



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

- Congratulations to Cheri Sawyer who retired from her position as Student Services Supervisor in the Admissions Office.
- The Admissions welcomed new employee, Celine Ahearn to our office on February 7th.
- Amara Tang joined the Career team as a new SSA on February 1st.
- Financial Aid is in the initial stages on hiring the SSA open position vacated in October when Lilibeth Rodriguez was promoted to an SAT/FA (Technician).
- Student Affairs' Graduate Intern has accepted a full time position at a UC!
- Veterans & Records attended a meeting with Easter Seals Bob Hope Veterans Outreach team along with Pavel Consuegra and Katlin Choi to work on doing employment and internship outreach with veterans.
- Oversight of Mesa Pathways efforts were shifted from VP Hands to VP O'Connor and co-coordinators Toni Parsons and Howard Eskew.

Events & Activities

- The first Peer Navigator Game Night was a success providing fun and snacks for students.
- On February 8, at the Mesa Pathways Retreat, counseling faculty worked closely with instructional faculty to begin the process of Program Mapping.
- DSPS participated in the high school parent information night with outreach.

- The Evaluations department is currently assisting students with their Petition to Graduate for Spring and Summer 2019 graduates.
- Student Health Services' Community Health Advocates have garnered over 500 American College Health Assessments.
- On February 7, Outreach held its first "Mesa Information Night" of the year. During this session prospective students and their families learned more about Mesa College's programs and services and were able to have their questions answered in a welcoming and intimate setting. Prospective students and their families heard presentations from Financial Aid, the Transfer Center and Career, the CRUISE program, DSPS, EOPS, and were able to ask current students questions during the Student Ambassador panel. We also showcased the Promise program and went over the benefits and the steps to apply.
- Mesa College Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Associated Students, the Institute for Civil Civic Engagement, and Dr. Carl Luna, hosted a small event to provide students an opportunity to witness the State of the Union Address delivered by President Donald J. Trump on Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

Innovations & Data

- Assessment had 103 students use the Placement Assistant.
- In February, employers posted 88 jobs on Career's online job board called Mesa Job Network which means there are a variety of employment opportunities for Mesa students.
- 86 % of Kearny Fast Track HS students received a grade of an 'A' or 'B' fall 2018!
- Financial Aid disbursed \$147,709 Fall 18 funds to 102 students eligible for retroactive payment and \$4,225,182.88 Spring 19 funds to 3,227 eligible students.
- STAR-TRIO students logged more than 558 hours in February.
- Student Health has provided over 900 flu vaccines free to students. Flu season is underway and it's not too late to get your flu shot.
- The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) had 412 student visits in the months of January and February.
- Through all the hard work of reprogramming our online scholarship system and efforts in promoting Mesa Scholarships to students, the Student Affairs department and Mesa Foundation we were able to dramatically increase the number of submitted applications (applied to a scholarship) and lower the number of drafted applications (general application created, but did not apply to a scholarship).

Policies & Procedures

- We are currently admitting students to EOPS, CARE, NextUp, FAST Scholars, Borderless Scholars and Project Restart on an ongoing first come, first serve basis. Thank you for continuously referring students!
- Incoming Promise students are eligible to have Summer 2019 enrollment fees covered by the Promise.
- Registration for the Transfer Recognition Luncheon will be via a link on our website in April between the dates 1-26. Please encourage students to RSVP in that time frame.

Admissions

Employee Updates

The Admissions welcomed new employee, Celine Ahearn to our office on February 7th. Welcome aboard!

Innovations & Data

In February 210 students were assisted in person with Residency, International and Allied Health.

Special Recognition

Cheri Sawyer retired on February 28th with 28 years of service. Congratulations and farewell, Cheri!

Assessment

Events & Activities

Amy Bettinger attended the Mesa Pathways Retreat on February 7th. A great deal of information was shared during this retreat, attendees heard from students and there was a presentation on guided majors and career exploration. This was a great opportunity to start the conversation and start some of the work towards defining Mesa Pathways.

Innovations & Data

Assessment provided the following services:

- Placement Assistant: 103
- ELAC: 5
- Orientation: 31

AVANZA Student Engagement Center, Peer Navigator, and CRUISE Programs

Employee Updates

The Peer Navigator program opened the online, hiring application for interested students. Mentors are responsible for supporting and guiding first-year students during Summer CRUISE and the academic year.

Events & Activities

February 19 & 28

Peer Navigator Game Night

As the first major PN event, the Center held video game and board game night. Students were provided snacks and a good time after a long day.

February 20

Campus Conexiones Monthly Speaker Series

Jesus Gaytan and Raul Rodriguez were our headline speakers and answered students' question during the event. Poll everywhere was incorporated to engage students and spark dialogue.

February 20 & 28

Peer Navigator Monthly Workshop: Health Services and Self-Care

Channell Perez and Alyssa Burnley created and presented a one-hour workshop to help students allocate resources on campus and to break the stigma associated with mental health.

Innovations & Data

Incorporating poll everywhere to the speaker series was a great pilot as the programs plan to use it during future events.

Student Success Stories

The efforts of the program are reinforced through student feedback! The following is from the speaker series:

"I got advice that will me going and will help every single one of us in the long run."

"I think it was strong enough, it gave me so much motivation."

"I realize that it's time to be focused on what I want"

Policies & Procedures

The Peer Navigator Handbook will be updated to prepare for the new academic year. Changes will be made as a result form this years' experience and team feedback.

Special Recognition

Alexi Balaguer has been instrumental to the success of our programs. She provides constructive feedback, supports the Peer Navigators by encouraging them to acknowledge their capabilities, and finds creative solutions and avenues to streamline workflow. She is amazing!

CalWORKs

Events & Activities

Markus Berrien and Sasha Verastegui attended the monthly CalWORKs Region X meet to continue to collaborate with regional partners.

Innovations & Data

As of February we have served 53 students in Spring 2019.

Student Success Stories

- 2 students have petitioned to graduate and are waiting to hear back from the university.
- 1 student made it on the Dean's Honor List
- 1 student has applied to the Health Information Technology program
- Several students applied to the SD Mesa College CalWORKs Scholarship

Policies & Procedures

Continue working with Public Consulting group, one of the county CalWORKs contractors, on strengthening Pathways and support services for incoming and continuing students.

Special Recognition

To Roberta Krauss, CalWORKs Program Director at SDCE, for being very supportive in assisting in strengthening Pathways for current SDCE CalWORKs students to transition to SD Mesa College.

Career

Employee Updates

Amara Tang has join our team as our new SSA starting February 1st. Amara will provide customer service support for all three departments and will help support our Career Peer Ambassador program. We are so excited to have her on board!

Events & Activities

Career Presentations:

Career Center and Work Based Learning were invited to provide two presentations about Career Center services and Service Learning in English 101 classes. Alicia Lopez, Career Senior Student Services Assistant, and Katlin Choi, Work Based-Learning Coordinator, met with students in Jill Moreno Ikari's English Classes. Thank you for inviting us to connect with your students. On February 27th Claudia Estrada- Howell presented an MBTI workshop to Puente Program students in a personal growth class.

Events:

Career Peer Ambassadors continued to host "Résu-MANIA" peer-to-peer walk-in résumé building hours at the Career Center. The Career Ambassadors volunteer to distribute fresh produce every month at the San Diego Mesa College Farmer's Market, hosted by the Stand and Feeding San Diego.

Innovations & Data

Mesa "Job Network" New Employer Contacts:

Total of 33 new contacts were made between December and January through our online job board.

- Aikyum Solar
- ALOR
- APWA San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter
- Armed Services YMCA San Diego
- Belmont Park Entertainment
- Design Within Reach
- Healing Arts Massage & Wellness Center
- Interlake Mecalux
- International Rescue Committee
- Knuckles Swimwear Boutique
- Laguna SC/Premier Pain Consultants
- Maxell Corporation of America
- NuVasive
- Operation Samahan Inc
- Pacific Pet Hospital
- Panasonic Appliances Refrigeration Systems Corporation of America
- Picnic People
- Positive Behavior Supports Corp.
- Rancho Santa Fe Veterinary Hospital of Solana Beach
- San Diego County Board of Supervisors
- San Diego Imaging
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- ServiceNow
- Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
- Spectrum
- State of California, California Public Employees' Retirement System
- Super Soccer Stars
- The French Gourmet
- The Greenlining Institute
- The TJX Companies
- UDWA
- United Way San Diego
- West Coast Oral Surgery

For February 2019, employers have posted 88 jobs in our online job board called Mesa Job Network which means there are a variety of employment opportunities for Mesa students.

Career Ambassador Program

In the month of January 2019, the Career Ambassador Program held 12 student peer-to-peer sessions. They spent 11.75 hours providing peer resume building to Mesa students. In February, Career Ambassadors offered a total of 132.5 hours for peer-to-peer walk-in résumé building sessions at the Career Center.

Career Ambassadors spent 20 hours to facilitate a total of 26 student sessions for résumé building and career coaching assistance.

Career Ambassadors collected a total of 22 completed sets of pre- and post- survey assessments.

Student Success Stories

Congratulations to our Career Ambassadors and Mesa Alumni, Carolina Chavez and Helen Ma! Carolina was accepted to San Diego State University for transfer into the B.S. in Business Administration Program, and Helen was accepted to San Diego State University for the M.A. in Postsecondary Educational Leadership Program. We are extremely proud of our Career Ambassadors and their academic successes and endeavors. They will undoubtedly make a positive impact in the world, GO MESA!!!

Counseling

Events & Activities

- On February 8, at the Mesa Pathways Retreat, counseling faculty worked closely with instructional faculty to begin the process of Program Mapping.
- There were numerous BHM events that were facilitated by Judy Sundayo and Michael Temple.
- Counselors also attended training on Guided Pathways and Pathways Navigation with great results.

Innovations & Data

86 % of Kearny Fast Track HS students received a grade of an 'A' or 'B' fall 2018!

Department Stats:

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|---------------|------|
| Drop-Ins: | 1441 |
| Appointments: | 511 |
| Total: | 1869 |

Special Recognition

To Taneisha Hellon for her excellent work at Mesa. She has been hired as a contract counselor at Grossman College.

DSPS

Events & Activities

- DSPS Coordinator, Erika Higginbotham, attended the All Director's Training in Sacramento hosted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- DSPS participated in the high school parent information night with outreach.
- DSPS faculty and staff have been attending Campus Solutions trainings.

Innovations & Data

In February, our High Tech Center processed 41 alternate media requests and 106 students utilized the center for a total of 590 hours.

Our test proctoring center administered 217 exams to 163 students. We had 419 counseling appointments and provided 1,332 drop-in services.

EOPS/CARE

Employee Updates

We are excited to share that the employment opportunity for the NextUp Assistant Professor, Counselor [restricted] position is now posted! The deadline to apply is on Thursday, March 14th. The link to the position details is below. Please share accordingly. <https://www.sdccdjobs.com/postings/10499>.

Events & Activities

- 2/22/19- Leaders Inspiring Transformation (LIT) Conference- This event inspired foster youth to be become innovative thinkers while concurrently inspiring our campus community to become innovative leaders.
- 2/14/18 & 2/26/19- Borderless Scholars is hosting Know Your Rights workshop led by Alliance San Diego and Garcia Law firm. Attendees learned about DACA, Dream Act, SB54, Real ID and more.
- Borderless Scholars hosted 3 FREE Legal Consultations days serving over 20 students. Students met one-on-one with an immigration attorney.

Policies & Procedures

We are currently admitting students to EOPS, CARE, NextUp, FAST Scholars, Borderless Scholars and Project Restart on an ongoing first come, first serve basis. Thank you for continuously referring students!

Contact us:

Monday-Thursday: 8am-6pm

Friday: 8am-3pm

(619) 388-2706

www.sdmesa.edu/eops

Special Recognition

A huge “Congratulations!!!” to Sade, Melissa and the LIT Conference Planning Committee for an amazing and successful Conference! Thank you for organizing a truly inspiring and remarkable event. This event undoubtedly forged a network of empowered and motivated individuals.

Evaluations

Events & Activities

2019 Commencement is upon on and we are working with departments across campus to ensure everything is on track! The Evaluations department is currently assisting students with their Petition to Graduate for Spring and Summer 2019 graduates. Go Olympians!

Innovations & Data

In February, Mesa made improvements to the student Dean's list notification process. Students will now be notified by email resulting in a more timely and accessible way to reach students. Over 3,000 students have already been notified that they met requirements and are on the Dean's List for the 2017-2018 school year.

Policies & Procedures

The Mesa Evaluations team met with District Evaluations in February to review processes and procedures for the new PeopleSoft implementation. Mesa Evaluations will begin training with the District Evaluators in the next month. Thank you for your patience. More to come, please stay tuned...

Financial Aid

Employee Updates

We are in the initial stages on hiring the SSA open position vacated in October when Lilibeth Rodriguez was promoted to an S.A.T. - FA (Tech)

Events & Activities

We provided 5 Cal Grant Workshops. Began the CS process for the 19 - 20 academic year set-up.

Innovations & Data

We disbursed \$147,709 Fall 18 funds to 102 students eligible for retroactive payment and \$4,225,182.88 Spring 19 funds to 3,227 eligible students.

Student Success Stories

Student had vital missing information for a dependency override and once it was the student understood the documents were made available, his petition approved processed and is on his way of being paid federal funds.

Policies & Procedures

Reviewing regulatory changes for 19-20.

Special Recognition

Florisel Guzman (Flor) and Emmanouil Powell (Manolis), whom in addition to their daily office responsibilities, have been going to the District dedicating between 12-16 hours a week to manually complete the Return of Title IV calculations for 91 Spring 19 federal aid recipients who have dropped from the college. They have also taught their fellow Techs how to complete a simple R2T4 calculation and combined they completed 274 hand calculations related to Fall 18.

Outreach & Community Relations

Events & Activities

Outreach:

- In the month of February, Outreach Student Ambassadors provided tours to over eighty-three prospective students and parents.
- February 1st – Student ambassadors and Outreach Staff participated in the Spring District Outreach Training at ECC. During this training, ambassadors were able to meet and participate on team building exercises across the District (City College and Miramar College). The theme of the training was “Next Level Outreach”. The theme reinforced how vital demonstrating empathy, understanding, in addition to being outgoing & helpful to the community we serve. They received training on how to outreach to prospective DREAM ACT students. Also received training to help them apply for financial aid and additional resources. District Student Services Analyst Victor DeVore trained the attendees on CCCApply and mySDCCD student portal which is very user friendly and interactive.
- Feb 7th – Outreach held its first “Mesa Information Night” of the year. During this session prospective students and their families learned more about Mesa College's programs and services and were able to have their questions answered in a welcoming and intimate setting. Prospective students and their families heard presentations from Financial Aid, the Transfer Center and Career, the CRUISE program, DSPS, EOPS, and were able to ask current students questions during the Student Ambassador panel. We also showcased the Promise program and went over the benefits and the steps to apply.
- Feb 7th – Van Chhum attended the Mesa Pathways Retreat. A great deal of information was shared during this retreat, attendees heard from students and there was a presentation on guided majors and career exploration. This was a great opportunity to start the conversation and start some of the work towards defining Mesa Pathways.
- February 20th – Mesa College Outreach received an invitation from Hoover High School to host a resource table at their College Fair. Outreach student ambassadors Victor Ceniceros and Isidro Valenzuela took the lead on the resource table, providing information regarding programs and services as well as sports. The ambassadors serviced over fifty students.
- February 28th – Outreach hosted YouthBuild Charter School to a presentation followed by a campus tour. Outreach staff Van Chhum took the lead to provide the students a presentation followed by a campus tour led by student ambassador Nicolas Irving and Dayna Strothers.

Promise:

We recently concluded the online opt-in process for mid-semester progress reports. 456 students completed the online opt-in submission form.

Innovations & Data

Promise:

Total number of Promise students as of February 2019: 815 total

- 676 Year 1 students (2018-2019 cohort)
- 139 Year 2 students (2017-2018 cohort)

Promise staff and Counseling faculty will be working with students who are behind on units and/or GPA requirements as of Fall 2018 to ensure they maintain eligibility for the second year of Promise benefits.

Student Success Stories

Student Ambassadors are anxiously waiting for acceptance notifications from four-year universities. We are pleased to report, Jordan Nash has been accepted to San Francisco State and Yesenia Jacobo has been accepted to SDSU. We congratulate them on this achievement as they await to hear back from their remaining schools!

Policies & Procedures

Promise:

The application for Class of 2019 high school graduates entering in Fall 2019 is now live! This will be the 2019-2020 cohort. High school seniors can visit <http://sdccd.edu/promise/getstarted> to find details and apply. Students must apply by June 28, 2019 for priority consideration. The district will verify student eligibility, forward the information of eligible students to Promise staff, and then Promise staff will reach out regarding next steps for enrollment.

Incoming Promise students are eligible to have Summer 2019 enrollment fees covered by the Promise.

Current Year 1 students (2018-2019 cohort) have until the end of Summer 2019 to complete 24 units and earn a 2.0 cumulative GPA to maintain eligibility for the second year of Promise. Summer 2019 enrollment fees must be paid out of pocket.

Special Recognition

A very special shout out to our Acting Outreach Student Services Technician, Tavaris Franklin. He has been a great contribution to the department and we are grateful for all his hard work and his upbeat personality. Thank you Tavaris!

STAR TRIO

Innovations & Data

- Student log-in hours: 558.6hrs
- Supplies distributed: 214

Student Success Stories

A student who originally participated in STAR TRIO in 2010, stopped out in 2013 when he left for military service. Michael returned to Mesa last year due to a military related disability. He required lots of support but he's worked hard and was recently accepted to SDSU.

Student Affairs

Employee Updates

We are thrilled to share the Beatriz Barron; Graduate Intern has accepted a full time position at UC San Diego Cross Cultural Center. Beatriz has been an exceptional addition to our team. Although this is great news, we will miss her!!

Events & Activities

Associated Students

The Mesa College Associated Students have selected ten students to attend the ASACC National Student Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, from March 9 to March 12. Currently the AS has no plans to attend any General Assembly legislative events or conferences hosted by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. In addition, the AS held in-house elections at the beginning of the 2019 Spring Semester, subsequently welcoming XXX, XXX, and XXX into the fold as AS Senators.

State of the Union Address

Mesa College Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Associated Students, the Institute for Civil Civic Engagement, and Dr. Carl Luna, hosted a small event to provide students an opportunity to witness the State of the Union Address delivered by President Donald J. Trump on Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

Club Rush

The Mesa College Inter-Club Council hosted the on-campus Club Rush event on February 12th through the 14th. More than twenty separate student groups were represented. Much like last year, a sudden but severe rain shower on the 14th forced us to cancel the final day of the event, but the clubs in attendance nonetheless have reported a significant amount of interest generated as a result of their participation.

Club Orientation / Registration

The Inter-Club Council hosted a Club Orientation presentation on Friday, March 1st, which was also the last day to submit club registration documents through the online system. 6 new clubs signed up to be registered this semester, which is more than usual for a spring semester; most clubs register in the Fall and continue to be active through the Spring.

ICC Development Sub-Committee

The Inter-Club Council (ICC) has instituted a sub-committee to explore ways to enhance the services provided by the ICC, informally known as the Club Development Sub-Committee (CDSC). This currently small committee held its first meeting on March 1st and plans to continue meeting each week for the remainder of the semester. Discussion centered on the role and mission of the ICC, the requirements imposed on clubs by the ICC, and how we can collectively bring an equity perspective to how the ICC operates; the current goal of the committee is to create an "ICC Bill of Rights" that outlines the responsibilities and resources that a club has at their disposal.

Scholarship Report

- Applications for scholarships offered through the Mesa College Foundation were due on February 19th, in line with our timing from last cycle. Mesa College received a total of 2,676 applications across 144 opportunities from 578 students. The total number of applications submitted is much higher than last year; we are looking at an overall increase of almost 59.6%, or more 1,081 individual applications. This is an astounding development, easily the largest single increase in scholarship applications ever seen in a single year at Mesa College, and a stark testament to the effort that Student Affairs, the Foundation, and the Office of the Vice President of Student Services have invested in the 2018-2019 scholarship cycle. In this case, the targeted initiatives at advertisement and outreach included classroom presentations and scholarship application workshops hosted by Student Affairs interns Kylie Ozols and Jenn Park.

Innovations & Data

Due to Charlie's innovative ideas we were able to reach out to over 500 students interested in the Mesa Foundation Scholarships. During the start of the school year any student that expressed an interest in Mesa scholarships had the opportunity to electronically sign up to receive emails regarding scholarships. Student Affairs emailed the students reminding them that applications were open and available. This year we had an overwhelming amount of applicants apply for our scholarships which is due to Charlie's creativity!

Student Success Stories

We are so pleased to share that Kasra Askari, Mesa AS Senator has been accepted the Gateways to the Laboratory Summer Program, sponsored by the Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan Kettering Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program. Kasra will receive a \$6000 stipend for a 10 week period. He will participate in research efforts and gain a tremendous amount of experience

Special Recognition

Kathy Fennessey for all the brilliance, excellence and follow through she brings to the Mesa Foundation Scholarships. The program runs seamlessly due to Kathy's organization.

Student Development

Employee Updates

Congratulations to Cheri Sawyer who will be retiring from her position as Student Services Supervisor in the Admissions Office.

Special Recognition

Thanks goes out to Judy Sundayo and Sade Burrell for helping lead the Woman-2-Woman Panel Discussion for Black History Month.

Congratulations and many thanks to Michael Temple for a job well done with the Black Male Emotions and Vulnerability workshop.

Special recognition goes to Claudia Estrada-Howell for a job well done chairing the Regional Workgroup 3 - Pathways Navigation, and for helping organize and lead the Community of Practice Pathways Navigation Convening.

Student Health Services

Employee Updates

We have a new Adjunct Therapist coming soon in March 2019. His name is John Guinn LMFT. Also, Sue Shrader Hanes LMFT is taking time off to attend to health needs until August 2019.

Events & Activities

- Our Community Health Advocates have garnered over 500 American College Health Assessments. We offered
- \$10 to each student completing the survey and went to 9 locations to collect the surveys. The results will provide both national and Mesa data results on mental and physical health.
- Robin Perry RN and Suzanne Khambata FNP both attended the LIT conference for Former Foster Youth at Mesa. This was an exciting, heartwarming and highly educational event.
- Suzanne Khambata FNP attended the San Diego County Public Health Colleges and Universities meeting. Narcan is a subject of great importance in preventing death from narcotic overdose.

Innovations & Data

Student Health Services provided direct office care to 671 students in February.

Innovation: Suzanne Khambata FNP attended the Tuberculosis Elimination for Colleges and Universities meeting. Strategies for assessing students preparing for college were presented by UCSD. They now have a program in the UC system for mandatory TB screening for all incoming freshman (by questionnaire). We are working on a proposal for SDCCD that mirrors the UCSD process.

Innovation: Student Health is forming a group to invent an event that allows students to explore their spiritual nature in an effort to provide emotional support during stressful times, encourage self-confidence and reduce anxiety.

Innovation and data: Subsequent to a conference on mass vaccinations in colleges and universities in 2018, we enacted our strategies to improve our flu vaccination numbers to over 1,000. We are coming to the end of our Flu vaccination season. Student Health has provided over 900 flu vaccines free to students. Flu season is underway and it's not too late to get your flu shot.

Student Success Stories

Kennedy Carrothers, Nursing student and NANCE in our office, has completed a full 50% of her Bachelors in Nursing program. Kennedy has been working in Student Health Services for 3 years. She earned her Associates degree in Biology in 2017 and transferred to National University in 2018. Kennedy has been mentored by Vanessa Gambala FNP.

Special Recognition

Linda Gibbins-Croft LCSW is recognized for her diligent work with students in our Mental Health program. In February, one of our Therapists became ill and was suddenly off for the remainder of the semester. Linda has been seeing as many clients as possible, creating new ideas to accommodate the high numbers of students requesting therapy and keeping her lively, compassionate attitude all the while.

Student Success & Equity

Events & Activities

Community Conversations (Loft) - Equity vs Equality
Equity Conversations - Joint School Meeting
Leaders Inspiring Transformation (LIT) Conference

Innovations & Data

Direct Student Support: In February 2019, SSE reviewed 57 applications for assistance and was able to provide direct support to 45 of these students. In total SSE gave out \$6,710 in support. \$4460 was in book support, \$1800 in food support, \$60 in printing support, and \$425 in transportation support (in addition to semester passes given out by EOPS).

The Stand: During February 2019 The Stand had 2126 transactions and is currently serving 1095 individual students.

The Stand: Farmers Market held on February 21st, we gave out 7,616 pounds of produce and nearly 2560 pounds of shelf stable goods to 665 households.

The Stand: Pop-up Market In February began working with The Ronald McDonald House as part of Feeding San Diego's Retail Rescue program. We are getting roughly 1000 pounds of food every Tuesday, which is passed out in approximately 20-30 minutes to 70-100 students. While everyone is welcome the pop-up market is primarily serving students.

Special Recognition

Special shout out to Sade Burrell, Leticia Diaz and the entire NextUP Team for an inspiring conference (LIT) in support of our current and former foster youth.

The Stand would like to send out a huge thank you to our business support office for doing the heavy shopping for The Stand and ensuring our shelves stay stocked.

Transfer

Events & Activities

SDSU Admissions Decisions started February 25. We are asking the Student Services Family to help track these students. Students are asked to indicate their transfer institution on our SD Mesa pennants. If you need pennants we are happy to drop some off at your office.

Innovations & Data

Representative tabling visits have started. Mesa welcomed GCU and Columbia College to campus. A variety of transfer workshops including ULink, SDSU transfer and appeals workshop were offered.

Point Loma Nazarene University and National University had a great turnout for their tabling event in the lobby of general counseling.

The Transfer Center will be working with the PATH program to recruit humanities students applying to UCSD.

Region X TCD's met with SDSU Admissions to offer feedback for SDSU's initiative to reexamine admission. Feedback was well received and documented.

Gity has responded to over 150 transfer center emails!

TC staff has been assisting students with applications for private institutions.

Private College and University admissions deadlines vary throughout March. There is still time for students to apply.

Azusa Pacific University is opening a BA in business program at their Mission Valley campus. They are recruiting Business ADT students and offering to waive the admissions fee.

New USD/Mesa Articulation Agreement has been published by both Mesa and USD. Look for that on the website soon!

With the help of Mary Garcia we are endeavoring to track SDSU applicants major and GPA data. We are asking those departments who work directly with transfer students to please encourage them to complete a super short Google form <https://goo.gl/forms/drN0GWAdTSRt1KDc2> thank you!

Student Success Stories

The TCE brag wall already has 11 pennants celebrating SDSU admits. Please send students to the transfer center to fill out pennant and get information on the Transfer Recognition Luncheon (5/2/2019)

Policies & Procedures

Registration for the Transfer Recognition Luncheon will be via a link on our website in April between the dates 1-26. Please encourage students to RSVP in that time frame.

Special Recognition

The Transfer Career Evaluations Faculty and Staff continue to provide excellent service to our students. The TCD sincerely appreciates their dedication and support for our Transfer Students. This is a great team!

Thank you Mary Garcia for initiating a new data collection program.

Veterans & Records

Employee Updates

We started off the Mesa Veterans Internship Program for Spring and Summer participants. Working on selecting the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship recipients. Veterans Recognition Ceremony planning is on track. Joined the Veterans Region 10 meeting this month. Attended a meeting with Easter Seals Bob Hope Veterans Outreach team along with Pavel Consuegra and Katlin Choi to work on doing employment and internship outreach with veterans.

Events & Activities

- Breakfast Social coming up on March 19th.
- Scholarship Dinner coming up in April where we will have 2 Veterans of Mesa Scholarship recipients being awarded.
- May 17 will be the Veterans Recognition Ceremony where we will recognize transfers, graduates, and Mesa VIP participants.

Innovations & Data

We had 412 student visits to the Veterans Resource Center in the months of January and February.

Student Success Stories

Meg Wiley, Mesa Alumn

https://www.possefoundation.org/news-and-events/first-year-wesleyan-vet-dives-into-student-government?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=first-year-wesleyan-vet-dives-into-student-government

Special Recognition

Kelsey Graham for spearheading our Operation Gratitude fundraiser to help send care packages to our deployed troops.

Vice President Student Services

Employee Updates

- Oversight of Mesa Pathways efforts were shifted from VP Hands to VP O'Connor and co-coordinators Toni Parsons and Howard Eskew.
- VP Hands will serve as a 2019/20 Mentor for the ACCCA Mentor Program.

Events & Activities

- Leroy Johnson and Charlie Lieu presented the "[Your Mesa Journey](#)" tool at Pathway Navigation – Community of Practice Convening #1: Getting Started at Cuyamaca College. We were able to share this amazing tool with other community colleges and provide best practices on how to organize and create a similar product.
- The M&M team held a Valentines Love Song Trivia Challenge. Winners received packs of spicy and sweet goodies.

Innovations & Data

- Through all the hard work of reprogramming our online scholarship system and efforts in promoting Mesa Scholarships to students, the Student Affairs department and Mesa Foundation we were able to dramatically increase the number of submitted applications (applied to a scholarship) and lower the number of drafted applications (general application created, but did not apply to a scholarship). 2018/19 Final Scholarship data: 578 submitted/184 drafted, compared to 2017/18 data: 381 submitted/442 drafted.
- Mesa Journeys Team Claudia Estrada-Howell and Charlie Lieu provided program coordinators and department managers with training on how to access data and information collected in "Your Mesa Journey" tool. Go help those students!!!
- We have a new Image Gallery tool available for Mesa web sites. Check it out here: <http://www.sdmesa.edu/academics/academic-support-programs/cruise/>
 - To learn how to add this feature on your site, schedule a training with [Charlie Lieu](#).

Student Success Stories

Professor Lisa Shapiro shared a [video](#) created by students, featuring Mesa college students sharing what diversity means to them. The video was the final presentation for work in Professor Shapiro's Business Communications course. #equitysighting

Special Recognition

VP Hands attended the following events/activities and wanted to give a special shout out to the event/program coordinators

- Woman to Woman Black History Month Event (UMOJA)
- Black History Month Kick-off Luncheon (CDAIE)
- Rosa Parks Birthday Recognition & Libation Celebration (CDAIE)
- Annual SDICCCA Trustees Dinner (President Luster)
- Leaders Informing Transformation Conference (EOPS/Sade Burrell)
- Black Male Emotions and Vulnerability (UMOJA)
- Career Business Technology Grand Opening
- Looking Forward, Looking Back: Alumni Exhibition Reception (Mesa Art Gallery)