

November 7, 2024



*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*

A MESSAGE FROM  
*President Hands*

**A Post Election Message of Community, Care, and Hope**

Dear Mesa College Community,

In the months, weeks, and days leading up to yesterday’s election, many of us have experienced a range of emotions. No matter how each of us voted or what outcomes we hoped for, it’s natural for us to process a range of unique, varied and strong feelings. I encourage you to create space for reflection and processing—whether with colleagues, family, or friends—and to take time to check in on each other. Let’s bring the best of who we are into these shared spaces, fostering a sense of belonging where we can see, be seen, and support the humanity and well being of one another.

As President of Mesa College, I am committed to fostering a community rooted in equity, excellence, civility, joy, hope and love. As we collectively reflect on the election’s impact, I encourage us all to do so through the lens of our core values: access, accountability, diversity, equity, excellence, freedom of expression, integrity, respect, scholarship, and sustainability. Our vision of becoming the leading college of equity and excellence guides us with purpose, empowering us to rise to this moment and actively shape the change we wish to see in the world.

In the coming days and weeks, you will receive campus notifications focused on group and campus-wide opportunities to connect, feel, share, be, belong, become and envision our path forward as a community. I invite you to participate in these spaces as you are

able. If you need personal support, students are encouraged to reach out to [Student Health Services](#), while employees can access [VEBA](#) resources.

A piece of exciting news that unites us all is San Diego voter support of SDCCD's Facilities Bond: Measure HH. This endorsement provides us with yet another opportunity to intentionally build a better future TOGETHER for our students.

In solidarity and hope,  
Ashanti

## Exciting Professional Learning Opportunity: #RealCollege Curriculum Now Available at Mesa!

San Diego Mesa College is excited to announce the availability of the [#RealCollege Curriculum](#)'s first course, offered by national nonprofit organization [Believe in Students!](#) This is a resource for faculty and staff committed to supporting students facing basic needs insecurity. The curriculum includes:

- **Quick and Easy Access:** A simple process to get started right away.
- **Free First Course:** The first course, "The Students We Have", is available at no cost and can be completed in 90-minutes.
- **Flexible Learning:** Asynchronous modules for on-demand learning at your own pace.
- **Efficient Training:** Can be used as a guide for your campus community to drive impactful change across departments and divisions.
- **Practical Application:** Tools and strategies that can be implemented immediately to support student success.

Join your Mesa colleagues who have already experienced the benefits of this curriculum and be part of the improvements of Mesa's basic needs ecosystem! You can access the course here: <https://rcc.believeinstudents.org/> and the password is **RCC2024**.

Please reach out to Dr. Janue Johnson ([jjohnson001@sdccd.edu](mailto:jjohnson001@sdccd.edu)) if you have any questions.



Mesa College's Annual Taste of Mesa event is happening on Thursday, November 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the Culinary Outlook, MC-208!

Taste of Mesa is an open house of the college's Culinary Arts Program that showcases alumni, and spotlights current students in a cooking and cake decoration competition.

Get your tickets now at [bit.ly/TasteofMesa2024](https://bit.ly/TasteofMesa2024)

The PeopleSoft tools upgrade that was scheduled to occur this upcoming weekend, November 9th, has been postponed to the weekend of **November 23rd**.

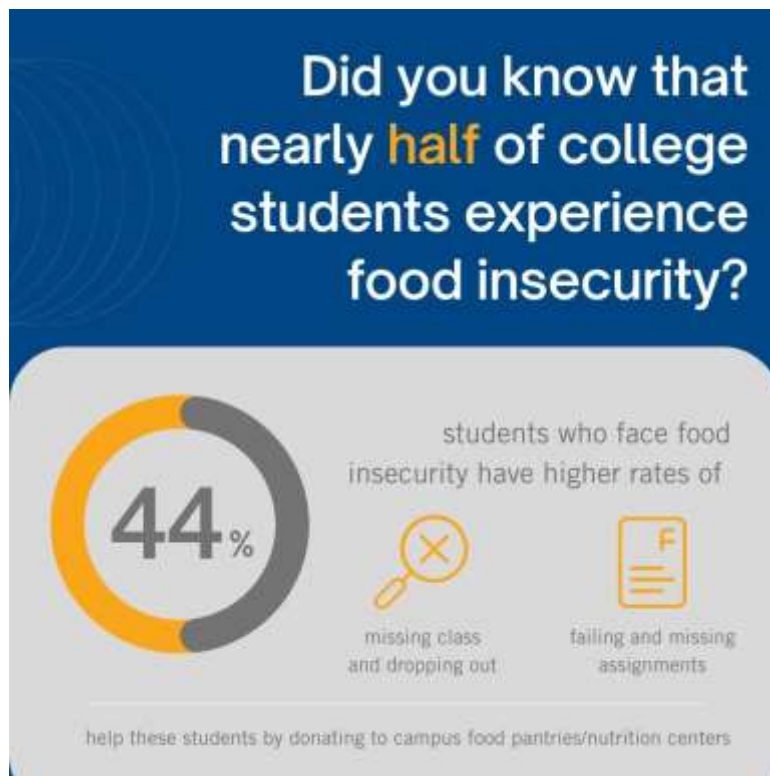
The Peoplesoft Tools 8.61 upgrade for SDCCD brings many improvements designed to enhance the overall user experience, streamline navigation, and increase productivity. The refined User Interface allows users to navigate the system more quickly and efficiently. The upgraded Homepages and NavBar provide a more intuitive interface, reducing the clicks required to access essential information and perform daily tasks, including the ability to access recent searches and save your common searches. These navigation enhancements make it easier for users to find what they need quickly, improving overall efficiency across departments. **Please note that the upgrade is now scheduled for the weekend of November 23rd, 2024.**

Did you know that nearly 45% of local college students face food insecurity? To address this issue, join Cal Coast Credit Union November 1-30 for the 6th Annual Pack the Pantry virtual food drive! Your support will help fill food pantries and nutrition centers on local community college campuses with healthy meals. For every dollar you donate, the San Diego Food Bank can provide 2 meals. That means a \$50 donation can provide 100 healthy meals to support community college students in need! A donation in any amount can be made easily and securely to benefit our campus. Together we can help local college students! Thank you for your generosity!

Donate here!•

<https://sandiegofoodbank.donorsupport.co/-/NQFWDDDA?member=SMMFEXYX>

Contact Christine Lee with any questions or concerns at 760.842.3042 or [clee@calcoastcu.org](mailto:clee@calcoastcu.org).



OFFICE OF *Instruction*





# Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to you our Allied Health Instructors! Your dedication, expertise, and passion inspire future healthcare professionals and make a lasting impact.



**ALLIED HEALTH  
APPRECIATION WEEK!**

*In recognition of Allied Health Appreciation Week, we celebrated our health care professionals who make such a huge impact and difference in the lives of students and, ultimately, in the communities they go on to serve. We are incredibly proud of each of them and the contributions they continue to make in their respective fields.*

OFFICE OF *Student Services*

# 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>



## PROMISE COUNSELING WORKSHOP SERIES

(more details available on our Instagram [@sdpromisemesa](#))

### Graduate School

**Wednesday, November 13 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Thinking about graduate school or want to learn more information? Learn about how to prepare for the application process while you are still in community college before you transfer! Gain insight into the different types of graduate degrees available, when to apply, and what to expect during the application process. It's never too early to start exploring graduate programs!

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/p28m7ctp>

Please click on the flyers to enlarge.

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
**PHI THETA KAPPA**  
HONOR SOCIETY

**ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM**  
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Looking for high achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Twenty team members are named annually with each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship, a total of \$100,000 in scholarship awards.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.30 minimum cumulative GPA
- Must be on track to a certificate or associate or bachelor's degree
- Mesa students do not need to be a PTK member (See website for other requirements)

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

Looking to boost your personal statement? Mesa Tutoring & Writing Center (MTWC) has advisors and appointments available with writing tutors!

[www.sdmesa.edu/ptk](http://www.sdmesa.edu/ptk)

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

All interested students should apply online. From the submitted applications, the selection committee will nominate up to four applicants from Mesa College (then intending to transfer and two entering the workforce) to advance to national scholarship opportunities and All-State Academic Teams.

**To learn more:** <https://www.ptk.org/>  
**To apply:** <https://bit.ly/ptklogin>

**Due 11:59 PM, Monday, November 18, 2024**

Email Anthony Chhum at [Achhum@sdccd.edu](mailto:Achhum@sdccd.edu)

**GET COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR SPRING 2025 ENROLLMENT**

**NEW WORKSHOPS ALERT!**

**Athletic Counseling**  
REGISTRATION WORKSHOPS

HAPPENING AT THE OZONE (BT-106)

Monday, October 28: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 29: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 30: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday, November 1: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Monday, November 4: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 6: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday, November 8: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 12: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 13: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thursday, November 14: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday, November 15: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
800-886-6875 | [SDMESA@COLLEGEWORLDWIDE.EDU](mailto:SDMESA@COLLEGEWORLDWIDE.EDU)

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE | Transfer Center**

**SDSU**  
**TRANSFER**  
**EVENTS**

**APPLICATION WORKSHOPS**  
Location: Mesa Campus, BT-206

October 3rd | 1PM to 3 PM  
October 31st | 1PM to 3 PM  
November 8th | 10AM to 12PM

**1-ON-1 ADVISING APPOINTMENTS**  
Location: Mesa Campus, Transfer Center

October 17th | 12:30PM to 2:30 PM  
November 14th | 11AM to 1 PM

Call the Transfer Center to Schedule a 1:1 Appointment: 619-388-2473

[www.sdmesa.edu/transfer](https://www.sdmesa.edu/transfer) | 619-388-2473 | Location: 1A-306 | [mesatransfer@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesatransfer@sdccd.edu)



# HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS Awareness Week

NOVEMBER 18-22, 2024

MON 11/18 TUE 11/19 WED 11/20 THUR 11/21 FRI 11/22

**Random Acts of Kindness**

Brought to you by the Associated Students Government on random spots of campus happening ALL week

<p><b>Seasonal Flu Shots</b></p> <p>Mon-Thur 9am-1pm</p> <p>Seasonal Flu Shots available at no cost for students at Student Health Services Office 14-206. For information call 619-388-2774.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sdmesa.edu/students-services/health-services">www.sdmesa.edu/students-services/health-services</a></p>	<p><b>Health &amp; Human Services Agency Drop in Sessions</b></p> <p>Mon   11am-12pm</p> <p>Zoom: 859 1362 2974</p>	<p><b>Warm &amp; Fuzzy</b></p> <p>Tue   10am-3pm</p> <p>Pre-registered students come to pick up a blanket to warm up your winter. Must show an invite to receive.</p> <p>Student Affairs Office</p>	<p><b>CalFresh &amp; Health &amp; Human Services Agency Drop In</b></p> <p>Wed   9am-4pm</p> <p>Certify used professional clothing &amp; shoes can be dropped off during operation hours. Donation receipt can be provided upon request.</p> <p>4306 The Stencil</p>	<p><b>Thursday Farmer's Market</b></p> <p>Thur   11am-1pm</p> <p>Free fresh produce available in the Quad.</p> <p>Mesa Commons</p>	<p><b>Transfer Application Open Lab In-Zoom</b></p> <p>Fri   10am-12pm</p>
<p><b>Transfer Application Open Lab In-Zoom</b></p> <p>Mon   3pm-5pm</p> <p>Sign up for CSU/UC Application Open Lab to receive support with the transfer application process via Zoom. UC &amp; CSU Transfer Applications are due November 30th, 2024.</p> <p>Students MUST register before receiving the Zoom ID through email.</p> <p><a href="mailto:bt@transferreg.net">bt@transferreg.net</a></p>	<p><b>Transfer Application Open Lab In-Person</b></p> <p>Tue   12pm-2pm</p> <p>Sign up for CSU/UC Application Open Lab to receive support from transfer instructors &amp; staff. UC &amp; CSU Transfer Applications are due November 30th, 2024.</p> <p>BT-206</p>	<p><b>Parent Cafe</b></p> <p>Wed   10am-12pm</p> <p>Learn about Mesa resources &amp; connect with student parents.</p> <p>UIC IS-Family Resource Center</p> <p>Zoom: 280 182 1030</p>	<p><b>Queersgiving</b></p> <p>Thur   1pm-4pm</p> <p>Share a meal with other queerly students, faculty, and staff.</p> <p>Pride Center D101</p>	<p><b>Sign up for CSU/UC Application Open Lab to receive support with the transfer application process via Zoom. UC &amp; CSU Transfer Applications are due November 30th, 2024.</b></p> <p>Students MUST register before receiving the Zoom ID through email.</p> <p><a href="mailto:bt@transferreg.net">bt@transferreg.net</a></p>	<p><b>Warm &amp; Fuzzy</b></p> <p>Wed   10am-4pm</p> <p>All are welcome to pick up a free blanket &amp; special gift. While supplies last.</p> <p>Student Affairs Office</p>
<p><b>#RealCollege Curriculum</b></p> <p>Tue   1230pm-144pm</p> <p>Hybrid (The Stencil &amp; Zoom)</p> <p>Meeting ID: 8884408271 Password: 975245 Host: 22836</p>	<p><b>Chip HIV Testing</b></p> <p>Wed   11am-4pm</p> <p>Join us to get your free HIV test.</p> <p>Pride Center D102</p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving Feast</b></p> <p>Thur   3pm-6pm</p> <p>Join your Mesa community for a FREE family style feast.</p> <p>MC 211 A/B</p>	<p><b>San Diego Mesa College</b></p>		

Sponsored by The Stencil Basic Health Resource Center, Associated Students, Student Health, CalFresh, Career Center, and Student Affairs

Contact: [mesatrtransfer@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesatrtransfer@sdccd.edu) | [bt@transferreg.net](mailto:bt@transferreg.net)

# Thanksgiving Feast

Hosted by the Associated Students

Please join us in kicking off the holiday season!

We invite all students to attend the Thanksgiving Feast. Festivities will include FREE Food, games, entertainment, opportunity drawings, and a fun, friendly atmosphere.

## Join Us

November 21

3:00 - 6:00pm

Mesa Commons

MC-211

In the spirit of giving, we are accepting donations for The Stand.

Bins will be available to accept dry or canned foods, and hygiene supplies.

For more information please contact: Courtney Lee

[cllee@sdccd.edu](mailto:cllee@sdccd.edu) or call 619-388-2699

Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event at 619-388-2699




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The Transfer Center is providing application support through October and November! Please scan the QR codes to the right, and if you have questions please contact the Transfer Center at [mesatrtransfer@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesatrtransfer@sdccd.edu).

## OCTOBER - NOVEMBER: APPLICATION OPEN LABS

### VIA ZOOM:

- Monday's: 3 - 5 PM
- Friday's: 10 - 12PM

Register for a Zoom Session : [tinyurl.com/tcopenlab](https://tinyurl.com/tcopenlab)



### IN-PERSON:

- Tuesday's: 12 - 2 PM
- Thursday's: 1 - 3PM

### LOCATION: BT-206

Register for an In-Person Session: [tinyurl.com/tcfallevents](https://tinyurl.com/tcfallevents)



No Application Workshops Will Be Held On: 9/23, 10/10, 10/28, 11/11

★ Questions? Contact the Transfer Center at: [mesatrtransfer@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesatrtransfer@sdccd.edu) | P: (619) 388-2473 | Located: 14-306 (3rd Floor Student Services Bldg.) ★

OFFICE OF *Administrative Services*

# Drop-in Event Support



Beginning Friday, November 22nd Events and Operations will be hosting office hours each Friday, from 1-2 pm on zoom.

Please drop-in to receive support on event location, space availability and more.



## *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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