

Outreach & Community Relations

Events & Activities

- On February 5th, Student Ambassadors provided assistance with Continuing Education's ESOL Mesa orientation. Ambassadors Jordan Nash, Karen Villanueva, Beatrix Stark, and Nicolas Irving provided a tour for 80 students of the Student Services Department showcasing the support services and programs available to them. We are excited to be able to continue this partnership with Continuing Education and are encouraged by the steadily increasing numbers each semester.
- On February 8th, Outreach was invited by La Jolla High School to present at their Articulation Parent Information Night. Mesa Outreach alongside San Diego Unified was able to promote CCAP to parents and their students. Thereafter, parents and students were able to ask questions pertaining to matriculation and student services programs.
- On February 12th, Outreach held an Admissions Application workshop at Mt. Everest Academy. Students were able to submit their college applications and afterwards hear a Mesa presentation that included next steps and student services information.
- On February 20th, Outreach hosted Oceanside College Bound with a warm welcome from Dr. Ashanti Hands followed by a Mesa presentation and a campus wide tour. Students from Oceanside participated heavily in our student panel asking question in regards to the college experience. Ambassadors, Beatrix Stark, Jordan Nash, Joshua Quiroz, and Cassie Casares provided the campus tour.
- On February 27th, Outreach hosted Marcy High School with a Mesa College presentation followed by a campus tour. There were 25 students interested in Mesa College's offerings including CTE and certificate programs. Student Ambassador, Nicolas Irving and Beatrix Stark provided the campus wide tour.
- Miriam Pacheco, Promise Counselor, partnered with Amber Alatorre, FYE Counselor/Coordinator, to offer Academic Success Workshops to students who were falling behind in units and falling below a 2.0 GPA. The workshops helped students understand their academic status and offered resources and support to help them improve. Eighteen Promise students attended the February workshops with additional workshops being planned for March.

Innovation & Data

Outreach has partnered with the Business faculty to support outreach efforts at the high schools for the Entrepreneurship Program. Their grant is able to support a few additional hours of outreach work for our Student Ambassadors. We are excited to partner with our CTE programs in new and innovative ways to pool resources and reach more students.

Student Success Stories

The 2016-17 Promise cohort is coming up on the end of their second academic year and Mesa has seven students who have already petitioned to graduate this Spring. These seven Mesa students are the only 2016-17

Promise students in the District who have petitioned to graduated and serve as a testament to the support they have received from the entire Mesa Community to reach this academic milestone.

Student Ambassadors are anxiously waiting for acceptance notifications from four-year universities. Joshua Quiroz has been accepted to SDSU and CSU Long Beach. Maia Wakefiled has been accepted to San Francisco State, Philander Smith College (HBCU), and Coppin State University (HBCU). Nina Geissler has been accepted to CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, and San Francisco State. We congratulate them on this achievement as they await to hear back from their remaining schools!

STAR TRIO

Employee Updates

Adjunct Counselor Hieu Huynh

Events & Activities

Held FAFSA & Taxes workshop 2/14.

Innovation & Data

- Program participants 97%
- Student Contacts 758
- Supply requests 427

Student Affairs

Events & Activities

- **Staff Development** Claudia Perkins, the Mesa College Compliance and Discipline Officer, attended a Title IX training presented by the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, in Atlanta, GE, from February 19th to 22nd. She regarded the event as very informative and enjoyable, primarily due to the presence of other SDCCD members from other campuses and locations who do not often get the opportunity to meet and collaborate.
- **Associated Students** The Mesa College Associated Students (AS), formerly known as the Associated Student Government, has selected two conferences to attend during the Spring 2018 semester: The ASACC National Student Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, on March 17 - 20, and the NSLDC Chicago Diversity Conference in Chicago, IL, on April 5 - 8. The General Assembly legislative conference, previously hosted by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, was cancelled for the Spring.
- **Club Rush** As usual, the Mesa College Inter-Club Council hosted an on-campus Club Rush event on February 20th through the 22nd. About twenty different student groups were represented. Notably, this was a rare occurrence of a non-campus entity, called Indivisible, being included in the Club Rush line up. This group promotes voter registration among college-age students and they reported a good turnout in terms of how many students they were able to encourage to register. Due to a sudden but severe rain shower on the 21st the event was cancelled for that day, but the ICC plans to arrange for another two-day Rush event in March to make up for the loss.
- **Club Orientation / Registration** The Inter-Club Council hosted a Club Orientation presentation on Friday, February 23rd, which was also the last day to submit club registration documents through the online system. 3 new clubs signed up to be registered this semester, which is typical for Spring; most clubs register in the Fall to be active through the Spring.
- **Scholarship Report** Applications for scholarships offered through the Mesa College Foundation were due on February 20th, a week earlier than previous years. Mesa College received a total of 1,595 applications across 148 opportunities from 384 students, which averages out to just slightly more than 4 applications per student. These numbers are remarkably similar to last year, and the anomalies identified in this data, when compared to the numbers from years past, provide clear direction on how we can improve the Scholarship Program moving forward.
- **Register to Vote** Mesa College Student Affairs and Mesa College Outreach are both making efforts to promote voter registration prior to the mid-term elections scheduled for later this year. In addition to the registration efforts performed by the Outreach office, the non-campus entity Indivisible was invited to campus for two weeks, from February 20th to March 2nd, to assist with registering students to vote. Under the circumstances, and especially due to the recent events in Parkland, FL, the importance of encouraging our young people to participate in the political process and speak with their votes as well as their voices cannot be overstated.

Special Recognition

To Financial Aid for working so hard to meet the needs of our students! Congratulations to Gilda for being recognized for the Mesa Olympian Award. This is due to her exceptional leadership with ERP, dedication to excellence, and commitment to students.

Student Development

Employee Updates

Congratulations to the following new employees in Student Development:

- Karina Sandoval, SSA in Admissions
- Jose Aranda, SSA for Admissions
- Jordan Frodente, SSA for Admissions
- Raymond Arellano, SSA for Counseling
- Andrew Tanjuaquio, SST for Counseling
- Abimaliel Rosario Lopez, SST for Counseling
- Taneisha Hellon, Adjunct Counselor.

Events & Activities

Crakes attended the Ad Astra Summit Training on scheduling.

Special Recognition

- Thanks to all the staff for their hard work and dedication to students as they helped them get squared away with the spring semester.
- Big shout out to LaKeita Platts for going above and beyond and assisting a student who needed help to get started with Mesa's Retail Management Program.
- Thanks to Patty Rodriguez for representing general counseling and sharing her thoughts and feedback with the NFI panel.
- Commendation to Laura Mathis and the Personal Growth Workgroup for continuing to look at data on how to best support students, and for her continued efforts to lead along with the following committee members: Adam Erlenbusch, Anne Hedekin, Guillermo Marrujo, Kirsten Pogue-Cely, and Raquel Sojourner.
- San Diego Mesa College was awarded \$140,468 to go toward the Veterans Resource Center standards established by the Chancellors' Office. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Veterans Office, along with the counseling faculty and the rest of student services for supporting our student veterans.
- Thanks to Charlie Lieu for working with Adam Erlenbusch in launching the website dedicated to support Mesa's Second Year Experience – ADVOC8 program.
- Thanks to the various student services leads: Leroy Johnson, Barbara Plandor, Steven Salter, Monica Demcho, Marichu Magana, and Sasha Verastegui for working with Student Development in developing the ERP schedule for counseling faculty.
- Commendation to Claudia Estrada and the Evaluations team, along with the Commencement Committee for all their hard work in preparation for the upcoming 2018 Commencement Ceremony and Ticket Information.
- We currently have a new Mesa College record for the amount of UCLA TAP contracts signed in February. Thanks to Anthony's leadership and UCLA TAP coordination efforts. There were 28 UCLA TAP contracts signed this month. Keep up the good work!
- Larry Maxey and Ailene Crakes launched the Integrated Planning Survey and Report which has been distributed to individuals and programs whose funding requests were granted through the Innovative Practice Funding Request.

Student Health Services

Employee Updates

We are pleased to announce the hiring of front office student worker Julian Nguyen. We are working quickly to fill the vacant position of Counseling Coordinator. We are 'precepting' students from Barry University, University of San Diego and Mesa College.

Events & Activities

Rebecca Lee LMFT is again hosting the "Be Calm" groups on Tuesday's at 1 pm. She incorporates play therapy and relaxation techniques for students with anxiety. Classes are free and anonymous.

Innovations & Data

We had 610 in office contacts. We are not experiencing the huge numbers of students with the flu as reported by other colleges and universities. This is due to the excellent collaboration between our Community Health Nurses and RN/NP Nurses in the office. Our "Keep Your Hands Clean" campaign, free flu vaccinations, flu education and "soon as you're sick" medical visits add to the power of flu prevention on campus.

Welcome Week was focused on drug abuse prevention and the new marijuana laws. Hundreds of students played Root Beer pong, answered questions about drug use and won prizes.

The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence prevention event was fantastic with 4 community agencies tabling and presenting, free lunch and short films. We hosted 116 students for 30-60 minute visits with extra credit earned. Many more students dropped in for shorter visits. Three students returned to the office for counseling.

Student Success Stories

Our student worker Kennedy Carrothers is entering the National University Bachelor's in Nursing program in April. We are all excited for her!

Special Recognition

We recognize Michelle Harris Feller LMFT, Sue Shrader Hanes LMFT and Rebecca Lee LMFT for their professionalism and "going the extra mile" for every student. Their dedication and concern for students is admirable and they have worked many hours, late into the evening, to support our students in their academic goals.

Student Success & Equity

Events & Activities

Participated in the African American Achievement Collaboration, planning conference for S.D. Unified Graduating Seniors.

Innovations & Data

Spring 2018 as of 2/28/18

Direct Student Support:

- 59 applications have been received to date this semester.
- 41 Students have been assessed
- \$6063 in assistance has been given out. \$3800 in book vouchers, \$1650 for food, \$185 for printing and 428 for transportation (Not including the EOPS students)
- \$375.00 is the largest single amount awarded.
- First time that 100% of those we have given assistance to have complete assessment and orientation. 90% have education plans on file.

The Stand Report:

- In the month of February we provided over 960 transactions at The Stand.
- So far for the Spring semester we have provided students with over 3850 items
- We sent out a campus newsletter with updates including information on our Amazon Wish List.
- We sent out a survey to all students who used The Stand during the fall semester and look forward to reporting out on this. We received 204 unique responses and look forward to sharing more of the feedback we collected soon.
- We are working with our management team and Feeding San Diego to provide our students with more access to food and are hoping to be making an announcement soon regarding this non-point based portion of The Stand

Student Success Stories

Special Recognition goes to Johanna Aleman and Nate Talo (accounting) for their hard work in assisting one of our former students by breaking down and working around institutional barriers so that he could take advantage of a scholarship opportunity to play division 1 football. We appreciate all that you did to support Bryce, kudos.

Transfer

Employee Updates

Student staff member was accepted to CSU EB...waiting more good news!

Events & Activities

SDEC Mini College Fair.

Innovations & Data

- February SDEC Mini College Fair
- Transfer Co-sponsored Puente Bus trip to UCR
- Planning UCLA STOMP Visit April 27
- 8 transfer workshops
- 6 rep visits.

Student Success Stories

Acceptance to UCSD and SDSU are being released; many students are coming in to inform staff. Please celebrate their success!

Policies and Procedures

Send us transfer students! If you have a student who informs you they have been accepted for transfer admission please send them to the Transfer Center so we can invite students to Transfer Recognition Luncheon. Appeals workshop schedule are all on line. Please refer students to website to register if they are denied and would like to appeal.

Veterans & Records

Employee Updates

Currently working on organizing the Veterans Graduation Ceremony and the annual Breakfast Social event, both coming soon.

Events & Activities

- **Veterans Graduation Ceremony**
Friday May 18, 2018, open to all graduating student veterans/active duty that earned a degree in Fall 2017 or will be earning a degree Spring 2018 and Summer 2018. Event starts at 11am sharp in MC 211A/B.
- **Breakfast Social**
Tuesday March 13, 2018. Come join us and have some delicious breakfast while helping raise funds for the Veterans Emergency Fund through the SD Mesa College Foundation. The event will run from 8am-11am and you can find us at the MS Circle near the Veterans' Resource Center. There is a delivery option available.

Innovations & Data

Started an online registration for these upcoming events to the process smoother and to help maintain data.

Special Recognition

Thank you to Tonya Whitfield and the Culinary Arts Department for their constant support of our student veterans.

Vice President Student Services

Employee Updates

Vice President Hands will serve as a Mentor for the 2018-2019 ACCCA Mentor Program

Events & Activities

- The Mesa Pathways Planning Task Force (MPPT) has prioritized 6 of the 14 elements and is receiving input from various campus groups and committees to outline a plan that will guide our work through Spring 2019. Our priorities include Shared Metrics, Inclusive Decision Making, Guided Major and Career Exploration, Improved Basic Skills, Clear Program Requirements and Proactive and Integrated Academic/Student Support. A draft of the plan will be vetted throughout campus March 5 – 16th. Our final plan will be submit to the State Chancellors Office on March 30th. Visit our Mesa Pathways webpage to stay up to date on our work.
- Vice President Hands provided Closing Remarks at Mesa’s first ever Woman to Woman Conference, a Black History Month event sponsored by EOPS.
- Six of our college initiatives (SSSP, Equity, BSI, Title V, Title III and Strong Workforce) are reviewing and acting on our second report, “Mapping Assets for Equity: Defining Equity and Planning for Coherence Across Initiatives” prepared by the Center for Urban Education. This semester’s goals include proposing a definition for equity and exploring ways to operationalize equity within existing initiatives.
- Vice President Hands and Trina Larson attended the Guided Pathways: Creating a Lasting Guided Pathways Movement on Campus workshop in Downtown San Diego.
- Vice President Hands participated in the Legislative Visit to Mesa College. The visit focused on our Health Information Management Program and Innovations in Math, English and Placement.
- The Safety Plan Resource and Implementation workgroup is planning a full evacuation drill with alarms. The intent is to minimize impact on students while providing important training for employees. The group is looking into scheduling this between sessions, the last week of May.
- The M&M team hosted a Lunar New year event. We even had red envelopes filled with lucky candy and some even had money. Our upcoming March event will be a pie contest on Pi Day.

Innovations & Data

- Equity finalized Mesa College’s Agreement/Partnership with Feeding San Diego. This partnership will allow us to distribute groceries, at least once a month, to students, staff and faculty, free of charge. Student Success & Equity will take the lead on this partnership.
- Mesa’s Multiple Measures Assessment Program/Placement Assistant Team received preliminary findings from the launch of our Placement Assistant. The full report will be released next month. We have also received word that the District will adopt and scale a version of our Placement Assistant for Math and English.
- Mesa Guided Pathways web page has been redesigned.
- The College Technical Analyst has helped facilitate the creation of a new web page created for ADVOC8. They now have a new platform to promote their program!

- STAR Trio web page has been updated; it now includes a new fillable application and Service Request form.
- Old SDCCD technology pick-up for Student Services departments was a success. DSPS, Career/Transfer, STAR Trio, and counseling departments now have less clutter and more room to work and help students. Please contact Charlie Lieu to schedule any additional material pick-up.
- A new events page has been established for Student Health Services.
- We launched survey to attain feedback on Academic Works (the electronic scholarship platform) and scholarship process.

Policies & Procedures

Student Services is keeping a watchful eye on AB 705, Governor Brown's proposed fully Online Community College, AB 19 - California College Promise, and the Governor's Budget Proposal.