Spring 2018 Career Fair:

94 representatives from 47 companies joined us on April 12, 2018 to recruit Mesa students.

Mesa “Job Network” New Employer Contacts

- Alliance San Diego
- Horton Grand Hotel
- Hotel del Coronado
- Kilter Termite and Pest Control
- La Boulangerie-Frankly Natural Bakers
- My Senior Health Plan
- San Diego Biz Law
- San Diego Coaster Company
- San Diego County Credit Union
- Sunland Home Care
- The Salvation Army Kroc Center
- Union of Pan Asian Communities

Workshops/Events:

We were invited to classrooms by two faculty members and our Career Counselors offered tailored classroom presentations regarding topics on resumes, social media presence, and the job search process. Thank you to faculty members Kelsey Graham from the Department of Exercise Science, Dance, Health & Athletics, and Cheryl Foster from the Business and English Department for inviting us to meet your students.

The Mesa Career Center tabled at the Continuing Education “What’s Next?” Resource Fair on April 27, 2018 where we shared information regarding our services and resources.

Innovations & Data

The Career Center finalized their Annual report! We will begin working on our next report this summer.

Student Success Stories

We had so many hopeful and engaged students attend all of our events this month! We KNOW from them that this work is really making a huge difference and impacting positive change in the trajectory of their college experience.

Special Recognition

- To Amanda Horner, for her support and planning efforts with our first district wide industry trip. You are truly an amazing faculty member!
- To Pegah Motaleb, for allowing us to collaborate with her on an amazing "Careers in the Humanities Panel". Thank you for all that you do Pegah!
- To Jacqueline Collins, without her help and support our events would not be possible. Thank you so much for your patience and support. We truly appreciate you!!!

Counseling

Events & Activities

Seven Umoja students are transferring into the following universities: UC Riverside, CSU Long Beach, and CSU San Francisco.

Real Talk: A Woman's Perspective started on April 19th. The next Real Talk is on May 10th in room I409 from 12:45-1:45pm. The panel of African-American women will share their experiences related to the "Life's Blue Print" (A deep belief in your own dignity; A determination to achieve excellence; and A commitment to beauty, love, and justice) created by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

African-American Achievement Summit will be held on May 29, 2018 at San Diego City College from 8am-2:00pm. The entire class of 2018 of African-American students enrolled in San Diego Unified Schools (Projected number of attending students: 747) will be in attendance.

Event Outcomes:

- All students will have an opportunity to consider African American achievement data, share their perspective on system successes and challenges, and reflect on what personal struggles, strengths, and experiences have impacted their identity as a college-going student.

All students will have an opportunity to interact with a near-peer mentor to hear how these students have engaged in the challenges of college life.

All students will leave with post-secondary connections and an understanding of how course sequences can be backwards mapped toward timely completion of an identified goal.

All students will be aware of the clubs, activities, and community resources available to support successful outcomes.

Cultural Unity Week: Festival of Colors took place April 9-13th with the theme, "How Cultures Converge." The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity sponsored 15 different workshops, panels, films, discussions, as well as fashion, music and poetry performances with over 600 people participating in the weeklong activities. Faculty and staff from 8 different departments collaborated to make this year's Cultural Unity Week a success. Evaluations revealed that participants were "absolutely amazed" and "inspired." One person commented, "It was good to see that amongst the diversity there was so much similarity." The week ended with a Student Diversity Luncheon with food from different cultures. As in year's past it was a great way to end the week by having our diverse students, faculty and staff to hang out together, laugh, eat and share their stories.

Puente highlights from April:

- Students attended the 2nd Annual Advocacy Fair (See attached picture)
- Students attend Annual Chicano Park Day Celebration (See attached picture)
- Students attending UCLA STOMP Conference in collaboration with Transfer Center

- Planning for Day at the Bay End of Year Celebration at Crown Cove Aquatic Center (Flyer attached)
- Planning for Raza Graduation Ceremony · Mentor Interviews
- Ongoing Puente Club T-shirt fundraiser

Many of us Counselors were in attendance Friday evening for the awarding of our Mesa Counseling Scholarship to our well-deserving recipient Adelaida Mogrovejo! It was a fun night.

Innovations & Data

Drop-Ins for April: 1671

Appointments for April: 686

Total: 2228.

Special Recognition

To our Outreach Department for their great assistance in the first San Diego Unified/Mesa Counselor Conference, Karla and Genevieve were fantastic!

DSPS

Employee Updates

We are pleased to welcome Lizette Espinoza to the DSPS family. Liz has joined us as a senior tutor, providing front office support in DSPS. We would also like to congratulate Victor Tran on his recent acceptances at UC Davis and UCSD.

Events & Activities

Members of the DSPS team participated the Mesa College Information nights on April 5th and April 25th. We also hosted tour groups from several of our feeder high schools, providing information about available support services for students with disabilities at Mesa College.

Special Recognition

The entire DSPS team would like to recognize our Spring 2018 graduates. There are 147 students who access support services through DSPS that are graduating this month!

EOPS/CARE

Events & Activities

- EOPS received the CAFYES Allocation, funding to support a subset of foster youth will begin academic year 2018-2019.
- FAST Scholars re-applied for Angell Foundation grant to support non-CAFYES eligible foster youth.
- Three CARE students (single parents) attended the Region X CARE Conference.
- Borderless Scholars provided support for the student led "A Week in Our Shoes" Event. The event was well attended and provided great information for our campus community.
- Participated in SDSU EOP/EOPS Summit and the Counseling Resource Fair on our campus.
- As a District applied for funding to support undocumented students through the California Campus Catalyst Fund.

Innovation & Data

107 EOPS/Borderless/FAST students will be receiving a Mesa College degree this year.

Student Success Stories

27 EOPS/Borderless/FAST Scholars received scholarships through the Mesa Foundation totaling close to \$34,000.

Special Recognition

I would like to thank the EOPS team for the great work that they do on a daily basis to support our students. In the past few weeks, as students get their acceptance letters, students have mentioned to me multiple times how fortunate they are to have been part of EOPS because of the support the team provides. I am proud to be part of this team!

Evaluations

Events & Activities

The evaluations team has begun a partnership with the school of Allied Health and General Counseling to assist students from a variety of their programs in becoming familiar with graduation and commencement participation process through their program orientations.

Innovation & Data

The evaluations team has been working diligently with the office of communications to create an online commencement ticket distribution system. This will be an electronic method of tracking and will allow the evaluations team to have live tracking on the quantity of commencement tickets distributed to students starting May 3rd.

Financial Aid

Events & Activities

Noche de Información came to an end; turn-out was over 80 students for both sessions.

Innovation & Data

- 12,711 students were paid the California Promise Grant (formerly BOG) totaling \$9,413,108.
- 1,787 students were paid State Aid programs totaling \$2,046,048.
- 5237 students were paid Federal Pell and SEOG totaling \$18,245,038.
- 327 students and 9 parents were paid Federal Loans and PLUS loans totaling \$1,268,900.
- 63 student were paid Alternative loans totaling \$587,442.
- 217 students received scholarships from outside and Osher totaling \$159,042.
- 140 students received the dream act emergency fund totaling \$69,651

Policies & Procedures

Campus Solution is live for us; we have some issues but overall it's been a positive experience.

Outreach & Community Relations

Events & Activities

Outreach:

April 4 –

The Outreach Department participated in a variety of college fairs throughout the month of April. Karen Villanueva, Student Ambassador, hosted an information table at Crawford High School to provide Crawford students attending information regarding Mesa College's programs, support services, and degrees offered. Karen made contact with over 40 students.

April 5 –

Van Chhum, Outreach SSA, provided a general Mesa presentation to over 30 Coronado High School students. The presentation covered Mesa College's support programs and services as well as the degrees, majors, and certificates offered here. Students were very interested in the opportunities that are available at Mesa College with some sharing that they were already Mesa-bound for Fall 2018.

April 18 –

Karen Villanueva, Student Ambassador, hosted an information table at Garfield High School College Fair to provide students with information regarding Mesa College's programs, support services, and degrees offered. Karen made contact with over 20 students.

April 26 –

Outreach hosted High Tech High for a campus visit. High Tech High wanted a different experience for their students and we provided them with one! Instead of a regular campus tour, we created a scavenger hunt for the students that allowed them to explore and learn about our campus in a fun and interactive way. We included questions in scavenger hunt that they had to ask of Mesa staff and student to encourage interaction with the people on our campus and not just the buildings. We were also able to tailor the student panel to feature current Mesa College students who were High Tech High alumni so the students could really see the connection between what they were doing in high school and what they could be doing as Mesa College students.

April 28 –

Outreach hosted a table at the 33rd annual Linda Vista Multicultural Fair. Outreach staff and Student Ambassadors provided our local community with information on the different instructional programs and student services available at Mesa College. The fair is always a fun way to connect with our neighbors and spread a little bit of Mesa knowledge. At this year's fair, we connected with over 1200 potential Mesa students.

SD Promise:

April 4 –

We hosted our first Promise Spirit Day on campus and Promise students were encouraged to wear their Promise shirts to show their Promise Pride. This was an extra special event because it came about from a suggestion from a Promise student to help build community within the students in the Program. Students who wore their Promise shirts and stopped by the Outreach Office that day also received a FREE Passion Planner.

April 14 –

We hosted a "Promise Meet Up" at Canyon Day. It was a great opportunity for Promise students to earn their community service hours while connecting with each other and others from the Mesa Community; 26 Promise students participated.

Promise students also volunteered at The Stand Farmers Market on April 19 and at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 20.

April 16 and April 20

Promise collaborated with Anne Hedekin, Transfer Center Coordinator, to offer two Time Management and Goal Setting workshops. 25 Promise students attended and gained valuable skills that they could utilize to reach their academic and professional goals. They were also provided with an overview of their Passion Planners and how they could utilize them to help reach their goals as well.

Innovation & Data

Outreach:

We continued to partner with the Assessment & Testing Office to host our Pre-enrollment Bundle at the high schools. During the months of March April we went to 9 high schools and assisted 324 students, of which 299 students completed their SSSP steps through assessment via the Placement Assistant. We are pleased to report that, in our efforts to better serve our incoming students and help them complete as many SSSP steps before they graduate, we are partnering with Counseling to offer Registration Workshops at the high schools as well. By offering Registration Workshops at the high school as part of our Pre-enrollment Bundle, we are able to remove a barrier for some of our high school students and they are able to complete their SSSP steps through the ed plan step even before they graduate and without having to make an extra trip to Mesa. We know that many of the students that we work with at the high schools have circumstances that may prevent them from coming to Mesa to attend a Registration Workshop before the priority registration deadline, so being able to bring the Registration Workshop to them during their school hours is a huge. We are excited to be able to partner with Counseling to offer this service to our students at Clairemont, Madison, Mission Bay, High Tech High, and Mission Bay.

Outreach held its final Spring semester Mesa Information Nights to prospective students and their families during the month of April. We held two final sessions, the first was held on campus and was extremely well attended (standing room only), our second session was held offsite in the Access Inc., building in Linda Vista and also well received. Overall it was a great Spring semester, we saw a total of 114 students and their families, everyone who attended praised Mesa for offering these sessions and gained valuable insight into the programs and services offered to incoming students. The tremendous success of our Information Nights shows what smart and effective collaborations can yield. Thinking outside the box in terms of location for our Spanish Info Nights led to a strengthened partnership with Access Inc. allowed us the opportunity to (finally!) connect with our Hispanic/Latino neighbors.

Additionally, we collaborated with the First Year Experience (FYE) Program to allow the Info Nights to count towards their Step 2 - Financial Aid requirement. Students who were unable to attend the Cash In on Community College sessions at Jumpstart could attend a Mesa Info Night and receive credit for Step 2. These partnerships truly helped us expand our reach and we look forward to continuing these types of collaborations and partnerships in the future. We would like to take the time to acknowledge presenters who helped us to

close our Spring cycle in a big way: Dean of Student Affairs, Victoria Miller, Financial Aid – Pilar Ezeta, DSPS – Melissa Williams and Rebekah Corrales, Transfer – Anne Hedekin and Mary Garcia, CRUISE – Philip Johnson and Natchel Bello-Luna, EOPS – Jesus Gaytan and Adriana Rivas-Sandoval, STEM Conexiones – Lauren Arriola-Sanchez, and Amber Alatorre - FYE.

SD Promise:

In April we started using Remind, a text messaging system, to keep in touch with Promise students. Student opt in to receive text reminders from the Promise and we are able to see how successful we are in reaching students through the texts (percentage of students who read the text and percentage of students who click through the links in the text). Overall, it has been a huge help in reaching students and making sure that they are getting the information they need from the program. This, in addition to our increased Instagram presence, has made a huge impact in the way we are able to engage with our Promise students and they appreciate that we are able to connect with them via means and methods that are comfortable and familiar to them.

We also participated in the National College Promise Campaign's #PromiseProud Week to highlight our awesome students and what makes the SP Promise Program at Mesa College so unique. We shared our #PromiseProud story on Instagram and Twitter and the National College Promise Campaign recognized our program on their Twitter feed.

Student Success Stories

Outreach:

Cassie Casares, Student Ambassador, was accepted to the University of San Francisco. Nina Geissler, Student Ambassador, was accepted to UCLA and USC. Beatrix Stark, Student Ambassador, was accepted to CSU San Marcos. We want to congratulate our amazing Student Ambassadors and acknowledge all their hard work!

SD Promise:

Twelve Promise students will be graduating and/or completing a certificate at the end of the Spring Semester. One promise student was able to complete degree and transfer requirements in just one year! These Promise students show what hard work, a community of support and a little bit of financial assistance can do for our students. We are so proud of them and of their achievements so far!

Special Recognition

SD Promise:

- At the District-wide SD Promise End-of-Year Celebration we recognized the following Promise Students:
- Maia Wakefield was selected as the Mesa student speaker for the event and performed an amazing spoken word piece that resonated and touched so many people. We are so proud of our "Queen of the Jungle!"
- Fran Puente earned the Mesa Promise Scholar Award for having the highest GPA in the 2016-17 cohort with a perfect 4.0 and completing all Promise Program requirements.
- Jadifaye Dineros received the Mesa Promise Leadership Award for her outstanding leadership, campus engagement, and community service.

STAR TRIO

Events & Activities

- Brandon Williams facilitated a Master Keys Series Workshop about Procrastination.
- Thuan Le attended the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) Conference.
- Thuan Le, Lourdes Villagran and students: Jadi Dineros, Allana Hill and Amalia Villagran presented at the SoCal Chapter of WESTOP, Student Leadership Conference at LA Southwest College.

Student Meet & Greet held April 25th.

Innovation & Data

- Program Log-ins: 697 visits for 767 hrs
- Tutoring: 109
- Counseling: 35
- Orientation: 2
- Requests for supplies: 181

Student Success Stories

9 students received 18 scholarships. Students have been receiving admission offers from universities.

Special Recognition

Jadi Dineros, Allana Hill, Amalia Villagran, and Lourdes Villagran for developing and presenting three breakout sessions entitled, "Me in 30 Seconds" at the 2018 SoCal WESTOP Student Leadership Conference.

Student Affairs

Events & Activities

- **Art of Inclusive Communication**
An Art of Inclusive Communication training workshop for students, presented by the NCRC, was held on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 24, in the AS Conference room in I4-409.
- **Media Literacy Presentation**
A presentation called Media Literacy: Finding Truth in a Post-Truth World was made by Matt Hall, an editorial and opinion director for the Union Tribune, in room LRC-435 on Wednesday, April 11. Dr. This presentation was part of an annual series of events and presentations in San Diego called Restoring Civility and directed by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at USD.
- **Scholarship Combined Statistics**
 - 107 Opportunities Offered
 - \$237,012+ Awarded
 - Recipients: 175 (62 recipients receiving multiple awards)
 - Awards: 263
- **Scholarship Awards Ceremony**
 - The Ceremony was held on Friday, April 20, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Hazard Center. See the previous section of this report for statistics on the scholarship program itself. As for the ceremony, the most significant change from last year was the development and inclusion of an electronic sign-in and text notification process that allowed us to track guests, donors and recipients through the same system. There is a wealth of untapped potential in this new system, which performed remarkably well during its first deployment. The Meet & Greet portion of the program also went smoothly, at least in part because of the support from the new sign-in and notification system.
- **LEAD Series**
 - Many students decided to attend this series, including different student leaders from the Outreach Office and the Associated Students. We have had discussions on cultural competency, inclusion, and racial identity. Students will be receiving a certificate of completion in the last session this upcoming Monday, April 30.
- **NSLDC in Chicago, IL**
 - Seven Mesa College students, including five members of the Mesa College Associated Students, journeyed with the Travel Advisor Courtney Lee to Chicago, IL, in order to attend the National Student Leadership Diversity Conference from April 5 to April 8. This was a new conference, which Mesa College has not attended in the past, and the response from the student attendees was overwhelmingly positive. The group was also able to utilize the L, a raised passenger railway line part of the Chicago public transportation system, for transportation, which added a rather unique flavor to the experience. Due to the affirmative reaction of the participants, there is a strong chance that the AS will elect to make NSLDC a more regular part of their yearly travels.

Special Recognition

Congratulations to the several members that helped create a memorable celebration during the 2018 Scholarship Awards Ceremony:

Kathy Fennessey
Courtney Lee
Claudia Perkins
Jennifer Kearns
Krista Stellmacher
Shirly Flor
Suzan Lazear
Johanna Eriksson
Val Ontell
Pegah Motaleb
Neeko David
Eileen Spauling
Kim Lan Salas

Joel Arias
Charlie Lieu
Jennifer Ayala
Arthur James
Frank Fernandez
Jesse Reyes
Lourdes (Lulu) Lopez
Chantal Hernandez
Shanelle Watkins
Gilda Maldonado
Karla Trunta
Outreach Ambassadors
Peer Navigators

Thank you for contributing to an excellent Scholarship Ceremony 2018! It was a tremendous success! Every aspect of the ceremony came together wonderfully! Each member's involvement contributed to an inviting and memorable Ceremony for our students, families, friends, donors, and our entire college. Your care, pride and commitment shined during this year's ceremony.

Student Development

Events & Activities

- Shout out to the Career Center Team for a successful Spring 2018 Career Week events. The Center continues to provide assistance with resume review, interviewing skills, and professional clothing. Over 50 employers and organizations were at Mesa to meet with our students and support the Career Fair!
- Ailene Crakes met with vendors from BKM and GMBI to discuss possibilities and options for the Veterans Resource Center Remodel.
- Ailene Crakes met with Leroy Johnson, Ramiro Hernandez and the following students from the SVO – Student Veterans Organization: Christopher Nowell-President, Jim Nelson-Public Relations, Janet Langrehr- Historian to discuss ideas for the future Veterans Resource Center Remodel.
- San Diego Mesa College sent a team to APAHE – Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education Conference. This year's theme is "Unfinished Business – Rise Up!" The conference was held in Oakland, California from April 12-13, 2018 with Pre-Conference Sessions on April 11. Dr. Pam Luster, Mesa President sent a delegate to represent San Diego Mesa College: Ailene Crakes, Genevieve Esguerra, Thuan Le, and Charlie Lieu. We send our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Pam Luster for providing us with this opportunity.

Special Recognition

- Kudos to Claudia Estrada, Alicia Lopez, Olivia Picolla, and the rest of the Career Center Team for the Career Center 2016-2017 Annual Report. It was enjoyable for me to read about the center's mission and vision, along with how the goals were focused on the various initiatives supported by Mesa. I am thankful for your collaboration with instruction, along with the purposeful efforts to collaborate with instruction and employers.
- The 2016-2017 Annual Report addressed important information on Career Services, The Stand, Events, Student Highlights, Destination Survey, and future plans for the center. As much as I enjoyed every single aspect of the report, my all-time favorite was the Student Highlights. It was neat for me to be able to read each student profile, experiences, and the impact that the CTE Enhancement Funds has made on their educational and career journey. This report shows the value of career services and WBL. I also appreciate your team's involvement in Mesa's first ever Destination Survey. The information says a lot about our graduates, and I am thrilled to see that they are doing well after commencement.
- I am proud, thankful, and appreciative of all your efforts. Thank you for making Mesa a special place for our students.
- Shout out to the Career Center Team for a successful Spring 2018 Career Week events. The Center continues to provide assistance with resume review, interviewing skills, and professional clothing. Over 50 employers and organizations were at Mesa to meet with our students and support the Career Fair!
- Thanks to Ramiro Hernandez, Chris Nowell, and Jim Nelson for supporting the Canyon Day and assisting with the event, along with our Student Veterans Organization.

- Thanks to Leroy Johnson for taking the lead in working with Mesa College's Office of Outreach and Community Relations for restoring the SDUSD High School Counselors' Conference held on April 13, 2018. The collaborative efforts with Genevieve Esguerra, Karla Trutna, and Vanndaro Chhum, along with the counseling committee to include Kirsten Pogue-Cely, Ramiro Hernandez, Chris Kalck, and Jesus Gaytan is appreciated.
- Kudos to the Student Success and Equity team for a job well done with Mesa College's first Farmer's Market. This event was made possible through a partnership with The Stand and Feeding San Diego.
- Thanks to the Career Center team for organizing a highly successful Microsoft and LinkedIn Industry Visit. This visit took place on Friday, April 20th and was well attended by our students. As a result of this event, students were able to participate in the Microsoft Company Career Panel, a LinkedIn Presentation called "Rock Your Profile!" in addition to getting a free professional photo taken, along with lunch and virtual gaming.
- Thanks to Anne Hedekin and the Transfer Center team for organizing many events this month designed to highlight and support our transfer students. In addition to the regularly scheduled college representative appointments and tabling, the Transfer Center team facilitated an SDSU Admitted Student Workshop on April 5, along with a Transfer Options Fair held on April 24, 2018.

Student Health Services

Employee Updates

- Mesa Student Katyte Hayduk is graduating from the HIT program this May and is moving to Ohio with her husband and brand new (not born yet) baby!
- Receptionist Kennedy Carrothers is returning in May and has started the RN, BSN Nursing program at National University.
- Peer Educator Raheem Habib returned to the Peer Educator group this month and will graduate from USCD in May 2018.
- Peer Educator Fredy Dominguez is graduating from Mesa and is transferring to a 4 year University in the Fall.

Events & Activities

- Mark Malebranche RN, PhD attended the High School Counselor Welcome on April 13th. Mark educated HS Counselors on services we provide. Suzanne Khambata FNP attended the Nurse Family Partnership conference with the County of San Diego and Community Partners to learn about and network with mother-baby programs and services. On April 25th, Student Health collaborated with the Center For Community Solutions to produce the Sexual Assault Awareness event: Clothesline project. Approximately 52 students participated in interactive learning about Sexual Assault Prevention, resources. Colorful T-shirts were made with poignant messages about sexual assault awareness and prevention.
- Suzanne Khambata FNP and Mark Malebranche RN, PhD presented at a Psi Beta club meeting on the Active Minds Chapter Launch in May. Emily Hanes, Suzanne Khambata FNP, Mark Malebranche and Michelle Harris Feller LMFT met with the Active Minds leadership and designed our chapter launch event in May 2018.
- Suzanne Khambata FNP, Renee Dean FNP, Vanessa Gambala FNP and Grace Osoimalo attended the Umoja Student Club presentation on Mental Health in Communities of Color. Renee Dean RN presented on Student Health Services.

Innovations& Data

- April has been very busy. Student contacts have almost doubled with a count of 820 students.
- Active Minds changes the conversation about Mental Health on campus. SHS is collaborating with Helen Greensberg (Psychology Professor) and Psi Beta to create new and relevant brochures and design events to de-stigmatize mental illness.

Student Success Stories

Michelle Harris Feller LMFT and Vanessa Gambala FNP collaborated to meet the physical and mental health needs of a Mesa student who was homeless. They persevered, overcoming several obstacles, to help her find housing and safety. This student is also caring for her younger sister. This student's father recently received

treatment for his serious illness and is reuniting with his daughters. They will all move in together. Recently, this Mesa student was accepted to one of our Allied Health programs.

Special Recognition

Special recognition goes to Michelle Harris-Feller LMFT and Vanessa Gambala FNP for working collaboratively with the "heart of an angel" to make sure that a student got into safe housing and ultimately was able to help her Sister and Father too

Student Success & Equity

Events & Activities

- Hosted our first The Stand Farmers Market, the event was hugely successful, we served more than 700 member of our Mesa College Community.
- Dean Maxey and Johanna Aleman completed the handlers class through Feeding San Diego, both successfully completed the exam and are food handler certified.
- Dean Maxey and Johanna Aleman additionally attended the Basic Needs Summit in Sacramento.

Innovations& Data

Direct Student Support

- 89 applications have been received to date this semester.
- 64 students have received assistance
- \$7758 in assistance has been given out. \$4200 in book vouchers, \$2750 for food, \$260 for printing and \$558 for transportation (Not including the EOPS students)
- \$375.00 is the largest single amount awarded.

The Stand

- To date we have provided services to 592 individual students
- In the month of April we provided had 887 food transactions at The Stand.
- To date for the spring we have given out 332 articles of clothing (Blazers/Jackets 74; Dress Shirts/Blouses 123; Dress Pants 60; Accessories 75)
- So far for the Spring semester we have provided students with over 8146 items.
- We have received the Hunger Free Campus funds from the state and our utilizing them for partnering with Feeding San Diego to host a free farmers market
- We had our first free farmers market on April 17th . We provided free produce to over 700 households. Over 570 of these were primarily student households

Special Recognition

- We would like to thank all of the student volunteers who supported the Stand Farmers Market, we could not have done it without your support!
- Congratulations to the EOPS Program and Specifically to Monica Demcho and Sade Burrell for their excellent work and leadership in securing the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) Grant in support of our foster and former foster youth students. Great work!

Transfer

Employee Updates

Chris our "steady" work study will attend Cal State EB in the Fall! Congrats Chris! We will miss you. Ashley Baker has accepted a NANCE position to assist with Gity while she is at ERP.

Events & Activities

- Transfer Options Fair was a success! Over 25 schools attended.
- SDSU Career Next Steps was a huge success, over 50 students attend. SD Mesa Transfer Students now have a career action plan for their first year at SDSU. Additionally they have made a contact in Christy Quiogue. Research shows that personal connection goes a long way!
- Looking ahead to Transfer Recognition Luncheon on May 3 from 11:30 to 1, we have a record number of participants. SDSU and UCSD representatives will be in attendance. Congratulations to all our students.
- SDSU Region X Transfer Center Directors/Coordinators meeting 4/13
- UC Riverside admitted students' reception being planned 5/16 (not confirmed)
- Intent to enroll for CSUs is 5/1/18
- Posse Transfer Visit to recruit Veteran's 5/4/18
- Triton Day 5/5
- ETS 5/8 in Riverside and 5/9 in Anaheim looking forward to bringing back useful data

Innovations & Data

- Career Next Steps first of its kind at Mesa was a huge success. Other Region X community colleges are reaching out to SDSU Career Services to present the same workshop! Go Mesa innovations!
- 10 Transfer workshops offered in April
- 15 General Admissions Rep visits from UCSD, SDSU, International Student Admissions Rep from SFSU
- Washington State University Rep 4/11 it was exciting to have an out of state school schedule with SD Mesa to recruit students!
- CSI Monterey Bay visit offered drop in and appointments to perspective students. UC Merced offered admissions counseling for Winter 2019 for the Fall 2018 denials as well as "Next Step" advising to admitted students. For some students this meeting was to offer three students a personal admission offer vs. email!
- STOMP Bus trip 4/27 approximately 17 students attending from Mesa.
- Azusa Pacific University is piloting an ADT Psych major on the spot admissions for students with 3.0. Rolling admissions, financial aid and yellow ribbon for veterans and guaranteed timely/affordable degree completion. Students can walk in graduation ceremonies at main campus, use all career services/student services and attend sporting events. Diploma does not indicate regional campus.
- National University is reaching out to ADT students offering massive tuition discount of \$880 per class to spring 2018 ADT students and moving forward. Rolling admissions offered and timely degree completion. This is a tremendous opportunity for our students!!!

Student Success Stories

- 699 students were accepted to SDSU (there are more however this is the data based on 50% local status)
- 99 students accepted to UCR.
- Students are being accepted from all over the state. We continue to congratulate students as they inform us of their admissions decisions.
- Waiting on UCs...information being released end of April

Policies and Procedures

Eventbrite's link set up for Transfer Recognition Luncheon.

Special Recognition

- Ashley Baker has jumped right in to assist Gity and the Transfer Center with backfill! Thank you Ashley!
- A huge message of appreciation to the TCE staff for a supercharged spring of Transfer Events. The staff is amazing! The feedback from the SDEC Fair is that our staff is the best and our fairs are the most organized! Thank you for an incredible job! Could not do this without you. You are opening the doors for our students.
- Thank you to facilities for their hard work setting up all our events!
- It takes a village to transfer a student. The entire students services team contributes to the success of a transfer student...THANK YOU!! We have a lot to be proud of!

Veterans & Records

Employee Updates

Working on the Veterans Graduation Ceremony, helping with the interview committee for an SST for the Veterans Resource Center (VRC), took part in a meeting with stakeholders for the remodel of the VRC, Helped put the word out for the POSSE Program visit that occurred on Friday May 4th. Attended the Veterans Summit in Pomona, CA and seeing what other campuses are doing to benefit their student veteran population. Some campuses are sponsoring apps for students to purchase so it gives them the structure they may be seeking since separating from the service. Looking to partner with other community colleges to discuss the innovative things going on, but we will do it in a 'how to' format, instead of just feeding the audience information.

Events & Activities

Attended the Veterans Summit put together by the California Community College office of the Chancellor.

Special Recognition

VRC Work Study for always being helpful and promoting events and activities occurring on our campus.

Vice President Student Services

Employee Updates

- In partnership with District VP's for Student Services and Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault, VP Hands co-hosted Districtwide Tribute to Peter White. Peter White served as former Vice President of Student Services at City College and Acting Vice President for Student Services at Mesa College. A memorial scholarship was established at City College.

Events & Activities

- VP Hands coordinated and participated in a campus visit with Board of Governors member Dr. Phan. The visit highlighted a variety of Mesa programs including Legacy, HIM Baccalaureate, The LOFT, Basic Skills Transformation, the Stand and Placement Assistant.
- The Mesa Pathway's Planning Taskforce submitted our Guided Pathways [Work Plan](#) to the State Chancellors Office on March 22, 2018. The plan included a timeline of our work over the next 5 years, activities, efforts, outcomes and budget information. Taskforce members presented the Work Plan, including a deeper dive into our prioritized elements, at the Spring 2018 Presidents Cabinet Retreat. Our work resulted in 180+ individual pieces of feedback on who should be at the table during our implementation phase and other items we should take into consideration as we move forward. Next steps include submitting a proposal to President's Cabinet establishing a Pathways Committee, soliciting committee appointments and holding one committee meeting prior to the end of the semester. Visit our [Mesa Pathways](#) webpage to stay up to date on our work.
- VP Hands provided a welcome at the relaunch of our High School Counselor Conference, hosted by Counseling and the Honors Completion Ceremony hosted by our Honors Program.
- M&M team hosted a 'Spring Roll' potluck. All food had to be rolled or on rolls.
- The building will complete a full-scale evacuation on May 30 at 2:00.

Innovations & Data

- On Thursday, April 19, 2018, San Diego Mesa College debuted "The Stand: Farmer's Market", created via a new partnership with Feeding San Diego. The Stand: Farmers Market event offered students and members of the Mesa College community access to free food, including fresh produce. The initiative is part of Mesa College's effort on "Taking a Stand Against Hunger." Unlike a traditional Farmer's Market – everything offered at Mesa College was free, and nearly four tons of fresh produce was distributed at the April event. Members of the Mesa College community had the opportunity to choose between several different types, including tomatoes, onions, asparagus, corn nectarines, and apples. Over 700 campus community members (including 500 students) participated. Free reusable grocery bags were given to the first 300 attendees. Along with fresh food, the Farmer's Market offers additional resources, including representatives from the CalFresh program which provides free money for food to eligible students. Faculty and staff were on hand to answer questions about The Stand - the College's food and clothing pantry - and to provide access to other campus resources. Going forward, Mesa College plans to host a Farmer's Market each month. Our next Market is scheduled for May 17, 2018. The Farmers Market is housed under the School of Student Success and Equity and in partnership with the Stand.

- Equity Efforts Assessment Advisory Update: our CUE representative, Sara Klotz provided Mesa with copies of her recent PowerPoint presentation along with a Feedback Memo summarizing our equity definition discussions. We continue to make progress with our crosswalk and indicator dashboard
- Mesa Journeys Project: Eight out of fourteen cohort programs have completed the Mesa Journeys survey. Additional programs will be asked to complete their surveys by May 7th. Mesa Journeys team will analyze data late May and June.
- Launched Scholarship Survey to Reviewers and Reference Providers. We hope to find new ways to make the process for scholarship reviewers and providers more efficient.
- Implemented new electronic check-in and text notification system for the Scholarship Awards Banquet. Special thanks to Joel Arias for developing the tool and to all the volunteers who helped with the check-in process.
- We created a new events page for [EOPS](#)
- Thanks to everyone who helped review the Knowledge base for the [Ask Mesa](#) platform. Over 200 questions were reviewed and updated by managers and supervisors.
- Interest list form created for [Mesa Academics and Athletics Program](#) (MAAP). This will help make it easier to connect and promote services and events to students.