



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

- The Career Center hired a new Project Assistant for the Career Ambassador Program

Events & Activities

- VP Hands submitted Mesa's Guided Pathways Work Plan on the behalf of the Mesa Pathway's Planning Taskforce.
- Assessment & Testing hosted a resource table at the Jumpstart Your Success: Cash In on Community College event on March 10.
- The Evaluations department completed the Commencement website update. There is now more information and an easier to follow process for students, faculty, and staff about the event.
- Puente were participants of the Women's March 17 minute Walk-Out
- Members of DSPS participated in Jump Start as well as the recent Mesa Information Night events, providing information on available support services to prospective students and their families.
- On March 17, Outreach's Student Ambassadors were invited to participate in a student panel at the Reach Higher Expo sponsored by San Diego Unified and Cal-SOAP to bring college awareness down to the middle school grades. students got the opportunity to engage with college students and ask them questions about their experiences and college life. Student Ambassador Jordan Nash and Cassie Casares represented Mesa College at the panel.
- Marichu with STAR TRIO facilitated the Chapter Treasurer's Meeting at the WESTOP Annual Conference.

- Ten members of the Associated Students traveled to Washington, DC, between March 17 and March 20 to attend the National Student Advocacy Conference hosted by the American Student Association of Community Colleges.
- Student Success & Equity visited Mira Costa College's Farmers Market - Met with the director and organizers of their farmers market, gained great insight..

Innovations & Data

- 184 students were assisted with Residency, International and Allied Health; 168 forms were processed; 1,574 phone calls were handled and 79 applications were submitted for the Allied Health programs.
- As of 03/27/2018, the Financial Aid Department has 20,346 students and over \$28 million dollars in State, Federal and Private aid.
- Student Health Services received a small grant for \$250 to start an Active Minds chapter. This is a peer to peer group that educates students on prevention, treatment and stigma reduction of mental illness.

Student Success Stories

- Three CalWORKs students are graduating and two have been accepted to San Diego State University (SDSU).
- Congratulations to the recipients of the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship: Simon Sandoval \$500 and Jim Nelson \$500.
- The Admitted Student Workshop for SDSU students that was held by the Transfer Center was well attended.

Policies & Procedures

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Admissions

Events & Activities

Elizabeth Jones and La Keita Platts attended the Customer Service Training

Events & Activities

Admissions participated in the Financial Aid Fair and the Jump start events

Innovations & Data

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Assessment

Events & Activities

Assessment & Testing hosted a resource table at the Jumpstart Your Success: Cash In on Community College event on March 10.

Innovations & Data

Assessment & Testing provided the following services –

- English Assessments: 25
- Math Assessments: 28
- Placement Assistant: 19
- ESOL: 9
- Orientations: 25
- Total Students Served: 80

Assessment & Testing continues to partner with Outreach to offer Assessment services to our feeder high schools. We are able to offer the Placement Assistant to students at our feeder high schools who participate in Outreach's pre-enrollment workshops. The Placement Assistant component of these workshops have been warmly received and hugely successful in eliminating students (and high school counselors!) concerns with placement testing and both are relieved and grateful when students receive placement levels and class recommendations at the end of the pre-enrollment workshop. We are slowly, but surely, changing the culture around "placement testing" at our feeder high schools. So far, we have served 68 students through these pre-enrollment workshops at three high schools.

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AVANZA Student Engagement Center, Peer Navigator, and CRUISE Programs

Employee Updates

As of this report, the Peer Navigator program regrets to share we had a member from the team step down due to personal reasons. We will miss our Peer Navigator, but we are supportive of their decision. Although Peer Navigator stepped away from the program, we are happy to report they remain in school and will continue at Mesa.

Events & Activities

March 13th

Campus Conexiones

Yolanda Catano shared her powerful narrative growing up in a cross-border culture and focused on the struggles that made her stronger and led to her success. Event aims to increase educational awareness to all students by hearing how obtaining a degree takes perseverance and sacrifice.

March 14th and 19th

Peer Navigator Monthly Workshop: How to Write a Resume

Natchel B. and Philip J. created and presented a one hour workshop on how to best prepare, research, and develop a resume. PowerPoint presentation allowed for "Q and A" at the end of the session, and student feedback was positive. Overall, 25 students attended event.

March 22nd

Peer Navigator Event: Video Game Night

As a result of CRUISEr feedback, Peer Navigator program hosted a Video Game Night in the AVANZA Engagement Center. Tournament style play resulted in strong attendance and offered a break from midterms for most students. The event aims to connect students to Center, increase participation, and offer a break from school.

Innovations & Data

AVANZA Engagement Center will be going a remodel in the coming weeks and introducing any new steps are temporarily on hold.

Student Success Stories

The Campus Conexiones monthly speaker series is yielding strong feedback. "I can relate with the speaker because I share some of the struggles that she talked about" and "an inspiring and motivational workshop" were just some of the responses students gave after attending our event. We hope to increase awareness and motivating students!

Policies & Procedures

Policies and procedures are developing.

Special Recognition

Our Project Assistant, Alexi Balaguer, has been doing outstanding work, delivering results under pressure, and supporting the Peer Navigator team. In addition, she has been a strong liaison for the programs and student services and we are fortunate to have her on our team!

CalWORKs

Events & Activities

- Attend CalWORKs Region X Meetings - Sasha Verastegui.
- Spring 2018 Mesa Information Nights – EOPS handed out CalWORKs Brochures
- Jumpstart / Cash In on Community College Information Fair - EOPS handed out CalWORKs Brochures
- Spring 2018 Financial Aid Information Fair – Had a table!

Innovations & Data

For the 2017-18 academic year we currently are pushing close to 80 CalWORKs students.

Student Success Stories

We have 3 CalWORKs students graduating and two have been accepted to San Diego State University (SDSU).

Policies & Procedures

70% of all program documents have been updated with the intention to and creating a more informative CalWORKs orientation packet and promote campus student support services program.

Special Recognition

Our small CalWORKs Village had A LOT to do with our program growth. The programs growth and survival would not have been possible without these groups of great student advocates.

- Larry Maxey
- Lupita Fernandez
- Markus Berrien
- Pahua Vang
- Johanna Aleman

Career

Employee Updates

The Career Center hired a new Project Assistant for the Career Ambassador Program. Additionally, one of our adjunct counselors started an additional role as a Work Base Learning Coordinator with Career Education.

Events & Activities

We collaborated with the Interior Design Club and provided a resume workshop to interior design and architecture students. We were also invited to classrooms by three faculty members and our Career Counselors offered tailored classroom presentations regarding topics on resumes, social media presence, and the job search process. Representatives from Lupe's Mexican Eatery visited our campus this month to recruit and hire Mesa students. Additionally, the Career Center established the following new employer contacts this month:

- A-Star Staffing
- Advanced Test Equipment Corp
- Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito
- Chrisopoulos CPA Inc.
- City of Carlsbad
- City of Coronado
- Cobham Microelectronic Solutions
- Hotel Republic San Diego
- LensCrafters
- Manpower
- San Diego County Office of Education
- Sterling Wealth Strategies

Innovations & Data

The Career Center is working on a service learning page that will be added to the center's main website. This page will facilitate the implementation of service learning in the classrooms as well as demystify the role of service learning for Mesa students.

Student Success Stories

The career center supervisor had the opportunity to attend the first STEM career field trip to Wild Willow Farms and The Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve. Mesa College had 30 STEM community scholars participate.

Special Recognition

We would like to recognize Dr. Leticia Lopez for becoming a huge supporter of Career Services and in helping the services reach so many of her STEM students. THANK YOU!

Counseling

Employee Updates

Taneisha Hellon started as an adjunct counselor on March 5.

Events & Activities

We had 5 counselors and a Counseling SST at the March 10 Jumpstart Event.

Innovations & Data

1061: Drop-Ins Only

548: Apt Only

1548: Total

CDAIE, in collaboration with Student Health Services and Disability Support Programs & Services sponsored the first annual Deaf Celebration Day on Wednesday, March 7th in commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the 1988 “Deaf President Now” student protest at Gallaudet University, leading to the first Deaf President of that institution since it was established in 1864! The celebratory event featured excerpts from the film, Deaf Mosaic, a Deaf Immersion Tent, a Deaf Community Services information table and gourmet food provided by “Feast on This” run by a Deaf caterer. The evening continued with a panel of AMSL faculty, including a former Mesa College student, Pauline Burcham, who flew down from Oregon to participate in the day’s activities. Following the panel, Deaf Celebration Day ended with Deaf poetry performances, which were well received. There were a total of 420 individuals who signed into the daytime events and 97 people attending the evening events. Evaluations (completed by 94% of the students attending) indicated overwhelming praise for all of the activities and requests that the event be held annually.

Some Puente highlights for the month:

- Balboa Park Museum of Man ‘Race: Are We So Different?’ Exhibit visit
- Puente National Conference in Long Beach
- Participants of the Women’s March 17 minute Walk-Out
- Planning for Puente Night at the Theatre
- Planning for Chicano Park Day Celebration
- Puente Club: Bonfire and on-going fundraiser

Breakfast Social: We raised over \$1,100 towards the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship and Veterans Emergency Fund.

Special Recognition

Everyone!

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DSPS

Employee Updates

DSPS is pleased to welcome Erick Escalante to his new role of Instructional Assistant/Learning Resources, serving as our test proctor. Erick previously worked to support test proctoring as an hourly employee.

Events & Activities

Members of DSPS participated in Jump Start as well as the recent Mesa Information Night events, providing information on available support services to prospective students and their families.

Innovations & Data

DSPS Counselors served 143 students through scheduled appointments in the month of March. Our High Tech Center fulfilled 11 alternate media requests and 115 students logged a total of 523 hours in the High Tech Center Computer Lab. DSPS test proctoring provided testing accommodations for 316 exams in the month of March.

Special Recognition

I want to recognize the continued dedication and commitment of all of our Faculty and Staff in their efforts to provide a safe and supportive environment to our students. Thank you!

EOPS/CARE

Events & Activities

- We took 8 students to the EOPS Region 10 Leadership Conference at SDSU – students came back really inspired and motivated to explore their career options, we are connecting them with the Career Center
- Foster Care Awareness Week was a successfully executed! The presentations, stories, information and performances were inspiring and informative.
- Borderless Scholars collaborated with Student Health Services for an undocumented student support group – 6 students attended.
- CARE collaborated with CalWORKs to provide two workshops on Home Organization and Time Management for Parents.
- Met with Angell Foundation regarding the funding they are providing for foster youth – they are very happy with the work being done and very likely to fund us again next year.
- We have submitted CAFYES application as a district - waiting to hear back regarding funding for next year.

Special Recognition

I would like to recognize the team that made Foster Care Awareness Week a reality, Sade Burrell, Jina Deutsch and Melissa Zavala. They did an outstanding job planning and executing the event!

Evaluations

Events & Activities

The evaluations department completed the Commencement website update. There is now more information and an easier to follow process for students, faculty, and staff about the event.

Innovation & Data

- We sent out hard copy invitations and email invitations to Summer 2017 and Fall 2017 graduates for the 2018 Commencement.
 - As of today, we have 33 students registered to participate in the ceremony.
- In the month of March we processed 466 petitions, of these:
 - 307 were Petitions for Graduation
 - 43 were for Academic Renewals Without Course Repetition

Special Recognition

We would like to thank Victoria Miller and the office of Student Affairs for their support and for leading the way in our commencement ceremony planning this year. THANK YOU!

Financial Aid

Employee Updates

Alex Canon one of our NANCE staff, has been accepted SDSU Grad School for a MSW. Alex was also chosen as "the" outstanding graduation senior for the social work department. Alex will sit on the stage with all SDSU Faculty.

Events & Activities

Cash in On Community College was a joint event with Jump Start this year; total 350 attendees; we had 2 Mesa Info nights one is English and other one is Spanish.

Innovation & Data

As of today, 03/27/2018 we have 20,346 student over \$28 million dollars in State, Federal and Private aid. A total of 12,705 students were paid a total of \$9,473,253 in BOG Fee Waiver, A total of 1,736 students were paid a total of \$1,988,613 in State Aid, a total of 5,083 students were paid a total of \$15,248,501 in Federal Free Aid, a total of 311 students were paid a total of \$1,187,019 in Federal Student Loans, a total of 59 students were paid a total of \$546,417 in private student loans, A total of 173 student were paid \$98,105 in scholarships and miscellaneous aid and a total of 279 students were paid \$69,651 in the DACA Emergency Fund.

Outreach & Community Relations

Events & Activities

Outreach continues to host our Mesa Information Nights to prospective students and their families. On March 14th, Outreach held its Spanish “Mesa College Noche de Informacion,” at the Access Inc., building in Linda Vista. Access Inc. is an education, career development, and immigration agency for San Diego County immigrant and youth population. Through a dedicated team of case managers, mentors, career coaches, instructors, and community partners, Access Inc. strives to provide services from a heart of compassion and commitment. During this session, attendees had the pleasure of listening to overviews from Financial Aid – Pilar Ezeta, Transfer – Mary Garcia, CRUISE – Agustin Rivera, DSPS – Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, EOPS – Nellie Dougherty, and STEM Conexiones – Lauren Arriola-Sanchez. We closed the session with a general campus presentation and a Q & A session with our very own Mesa ambassadors, Joshua Quiroz and Karen Villanueva as well as Lauren Arriola-Sanchez. On March 22nd, we held our second information session, this session was held on campus. We had families from throughout San Diego County, some even coming as far Poway High School, the rain did not detour them from attending. During this session they received a warm welcome from our Dean of Student Affairs, Victoria Miller and then they heard from the following departments: Financial Aid – Randall Gambill, Transfer – Gabriel Adona, CRUISE – Quintin Wortham, DSPS – Steven Salter, EOPS – Karen Geida, and then Outreach closed off the session with a Mesa presentation and student panel (Nic Irving, Rene Murillo, and Nina Geissler). We would like to acknowledge everyone who participated!

On March 3, Student Ambassadors Cassie Casares and Nic Irving represented Mesa College at the Hoover High School Annual College Fair. Cassie and Nic spoke with numerous students regarding Mesa’s programs and services.

On March 16, we hosted fifty (50) students from Lewis Middle School. Continuing Education Counselor, Olivia Flores, made the connection and initiated the trip for the students. The students received a presentation and a tour led by Student Ambassadors Cassie Casares, Jordan Nash, Joshua Quiroz, and Karen Villanueva.

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On March 20th, Outreach was invited to present at the Patrick Henry High School Parent Information Night. Outreach was able to share the numerous opportunities available to their Patrick Henry students as they transition to Mesa. There were over 20 families in attendance; overall the information night was a great success.

On March 21, Student Ambassador Karen Villanueva represented Mesa College at the San Diego Center for Children's College Fair. She provided prospective students and their families with information regarding the various programs and services offered at Mesa College.

Innovation & Data

In light of the innovations and changes in our assessment policies and procedures at Mesa College, Outreach has redesigned our high school pre-assessment workshops to offer schools a "Pre-Enrollment Bundle." Last Spring, we facilitated pre-assessment workshops at our feeder high schools for students who were interested in

attending Mesa that upcoming Fall semester and then arranged for those students to be transported to Mesa to take their assessments in our campus Assessment & Testing Office. Our Pre-Enrollment Bundle includes the same services of one-on-one Student Ambassador assistance with the Admissions Application and the online orientation as well as the “Next Steps – Mesa presentation,” which focuses on programs that will assist them as they transition to Mesa. Additionally this year, students will have the opportunity to utilize our recently launched and updated Placement Assistant. Through our Pre-Enrollment Bundle students will have the ability to complete their SSSP steps through assessment with a Mesa staff person guiding them along the way. Participating students at our feeder schools will no longer have the need to come to campus and take the Accuplacer in English or math and will come away from the pre-enrollment workshop with placement levels and course recommendations. The sessions have been well received by high school counselors and students and both are amazed with the efficiency and ease of the Placement Assistant. We are so excited to participate in innovations such as these and are working with counselors to spread the word about our new and improved assessment practices. In March, we facilitated this with three schools and served 68 students through the pre-enrollment workshop. We have a large number of these sessions programmed for April.

Student Success Stories

Student Ambassador Nina Geissler has also been accepted to SDSU and UC Riverside. She, and other Ambassadors, continue to wait to hear back from the remaining colleges and universities they've applied to. Congratulations, Nina!

STAR TRIO

Events & Activities

Marichu facilitated the Chapter Treasurer's Meeting at the WESTOP Annual Conference.

Innovation & Data

- 125 - student supplies request
- 42 - appointments

Student Affairs

Events & Activities

Jumpstart / CashIn

Jumpstart is a major campus event, potentially the largest event held each year on Mesa College's campus. The goal of the event is to provide prospective and incoming students with the tools and information they need to succeed before they begin attending classes. This included campus tours, assistance with securing Financial Aid, how to add and drop classes, advice on weathering the transition from high school to college, and much more. Many academic departments and student service areas also participated with demonstrations. This year the Jumpstart program partnered with the Cash In program, which is generated and funded by the Financial Aid Office. The partnership allowed the formation of a robust event planning committee, as well as providing both programs with access to greater resources. The experience gained by the planning committee in setting up and managing the event is already being put to good use for next year. The one-day event was held on Saturday, March 10.

National Student Walkout

Mesa College's Associated Students and the Student Affairs Office supported the National Student Walkout by asking students to leave their words and marks on a banner created especially for this event. The 17-minute walkout was meant to commemorate the one-month anniversary of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; each minute of the walkout represents one of the students that perished in the shooting. At Mesa College, the walkout was followed by a rally on the Sunrise Plaza for the participating students

Scholarships

The month of March sees the conclusion of the Scholarship Review Period (March 1 to March 16) and the identification of scholarship recipients. One-hundred-and-one students have been picked to receive awards, with five students receiving the maximum of three separate scholarships. Notifications to these recipients will go out at the beginning of April, and they will be officially recognized, alongside the donors that made these awards possible, at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

ASACC Conference

Ten members of the Associated Students traveled to Washington, DC, between March 17 and March 20 to attend the National Student Advocacy Conference hosted by the American Student Association of Community Colleges. The conference featured engaging advocacy workshops, a keynote speech by Ralph Nader, and scheduled visits with state and federal legislators, which for the Mesa College cohort included Juan Vargas and Scott Peters. The group was also able to take a staff-guided tour of the Capitol Building, which culminated in a visit to the gallery over the Senate Floor; the Senators were on lunch at the time, which provided Mesa's students with a good view of government in action. Lastly, Mesa's student leaders were able to briefly witness snow falling before entering the airport terminal on their way home.

NCRC Art of Inclusive Communication

As part of an ongoing series of trainings, Mesa College hosted another Art of Inclusive Communication faculty and staff training session on March 22. Additional training sessions for students, faculty and staff are scheduled for the month of April.

Student Success Stories

Congratulations to President Joe Newell for his leadership. He is doing an excellent job collaborating with students, staff and faculty. He leads from his heart, cares about his peers and serves as an inspiring role model. Joe facilitated a very warm welcome to prospective students during our Jump Start and Cash in on Community College welcome. He created a space that students felt welcomed, motivated and excited to be a part of the Mesa College Community.

Special Recognition

Thank you to Kathy Fennessey for her exceptional coordination with the Mesa College Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

Student Development

Events & Activities

The Veterans Pancake Social was held on Tuesday, March 13.

The Personal Growth Instructors had a Faculty Retreat on March 16. The retreat focused on Student Success Data Dashboard, Using Student Success Data as Mindful Practitioners, in addition to the PERG Faculty Resource Site which is now available as a Canvas shell for PERG Faculty. Thanks to all the faculty who made this retreat happen, along with Student Success and Equity for continuing to support this effort, Bridget Herrin for sharing about the Dashboard, and Chris Sullivan for facilitating the discussion on Student Success Data.

Innovations & Data

The Integrated Planning Survey and Report was launched this semester. Faculty and programs that received funding through the Innovative Practice Funding Request was asked to submit the report. The report is designed to be an opportunity to pursue cohesive, integrated program strategies, while determining how funds have made integration efforts more efficient and sustainable.

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Special Recognition

Thanks to the PERG Faculty Workgroup Leads and for those who assisted with the retreat: Laura Mathis, Kirsten Pogue-Cely, Anthony Reuss, Adam Erlenbusch, Guillermo Marrujo, Anne Hedekin, and Raquel Sojourner.

Thanks to all who supported the Vet Pancake Social on Tuesday, March 13. Over \$1,000.00 was raised and the proceeds will go towards the Mesa College Veterans Emergency Relief Fund. Thanks to Ramiro Hernandez and his team for initiating the online sign up form for delivery orders, and for Zulma Duran for assisting with the deliveries. Thanks to our friends from the Culinary Arts Program, Tonya Whitfield, Domini Renda, and students from the Culinary Arts Program for continuing to support our efforts to serve Mesa College Student Veterans. Shout out goes to the Veterans Advisory Council, Office of Communications, Veterans and Records Office, Veterans Resource Center, our VA Work Study students, Administrative Services, Counseling, Student Services, and the Mesa College Foundation for their continued support.

Smith, Maxey, and Crakes provided a spring 2018 BSI/SE/SSSP updated to the President's Cabinet on March 15. The presentation focused on Basic Skills English and Math driver diagram, Integrated Planning Survey and Report, SSSP Reporting, and Student Equity Executive Summary, along with the Student Success Scorecard Outcomes with a special focus on completion rates, degree attainment, and transfer rate, and an update on the STAND.

Thanks to Claudia Estrada for working with the LOFT and organizing Professional Learning Opportunity that was facilitated on March 21, 2018. There were three sessions such as: Building Customer Satisfaction, Collaborative Customer Service, and Managing Customer Expectations.

- Admissions – Trung Huynh
- Career – Raquel Sojourner, Olivia Picolla, and Ashley Baker
- Counseling – Andrew Tanjuaquio and Vang Thao
- MAAP – Kristy Carson
- Veterans – Laura Arellano

Student Health Services

Employee Updates

We are welcoming our new Senior Student Services Assistant Mimi (Thanh- Thao) Vu May 1st!

Events & Activities

The March 21st Death Experience drew crowds of well over 500 students who engaged in interactive exhibits centered around the prevention of drunk/drugged driving. Our thanks to Kalli Bright Assistant District Attorney who displayed photographs of crash scenes along with prosecutor 1st hand stories of recent events. Marian Novak from Rockers Against Drunk Drivers distributed coupons for local restaurants that provide free sodas for designated drivers and cool sunglasses. A banner reading "I pledge not to drive while texting" was signed by hundreds of students. The San Diego Mesa College Police force volunteered their time and effort to conduct the "Drunk Driving" course. To Lt. Dianna Medero and Sgt. Jeffery Hughes we give our thanks. Static displays of crashed cars, autopsy recordings and photo journal stories were up all week.

Innovations& Data

Innovations: Student Health Services collaborated with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to produce the Deaf Celebration Day event. Faculty, staff and Peer Educators from our office provided event support. Thank you to Judy Sundayo for a thrilling event. Committee member and Student Health Counselor Sue Shrader Hanes LMFT was an active member of the Deaf Celebration Day planning group and provided conversational and group processing after participants completed the event.

We received a small grant for \$250 to start an Active Minds chapter. This is a peer to peer group that educates students on prevention, treatment and stigma reduction of mental illness. We are partnering with the Psi Beta club and Psychology Professor Helen Greenbergs Ph.D. to launch Active Minds on campus in May 2018.

Data: 478 student contacts this month brought us to full capacity. The flu season has seen a lengthening period with Influenza B as the prominent virus.

Special Recognition

Special recognition goes to Sue Shrader Hanes LMFT for her tireless work with the Deaf Celebration Day. Sue worked many hours arranging all the volunteers, attended planning meetings and created a space at the event to "process" for participants completing the event (and so much more!). Sue is beloved by all!

Student Success & Equity

Events & Activities

- Jump Start - March 10
- Visited Mira Costa College's Farmers Market - Met with the director and organizers of their farmers market, gained great insight.
- Presented on integration at President's Cabinet.
- Presented at Foster Care Awareness Week activity.

Special Recognition

Sade Burrell for coordination of Foster Care Awareness Week activities and bringing so many amazing resources to our campus for our foster care students. Great work!

Transfer

Events & Activities

- Transfer Options Fair 4/24
- Career Next Steps 4/25
- Azusa Pacific is offering an admission to ADT psych majors UCSD will announce admission decisions in end of April.
- The Transfer Center held a variety of workshops: CSU/ADT, Intro to Transferring, SDSU, UCSD U-Link, General UCSD, UC/TAG, Appeals Workshop that a total 40 students attended

Innovations & Data

Please refer admitted students to the Transfer center to sign up for TRL

Student Success Stories

Students are continuing to be accepted to their universities. Additionally, over 500 mesa students have been accepted to SDSU with a total of 90,000 transfer application's this year. The admitted student workshop for SDSU students was well attended.

Veterans & Records

Employee Updates

Had a very successful Breakfast Social and raised over \$1,100 for the Veterans Emergency Fund and Veterans of Mesa Scholarship. Working on the Veterans Graduation Ceremony being held on Friday May 18 at 11am

Events & Activities

March 13: Breakfast Social-Raised over \$1,100

May 18, 2018: Veterans Graduation Ceremony

Innovations & Data

Created a Google Doc for pre-order and delivery intake

Student Success Stories

Recipients of the Veterans of Mesa Scholarship: Simon Sandoval \$500 and Jim Nelson \$500

Special Recognition

Big thank you to everyone who helped put together the Breakfast Social and make it a huge success; Tonya Whitfield and the Culinary Arts students and department, Office of Communications, Veterans Office, Veterans Resource Center, Zulma and Dale the VA Work Studys, Administrative Services, Printing & Mail Services, Counseling, Student Services, the Mesa College Foundation, and our Veterans Advisory Committee.

Vice President Student Services

Events & Activities

- VP Hands –
 - Co-Presented on Guided Pathways at the February 2, 1018 Region X Deans Academy
 - Submitted Mesa's Guided Pathways Work Plan on the behalf of the Mesa Pathway's Planning Taskforce.
Attended and provided a Welcome for Foster Youth Awareness Week
 - Signed up and will serve as Mesa College's representative for the Association of American Indian Advocates of the CCC. As a representative, AAIA information and opportunities will be shared with the campus.
- The M&M team held the 2nd annual pi/pie event on March 14th.
- Mesa Journeys (Student Pathways through Student Services)
 - Final updates have been made to the survey.
 - Three sessions have been scheduled in April for collecting cohort program information.
 - Email will go out to program coordinators the first week of Aprils
- Building safety personnel reported their observations on the building evacuation due to a regional power outage on March 13th. These will be shared with the college and used to reflect upon our evacuation process.

Innovations & Data

- President Luster, VP McGrath and VP Hands attended a meeting with the High Tech High staff to discuss possible partnerships regarding the impending launch of High Tech High Mesa, which will be housed at the former site of Horizon Christian Academy site in Clairemont.
- VP Hands, Dean Maxey and Johanna Aleman, visited MiraCosta Community Colleges Farmers Market to help us imagine the possibilities and finalize plans for Mesa's April 19th Farmers Market. Our Farmers Market will provide free produce to all members of the Mesa College Community.
- Charlie Lieu and Joel Arias attended the OminUpdate User Training Conference in Anaheim, CA.
- There is a new form feature in OU Campus! You can use this feature to generate an interest list, conduct a survey, develop an application for your program, etc. Learn how to create and add a form on a Mesa web page: [OU Form Video Tutorial](#)
- New forms added for upcoming graduation celebrations for Student Veterans and Raza Grad.
- Scholarship Survey Results
 - 38% response rate to the Student Scholarship Survey. Almost triple the amount of responses from last year's survey!
 - 42.78% applied to 1-2 scholarships
 - 25.26% applied to 3-4 scholarships
 - 12.37% applied to 5-6 scholarships
 - 19.59% applied to more than 7 scholarships
 - 77.96% agree and strongly agree that the instructions were clear
 - 78.04% agree and strongly agree that the scholarship system was easy to navigate

Positive responses:

- “Thanks to the Mesa Foundation I was able to fund my study abroad program. This has also help me stay in school full time a not worry about working enough hours at my job. You can only stretch out the Pell grant so much.”
- “I have no negative critics for the process; it was easy to navigate!”
- “I love the experience overall, specially knowing someone cares!”
- While the overall responses were positive, we also received some wonderful feedback to help us improve our scholarship process for next year.
- Improve search filters
- Provide workshops on essay writing, application process, and identifying scholarship opportunities
- Create video tutorials
- Update some of the questions on the general application

Special Recognition

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