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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!

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OFFICE OF THE *President*

**** CORRECTED WITH UPDATED SUMMER HOURS. SEE HIGHLIGHTED BELOW ****

Congratulations
CLASS OF





**Giving day Thursday, May 28, 2026,
with donations accepted through
Sunday, May 31.**

TODAY IS THE DAY! 🕒

Each year, on the eve of our Commencement, we host #MesaGivingDay, a day where we come together as a community to honor those crossing the stage and raise funds in support of the next generation of Olympians.

This year, the San Diego Mesa College Foundation is offering a match. For every dollar given, a dollar will be added-doubling the impact of donations up to \$10,000. All gifts made now through May 31st are eligible.

We invite you to join our efforts by contributing and spreading the word. Every gift, at any amount, counts toward our match and helps us show community-wide momentum.

1. [➔ Make a Donation](#)
2. [➔ Post on Facebook](#)
3. [➔ Post on LinkedIn](#)

Every dollar makes a difference!



This past week, the Mesa Full Self Driving Team [@mesafsd](#) traveled to Indiana to compete in the 2026 Autonomous Karting Series and brought home a top-5 finish with their self-driving go-kart.

MesaFSD was the only community college team in a field of major universities, competing against teams from University of California San Diego, Purdue University, Kennesaw State University, University of Michigan, and Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Congratulations to the students who made this incredible achievement possible! ❁❁



Summer 2026 Modified Work Schedule

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San Diego Mesa College will transition to its Summer 2026 Modified Work Schedule from June 1 through August 7, 2026, with many employees participating in a Monday–Thursday 4/10 workweek. The adjusted schedule supports operational efficiency while providing employees with greater flexibility during the summer months, with holiday observances coordinated at the manager’s discretion.

June 1, 2026-August 7, 2026

**Monday-Thursday
4x10s WORK WEEK**

Note:

Friday, June 19th - Juneteenth

HOLIDAY - observed on an alternate date at the manager’s discretion.

Friday, July 3rd - Holiday observed for Independence Day

HOLIDAY - observed on an alternate date at the manager’s discretion.



REGISTER NOW!
JUNE 2ND - 4TH

EVENT SCHEDULE



Classicon
2026 *Stronger Together*

[Classicon 2026 is Registration is Open!](#)

On behalf of our Classified Professional Learning Committee (CPLC), we invite you to Classicon, Mesa's professional learning conference for classified professionals! The event is taking place on June 2nd – 4th. Our theme this year is centered on teamwork and collaboration, bringing us together to strengthen how we support one another and serve our diverse campus community. Together, we'll explore how collective effort leads to more inclusive and equitable outcomes for all.

We are “Stronger Together”!

- **June 2nd, 2026 (Tuesday)** 10am – 3:30pm | Workshops
- **June 3rd, 2026 (Wednesday)** 10am – 3:30pm | Workshops
- **June 4th, 2026 (Thursday)** 10am – 3:30pm | Sports Day

Please note that some sessions have limited capacity and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a workshop reaches capacity, registration for that session will close.

Non-Participation in Immigration Enforcement Activities

Please remember that our district has an official immigration policy, [AP 3415](#). This policy directs all inquiries regarding immigration enforcement to the District Chancellor and District General Counsel. If you receive a confirmed report of immigration enforcement on campus, please contact:

- SDCCD Chancellor's Office (Greg Smith): 619-388-6957 | chancellor@sdccd.edu
- SDCCD General Counsel (Ljubisa Kostic): 619-388-6589 | lkostic@sdccd.edu

You are not expected to engage with immigration enforcement or place yourself or others at risk. If approached by immigration officials, you may respond: "I am not authorized to speak with you, answer your questions, or provide access to any people or facilities per SDCCD policy. Only the District Chancellor and General Counsel have authority to assist you." To stay informed and prepared:

- Update your emergency contact information in the [MySDCCD portal](#)
- Download the [SDCCDsafe App](#)
- Refer to the [District's Immigration Resources page](#)
- Continue to read campus emails and official updates

San Diego Mesa College has a clear, coordinated Immigration Enforcement Response Plan centered on our Emergency Management Response Team, led by the President and including College Communications, Vice Presidents, Facilities and Operations, OEHS, and the Campus Community Emergency Response Team, in coordination with SDCCD Police. Recognizing that every incident is unique, this structure ensures we are prepared to act quickly and compassionately with clear communication, coordinated safety measures, and robust support for students and employees should an incident occur.

OFFICE OF *Instruction*

ENROLLMENT *update*

Summer 2026 is just around the corner and enrollment continues to grow. Our current FTES is 1,407 with a headcount of 7,592. When comparing the same point in time for Summer 2025, we have an increase in both FTES and headcount. As we prepare for drop for non-payment and fraudulent enrollment sweeping, we still anticipate adjustments; but things are very positive for summer 2026 enrollment. Fall 2026 has also increased since last week. We have an FTES of 3,279 and a headcount of 9,391. We are a little over halfway to our target for fall!

Recap | AAPI Men of Color Group End of the Year Gathering (May 20, 2026)

The AAPI Men of Color Group hosted their End-of-the-Year gathering last week, celebrating past and current participants while welcoming new members. The group reflected on an eventful year that included bi-weekly gatherings and workshops, conference attendance, and even student presentations at a conference! A special thank you to Marc Pescadera and Justin Rapolla for their continued leadership and support, along with Counselor Andrew Malinis, Peer Mentors Tyler Liebel and JD Frial,



and PATH Intern Luis Ruben Jacobo for their assistance in making the program a success.

OFFICE OF *Student Services*



Building Belonging, Celebrating Futures

Students from CARE & CalWORKs, the Dreamer's Resource Center, EOPS, Pride Center, NextUp & FAST, and Rising Scholars visited the University of California, San Diego campus on May 15, 2026. This experience represented access, belonging, and a reminder that they deserve to take up space in these environments and envision themselves as changemakers. Seeing students who shared similar backgrounds, hearing honest stories about challenges and success, and walking through spaces where futures are being built made the experience feel attainable.

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

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

Bond Measure HH News and Updates



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May 2026

Read about the latest and greatest on Measure HH!

The May 2026 Bond Measure HH newsletter highlights ongoing progress toward modernizing San Diego Community College District campuses through major capital improvement projects, including new educational facilities, athletics and performing arts upgrades, infrastructure improvements, and expanded student resources designed to support future generations of students.

To read more, [click here](#).

Reminder regarding parking permits for events, guest speakers, and meetings.

Event Parking:

All parking for events should be included as part of your Event Request in the [Events & Reservation Portal](#). Please keep in mind that all event requests must be submitted at least three weeks before the date of your event (longer for large events). More information can be found in the [Event & Reservation Portal FAQs](#).

Non-Event Individual/Group Permits:

Requests for non-event parking can be submitted via the [Non Event Parking Permit Request Form](#) now available on our [webpage](#), within the [Events & Reservations Portal](#). These would include requests that are not part of an “event,” such as guest speakers, departmental meeting attendees, etc. that do not require any other support.

NON-EVENT PARKING PERMIT REQUEST FORM

NEW!

WELCOME TO THE EVENTS & RESERVATIONS PORTAL

How will you be bringing in your event request?

- Create Event
- Edit Event
- Non Event Parking Permits** (If you need to park guests enter an event request and fill out the parking section.)

This form can be used for parking permit requests that are **NOT** related to an event and do not require additional resources or a space/room (i.e. community clinic, meetings in dept. conference rooms, guest speakers during a class, etc.)

- Must be entered two weeks in advance
- Requests require manager approval, similar to Event Requests
- Can be used for single or group permits

Parking related to events will need to be entered as part of an Event Request.

WWW.SDMESA.EDU/EVENTS

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▼ WEEKLY SAFETY TIP

KNOW WHERE YOUR AED IS LOCATED

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are mounted in clearly marked cabinets throughout buildings across campus (AED locations available on the Mesa Safety website) – take a moment to find the one nearest to your work area. Use an AED immediately when someone is unresponsive, as this may indicate sudden cardiac arrest. **No prior training is needed** – once opened, the device provides clear spoken and visual instructions that guide you through every step. Always call **911 first**, begin CPR, then apply the AED as soon as it is available.

75% SURVIVAL RATE

Immediate use of an AED within 3-5 minutes can increase survival rates as high as 75%

AED SAFETY TIP

Notice: Effective Monday, April 6, the Business Services Office will close at 12:00 PM daily for walk-up service to accommodate year-end processing. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this busy time.

[Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#) | [Consolidated Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year-End Deadlines](#)

New Resource: Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary

The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office has published a new [Data Element Dictionary & Acronym Glossary](#) on our website to support a shared understanding of the terminology used across Mesa College. Whether you're reviewing reports, navigating dashboards, or interpreting campus communications, this resource is designed to clarify common data definitions and acronyms in one central place. You can find it on the [IE website](#) under the **Data Dictionary & Acronym Glossary** section. We invite you to explore it and reach out to the IE Office with suggestions for new additions, updates, or corrections as we continue to build and refine this tool together. For feedback, please contact **Adriana Caetano** at acaetanofournier@sdccd.edu.

IE Office Hours – A Dedicated Time to Think Through Your Data Together

The Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office is launching weekly Office Hours to serve as a partner for your data questions and ideas. Whether you're exploring data for program review or accreditation, thinking through how to use our dashboards, or simply trying to make sense of what the data is telling you, we welcome the opportunity to work alongside you. During the Spring semester, **from January 20 (Flex Week) through June 1**, we will pilot these new office hours. Join us **Tuesdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m.** in the IE Office (A-109). We have a conference room for collaborative conversations—and yes, there's coffee too!

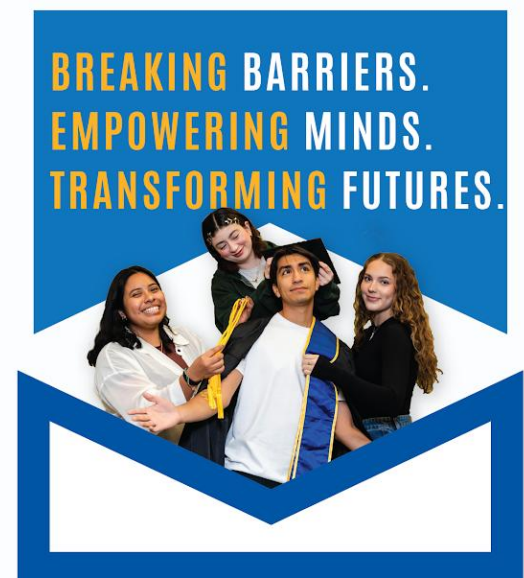
We look forward to being your data thought partner.



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](#)



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](#)



Join us for the San Diego Mesa College Olympian Open on **July 24, 2026**, at 12 p.m. as we tee off to support our incredible student athletes. This signature golf fundraiser brings together community leaders, alumni, and champions of education for a day of fun, connection, and purpose. Your participation, whether through sponsorships, donations, or in kind gifts, directly fuels athletic equipment and academic support that help our Olympians succeed both on the field and in the classroom.

[▶ Register and Donate](#)

Our **annual Mesa College Giving Day** will take place on the eve of our graduation commencement, Thursday, May 28th. This is a day where we join together to build community and support for Mesa and our students. With the help of Maria Teresa Rodriguez Rivera (Mesa Impactship Program Intern), Kiana Kikuchi, and Amanda Brown, we are elevating our efforts this year. Here's our timeline:

- April 20: Ambassador Toolkit Available
- May 4: #MesaGivingDay Kickoff
- May 28: #MesaGivingDay
- May 31: Deadline for #MesaGivingDay donations

We are seeking Ambassadors to help spread the word about #MesaGivingDay - anyone can support!

[▶ Join our Ambassador Interest List](#) for updates on how you can get involved

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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Creating conditions that matter for our students to succeed!

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