



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

Contents

Monthly Update Highlights ♦ Admissions ♦ Assessment ♦ Associated Student Government ♦ AVANZA: Peer Navigator and CRUISE Programs ♦ CalWORKS ♦ Career ♦ Counseling ♦ DSPS ♦ EOPS/CARE ♦ Evaluations ♦ Financial Aid ♦ Outreach & Community Relations ♦ STAR TRIO ♦ Student Affairs ♦ Student Development ♦ Student Health Services ♦ Student Success & Equity ♦ Transfer ♦ Veterans & Records ♦ Vice President Student Services ♦

Monthly Update Highlights

Employee Updates

- Trung Huynh has been promoted to Senior Student Services Assistant in the Admissions Office.
- Jamie Arrellano joined the Counseling staff.
- Counseling has two New Counseling Interns: Marisa Alioto and Kori Gillis.
- Stephanie Barnes is the new Activity Director/STEM Pathways Coordinator at .2FTEF.
- Student Ambassadors Jordan Nash, Nicholas Irving, Maia Wakefield, Karen Villanueva, and Nina Geissler officially began their assignments in August.
- We are pleased to share that Chantal Hernandez has joined our team serving as our SDICCA Intern! She is currently pursuing her Masters in Higher Education/ Leadership at the University of San Diego.
- Epidemiological specialist RN, Renee Dean, will return in September.

Events & Activities

- Out of 72 International Students accepted to attend, 63 completed the mandatory orientation the first week of August.
- At Convocation, Assessment and Testing demonstrated the MMAP Online Placement Assistant to interested faculty and staff. Staff answered questions and took interested individuals through the actual Placement Assistant to generate a sample placement recommendation.

- The final week of Summer CRUISE hosted a morning and evening session which welcomed over 125 students!
- FAST Scholars hosted its annual Welcome Back Event for foster youth at Mesa College. Over 20 foster youth received backpacks, school supplies, community resources and most of all a day of FUN!
- Outreach hosted the "Kissing Booth" during Welcome Week and provided new and continuing students information regarding Mesa's programs and services as well as answering general questions. Students who asked questions received a Hershey's Kiss. Student Ambassadors, Joshua Quiroz, Nicolas Irving, and Jordan Nash spoke to 176 students over two booth sessions.
- The Fall 2017 Welcome Week was the largest such event yet in terms of participation by departments and service areas at Mesa College. The outdoor setup on the Commons had eight groups sharing the space between the MC and ES buildings on Monday and Tuesday. There were a total of 48 events put on by 16 departments. Over the course of the Welcome Week events we were able to achieve 3700 total verified points of contact with students or members of the public.
- The Second Year Experience ADVOC8 Program Kick-Off Event was held on August 31.
- Student Health held a 3-day retreat in August focusing on the treatment of mental illness.

Innovations & Data

- The Counseling Department is launching a dedicated Counseling Hot Spot for Basic Skills students on the 4th floor of the LRC, beginning Monday August 28th.
- 79% of FYE students participated in Summer CRUISE.
- There are currently seven trained MT2C tutors assigned to work in the DSPS High Tech Center to support students with disabilities.
- Financial Aid has received over 20,000 FAFSAs this year (17/18); 9564 students have received a BOG Fee Waiver totaling \$4,426,851; 2824 students have been identified as being Pell Grant Recipients totaling \$2,517,179.
- Outreach has partnered with ESOL professor Jaime Lenke to provide ESOL students with a more interactive orientation for students.
- STAR TRIO is currently serving 117 students (37 new). Students are emailing selfies which are then placed into their online student file. Having pictures of our students helps us to more quickly learn their names and thus, provide personalized experience.
- Student Development has finalized and completed the New Student Orientation and Virtual Tour and are finalizing the online student appointment scheduling system for Counseling.
- The Vice President is partnering with Dr. Janue Johnson-Seaton, professional learning coordinator, and other LOFT staff to coordinate a Managers and Supervisors Professional Learning Series.

Policies & Procedures

- A new application system for CSU is now in live. They're working out the kinks for this will be a process. A revised assist.org rollout is imminent; we are all waiting for the big announcement.
- Veterans is continuing to review education plans so students can receive their benefits in a timely manner.
- VP Hands was designated Mesa's Campus Solutions Contact for District processes.
- The SS Center safety work group (SPRING) has been meeting to develop the building's evacuation plan. This plan calls for wardens assigned to each floor to assist during evacuations. Our Floor Wardens will

receive training this fall as we complete the plan. The work group will be in touch with supervisors and managers in early spring to distribute a draft of the evacuation plan and to support them in disseminating it within their areas.

Student Success Stories

- Over 200 students stopped by to check out the services at Transfer, Career, and Evaluations during its open house event and most of them participated in an "action survey," describing their goals after Mesa.
- Two EOPS students, one EOPS/FAST Scholar and one Borderless Scholar participated in the convocation panel and had the opportunity to tell their stories with our campus community!
- A former Mesa student (now at Humboldt) started an initiative to plant fruit trees on campus, making Mesa College and "edible" campus. The last tree was planted in August.

Admissions

Employee Updates

Trung Huynh has been promoted to Senior Student Services Assistant in the Admissions Office. Congratulations Trung!

Events & Activities

- Cesar Gaxiola and Trung Huynh presented application and Admissions information at the Ambassadors workshop.
- Cesar Gaxiola presented Admissions information to Continuing Education students who plan to transition to college.
- Out of 72 International Students accepted to attend, 63 completed the mandatory orientation the first week of August.

Innovation & Data

The Admissions Office handled 5,028 phone calls during the month of August. Our office processed 307 Petitions to Challenge.

Assessment

Events & Activities

The department hosted a booth during the "test kitchen" portion of Fall Convocation 2017 to demo the MMAP Online Placement Assistant to interested faculty and staff. Staff answered questions and took interested individuals through the actual Placement Assistant to generate a sample placement recommendation. We also displayed student testimonials that showed the impact of the Placement Assistant has had on the beginning of their journey with us at Mesa College.

Innovations & Data

- MMAP Participants: 338
- Accuplacer English: 250
- Accuplacer Math: 304
- ESOL: 30
- Tutoring Referrals/English: 1
- Tutoring Referrals/Math: 5
- Distance Vouchers: 4
- Alternative Assessments Accepted: 64
- Orientations: 387

Special Recognition

Special thanks to the Assessment & Testing staff for their participation at Convocation. Kudos to Josh Taylor and Genevieve Esguerra on receiving a Mesa Spirit Award for their work on the MMAP Online Placement Assistant Pilot.

Associated Student Government

No Summer Update

AVANZA: Peer Navigator and CRUISE Programs

Events & Activities

- The final week of Summer CRUISE hosted a morning and evening session which welcomed over 125 students!
- Welcome Back Power Snack was held the first two days of the fall semester. The event aims to connect CRUISErs with their Peer Navigator on their first day of school and to provide additional support/guidance. We also piloted an evening session to support our students taking late classes.

Innovations & Data

The programs are transitioning to SARS to help Peer Navigators document their student contacts. In addition, the AVANZA Engagement Center has a check-in system/computer to help capture student visits.

Student Success Stories

An evening CRUISE participant came to my office on the second day of school to express her gratitude for her Peer Navigator, Philip Johnson. She shared how Philip helped her create her fall schedule, navigate the campus (including parking) and welcomed her on her first day. She was very happy to have Philip as her PN.

Policies & Procedures

With the introduction of SARS and a check-in computer, students coming to the center must be reminded of inputting their information. This will take time for both students and PNs.

Special Recognition

The Peer Navigators supported efforts during convocation, and participated during Welcome Week. The PNs are a remarkable bunch.

CalWORKS

No Report

Career

Events & Activities

An Open House event was held on Aug 30 & 31st. Over 200 students stopped by to check out our services.

Innovations & Data

- First Destination Survey was completed. The survey will go out in early September and we are excited to see the results.
- Our check-out system has been completed and will start tracking our student usage.

Student Success Stories

Over 200 students stopped by to check out our services during our open house event and most of them participated in an "action survey," describing their goals after Mesa.

Special Recognition

Thank you to PERG faculty that let students know about our open house especially to those that brought their entire class: Raul Rodriguez, Raquel Sojourner, Amber Alatorre, and Anne Hedekin. Additional faculty that helped us get the word out and brought their students were: Meegan Feori and Amber Horner from CTE. Also a great big thank you to Genevieve E. for sending the promise students to our event. Thank you!

Counseling

Employee Updates

- Jamie Arrellano joined the Counseling staff.
- Counseling has two New Counseling Interns: Marisa Alioto and Kori Gillis.
- Stephanie Barnes is the new Activity Director/STEM Pathways Coordinator at .2FTEF.

Events & Activities

- This summer, FYE hosted 5 registration workshops, a workshop on How To Create A Class Schedule (facilitated by Peer Navigators), and Walk-In Registration assistance. Through these steps we were able to successfully enroll 102 FYE students.
- Also noteworthy, is FYE's collaboration with CRUISE through which 79% of FYE students participated in Summer CRUISE.
- The ADVOC8 event that took place on Aug 31st. had over 50 students for the event, with President Luster giving the welcome.
- A special thanks to the Student Services administration for all their support and both Barbara Plandor and Roxann Ascencio for their diligence in creation of forms and the correspondence to students.
- Conducted the Fall 2017 International Student Orientation

Innovations & Data

The Counseling Department is launching a dedicated Counseling Hot Spot for Basic Skills students on the 4th floor of the LRC, beginning Monday August 28th. The Counseling Hot Spot will be available to basic skills students for Drop-in Counseling Mondays through Thursdays, from 12:00p-4:00p for the remainder of the semester. This Counseling Hot Spot was developed through the Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program (BSSOTP) and is offered in partnership with the Mesa Tutoring and Computing Center (MT2C). It represents a strengthened partnership between the Counseling Department and MT2C and offers synergized success services by having tutoring and counseling available at one site.

- Drop-In Students: 3692
- Student Appointments: 611
- Total Unduplicated Student Count: 4147

Special Recognition

To the whole General Counseling Department for being fantastic during our busiest time of the year

DSPS

Events & Activities

- August was full of excitement in DSPS. Members of the DSPS team attended the professional development sessions hosted by our colleagues in EOPS, receiving in-depth information about process and practice across student services.
- Laura Gorham and Joseph Pritchett hosted another webinar highlighting the benefits of educational planning for students with disabilities.
- As the month progressed, we certainly felt an increase in student activity as the start of the semester approached.
- During flex week, Erika Higginbotham and Dawn Stoll hosted a flex workshop focused on Disability Accommodation and the responsibilities of the institution's faculty and staff.
- Steve Salter also met with the HSI mentors to discuss connecting students with available resources and how to best support students with disabilities within the classroom.
- DSPS is partnering with Equity and MT2C to provide math and English tutoring to students with disabilities in the HTC. Our HTC faculty member, Erika Higginbotham, conducted two one-hour training sessions for all MT2C tutors on August 22, 2017. She is also meeting with individual tutors working in the HTC to provide intensive training on best practices for working with students with disabilities and how to use the available assistive technology in the HTC. There are currently seven tutors assigned to work in the HTC and we are looking to grow as the semester progresses.

Innovations & Data

In the month of August, there were 449 counseling appointments attended and 631 drop-in counseling sessions provided to students in DSPS. Our proctoring center administered 90 exams. The High Tech Center received 132 alternate media requests and 115 students accessed the HTC lab.

Special Recognition

The start of the semester can be extremely hectic and places high demand on all student facing departments. I would like to highlight the professionalism, dedication, and focus that DSPS faculty and staff demonstrated over the past several weeks. Thank you for all that you do!

EOPS/CARE

Events & Activities

- EOPS hosted a three-day counselor training. DSPS, STAR/Trio and CalWORKS were invited to join for relevant portions of the training. The training was a great opportunity for all EOPS contract counselors, adjunct counselors, interns and classified staff to get updates, learn new information, and ask questions from the many departments that help make this training a success.
- FAST Scholars hosted its annual Welcome Back Event for foster youth at Mesa College. Over 20 foster youth received backpacks, school supplies, community resources and most of all a day of FUN! Students were served a picnic style lunch catered by a retired Marine who owns a small business. Students were also surprised with a performance by a local musician. Borderless Scholars also hosted an annual Welcome Back Event. The student turn-out was high with a combination of new and continuing students. Continuing students took an active role in developing the agenda and providing information and resources to support Borderless Scholars.

Innovations & Data

EOPS has processed 500 new student applications, 235 students have met eligibility criteria and 175 have attended orientations.

Student Success Stories

Two EOPS students, one EOPS/FAST Scholar and one Borderless Scholar participated in the convocation panel and had the opportunity to their stories with our campus community!

Special Recognition

We would like to thank all the departments and individuals that took part in our three day counselor training. Financial Aid (Pilar), Equity (Johanna), Student Health Services (Suzanne), Student Conduct (Claudia P.), Career Center (Claudia E.), Transfer Center (Anne), Evaluations (Dee), CalWORKS (Sasha), Tutoring (Mark M.), Articulation, Assessment (Josh) and Anthony Reuss. You all provided a wealth of information!

Evaluations

Events & Activities

Evaluations participated and planned the departments Open House event on Aug 30 & 31st.

Financial Aid

Events & Activities

Financial Aid conducted Outreach financial aid trainings and Summer CRUISE Trainings.

Innovation & Data

Financial Aid has received over 20,000 FAFSAs this year (17/18); 9564 students have received a BOG Fee Waiver totaling \$4,426,851; 2824 students have been identified as being Pell Grant Recipients totaling \$2,517,179. We have 37 students receiving Federal Student Loans totaling \$82,050. We have 18 students receiving private education loans totaling \$111,742.

Special Recognition

For our F/A Staff, specifically for our SAT's. To date, they have processed close to the total amount of students processed during the last academic year.

Outreach & Community Relations

Employee Updates

Student Ambassadors Jordan Nash, Nicholas Irving, Maia Wakefield, Karen Villanueva, and Nina Geissler officially began their assignments in August.

Events & Activities

The department continues to support the Promise Program and organized the Promise Recommitment Ceremony, held on August 11, to celebrate the 2016-17 cohort of Promise students. Promise students were recognized for successfully completing their first year at Mesa and they were asked to recommit to the Promise Program by completing their Promise contract for 2017-18. Students were also able to leave their mark on the program by adding their thumbprint to their cohort's Promise tree. At the event, students were updated on requirements to remain eligible for the scholarship and the program and they also heard from the Transfer and Career Centers who gave them an overview of their services helped to motivate them to think about their next steps after Mesa. Students had the opportunity to play games, mingle and reconnect with the students in their cohort as well as the Promise and Outreach staff. Overall it was a well-attended event with over 40 students (of the 54 students continuing for 2017-18) in attendance.

Genevieve Esguerra, Promise Coordinator, Miriam Pacheco, Promise Counselor, and a Promise student from the 2016-17 cohort hosted a booth during the "test kitchen" portion of Fall 2017 Convocation. We provided interested faculty and staff with information about the program requirements, the financial support provided to students through the Promise scholarship, and the opportunity to speak with a Promise student about what the scholarship and the program has meant to their success at Mesa.

Outreach hosted the "Kissing Booth" during Welcome Week and provided new and continuing students information regarding Mesa's programs and services as well as answering general questions. Students who asked questions received a Hershey's Kiss. Student Ambassadors, Joshua Quiroz, Nicolas Irving, and Jordan Nash spoke to 176 students over two booth sessions.

Innovations & Data

Outreach has partnered with ESOL professor Jaime Lenke to provide ESOL students with a more interactive orientation for students. The idea was to use the campus tour as the orientation, with presentations by different student services programs interspersed throughout, so that students would become more familiar with where the different departments and services are located and would form a stronger connection to students. The tours, led by Student Ambassadors, would hopefully help the students feel more connected to other students at Mesa as well. The department hosted two orientations to a total of 45 students on August 28 & 29.

Outreach has also restructured the Student Ambassador training from two consecutive Fridays to a week-long training that included overviews from various student services departments and QPR Suicide Prevention Training with Student Health Services. We hope that restructuring the training will allow us to invite more academic programs in during regular meetings to talk about their programs as well as more time for team building and professional development.

Special Recognition

Big thanks to Karla Trutna and Vanndaro Chhum for their continued support of the Promise Program and the Mesa Promise students. Thank you also to Olivia Picolla and Alicia Lopez for their support of our Promise students at the Recommitment event.

STAR TRIO

Employee Updates

A STAR TRIO adjunct counselor is sitting on Mesa Academy work group meetings to support Mesa College equity efforts and increase retention percentage rates of African American students in the STAR TRIO program.

Events & Activities

STAR TRIO is videotaping student success stories.

Innovation & Data

STAR TRIO is currently serving 117 students (37 new). Students are emailing selfies which are then placed into their online student file. Having pictures of our students helps us to more quickly learn their names and thus, provide personalized experience.

Student Affairs

Employee Updates

We are pleased to share that Chantal Hernandez has joined our team serving as our SDICCA Intern! She is currently pursuing her Masters in Higher Education/ Leadership at the University of San Diego. We are confident that Chantal's work experience, excitement to be at Mesa, and desire to support students succeed both in and out of the classroom will enhance our services and personalized attention to our programs and events.

Events & Activities

The Fall 2017 Welcome Week was the largest such event yet in terms of participation by departments and service areas at Mesa College. The outdoor setup on the Commons had eight groups sharing the space between the MC and ES buildings on Monday and Tuesday. There were a total of 48 events put on by 16 departments. Over the course of the Welcome Week events we were able to achieve 3700 total verified points of contact with students or members of the public. This total has been calculated using give-away items as a medium, specifically the printed campus maps, certain brochures from the Student Affairs office, the bottled water, gel highlighters and the frozen treats that we hand out at lunchtime. For the record, we handed out 988 campus maps, 181 assorted rack cards or brochures, 1536 bottles of water, 432 gel highlighters and 563 frozen sweets to reach our total for this semester. Please note as well that this does not include items handed out by other groups; in particular, Student Health Services was present on the Commons and gave away many items that the Welcome Week Team did not track.

In addition, our collection of 38 volunteers, who generously donated their time to make this event possible. This year we had 22 staff, faculty and administrators volunteering their time alongside 16 student workers from both the Outreach office and the Peer Navigators. Collectively, our volunteers contributed 79 combined hours of service at all locations.

Special Recognition

Special note of great appreciation to Team Financial Aid. They are an incredible group that works so hard to ensure access to higher education. This summer the team worked overtime staying after hours in addition to working every single Saturday of the summer time to make sure student aid packages were complete. Under the strong leadership of Gilda Maldonado, the Financial Aid team exemplifies care and commitment!

Thank you to the most hard working Financial Aid Team:

- Gilda Maldonado
- Pilar Ezeta
- Travis Bodnar
- Lupe Bueno
- Laura Cormode
- Skyler Dennon
- Randall Gambill
- Alma Godinez
- Flora Guzman

- Charleigh Poindexter
- Emmanouil Powell
- Lilibeth Rodriguez
- Julissa Samano
- Natosha Susoeff
- Cathy Springs
- Alexander Tanon
- Kesia Williams
- Barbara Young

Congratulations to Courtney on a very successful Welcome Week 2017! He closely collaborated with faculty, staff and students to bring on a very warm welcome to our Mesa students. He coordinated over 40 volunteers. Through partnerships with campus departments Welcome Week hosted over 48 events and 16 departments. Courtney's commitment to ensuring this was the best Welcome Week truly shined as students participated in the week of activities!

Student Development

Employee Updates

- Welcome Monica Romero, Associate Dean of CTE

Events & Activities

The Second Year Experience ADVOC8 Program Kick-Off Event was held on August 31. Congratulations to Adam Erlenbusch and Roxann Ascencio for a job well done welcoming the first cohort of students into the program.

Innovations & Data

We have finalized and completed the New Student Orientation and Virtual Tour. We're excited about finalizing the online student appointment scheduling system for Counseling.

Special Recognition

- Kudos to Joel Arias for his assistance with the New Student Orientation and Virtual Tour.
- Kudos to Claudia Estrada and her team for their dedication by working collaboratively with the Office of Communications to improve the Transfer, Career, and Evaluations Website, in addition to the Diverse Career Resources Handbook, and for streamlining internship efforts and sharing about the First Destination Survey. I am proud of her innovative ideas and willingness to go above and beyond to support students.
- Thanks to Angie Avila for working hard to develop a handbook for work study students in the Veterans Resource Center.
- Thanks to Ken Einstein, Joel Arias, and Barbara Plandor for helping with the SARS online scheduling system.
- Kudos to the Transfer, Evaluations, and Career team for a successful and creative Open House! (Claudia Estrada, Anne Hedekin, Gity Nematollahi, Olivia Picolla, Deborah Salazar, Des Short, Alizia Lopez, Shawn Fawcett, Camille Harris, Mary Garcia, Raquel Sojourner)
- Kudos to Adam Erlenbusch and Roxann Ascencio for a job well done coordinating the Second Year Experience ADVOC8 Program Kick-Off Event held on August 31, and for a job well done welcoming the first cohort of students into the program.

Student Health Services

Employee Updates

- Student Health has added two new work-study students.
- Due to high demand, Dr. Wong will be in the office all day on Wednesday.
- Epidemiological specialist RN, Renee Dean, will return in September with a focus on Tuberculosis.

Events & Activities

- August 2nd, Suzanne presented with Claudia Perkins regarding "Students in Crisis."
- August 3rd, Suzanne presented to the International Student Orientation regarding services available at Student Health, common illness prevention and health insurance.
- August 11th, Suzanne and Michael attended the President's welcome for Supervisors and Managers.
- Suzanne attended the Program Review training on August 25th and the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Colleges and Universities educational meeting.
- Welcome week was a wonderful educational opportunity for 248 students. We provided extensive education on our services, healthy eating and drug and alcohol abuse/overdose prevention. Our Peer Educators provided presentations on Student Health Services to Peer Navigators and ESL students.
- Suzanne, hourly staff, contract faculty, and adjunct faculty attended the President's Convocation.

Innovations & Data

- Student Health is providing Mental Health information on the 4th floor of the Student Services building on Tuesday's and Thursday's with work-study students.
- Student Health held a 3-day retreat in August focusing on the treatment of mental illness.
 - We had presenters from Mesa Vista hospital on the Colombia Suicide survey and nutritional needs of the mentally ill depending on co-morbidity and medication.
 - Vanessa Gambala FNP presented on the physiological benefits of juicing with an eye toward the mentally ill. There were different juices for us to sample and they were delicious!
 - Two of our student workers provided presentations that were very well received. One was an excellent relaxing art project and the second one was on the culture, values and practices of Samoa. We are so fortunate to have our hourly students share their talents with us!
 - One hourly student worker presented on the current rock painting craze and we all painted rocks for paper weights when we are out in front of the cafeteria.
 - Alice Olsher presented a lecture and demonstration on the mind body reeducation process of the Alexander technique.
 - Sue Shrader Hanes LMFT presented an experience on "Loving Kindness" meditation.
 - An outside presenter re-certified participants in Healthcare CPR/AED.
 - Laura Milligan RN presented on her recent journey to volunteer as an NP in a medical clinic just outside of Mosul.
 - Mark Malebranch RN, PhD presented on Basecamp.
- Data: 277 in office contacts, mostly in the last 10 days.

Policies & Procedures

We have begun discussion about what "allin4students" means to us and our students. We are taking a look at our District/College/Student Health policies and will work to improve equity and student access. We have met with our team and collaborated with the research folks to continue our journey.

Special Recognition

We are so excited to explore how we can be "#allinforstudents." This theme has given us the impetus to look closely at making improvements our processes. We give special recognition to President Pam Luster for this excellent theme and clear direction. Our creative minds are working on exciting ways to recreate SHS's.

Student Success & Equity

No Report

Transfer

Employee Updates

- One of our very own staff members started SDSU this month.

Events & Activities

- Transfer and Career made visits to three of the five schools to inform faculty to about our services.
- Transfer was also invited to the Honor's orientation to do a presentation.
- Transfer is working with honors on a humanities major grant, PATH.
- A bus trip with sister campuses scheduled for 9/8/17.
- The Transfer team is busy prepping for Transfer Day 10/3 and Transfer night 11/7.
- Transfer is gearing up for application season starting 10/1.
- UC TAG process is Sept 1-30th.

Innovations & Data

- The Transfer, Career, Evaluations team presented the TCE open house August 30th and 31st.
- UCSD super visit scheduled for 11/2
- Transfer Conference with sister campuses for DI students date is set for 10/27

Student Success Stories

A former Mesa student (now at Humboldt) started an initiative to plant fruit trees on campus, making Mesa College and "edible" campus. The last tree was planted in August.

Policies and Procedures

A new application system for CSU is now in live. They're working out the kinks for this will be a process. A revised assist.org rollout is imminent; we are all waiting for the big announcement.

Veterans & Records

Employee Updates

Starting the fall semester, Veterans is looking to set up the 2017-2018 calendar year with events for our student veterans, beginning with the week-long Veterans Day Celebration in November.

Events & Activities

Veterans is continuing to review education plans so students can receive their benefits in a timely manner.

Special Recognition

- Tonya Whitfield and the Culinary Arts Department and students for their continued support of our student veterans and willingness to provide food handler's licenses to our VA work-studies so they can receive food at the Veterans Resource Center.
- Howard Eskew for organizing a meeting with the Veterans Chamber of Commerce in an effort to bring business mentors to our student veterans.

Vice President Student Services

Events & Activities

- Student Services partnered with Tutoring to host a Student Services Training for tutors.
- VP Hands helped welcome new and returning students at the following events: Former Forster Youth, Borderless Scholars, Promise Cohort Recommitment Ceremony, and our first ever Advoc8/Second Year Experience Program.
- VP Hands helped welcomed new faculty at our New Faculty Institute Opening Activities and Helped kick-off the start of this academic year at Convocation (including the facilitation of a student panel), Adjunct Convocation, President Lusters New Faculty Reception, Administrators Retreat (including a presentation on Guided Pathways) and, after a several year hiatus, Mesa's Supervisor's Leadership Meeting.
- Student Services M&M Committee hosted our Potluck Carnival. The carnival included pig races, a photo booth, can toss, and delicious fair food.
- President Luster and VPs Agatha, McGrath, and Hands held our annual meeting with ASG's new Executive Board
- VP Hands attended the Regional Math Symposium held at Kearny High School and coordinated by our very own VP of Instruction, Tim McGrath.
- Mesa's MMAP Committee presented our Placement Assistant to Vice Chancellor Neault
- The SS Center safety work group (SPRING) has been meeting to develop the building's evacuation plan. This plan calls for wardens assigned to each floor to assist during evacuations. Our Floor Wardens will receive training this fall as we complete the plan. The work group will be in touch with supervisors and managers in early spring to distribute a draft of the evacuation plan and to support them in disseminating it within their areas.

Innovations & Data

The Vice President is partnering with Dr. Janue Johnson-Seaton, professional learning coordinator, and other LOFT staff to coordinate a Managers and Supervisors Professional Learning Series.

Policies & Procedures

VP Hands was designated Mesa's Campus Solutions Contact for District processes