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MESA COLLEGE



WEEKLY UPDATES FROM

*Prez Hands*

*Hello Mesa College Community!* .....

**Weekly Update from Prez Hands** provides a brief overview of the exciting efforts taking place within our community. The updates are also a great way to tell our collective story of success, and to document our journey of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Enjoy!

OFFICE OF THE *President*



**Wishing you all a joyful and restorative holiday season!**

As we wrap up another meaningful semester at Mesa College, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the dedication, energy, and care each of you brings to our campus community. May your winter break be filled with

rest, connection, and celebration in whatever ways bring you joy. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year—refreshed, re-energized, and ready for all that awaits.

Happy Holidays, Olympians! 🌲 ✨

[Click here](#) to view the Holiday Luncheon album.



### San Diego Mesa and City College Named Black-Serving Institutions

San Diego Mesa College and San Diego City College have been recognized among the first Black-Serving Institutions in California. This new state designation highlights colleges that are committed to advancing equity, removing systemic barriers, and strengthening support for Black student success. Both campuses offer a range of programs and services that foster belonging, connection, and academic achievement.

For more information, [click here for the SDCCD Press Release.](#)

### District Closure for Holidays

A gentle reminder that the District will be closed from December 23, 2025 - January 2, 2026.



### Spring 2026 Pilot: 36-Hour Workweek

Beginning January 5 through April 3, the District will implement a pilot 36-hour workweek. Most campus and student service areas will follow a Monday to Thursday schedule, with offices closing at 1 p.m. on Fridays. Spring 2026 classes will meet as scheduled. This pilot is an opportunity to support employee well-being, strengthen service to students, and better understand how to align staffing with peak periods of need.



A dedicated webpage with details and a short survey will be available for employees to review information and share feedback throughout the pilot. [36-Hour Work Week webpage.](#)

**Hours:**

**Student Services:**

Fridays: Close at 1:00 p.m.

**LRC Hours**

**January 2026 Intersession (Jan 5–Jan 30):**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**Spring 2026:**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Administrative Offices:**

Fridays: Close at 12:00 noon

JOIN US FOR THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE**  
SAN DIEGO  
Community College District  
City College · Mesa College · Miramar College  
College of Continuing Education

**SUNDAY**  
**18 JANUARY**  
**11:00 AM**

ARRIVAL TIME FOR MARCHERS  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

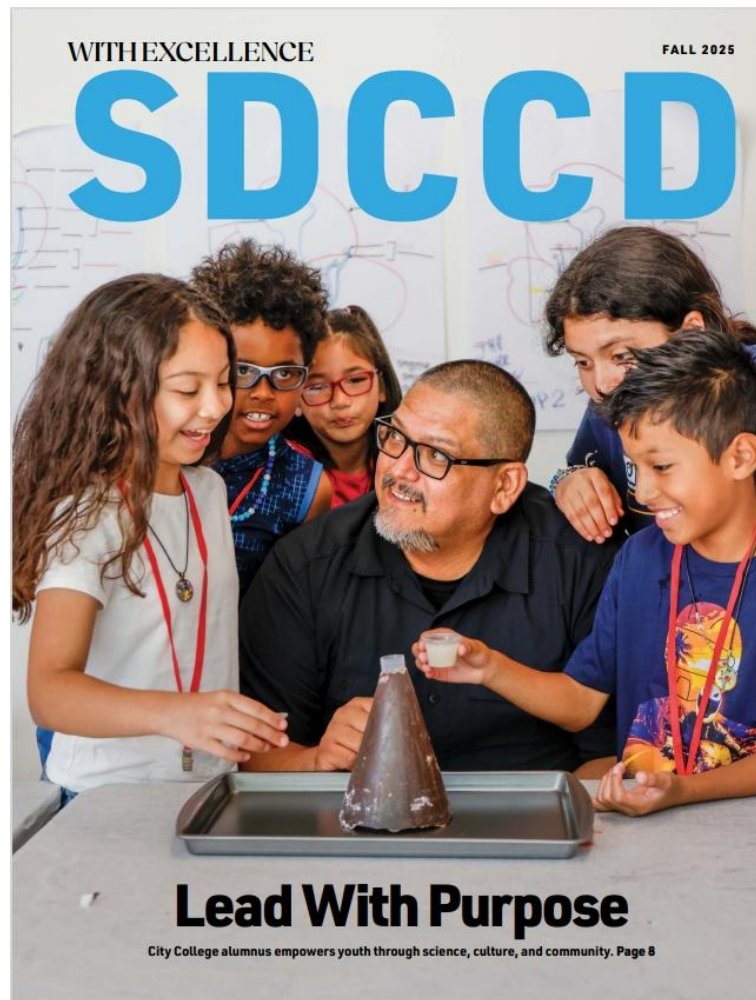
**HARBOR DRIVE (BETWEEN  
GRAPE AND ASH)**

**Celebrating the  
Dream of  
Equality and Justice**

Sign Up/RSVP  
here!  
Free T-Shirts  
while supplies  
last

**Join us for the 44th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.** Students, faculty, administrators, and classified professionals from the San Diego Community College District will march together at the annual 44th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on **Sunday, January 18th, 2026**. This year's parade theme is "Hope in Action: A Dream Still Unfolding"

RSVP by scanning the QR code in the flyer or [click here.](#)



**SDCCD has released the Fall 2025 issue of WE Magazine.**

On page 16, Mesa College highlights “**Building Spaces of Unity**”, showcasing the opening of the CommUnity Spaces in the I400 Building, along with the addition of the KUP Unity Village. These spaces foster a sense of belonging through cultural programs such as Kapwa, Umoja, and Puente.

[Click here](#) to view article.

The WE Magazine also features the **SDCCDsafe App**, which helps students and employees stay safe by providing easy emergency communication, connectivity with their personal safety network, and the ability to send anonymous tips.

[Click here](#) to view article.

[Click here](#) to view the Fall 2025 WE Magazine Issue.

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OFFICE OF *Instruction*

**Intersession and Spring 2026**

We have two more weeks until the Holiday break, so all eyes are on Intersession 2026 enrollment. We did see 60 more students enroll in a course; however, this still has us down in headcount compared to the same time last year. Our current headcount is 2,163 compared to 2,406 last year, and FTES is currently at 274 compared to 306 FTES this same day last year. We are currently working on a plan to potentially open up our in-demand courses and will be reviewing the potential next steps. Our Spring 2026 enrollment numbers continue to look positive, with an additional 2,378 students enrolling since last week, bringing our headcount to 14,916. FTES is at 4,563, bringing us 79% of the way to our Spring FTES goals.

**This past month, the Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Program provided students with three hands-on opportunities to explore STEM careers, engage with real-world research environments, and learn about pathways available right here in San Diego.** Through industry visits (MESA Shadow Day), research-focused experiences (Salk Institute), and a dedicated session with the MESA Program at San Diego State University, MESA scholars gained valuable insight into local STEM career options and SDSU programs tailored for community college transfer students. These experiences help our students make informed decisions about their academic and career journeys while building connections with professionals and university partners.



**CSUSM AANHPI 2-Year Pipeline Partnerships**  
SD Mesa was invited to CSU San Marcos to explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration and deepen our shared commitment to student success. We look forward to building this partnership and expanding pathways that support our communities. Stay tuned!  
#GoOlympians #GoCougars

To learn more:  
[CSU San Marcos - APIDA Success Initiative](#)

### SD Mesa AANSPISI Supporting SDUSD APIDA Student Leaders

SD Mesa continues its partnership with [SDUSD's AAPI High School Leaders](#), extending our collaboration beyond hosting the first APIDA Youth Conference to supporting their monthly student leadership meetings. We are proud to witness these students build confidence, community, and a strong sense of belonging as they explore their future college pathways. Their growth has been inspiring, and we look forward to continuing this work. [If you know any high school students who may be interested, please encourage them to join!](#)



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# COMMUNITY TRAVEL:

 **ICELAND**

Join us for our first program,  
**July 27 - August 5, 2026**

This could be you!

Get ready for an adventure that does more than just fill your passport—it changes lives. We're excited to introduce the **Mesa Community Travel Program**, designed for individuals who love to explore and make a positive impact. This is not traveling to study; it's traveling to experience! We are thrilled to share details about our **inaugural trip**:



**Destination:** Iceland

**Dates:** July 27 – August 5, 2026

**Host:** Don Barrie, a partially retired geology professor at San Diego Mesa College whose life's work has been making geoscience accessible to general audiences in both academic and non-academic settings.

**Join Us for an Informational Session:** ask questions, learn more about joining and get to know our Community Lead, Prof Don Barrie.

**Date:** Thursday, December 11

**Time:** 3:00-4:00 pm

**Attend in person:** LRC 229, Mesa College (in the Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Language Center, Room 229) Bring a sweater it can get cold.

Or join us on Zoom: **Join SDCCD Zoom Meeting:** <https://sdccd-edu.zoom.us/j/3065529907?omn=81154861014>

Topic: Iceland information session: community travel Time: Dec 11, 2025 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Meeting ID: 306 552 9907, One tap mobile+16699006833,,3065529907# US (San Jose),  
+16694449171,,3065529907# US

This program is also about **impact**. For many students, the life-changing opportunity of studying abroad is out of reach. By joining a Mesa Community Travel trip, you become part of our mission to make international education accessible to everyone. A **\$500 portion of each tour fee** goes directly to our study abroad scholarship fund and programming, helping deserving students experience the world, build community, and gain a global perspective. We hope to see you in the meeting.

**Recording:** If you are unable to attend but want a recording, please complete this form. [SD Mesa College Community Travel Information Recording Program Interest Form – Fill out form](#)

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OFFICE OF *Student Services*

# SCHOLARSHIPS



**Apply Now!**

[sdmesa.edu/scholarships](https://sdmesa.edu/scholarships)

 **December 5, 2025**  
Applications open

 **February 17, 2026**  
Last day to apply

**FREE**  
to apply

Over 115  
Scholarships

Awards from  
\$250-\$2000

Open to all enrolled  
Mesa College students

All GPAs  
encouraged to apply

**Don't miss out!** Financial support to help you reach your goals.

For more information or additional questions, please contact [mesascholarship@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesascholarship@sdccd.edu)

Scholarship applications are now available! Please encourage your students to apply to the Mesa College Foundation Scholarships. [Our Scholarships webpage has all the information you might need!](#)

The final deadline to apply is **Thursday, February 17th, at 11:59pm!**

You may also direct students to [the Apply for Mesa Scholarships video](#), and [a brief video tutorial we created on how to get started with applying](#).

Scholarship Application Workshops for Mesa College Scholarships are now available! [Follow this link for more information about the workshops](#). *25 students who attend a workshop session and apply for at least 3 scholarships will be randomly chosen to receive a \$50 gift card!*

If you would like a classroom presentation about our scholarships, then please contact Zulma Heraldez ([zheraldez@sdccd.edu](mailto:zheraldez@sdccd.edu)).

# WELCOME WEEK

Student Affairs is pleased to present the **SPRING 2026 Welcome Week** on **Monday, February 2nd** through **Thursday, February 5th!**

We strongly encourage all departments that want to have an external (i.e. outdoors) set-up to request space at the Welcome Week booths on the Mesa Commons so that we can all support each other while we support our students; follow the instructions in the online form to request space at the Welcome Week booths if you are planning to host an outdoor activity. Other Welcome Week related set-ups, such as requesting a table and chairs

to be placed right outside of your office space, *must be submitted separately through the usual event planner process*; we still ask that you let us know about your activity so that we may include it on the schedule of Welcome Week events!

Please submit your activities to the online [Welcome Week Activity Form](#) no later than **Friday, January 9th, 2026**.

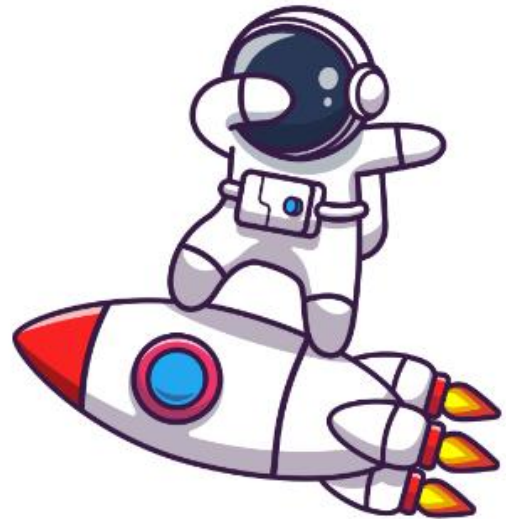
If you would like to volunteer at the Welcome Week Info Booth on Monday and Tuesday, then please contact Courtney Lee ([clee@sdccd.edu](mailto:clee@sdccd.edu)) in the Student Affairs office with your availability. We look forward to a welcoming, festive, and engaging Welcome Week!

# New Issue Alert

[Click here for the latest Mesa Journeys Newsletter!](#)

The Mesa Journeys newsletter gives a more in-depth look at all the great things that are happening on our campus. We encourage all faculty and staff to pass this along to our students, and also to sign up to receive these newsletters straight to their inboxes! Click below to sign up and for more information about Mesa Journeys:

<https://linktr.ee/mesajourneys>



**Click on the flyer to enlarge**

The Stand, Mental Health Services & Associated Students Present...

**Finals Week**  
**Rock Painting!**  
Decompress after your finals with some fun and relaxing rock painting!

**Location: K105**

**Dates:**  
Thurs Dec 11, 2025  
Wed Dec 17, 2025

**Time: 10-1pm**

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
Mental Health Services

Requests for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-388-2774

**STUDENT SUPPLY CART**  
Student Health Services will be giving out school supplies and snacks to prepare you for finals!

**DEC. 8TH - 9TH 9AM - 2PM**

**Find us outside the bookstore & outside on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Student Services building**

**Scantrons & Blue Books**

**Notebooks & Pencils**      **Snacks & Drinks**

**NARCAN Fentanyl test strips, drink covers & more!**

Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than five working days prior to the event. Call (619) 388-2774 or contact [skhambat@sdccd.edu](mailto:skhambat@sdccd.edu) for more info

**BILINGUAL COLLEGE FAIR** January 24, 2026

**LMEC**  
2875 Ocean View Blvd  
San Diego, CA. 92113

9:00am - 3:00pm

- Community Colleges
- Universities
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Workshops
- And More

Representatives from local & international colleges & universities

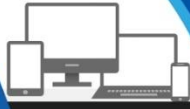
Register here

For more information please contact the Community Affairs Department of the Mexican Consulate:  
+619-308-9930      [comunidadessdi@sre.gob.mx](mailto:comunidadessdi@sre.gob.mx)





WE ARE HERE TO HELP!  
**MESA COLLEGE  
TECH HUB**



**CONNECTING CAMPUS THROUGH TECH**

The Tech Hub is designed to provide convenient, walk-up technology services for our students, faculty, and classified professionals.

**OUR SERVICES**

- **Wi-Fi & Access:** Help connecting to SDCCD Wi-Fi.
- **Canvas & Tools:** Setup and troubleshooting for Canvas, Zoom, Pronto, and more.
- **Accounts & Login Help:** Password resets, Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), SSO issues.
- **Email:** Microsoft Outlook.
- **General IT Support:** SDCCD devices, software, and digital resources.

NEED HELP?  
STOP BY THE TECH HUB IN THE STUDENT SERVICES LOBBY, FIRST FLOOR (I-400)

MON-THURS: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
FRI: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONTACT US OR SCAN THE QR CODE

619-388-7000

<https://help.sdccd.edu>

SCAN HERE



**December**



**Haus of Study**

December 8-11th | 11am to 5pm | Location: D102

Need a place to study? Come to the Pride Center to enjoy cozy lofi music while you study. Laptops available! While supplies last.

**Pharmacology Pathways**

Thursday, December 10th | 1pm to 2pm | Location: D102

Learn about the journey into the field of pharmacy from a UCSD pharmacy student who will share her experiences navigating education and career pathways as a queer woman. Gain insight into the role of a pharmacist, what you learn in pharmacy school, why she chose UCSD, and how the application process works.

**LAST DAY OF FALL SEMESTER**

Friday, December 19, 2025

**Know Your Rights & Emergency Preparedness Workshops for Undocumented Families**

**Virtual Workshops**

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Learn about immigrant rights and family safety planning. Facilitated by SDCCD and Higher Education Legal Services. This workshop is open to all allies.

Each workshop is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Join Us on Zoom**

<https://sdccd-edu.zoom.us/j/85424752391>

Oct. 15, 2025

Nov. 19, 2025

Dec. 10, 2025

All workshops will be in English with translation services in Spanish, and Haitian Creole



HIGHER EDUCATION LEGAL SERVICES  
a program of Jewish Family Service

San Diego City College

San Diego Mesa College

San Diego Miramar College

San Diego College of Continuing Education

For more information, or to request disability services (at least five business days in advance), contact Dean Lillian A. Garcia at [lgarcia002@sdccd.edu](mailto:lgarcia002@sdccd.edu).

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

To help us maintain a safe, clean, and fully operational campus, please remember that all requests for Facilities support should be submitted through the [Facilities Work Order System](#). This system ensures your request is routed to the correct team and allows us to track progress and response times.

**You may submit a work order for issues such as:**

- Elevator outages
- Water leaks or plumbing concerns
- Broken glass or damaged fixtures
- Cleaning needs (urgent or routine)
- Heating/cooling concerns
- Lighting or electrical issues
- General repairs or maintenance

Thank you for helping us keep our campus environment safe and welcoming. If you have questions about the process, please feel free to contact the Facilities Services at 619.388.2814.

**RSVP TODAY FOR  
C-CERT TRAINING  
CAMPUS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**



**We are excited to invite you to our upcoming C-CERT Training taking place January 26-28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

This training will equip you with essential skills and knowledge to effectively respond to emergencies and disasters on campus. As a member of C-CERT, your role is crucial in preparing, organizing, and collaborating as a team during and after emergencies. C-CERT members strengthen campus resiliency and play a vital role in emergency response efforts. Review flyer for all the details of this training.

Join us in enhancing campus safety and preparedness by registering for this important training. Your commitment to the C-CERT is invaluable, and we look forward to having you on the team.

For this Academy there will be a limit of approximately 15 people. You will receive a confirmation email from Matt Fay that you have been added to the training list. **You must be available for all three days of training.**

To register, please click [here](#).

**Our official voting form is now live and will be open until 5:00 pm this Friday, December 12th.**

Please click on the link below and vote for your favorite door!!!! Please scroll so you can see all the entries before voting. There is only one vote allowed per SDCCD email, and all votes will remain anonymous.

[2025 Holiday Door Official Voting Link](#)

Thank you so much to all the departments who are participating, it is so great to see all of you working together to make our campus a more festive place to be this month. The winner will be announced at the Senate Holiday Party next week, on Wednesday December 17th. If you have not already registered to attend, please consider this your reminder to RSVP!

Cheers and good luck! 🎀

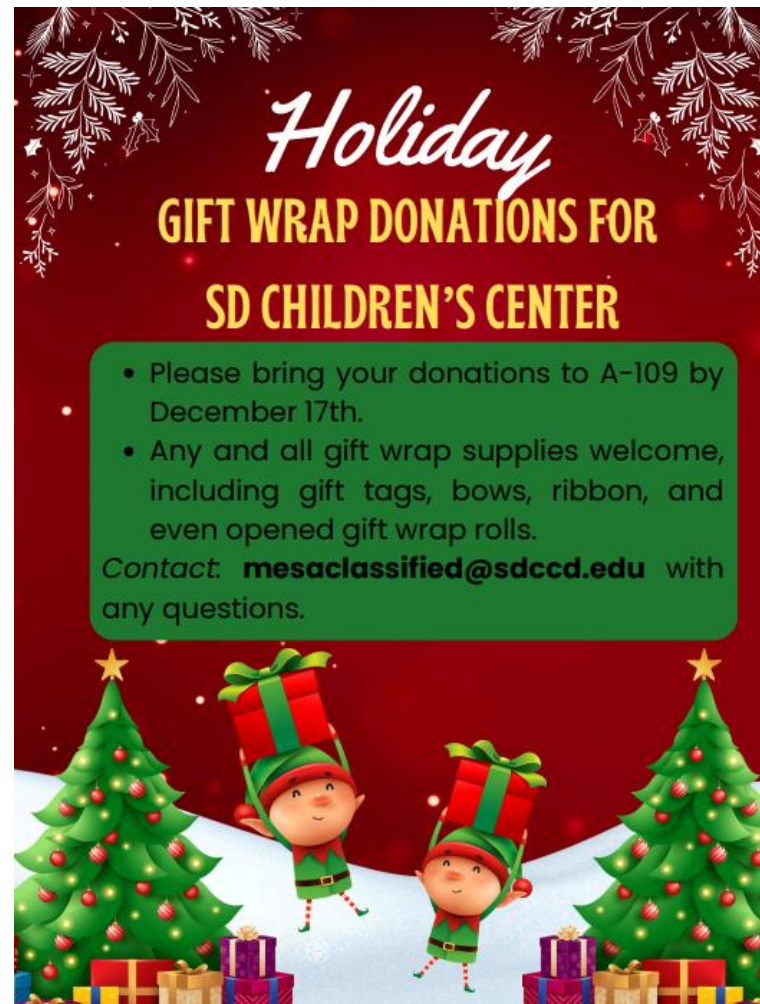
We are requesting volunteers to help with our annual Children's Center Holiday Bazaar and to urge you to donate wrapping supplies.

**What:** Volunteer to help organize and wrap gifts for kids at the San Diego Children's Center **OR** donate gift wrap, bags, or other wrapping supplies.

**When:** December 18th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
\*\*must be punctual and available for those hours specifically to volunteer. The center is a closed facility for the safety of the children and your visit will be pre-arranged.

**How to sign up:** Email us at [mesaclassified@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesaclassified@sdccd.edu)

**How to donate:** Drop off your gift-wrap donation to A-109 before December 18th. *All donations welcome*, no matter how small. We will also accept open rolls of wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, or tape.



## RSVP TODAY FOR **ALICE TRAINING** Active Shooter Training & Preparedness



As part of our ongoing commitment to campus safety and preparedness, we have scheduled a series of safety trainings and events for 2026. All employees are encouraged to attend at least one ALICE training during the year. Each ALICE session will focus on situational awareness, response options in an active threat situation, and practical strategies to increase personal and community safety on campus.

### Personalized ALICE Trainings for Buildings

Building Managers may also request a customized, building-specific ALICE training for their area. To schedule a session tailored to your building's layout and needs, please contact: Sgt. Mark Green ([mgreen@sdccd.edu](mailto:mgreen@sdccd.edu))

### Schedule:

[Friday, January 30, 2026; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

[Friday, April 10, 2026; 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Friday, August 21, 2026; 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Friday, October 16, 2026; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)



## EVENTS AND OPERATIONS

### When to Call Events/Operations vs Facilities

#### Events and Operations

- Event Requests
  - Room Reservations
  - Setups
  - Event Parking
- Parking
- Site Improvements
- Furniture Requests
- Office Relocations

#### Facilities

- HVAC
- Leaks
- Restrooms and related supplies
- Landscaping
- Minor Repairs

Facilities: 619-388-2814

Events & Ops: 619-388-5881

## SAFETY

### Workplace Campus Safety vs Public Safety

#### Workplace Safety

- Cal/OSHA
- Emergency Management
- C-CERT
- Facilities Inspections
- Permits
- Hazardous Waste
- Biohazardous Waste
- Training
- Ergonomics

#### Public Safety

- Public Disturbances
- Medical Emergencies
- Theft
- Threats
- Criminal Behavior
- Mental Health Issues
- Suspicious Circumstances
- Anything Requiring Immediate Response

Police Dispatch: 619-388-6405

[Click here](#) to learn which administrative areas are involved in managing our college operations.

## OFFICE OF *Institutional Effectiveness*

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness is excited to announce the launch of the redesigned [Transfer Volume Dashboard](#), an interactive tool that provides a comprehensive view of Mesa College students who successfully transferred to four-year universities using the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) methodology.

This dashboard allows users to:

**Explore annual transfer trends**, top university destinations, and common majors pursued by Mesa transfer students.

**Examine efficiency metrics**, including time to transfer and units earned.

**Analyze equity gaps** to understand whether transfer outcomes are proportional across student populations.

These insights support institutional planning, illuminate key student pathways, and help the college strengthen strategies that promote equitable and timely transfer for all students.

You can access the Transfer Volume Dashboard [here](#)

. Note: Access requires SDCCD Single-Sign-On credentials. If you are logged in and cannot access the dashboard, please follow this [instructions](#).

To schedule a demo, ask questions, or provide feedback, please contact [acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu](mailto:acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu) and [ncortes@sdccd.edu](mailto:ncortes@sdccd.edu).



# FOUNDATION CORNER

A space to learn about our latest efforts to connect partners who share our passion for education with opportunities to give. See how fundraising can help you, our students, and Mesa's mission.

[Learn More](#)



**Please take a moment to complete the “Mesa Dreams” survey. Your feedback helps us better serve you and guide our future fundraising goals.**

*Co-Creating Possibilities*



## GIVE YOUR INPUT, SHAPE MESA'S FUNDRAISING GOALS

Mesa is taking part in a district-wide fundraising campaign to raise more philanthropic dollars. We will be making a set of brochures to share fundraising priorities & campus needs.

We need your help defining what will be “on the menu” for donors to give to!

Please take a moment to complete the “Mesa Dreams” survey, which:

- Takes 10–15 minutes
- Has 14–16 questions
- Aims to capture your needs, as well as your boldest wish list
- Will shape fundraising goals
- Asks you to dream big!

[bit.ly/MesaDreams25](https://bit.ly/MesaDreams25)

SCAN HERE:



### Want to learn more about grant seeking?

View the flex workshop hosted by Dr. Michael Lettieri, who is leading grant writing efforts, and Krista Stellmacher, CFRE and Director in service to the Office of Resource Development and Foundation.

[View Recording](#)

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# Participatory Governance

To learn more about our Associated Students, Academic Senate, and Classified Senate, please visit the links below:

[Associated Students](#)

[Academic Senate](#)

[Classified Senate](#)

## In The Know

For additional information on what is happening on campus and in our community - visit the links below:

[Mesa College Newsroom](#)

[Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

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**Ashanti Hands, Ed.D.**

**President | San Diego Mesa College**

*Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!*

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