



FIRST Monday ON THE Mesa

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October 2017

Fall classes are in full swing.

This month, I am proud to debut the [2016-17 Mesa College Annual Report](#). The past year has been a year of “Thank Yous”. You will see many familiar faces, events and stories reflected in the achievements of the past year. From Summer Cruise, to the Teach-In, to Accreditation Re-Affirmation and the Scholarship Challenge, Mesa College continues to strive to be The Leading College of Equity and Excellence, and I want to thank all of you for helping us get there.

Mesa Supports our DACA Students

On Sept 5, 2017 the President of the United States ordered the elimination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, a program that provides support, especially educational opportunities, for young people who were brought to this country as children.

In response, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution that reaffirms the SDCCD's values and procedural support for all students, especially the DACA students. The resolution also urges Congress to extend the DACA program and make it permanent so that these deserving young people can realize their potential and achieve the bright future that they deserve.

Some resources being made available to our DACA students are:

- Legal workshops on campus so DACA students



can learn about their rights

- Mission Asset Fund is providing \$495 scholarships so DACA recipients can renew their status. Students can apply at www.LC4DACA.org before Oct 5, 2017.
- Funding is available to local colleges to provide emergency financial aid resources to students.
- Up-to-date information will be posted for students and employees, as we receive it, on the [District Immigration Resources webpage](#) and the soon-to-be – developed Mesa College DACA page.
- [The Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education \(RISE\) Club](#) adviser Amber Alatorre can be reached at aalatorr@sdccd.edu.

2017 Homecoming and Spirit Week

The 2017 Spirit Week Pep Rally on Thursday Sept 23 was a great success, and one of the biggest that we have hosted thus far. Hundreds of students, athletes, faculty and staff gathered in Sunrise Plaza to enjoy the festivities. Attendees got a chance to meet multiple athletics teams, don temporary tattoos and cheer for the Mesa Dance Team who treated us to a pop-up performance. The Outreach Office won a cash prize and VIP Homecoming Game tickets in the Office Decorating Contest.

On Saturday, ASG hosted the Tailgate Party before the big game. Students, faculty, staff, community members, and their families enjoyed food, games, and comradery. Fans then enjoyed an exciting game of football, with our Olympians squaring off against the East L.A. Huskies. Sadly, Mesa did not prevail, finishing with a score of 20-13. Mesa is currently 3-1 and ranked I encourage everyone to check the [Football Schedule](#) and catch a game.

A big win for the team though was when the got to deliver FIVE FULL bins of food to The Stand after the game. The football team arranged a Homecoming food drive and designated all game proceeds to go towards supporting their fellow students, proving the students are ALSO #allin4students.

I'm also proud to announce that we had our most successful year of ticket sales for the Pay It Forward Scholarship, raising over \$600. Vice-Chancellor Chris Manis won the drawing, and is deciding how to designate the award. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket to support scholarships for students.



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STEM Center Grand Opening

On Thursday, September 20, San Diego Mesa College debuted their new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Center, located on the first floor of the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

The new center, which is part of the STEM Conexiones Program, will support students, particularly full-time Hispanic and low-income students, and provide them with resources to succeed in various STEM majors.

The STEM Center will offer tutoring, counseling, faculty and peer mentoring, group and individual Study and various workshops. Students who are interested in STEM Conexiones, can complete a [student interest form](#) or

visit sdmesa.edu/conexiones.



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Chancellor's Forum

On Tuesday, September 12, Chancellor Constance Carroll held her annual Chancellor's Forum at Mesa College. The Chancellor congratulated Mesa College on re-accreditation. She provided updates on national and state issues in higher education that impact the District, and reiterated the District's support for our DACA students.

The Chancellor, along with Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd, discussed District finances, the [approval of the 2017-18](#) budget and upcoming enrollment management.

Women in Politics: A Conversation with Senator Toni Atkins

On Wednesday, September 27, Mesa had the honor of hosting Senator Toni Atkins as part of the Women in Politics series. With well over 100 students in attendance, Senator Atkins shared her humble beginnings and how she first got involved in civic issues. The Senator candidly discussed her previous and current career challenges, and her role in local and national politics. Students in attendance asked thoughtful and timely questions, and many raised valid concerns about current political issues. A huge thanks to Department of Women's Studies Advisory Committee, and in particular to Pegah Motaleb, Denise Rogers and team for coordinating the event.



Renewing Our Focus on Career (Technical) Education

In an effort led by the California Community Colleges, SDCCD and Mesa College have launched new campaigns aimed at prospective students, both high school students and adults who want to gain new skills, as well as parents, counselors, employers, and other stakeholders to promote the benefits of California Community Colleges Career Education as an affordable, accessible pathway to a rewarding career.

Career Education, formerly known as Career Technical Education, are majors that students can study that gives them all the benefits of an education at Mesa College, but also provide technical and occupational training to prepare them for a job as soon as they graduate.

President's Breakfast

Coming Friday, October 6, I will be hosting the fall President's Community Breakfast, where I will provide a "State of the College" address to elected officials, board members, alumni and community members. This semester we will also be focusing on the success of our Promise Program, which will include a Q&A with a panel of Mesa Promise students.



Mesa Upcoming Events

National Rideshare Week 2017: "Go Green, Save Green" by taking the pledge October 2 – 6 this week and find alternative ways of getting to campus at www.sdmesa.edu/mesamoves.

Design and Discovery Fashion Showcase: Wednesday, October 4 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Salk. A fashion show highlighting a unique collaboration between Salk scientists and Mesa College fashion students.

Real Talk: Black Male Student Panel Discussion, Thursday October 5, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm in Room I4-409. Topic discussion will focus on how to "Preserve, Protect, and Develop Yourself as a Student at Mesa College."

STEM Lecture Series:

- **Meteorites and the Solar System,** Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 pm in G-101 with Dr. James Day, Scripps Institution of Oceanography professor.
- **What's Inside a Proton,** Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 pm in G-101 with Mr. David McColl, Mesa College tutor and retired nuclear engineer.
- **Animal Conservation Lecture,** Thursday Oct 26, 7:30 pm in G-101 with Wild Wonders, a local conservation organization.

Sustainability Summit Exhibit Hall: Friday, October 13, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the MS Building Lobby. Learn about sustainability, hunger, and food security.

Prospective International Student Workshop: Friday, October 13, 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Room I4-213. Learn about your eligibility for applying or transferring to San Diego Mesa College as an International student.

WE ARE *Mesa* Hispanic Heritage MONTH

Films:

- **“Mar Adentro”/ “The Sea Inside”:** Thursday, October 5’ 1:45 to 4:10pm in MC 211A. Spanish sailor Ramon Sampedro, was left quadriplegic after an accident in his youth. Now, he is fighting for the legal right to end his life. Contact: hpadilla@sdccd.edu
- **“Anita”:** Monday, October 9, 11:10am to 1:35pm in MC 211A. Anita is a young woman with Down syndrome in Argentina in 1994. Contact: hpadilla@sdccd.edu
- **“Bajo la Misma Luna”/ “Under the Same Moon”:** Tuesday, October 10 from 11:10 am to 1:35 pm in MC 211A. A young boy’s journey across the U.S./Mexico border to be reunited with his mother, an undocumented woman working in L.A. Contact: hpadilla@sdccd.edu
- **Chicano/Latino Heritage Celebration: Tim Hernandez, author of *All They Will Call You*:** Thursday, October 12 at 11:00 am in G101. The 1948 California plane crash that took the lives of 28 Mexican citizens-farmworkers who were being deported by the U.S. government. Contact: mvelez@sdccd.edu

Student Poster Session: “Latino/a Leaders in the U.S.”: Thursday, October 12, 12:00 to 2:00 pm in the LRC, 1ST floor lobby. Mesa College Spanish 215 students will give poster presentations highlighting U.S. Latino/a leaders. Contact: fzabalet@sdccd.edu



Men & Women’s Water Polo at Southwestern, Wednesday, October 4. Women compete at 2:00pm and men compete at 3:30pm.

Women’s Volleyball at Imperial Valley, Wednesday, October 4 at 5:00pm.

Men’s Soccer vs. College of the Desert, Friday, October 13 at 5:00pm at Merrill Douglas Stadium.

Football at San Bernardino Valley, Saturday, October 14 at 6:00pm.

Women’s Soccer vs Southwestern, Friday, October 27 at 4:00pm at Merrill Douglas Stadium.

For Athletics information, visit www.gomesa.com or contact Samantha Seiders at sseiders@sdccd.edu.



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