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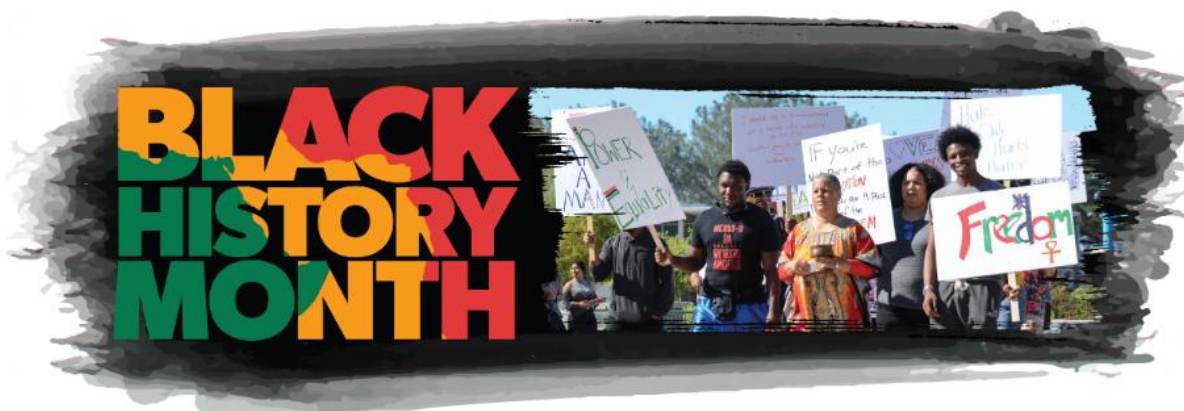


Hello Mesa College Community!

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*



Join us this February as San Diego Mesa College honors Black History Month with a series of events and activities that celebrate the achievements, culture, and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. This month-long celebration will feature thought-provoking discussions, inspiring guest speakers, cultural performances, and educational opportunities to deepen our understanding of the past and present. Together, let's reflect on the legacies of Black leaders, artists, activists, and visionaries who continue to shape our world. Everyone is welcome to participate in these events and engage in conversations that foster unity, respect, and awareness. Let's come together to celebrate Black history, not just in February, but every day of the year.

For a list of events, please visit the [Black History Month Events Page](#)



At today's Rosa Parks Birthday Celebration, the City of San Diego presented a proclamation declaring February 4th as Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day.

Rosa Parks fought to integrate public transportation systems and played a pivotal role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, believing that all people should have equal rights and the right to transit mobility.

Public transit is an essential service and all people regardless of race, ability, age, income status or identity have the right to transit mobility and transit accessibility. We honor the life, legacy, and heroism of Rosa Parks.

Follow our [Mesa College Flickr account](#) to see photos from the event once it updates.

The President's Office requests that all employees have access to the [Employee Information Card](#) regarding ICE. To facilitate this, Print and Mail Services will distribute the cards to all deans and administrators at their respective mail drop-off locations, and we ask our leaders to distribute these cards to their teams.



I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Convocation. Your participation and engagement helped make the event a success and set a positive tone for the semester ahead. We appreciate your commitment to our college community and the energy you bring as we work together toward our shared goals. Let's continue to inspire and support each other as we make this a memorable and impactful spring. Thank you for being a part of this exciting beginning!

For photos from the event, visit our [Mesa College Flickr Account](#).



Please join us for an open and engaging discussion with Chancellor Greg Smith on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in MC-211 A/B.

This is a unique opportunity to engage with the Chancellor on matters of interest and importance to you and to share your ideas to help shape the future of our District. All are welcome! Your voice is important in making our District and colleges the best they can be.

Flex #26356. Light refreshments will be available.

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AAPI Community of Practice Spring 2025 Recap & AANAPISI February Events

The AANAPISI Faculty - Patricia (Trish) Guevarra, Ranmali Rodrigo, Dr. Hai Ly Tran, and Ella DeCastro Baron hosted yet another Mesa AAPI Community of Practice! Faculty members engaged in critical dialogue, reviewed data, and immersed in some cultural practices to learn how to better serve our AAPI community. For upcoming ways to get involved:

- [Follow their social media](#)
- [Complete an interest form for their next AAPI CoP](#)
- [Sign up to be a mentor \(coming soon\)](#)
- [AANAPISI Events \(February\)](#)

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

Welcome to the Spring Semester at Mesa College!

Our Mesa Journeys Team have gathered a list of resources and guides to help students start off the semester strong, including events, open classes, and where they can get support.

Please feel free to share this with all of your students:

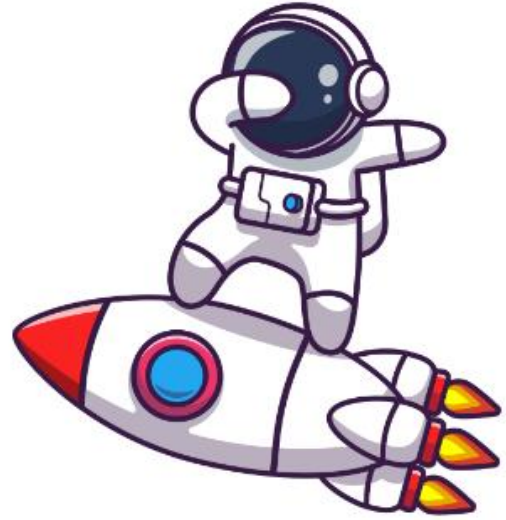
[Mesa Journeys Spring Start of Term Resources Newsletter](#)

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>



The Mesa College Associated Students held their Leadership Retreat on Tuesday, January 28, at the Marina Village Conference Center. The theme of the retreat was "Honing Your Inner Strength as a Leader" and was attended by 50 students from various parts of campus including those from Student Services, MT2C, and Student Clubs! The attendees enjoyed engaging workshops that flexed these leadership skills, and interactive presentations from the Mesa Mental Health Team and Dr. Judy Sundayo. The day came to a close with a powerful session from each member of the Executive Leadership at Mesa College, who expressed how they honed their inner strengths to lead. The event was a great success!

Evaluations offered 4 workshops on graduation and commencement during Welcome Week.

Spring and Summer 2025 applications for graduation are open in the mySDCCD portal. **February 15, 2025** is the deadline to apply for graduation for students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) this Spring and transferring to a CSU in Fall 2025. For more information, visit www.sdmesa.edu/graduation

Please encourage all Fall 2025 Transfer Students to attend a [Transfer Talk](#) or make an appointment or come for Drop In if they have questions about their application.

Fall 2025 Transfer students should log into their portals and check email to ensure they are on track for Fall 2025 transfer. ADT students must apply by February 15, 2025 to be E-Verified.

Encourage students to stay connected with the [Transfer Center!](#)

Join our Linktree, book mark the Transfer Center webpage or stop by I4-306.

VETERANS!

This week we have our Welcome Week sessions in the VSC happening Monday to Thursday.

Academic Counseling

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Food

Monday - Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

School Supplies all week

Wellness Counseling Art Sessions

Wednesday and Thursday

Next week, a representative from Point Loma Nazarene University will be in the Veterans Success Center from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please click on the flyer to enlarge.



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SPRING 2025 KICK OFF

Join the EOPS team at Mesa College to kick off the Spring 2025 Semester by setting goals, getting program updates/benefits, connecting with peers, & so much more!

Lunch & a goodie bag will be provided! This event is **ONLY** for **EOPS** students.

AVANZA Workshop Room: 14- 203

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 10th	Feb. 11th	Feb. 12th
1-2:30PM	1-2:30PM	1-2:30PM

EOPS Students who completed Orientation will be eligible to receive a \$50 Amazon card.

RSVP HERE: SP'25 Kick Off



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RACE TO 12 UNITS

Mesa Promise counselors are available to answer questions about building your Spring 2025 class schedule!

- Monday, February 3, 2025
Monday, February 10, 2025
- 1:00–3:00 PM
- Associated Students, I-409



<https://bit.ly/s25raceto12>

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Innovation Grant Awards have been made! If you applied, you'll get notification via email by Friday, February 7, 2025. It was a competitive year with 18 amazing projects. The Foundation was able to fund \$15,000 across 8 recipients. Thank you for all that you do for students!

Missed Convocation? Here are some highlights of what was presented:

- People often turn to donations when they are worried how policy may impact their communities. In 2016, the donations to the ACLU rose by 1,000% on Giving Tuesday, \$1.7 million on that day alone.
- We are at the very start of a "quiet phase" of a large campaign. In the quiet phase, which will last between now and 2029, we will plan together, then raise 60-80% of our goal from lead donors.
- We will be asking you to dream big so that we can grow our impact, together.

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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