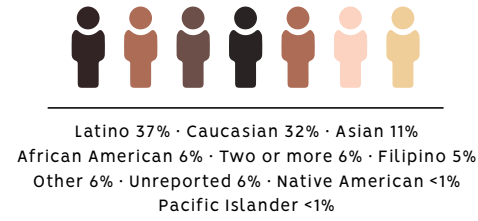




Students' Needs, Mesa's Promise

STUDENT PROFILES

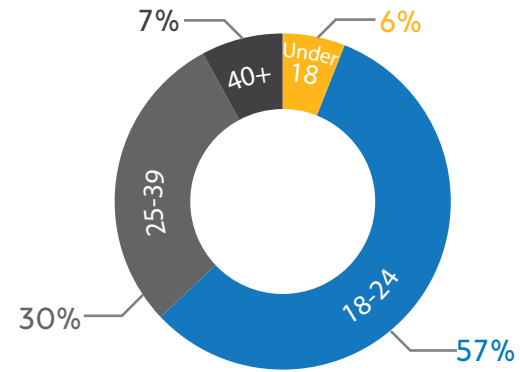
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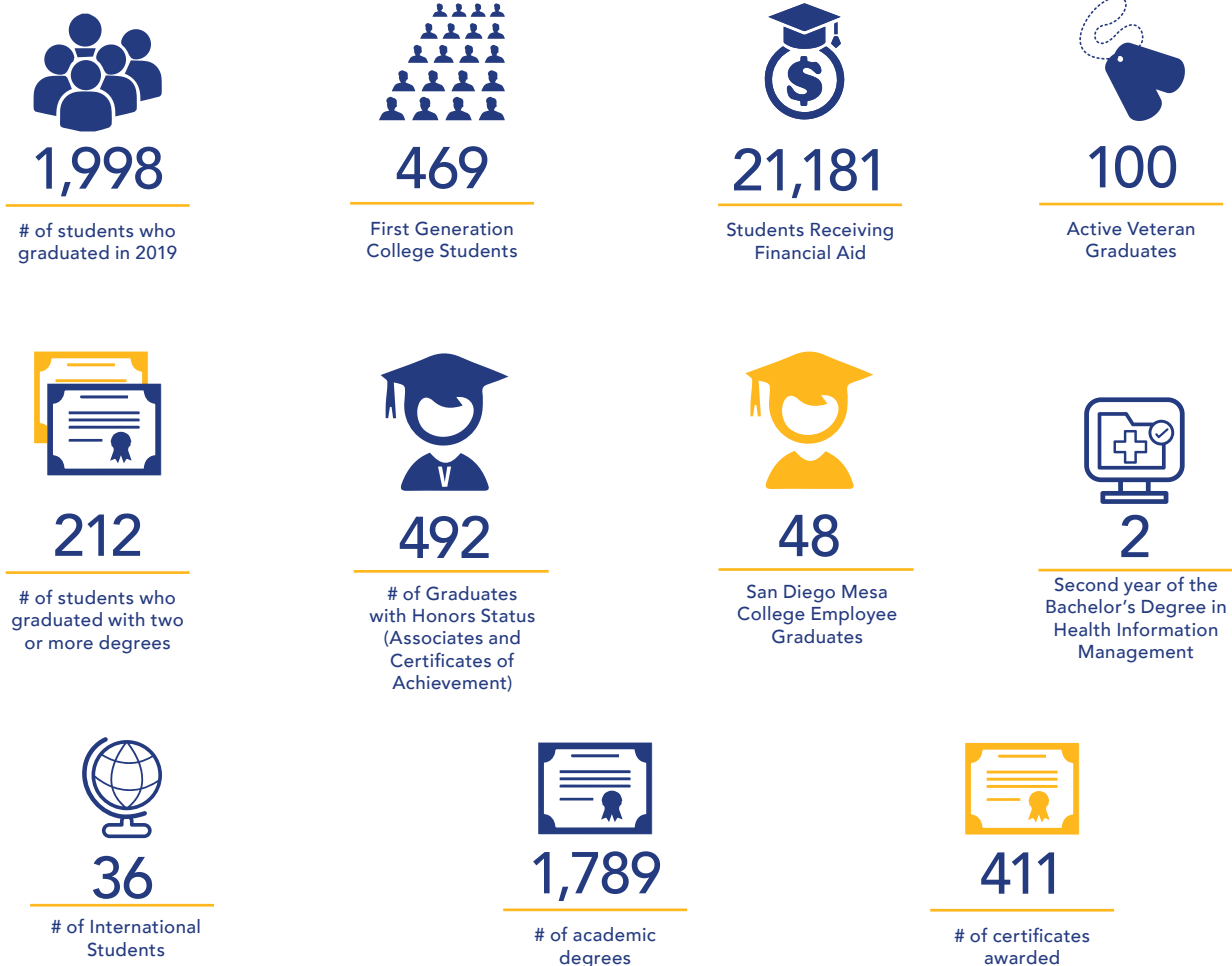
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STUDENT AGE



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019



TOP 5 ASSOCIATES DEGREES

- #1 Business Administration for Transfer
- #2 Psychology for Transfer
- #3 Communication Studies for Transfer
- #4 Biology/Allied Health for Transfer
- #5 Kinesiology for Transfer

About Mesa

San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity. We honor those commitments as a diverse community of faculty, students, classified professionals, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, innovation, and excellence in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their future. Among the largest community colleges in California, Mesa College serves 30,000 students per semester, offers 196 associate degree and certificate programs and is one of 15 California community colleges offering a four-year baccalaureate degree. Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution, is a Hispanic Serving Institution, and serves more than 2,400 veterans and their families.

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Letter from the President



Students' Needs, Mesa's Promise

In 2018–19, Mesa College made a commitment to go beyond what community colleges have traditionally done outside the classroom – to bridge the gaps created by poverty. By focusing on “Students’ Needs, Mesa’s Promise,” we invested in sustainable efforts to reduce college costs, and to connect students to resources available in our community. We expanded our own efforts, from faculty adopting Open Resource Materials that replace costly textbooks, to lowering food costs on campus, holding a monthly free Farmers Market, and offering Cal Fresh and Financial Literacy workshops. We want students to know that support is central to the Mesa experience. The campus is fully invested, as seen by the tremendous support for The Stand, our food and clothing pantry on campus. Alongside the San Diego Mesa Foundation, we participated in the SDCCD San Diego Promise Initiative, raising over \$80,000 through our Promise Match Challenge. Mesa College Alumna Annette Bening served as Honorary Chair and gracefully spoke at the Promise Gala about the importance of education and her excellent experience here at Mesa.

Find her on Twitter @SDMesaPrez

In May of 2019, we awarded degrees and certificates to over 1,700 students, including our second set of Bachelor of Science degrees in Health Information Management (HIM). We also granted degrees to our second group of San Diego Promise students. This year, we celebrated the Grand Opening of the Center for Business and Technology and the remodeled Fine Arts Building. Our Olympian student-athletes played with skill and sportsmanship, representing 20 men’s and women’s athletic teams, earning state and national scholarships and honors, and achieving playoff appearances. Our Speech and Debate Team took national and international honors. Students were able to present at national conferences and conduct undergraduate research as part of Honors, STEM Conexiones, Bridges to Baccalaureate, and the Mesa College Research Conference.

We continue to engage our community by creating and nurturing relationships with the Linda Vista Town Council, the Clairemont Town Council, local Chambers, Bayside Community Centers and others. We are committed to expanding our reach, and creating more interactions and partnerships. Our Canyon Day Clean-up event has over 100 campus and community volunteers annually,

and embodies our environmental commitment not only to Mesa, but to the larger community. We held two successful President’s Breakfasts, focusing on important pieces of our work: “Celebrating the Arts” and “Students’ Basic Needs.”

We reflected on how we are meeting our vision of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. The efforts are now embedded in everything we do, from Program Review, hiring practices, professional learning, curriculum review, and dialogue across our campus. We are committed to closing and eliminating equity gaps, focused on students from historically minoritized populations. We took intentional actions to support Dreamer and DACA students, and students who are currently or were formerly in foster care. We held workshops, advocacy fairs, and hundreds of events geared towards assisting students in finding their voice, support, and success. We are in the midst of significant transformation with our work in Mesa Pathways, a college-wide effort to create clear pathways and help students to explore a variety of educational options early on, while they are supported and mentored along the way.

We are excited to embark on our 2020–2026 Education and Facilities Master Plan. We have begun engaging the process logistically, and will be in full swing in fall 2019. This coming year, we will have the privilege of dreaming about how we can plan for the next generation of Olympians by weaving equity and excellence through our buildings, courses, services, and resources. We are ready to finish up the center of campus and create a central quad area for our students. We will begin secondary effects work in some of our older buildings to create additional English classrooms, the Veterans Center, Honors Center, FAST Center, and to expand The Stand into a holistic student resources center.

Each year, as we try to choose what to highlight in this Annual Report, I struggle with how much we cannot include...however, we hope that you will enjoy the efforts we raise for your attention, and know that there is so much to celebrate from 2018–2019. We are an institution that can best be described as family – the Mesa Familia. Each year our students find new ways to accomplish more than they imagined, and we can all be proud of supporting and igniting that hope, passion, and drive in our already brilliant Olympians.

Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D.
President of San Diego Mesa College

#SomosMesa #WeAreMesa #EquityandExcellence

Executive Leaders:

Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D., President
Isabel O’Connor, Ph.D., Vice President, Instruction
Ashanti Hands, Ed.D., Vice President, Student Services
Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Administrative Services



Governance Leaders:

Kim Perigo, Ed.D., President, Academic Senate
Trina Larson, Ph.D., President, Classified Senate
Terry Kohlenberg, Chair of Chairs



Mesa Pathways

Putting Student Success First

In 2018–2019, Mesa College embraced and commenced with planning for the state-funded, multi-year Pathways program designed to improve student outcomes by offering clear completion pathways and integrated support services. The Mesa Pathways team created focused committees, reviewed data, fine-tuned logistics, added inquiry teams, and engaged in conversations about equity and change. The entire campus community was invited to participate in the Pathways process. The Pathways development and implementation process focuses on four fundamental activities: creating clear curricular pathways, helping students choose and enter their pathways, helping students remain on their paths, and ensuring that learning is happening with intentional outcomes and assessments. In the late fall, the Committee selected Professors Toni Parsons, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Howard Eskew, Business and Technology, to serve as Mesa Pathways Coordinators.

In spring 2019, the coordinators began to oversee the implementation of the Mesa Pathways work plan, make recommendations, provide leadership, and serve as liaisons for inquiry teams. The Shared Metrics Team conducted focus groups involving over 100 diverse students to help bring the student voice into Pathway efforts and lay a strong foundation for the program. Faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and students convened for an all-day Mesa Pathways Retreat. Participants discussed and explored a framework for building strategic pathways to aid students’ navigation through the variety of programs Mesa College offers. Spring activities included additional mapping workshops, review of student survey results, curriculum assistance,

and data sharing. Mesa College also assembled a Leading From the Middle (LFM) team which embarked on a year long academy focused on leadership and developing a culture of inquiry within the framework of Mesa Pathways.

As the year of inquiry concluded, we are proud of the foundation that we have built to move the work forward in the coming years. In 2018–2019, over 180 students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators worked on Mesa Pathways. The Mesa Pathways Committee actively reviewed and reflected on accomplishments and setting goals for 2019–2020, and is looking forward to continuing our work towards being the Leading College of Equity and Excellence.



The Leading College of Equity and Excellence



At San Diego Mesa College, equity is a fundamental value and goal, as well as a student-centered approach to fostering a culture of success. Mesa College faculty members, student services practitioners, staff, and administrators pursue equity through principles of inquiry and data-informed decision-making. At Mesa, we will achieve equity when we see parity in outcomes across racial and ethnic groups, and all historically marginalized students within higher education. We work within integrated and equity-minded systems to ensure that everyone has what they need to succeed during their time at Mesa College.

President Pamela Luster Leads Efforts to Address Student Food and Housing Insecurity

In 2019, Mesa College President Dr. Pamela Luster co-chaired the Affordability Food and Housing Access Task Force that made multiple recommendations to State Legislators towards addressing student needs, based on data from The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice #RealCollege Survey for California Community Colleges. The Taskforce is supporting Senate Bill 291, a bill sponsored by the California Community College Board of Governors and co-sponsored by the Community College League of California. SB 291 would establish a California Community College Student Financial Aid program that would base aid on the total cost of attendance, including housing, transportation and textbooks. San Diego Mesa College plans to expand its commitment by opening a Resource and Advocacy Center on campus that will co-locate campus and community resources to assist students in meeting their basic needs.

“In the fall of 2018, 47% of Mesa students were food insecure, 62% were housing insecure, and 18% reported as homeless. Clearly, there is a need to address the basic needs of our students.”

Free Food Provided by The Stand, the Farmers Market and the Pop-up Market

The Stand at Mesa College continues to seek to alleviate food insecurity for our students by providing a safe and secure environment where all students have access to free food and professional clothing to help them succeed both in the classroom and in the community.






Mesa College Highlights the Community College Efforts at the 2019 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE)

Motivated to further cultivate success for our students, 15 faculty, classified professionals, and administrators from Mesa attended the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) in Portland, Oregon, in May 2019, to learn and collaborate with educators from around the world. They explored ways to address bias, privilege, oppression, and inequities in our institution.



THE STAND

		
DISTRIBUTED 44,972 PANTRY ITEMS	SERVED 1,781 STUDENTS	PROVIDED 1,576 PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING ITEMS

The Farmers Market and Pop-up Market

	
SERVED 8,773 HOUSEHOLDS	DISTRIBUTED 150,813 POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD

Student Services

SAN DIEGO PROMISE GROWS TO OVER 800 STUDENTS

The San Diego Promise is a two-year completion program for recent high school graduates enrolled full-time (12 units per semester). The program provides up to two years of free tuition, and offers peer mentors, specialized counseling and guidance support, and additional campus engagement opportunities for students. Funds are provided by the California College Promise, and our generous San Diego Promise donors. The Promise Program started in 2016 with 186 students, and grew to nearly 700 students in 2017. In 2018, Mesa College supported over 800 students in the program.



CAREER AMBASSADORS BY THE NUMBERS



Offered over 1,257 hours of sessions



Held 221 student sessions



Spent nearly 198 hours meeting with students



Collected 185 service assessments

Student Services

STUDENT SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS



800 Promise students attended



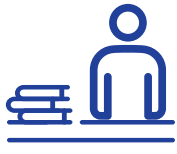
Nearly 600 students in Summer CRUISE



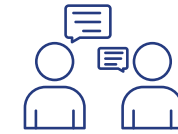
125 students from 15 high schools attended Information Nights



\$167,000 awarded at the Scholarship Ceremony



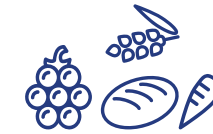
900 middle school students reached



760+ students engaged with NextUp and Outreach



\$778,716 in financial aid disbursed to 887 students



125,036 lbs of free fresh produce to 7,595 households



450 students participated in Jumpstart Your Success



270 students received assistance with application, placement, etc.

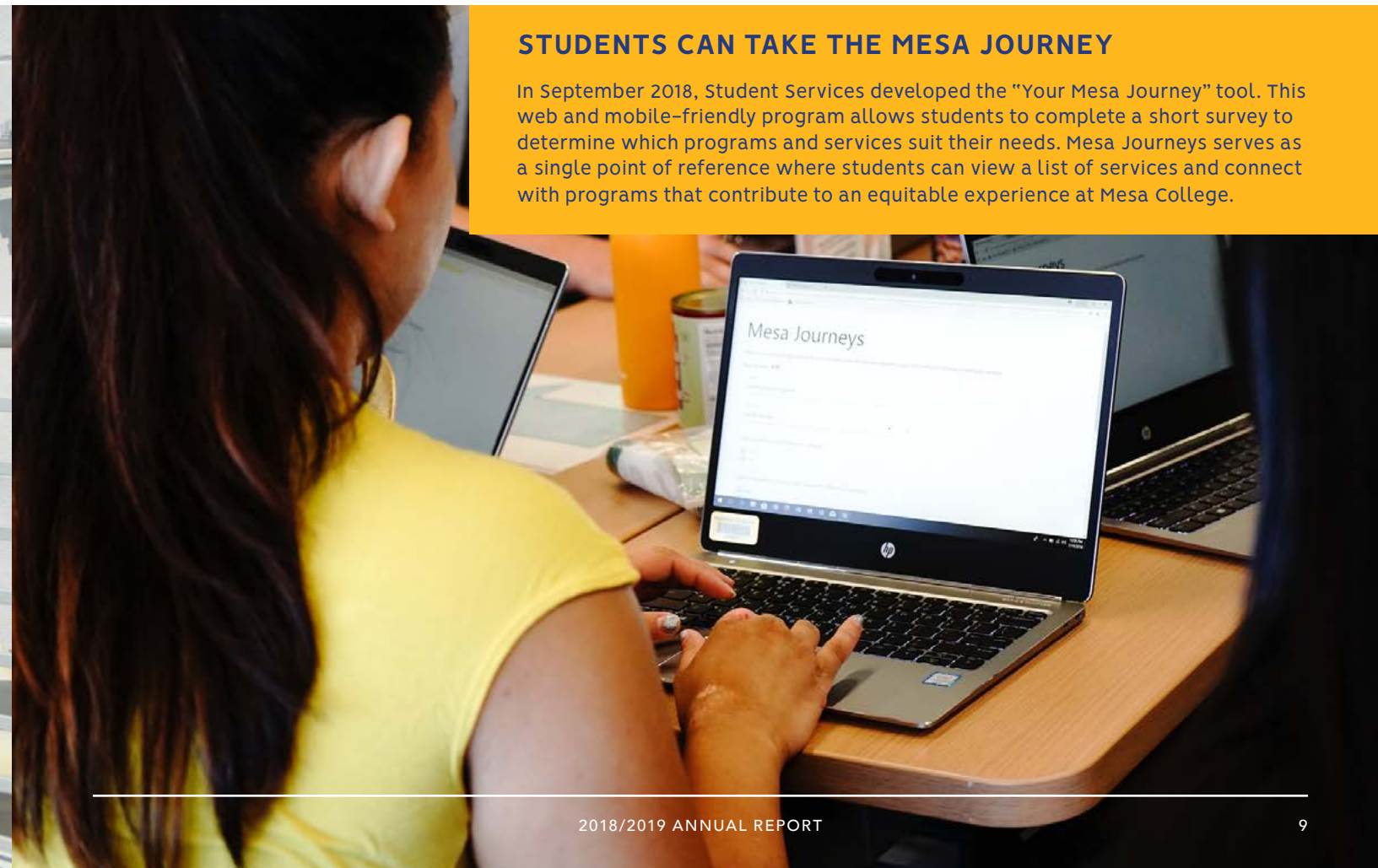


CAREER PEER AMBASSADORS OFFER 1,000+ HOURS OF ASSISTANCE

In 2018, Mesa College introduced the Career Peer Ambassador Program, a new career readiness peer-to-peer learning community that gives students the opportunity to learn about résumé writing strategies and career readiness resources with the help of Career Peer Ambassadors.

STUDENTS CAN TAKE THE MESA JOURNEY

In September 2018, Student Services developed the "Your Mesa Journey" tool. This web and mobile-friendly program allows students to complete a short survey to determine which programs and services suit their needs. Mesa Journeys serves as a single point of reference where students can view a list of services and connect with programs that contribute to an equitable experience at Mesa College.



Alumni

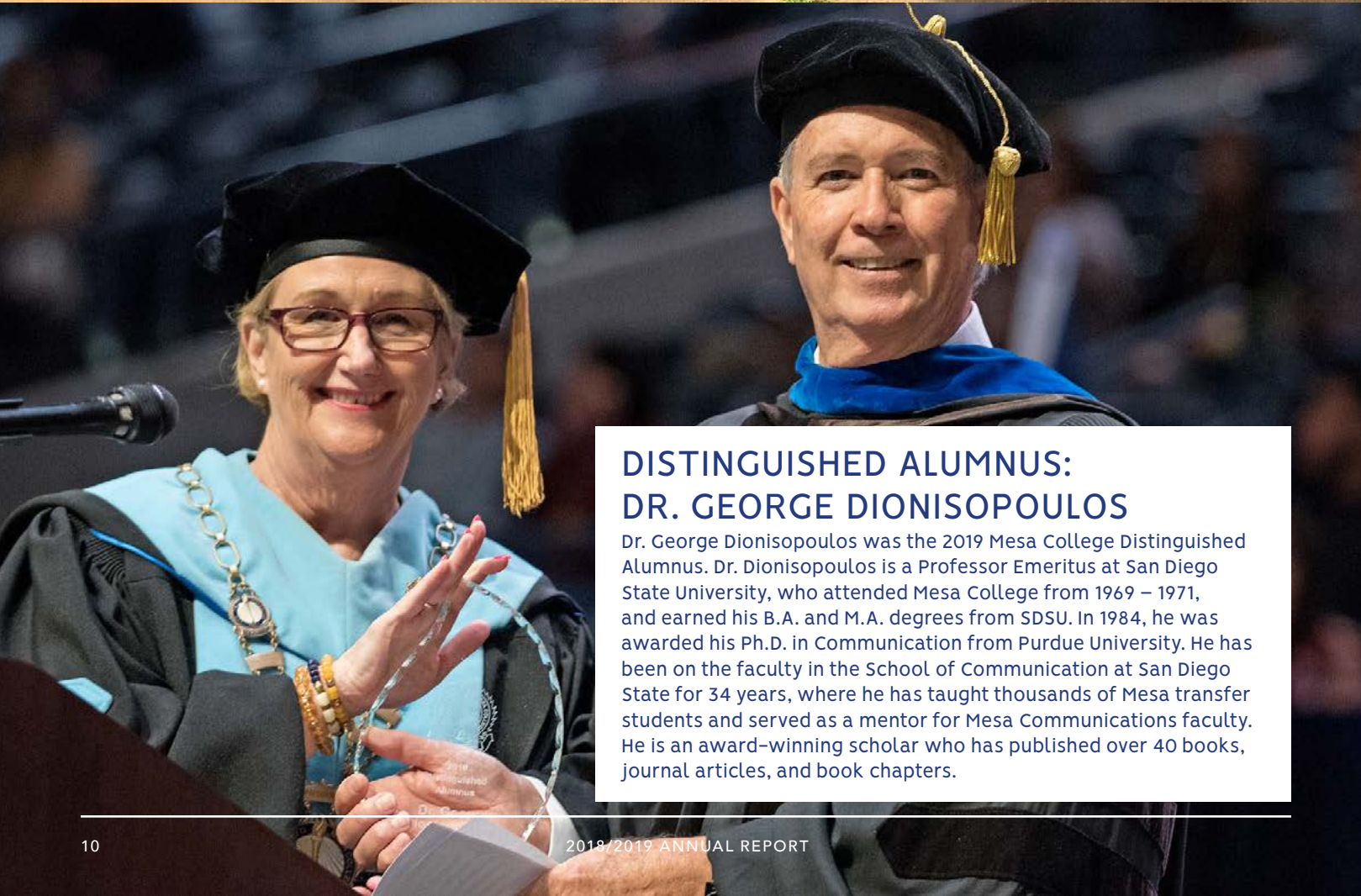
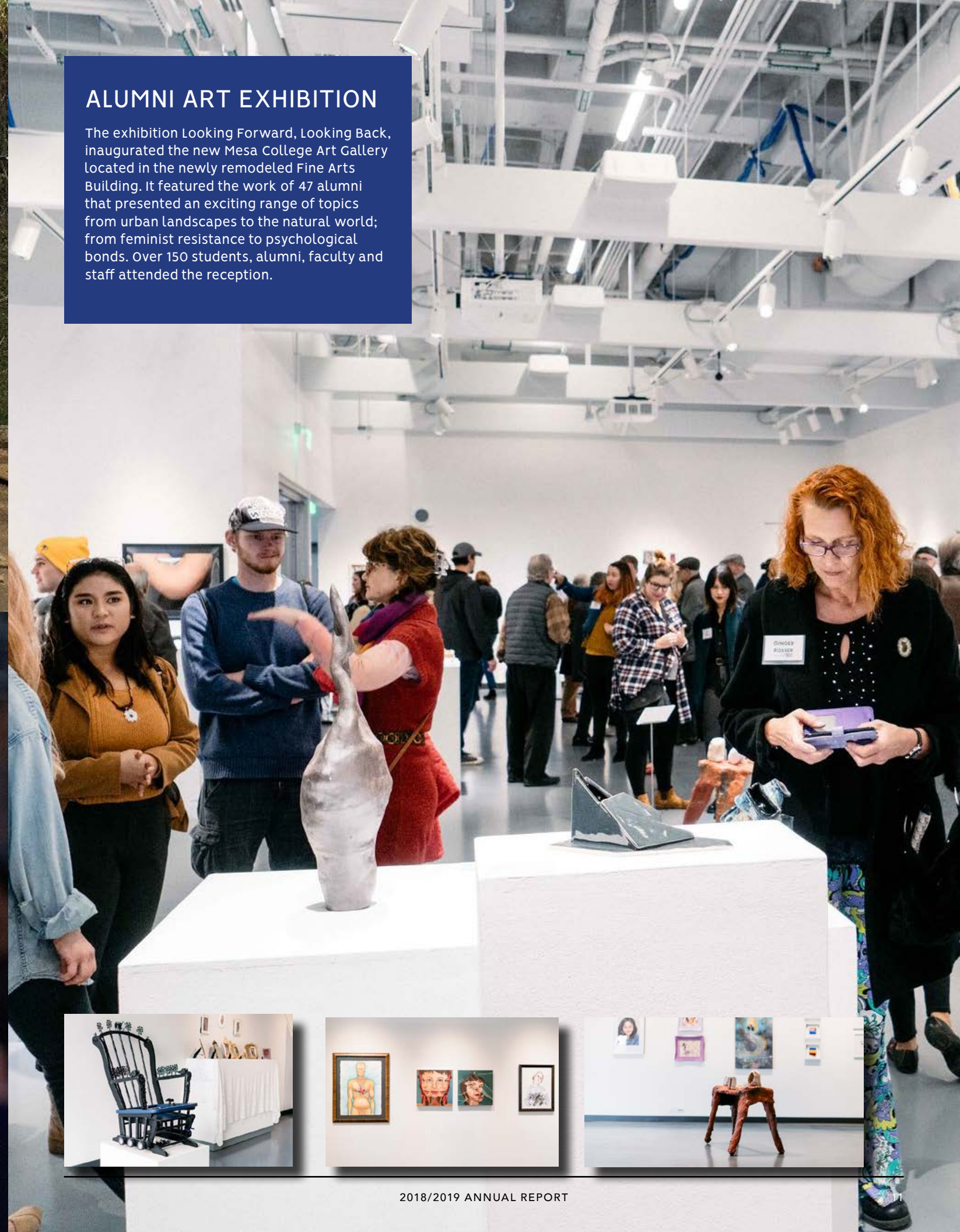


HASTI AHMADI – MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT THROUGH ARCHITECTURE

In 2018, Hasti Ahmadi, a Mesa Alumna, joined the All Hands and Hearts Organization to help restore homes in Puerto Rico that were destroyed by Hurricane Maria. "When I was given a chance to give back by volunteering in Puerto Rico to help rebuild a small village after it was devastated by a hurricane, I felt compelled to do my part in helping others," she shared. For Ahmadi, this meant more than just rebuilding homes; this meant rebuilding families and their quality of life.

ALUMNI ART EXHIBITION

The exhibition Looking Forward, Looking Back, inaugurated the new Mesa College Art Gallery located in the newly remodeled Fine Arts Building. It featured the work of 47 alumni that presented an exciting range of topics from urban landscapes to the natural world; from feminist resistance to psychological bonds. Over 150 students, alumni, faculty and staff attended the reception.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS: DR. GEORGE DIONISOPOULOS

Dr. George Dionisopoulos was the 2019 Mesa College Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Dionisopoulos is a Professor Emeritus at San Diego State University, who attended Mesa College from 1969 – 1971, and earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from SDSU. In 1984, he was awarded his Ph.D. in Communication from Purdue University. He has been on the faculty in the School of Communication at San Diego State for 34 years, where he has taught thousands of Mesa transfer students and served as a mentor for Mesa Communications faculty. He is an award-winning scholar who has published over 40 books, journal articles, and book chapters.



Mesa in the Community

THIS SPRING, MESA COLLEGE HOSTED 500+ STUDENTS AT SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT SUMMIT.



“This is college. This is an actual college experience...Walking up those stairs hit me...I'm about to be in college next year....Walking onto the campus was the first experience for me....This is amazing.... Knowledge is power.”
 - High School Student

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE

Mesa College honored the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating in and attending multiple events celebrating the civil rights leader's legacy, including the 39th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade along the San Diego Embarcadero. Mesa College representatives joined SDCCD reps at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Human Dignity Awards Breakfast on Friday, January 18, and on Saturday at the San Diego County Educators Breakfast. On Monday, January 21, Mesa College attended both the All Peoples Celebration and the 39th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. Every year, Mesa College designs a float and participates in the Parade. This year's theme was United We...Dream Believe Achieve.



Mesa in the Community



CANYON DAY ADDS CANYON CLASSROOM IN 2019 FOR A FUN-FILLED FAMILY EVENT

In April 2019, Mesa College hosted its 11th Annual Canyon Day, a community canyon clean-up conducted in conjunction with San Diego Park Rangers. This year, Canyon Day included Canyon Classroom, an interactive family-friendly event that educated schoolchildren and their families about the environmental and recreational resources in the canyon. Over 100 Mesa College and community members, along with their families, attended the event to clean up our local canyon and learn about natural local resources.



Hispanic-Serving Institution

A PROUD HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION, HIGHLIGHTING STEM

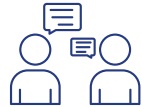
The third year of "STEM Conexiones" continues to serve Mesa's mission by enabling us to expand educational opportunities and improve equitable outcomes for our Hispanic and low-income students. Our HSI STEM grant continues to offer opportunities that impact the lives of thousands of students by making a significant impact on enrollment, retention, and graduation through three grant components: Student Connections, Faculty Connections, and (3) Pathway Connections. Our STEM Center continues to serve the needs of our students.



STEM CENTER BY THE NUMBERS



711 students used the STEM Center per month (Fall 2018)



300+ students sought tutoring



850 laptop check outs



4,233 student hours provided



759 total tutoring appointments

ALEXANDER BELTZER-SWEENEY EXCELLING AS A STEM COMMUNITY SCHOLAR

Alexander Beltzer-Sweeney is an excellent example of, "It's not how you start, it's how you finish." Before choosing Mesa, Alexander was a high-school dropout who felt like higher education was not for him, but at Mesa that changed with the help of the STEM Center. In Fall 2018, he and a group of students started the Mesa College Astronomy & Space Science Club; Alexander has since served as President of the club. He also works as an Astronomy tutor and a STEM Community Scholar.

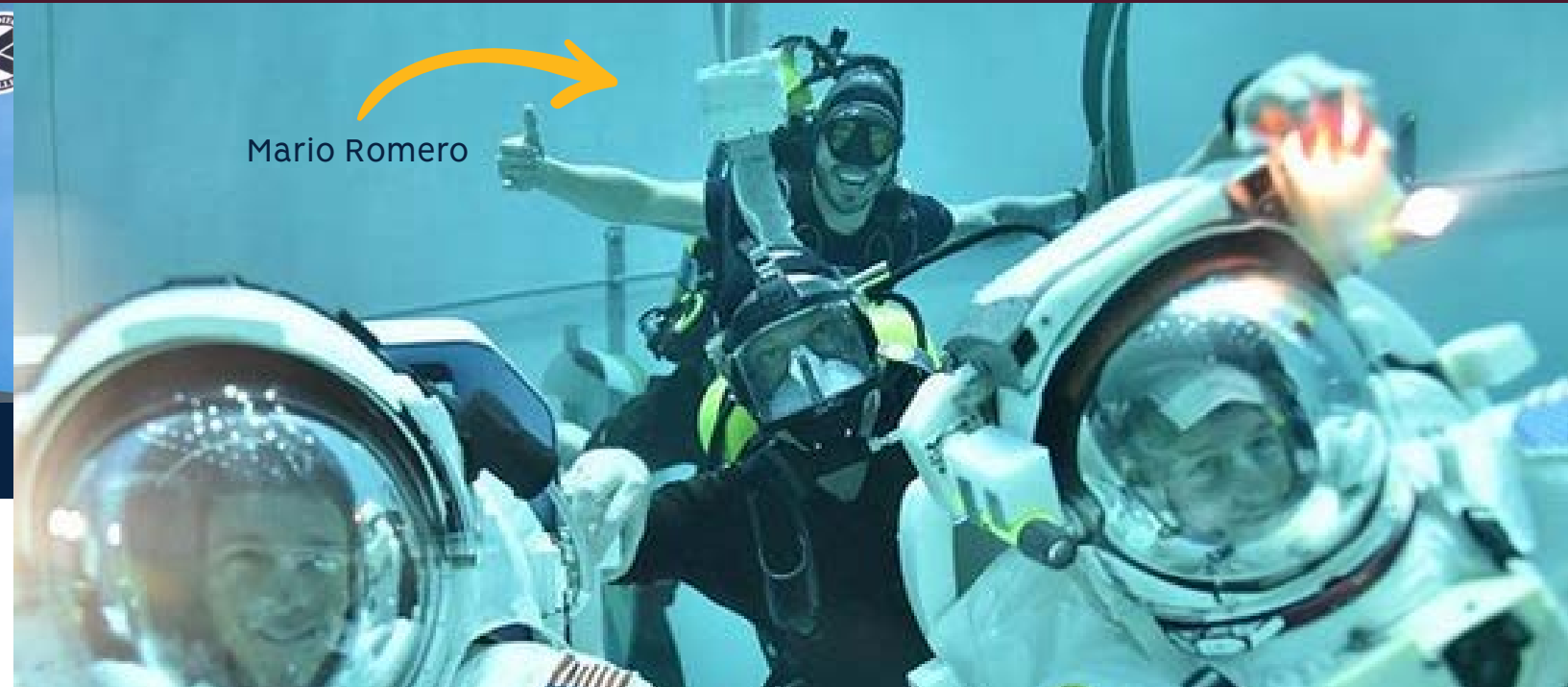


AVANZA STUDENT CENTER A PLACE SUPPORTING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

In 2018, the AVANZA Engagement Center became a new established space to support on-campus student engagement. The AVANZA Center promotes Latinx culture and explores Latinx identity and self-awareness, creating a central location for Latinx student support. It also promotes participation in the college's services through the CRUISE and Peer Navigator Programs.



School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences



MESA ALUM AND VETERAN MARIO ROMERO NOW TRAINS WITH NASA

Mesa Alum and Columbia University grad, Mario Romero attended Mesa College as an Astronomy/Astrophysics major. While at Mesa, he helped form the Student Veteran Organization (SVO) and advocated for an on-campus Veteran Resource Center. Mario dedicates his time to helping homeless and food insecure veterans and children, and was awarded the ABC10 News Salute to Heroes Award for San Diego veterans. Now, he's living his lifelong dream at NASA where he assists astronauts in Extravehicular Activity work to prepare for new missions to Mars and the Moon. When asked what one piece of advice he would give to other Mesa students, he said, "Learning doesn't end with degrees and certificates. There's a whole universe of knowledge at our fingertips. Avoid stagnation, and keep the eagerness to know and understand alive!"

MESA COLLEGE RESEARCH CONFERENCE (MCRC)

In May 2019, the San Diego Mesa College Math and Science Complex (MS) hosted the annual Mesa College Research Conference (MCRC) to showcase student research from multiple disciplines, including math, science and the humanities. All students in the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), including Mesa College, City College, and Miramar College, were invited to participate and share their research findings.



The National Kitchen & Bath Association named Mesa College the winner of its College of the Year honor for its outstanding technical merit in student kitchen and bath design.



AUGUST

Culinary Arts students from Mesa's Gourmet class took 3rd place at the 4th Annual San Diego Mac n' Cheese Fest.



OCTOBER

Mesa Fashion students visited the Edith Head Fashion Exhibit at the Coronado Library.



DECEMBER

Mesa celebrated Black History Month with events including the Rosa Parks Birthday Recognition, Healing Drums, and several lectures, films, exhibitions and discussions.



FEBRUARY

Mesa celebrated student success with our Honors Completion Ceremony.



APRIL

2019 ClassiCon took us back to the 80's, and provided professional development and team building activities for classified professionals.



JUNE

JULY

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

MAY



The AVANZA Center hosted its 8th CRUISE program that prepares over 750 new students each year to excel at Mesa.



The Engineering Club hosted professional engineers from Northrup Grumman to serve as panelists and advise students on career options.



Over 250 Mesa students enjoyed the 5th Annual Associated Students Thanksgiving Feast, hosted by the AS.



Mesa students had the chance to travel to Costa Rica and study Spanish 210, 211 and Geology 100 through the Study Abroad Program.



Mesa's Spring 2019 STEM Lecture Series returned with Campus Astronomy Night that featured a tour of the night sky.



The Animal Health Technology program hosted an Open House and Dog Wash for the community.



RENEWED FOCUS ON CAREER EDUCATION

This past year, San Diego Mesa College, in collaboration with the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) launched a campaign designed to promote and educate students about our various Career Education programs. Career Education, formerly known as Career Technical Education, provides essential workforce training and helps prospective students explore growing industry sectors with middle-skill job openings. Middle-skill jobs are those which require more than a high school diploma and less than a four-year degree. Many of Mesa's Career Education programs can prepare students for excellent careers in some of San Diego's fastest growing industries, such as Information technology, life sciences/biotech, business, and hospitality/tourism.



CULTURAL UNITY WEEK AND THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS

In April each year, San Diego Mesa College celebrates diversity and inclusion during Cultural Unity Week, with four days of workshops, lectures, and events that include the popular Festival of Colors.

In 2019, Mesa's World Music Ensemble, and students from Fashion, Dance, Visual Arts and Drama, collaborated for a vibrant and fun celebration showcasing ethnic clothing and music from around the world. Organized by the Committee for Diversity, Action, Inclusion and Equity and The Humanities Institute, Cultural Unity Week included an Advocacy Fair, viewings of movies and art exhibitions, poetry readings, and healing drums.



NEW NAME, NEW MENU

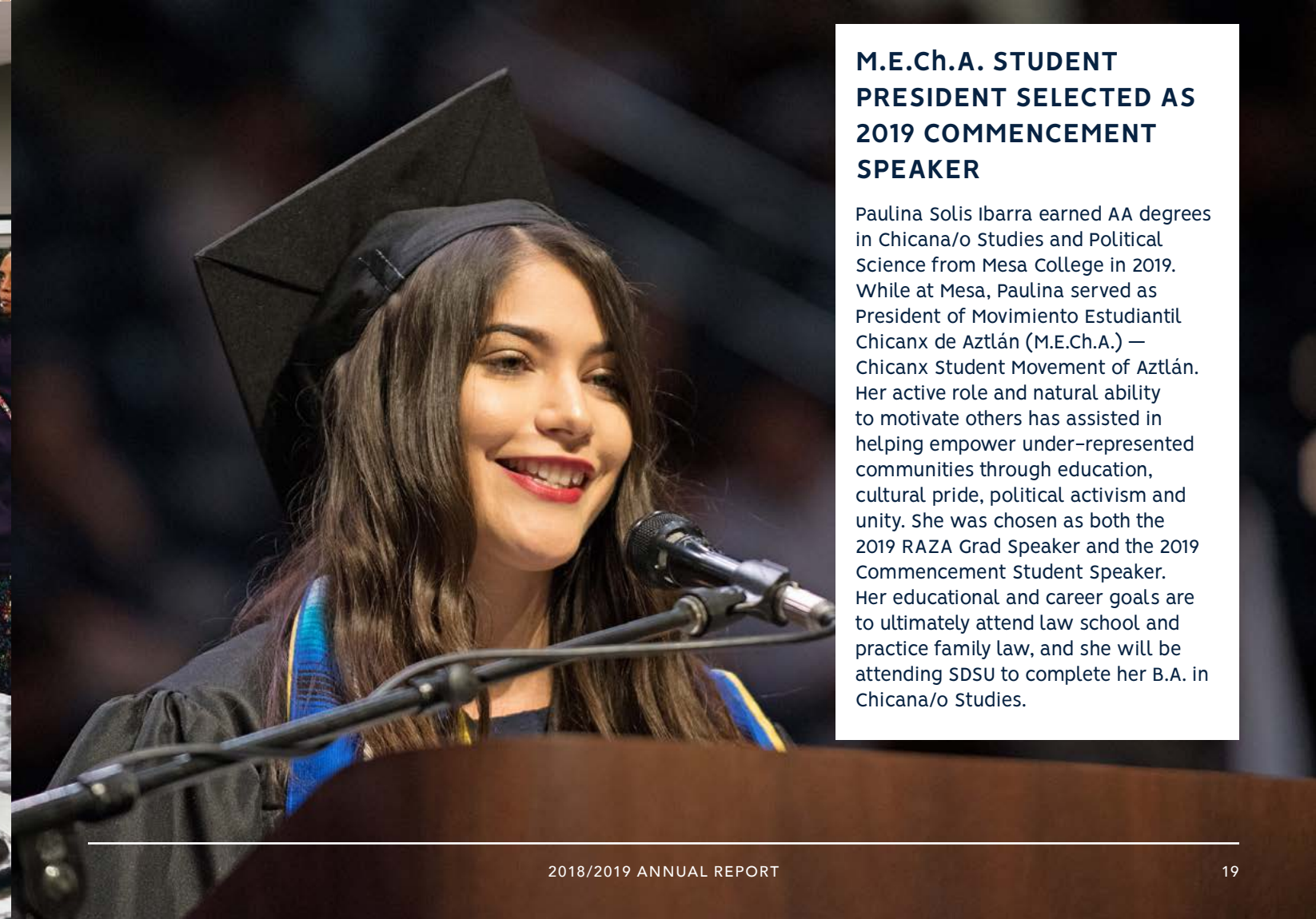
Mesa's premier on-campus restaurant got a new name along with some new offerings this past year. 72-Fifty debuted in Fall 2018, and has expanded to include the new Mesa Commons Creamery and Confectionery (MC3), which enhances culinary students' professional learning experience and offers an exciting variety of new foods for patrons, especially those with a sweet tooth.



“Mesa College hosted its annual Taste of Mesa fundraiser that benefits the Culinary Arts Management Program by showcasing internationally-inspired cuisine, tastings, demonstrations and three cook-off competitions between alumni, students and an advanced baking team.”

M.E.Ch.A. STUDENT PRESIDENT SELECTED AS 2019 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Paulina Solis Ibarra earned AA degrees in Chicana/o Studies and Political Science from Mesa College in 2019. While at Mesa, Paulina served as President of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (M.E.Ch.A.) — Chicax Student Movement of Aztlán. Her active role and natural ability to motivate others has assisted in helping empower under-represented communities through education, cultural pride, political activism and unity. She was chosen as both the 2019 RAZA Grad Speaker and the 2019 Commencement Student Speaker. Her educational and career goals are to ultimately attend law school and practice family law, and she will be attending SDSU to complete her B.A. in Chicana/o Studies.



School of Humanities

STUDENT STANDOUT: ESTEPHANIE BENCOMO ZAMUDIO

Estephanie Bencomo Zamudio is an English major with plans to transfer to San Diego State in fall 2020 and become a high school teacher. For Spanish speakers taking English classes, sometimes there is a language barrier that can interfere with students' success. Estephanie wants to support these students. She said, "I'm bilingual in English and Spanish, so I want to teach English and help Spanish speakers be more successful with their writing and learning process."



ESOL IS NOW ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (ELAC)

In Fall 2018, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses have been replaced with our new program and course offerings called English Language Acquisition (ELAC). Mesa College's ELAC program empowers our diverse student body by believing in and supporting integration rather than division of skills (listening, reading, grammar, speaking and writing) that non-native speakers need to acquire in their journey toward both fluency and accuracy.



School of Arts and Languages

MESA STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM STUDYING ABROAD

In 2018-19, Mesa offered five Study abroad programs, providing students with a unique opportunity to explore other cultures firsthand while completing credits toward their degree. Students were able to study Fashion and Drama in London, England, and benefit from cultural immersion while studying French in Paris, France, and Spanish in Madrid, Spain, or San Jose, Costa Rica.



HUMANITIES INSTITUTE SUPPORTS FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT INITIATIVES

The Mesa College Humanities Institute is a campus-wide initiative that provides support and funding for cultural, interdisciplinary, and community priorities at Mesa College. The Humanities Grant Recipients for 2018-2019 included the 19th Annual Women's History Month, Black History Month Celebration, Chicano Latino Heritage Celebration, Native American History Month, the 25th Anniversary Mesa Visions, and the Festival of Colors.



THE MESA DRAMA PROGRAM SHINES WITH PRODUCTION OF PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

In the Fall of 2018, the Mesa College Theatre Company (MCTC) put on nine successful shows of the musical, "Peter and the Starcatcher." The show was a family-friendly and modern version of Peter Pan before he entered Neverland. Kaivan Mohzensadeh performed as Captain Stash, the antagonist to young Peter. Kaivan, a Drama major, participated in all areas of training with the Theatre Company, competed at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, and performed in a number of local theater productions in 2018-19. Kaivan graduated in May 2019 and is now attending San Diego State University.



MESA HIRES FULL TIME EQUITY AND ENGAGEMENT LIBRARIAN

In 2019, as part of our equity efforts, Mesa hired a full-time Equity and Engagement Librarian, Edeama Onwuchekwa, who hosted several faculty and staff workshops designed to create equity mindedness with regards to the library collection. The workshops were designed after books were discovered that did not support the vision of being the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Many texts also were considered "controversial and outdated," especially in terms of content. Additional workshops and training for faculty, staff and students are planned to continue our equity efforts in the Learning Resource Center.

HONORS PROGRAM

This year, nearly 500 students graduated with honors by earning a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.



THE LOFT/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – LOFT BADGE PROGRAM

Mesa's LOFT continues to build on the tradition of supporting faculty and staff with exciting and innovative professional development programs. The new "Badge Program" provides our employees with convenient, relevant, fun learning experiences. The badges represent the new skills that faculty and staff learn, and allow them to share their professional learning accomplishments to improve outcomes and connectedness within the campus community.

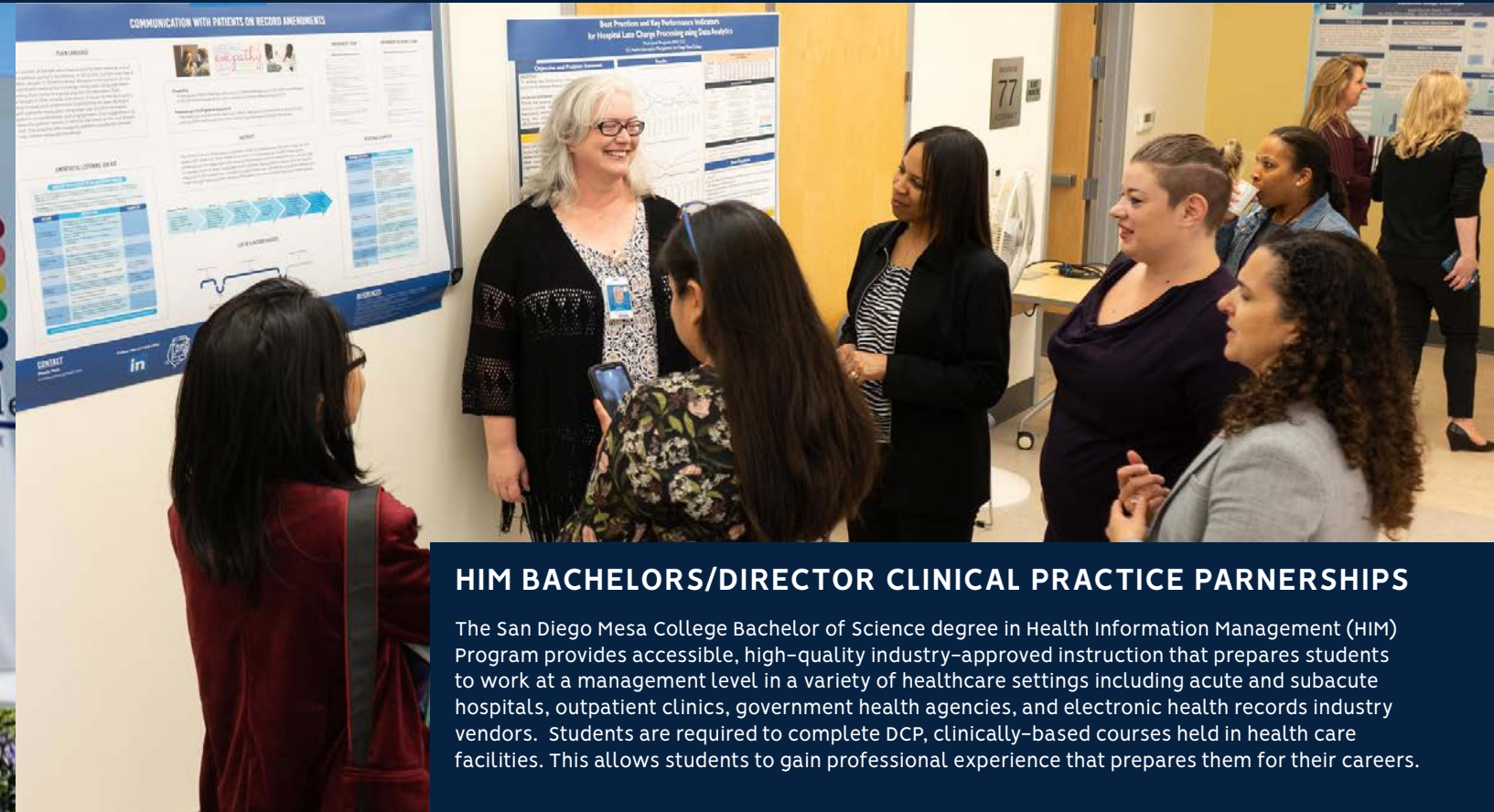
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
LOFT

★ 2 new badges now available!

- SKETCHNOTE SUPERSTAR**
Make your notes visual by incorporating images and text.
Flex #99104
- ZOOM CHAMPION**
Connect with colleagues, hold meetings, use webcam and voice online right now!
Flex #99381
- SMARTPHONE RECORDING PRO**
Use your phone to record and share videos with students!
Flex #99380

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- SCREENCASTOMATIC MASTER**
Record your voice, webcam, & computer screen!
Flex #99107
- YOUTUBE CAPTIONING WIZARD**
Add/correct captions of your YouTube videos!
Flex #99106
- TWITTER EXPLORER**
Connect to other educational professionals across the globe!
Flex #99105



HIM BACHELORS/DIRECTOR CLINICAL PRACTICE PARTNERSHIPS

The San Diego Mesa College Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management (HIM) Program provides accessible, high-quality industry-approved instruction that prepares students to work at a management level in a variety of healthcare settings including acute and subacute hospitals, outpatient clinics, government health agencies, and electronic health records industry vendors. Students are required to complete DCP, clinically-based courses held in health care facilities. This allows students to gain professional experience that prepares them for their careers.

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM EARNED A GOLD STAR IN 2018

Mesa College's Physical Therapy Assistant program and Radiologic Technology program each won a gold star in the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The Stars are part of the Strong Workforce Program which recognizes programs that meet three criteria: boosting annual earnings for students by 50 percent or more, seeing 70 percent or more of students earning the regional living wage, and having 90 percent or more of students working in a job similar to their field of study.



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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD CAPTURE BACK TO BACK TO BACK PCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Mesa College men's track and field team won its third straight Pacific Coast Athletic Conference title with an overall score of 298 points. The next goal is to move their athletes to the regionals.



2018-2019 ACHIEVEMENTS



6 PCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS
 WOMEN'S WATER POLO
 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
 MEN'S TRACK
 WOMEN'S SWIM
 BASEBALL



SUPER REGIONALS FOR BASEBALL
 (FIRST TIME IN OVER 25 YEARS)



80+ SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED



MESA WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE FINISH SECOND AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WIN 2 EVENTS

The Lady Olympians scored 332 points, a program high, and were led by two individual event wins and several runner-up performances both individually and on relays. The Olympians finished their third consecutive season undefeated in dual meet competition and won a third consecutive conference championship.

MESA ALUMNA RETURNS TO CHOREOGRAPH DANCE PERFORMANCE

Chelsea Roquero, an alumna of Mesa College, returned to choreograph Dance Synthesis: An evening of Dance and Entertainment at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre at the Salvation Army Kroc Center in San Diego. This spring 2019 dance concert featured all student choreographed performances, held nightly on April 18-20. The CSU Long Beach Dance graduate accredits the Mesa Dance Department for helping her find her passion, enjoyment and love of dance. "Training at SD Mesa College really showed me that if you work hard and continue working, you are able to achieve your goals," Roquero expressed. Roquero has since launched her professional career as a dancer with Los Angeles based dance company Invertigo Dance Theatre.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Head women's beach volleyball coach and assistant to women's volleyball team, Kim Lester, was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for her 300th win at the junior college level. Lester has earned a reputation as someone who believes in the foundation of hard work in and out of the classroom. When asked about her dedication to volleyball and coaching, she said, "All student-athletes at the collegiate level go through a phase of 'what's next' after their last game. We go through an identity crisis because it's been such a big part of our life, and when it's done, you look for what's next. From the very first day I became a coach, I knew this is what I wanted to do."



Administrative Services



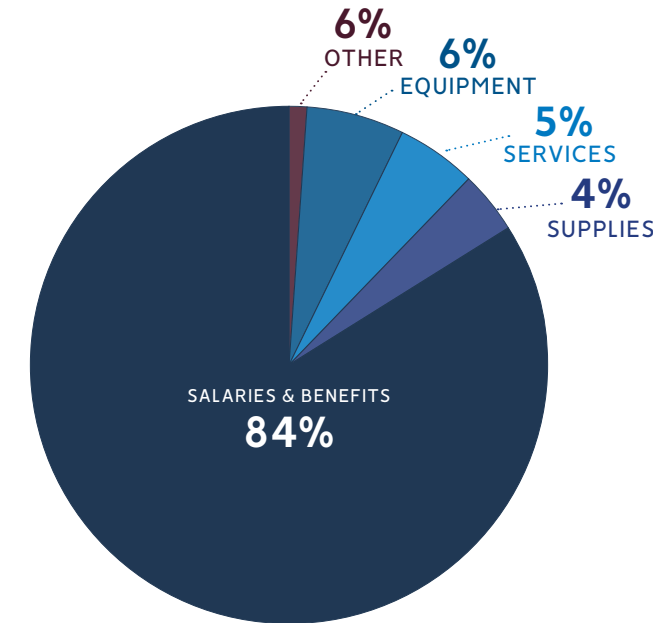
MESA CAMPUS STRIVES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The Environmental Sustainability Committee, in coordination with campus Facilities and District Facilities Management, campus dining, and the Culinary Arts/ Culinary Management program, instituted an on-campus composting project. During the June through December 2018 pilot period, 7.76 tons of food scraps were diverted from the landfill. This is equivalent to reducing 5.35 metric tons of carbon dioxide, which has the same carbon sequestration effect as 6.4 acres of temperate forests.

Administrative Services

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS



1,000+ Events supported



7.76 Tons of food diverted from landfills



1,332 IT Issues resolved



786 Hours of A/V support provided



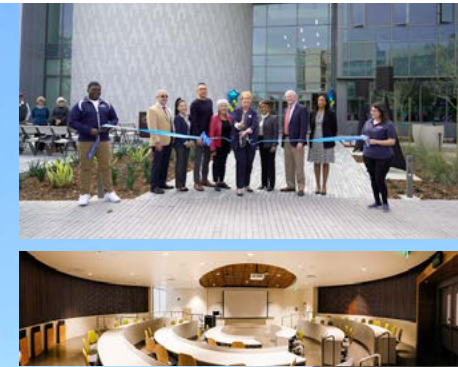
1,590 Purchase Orders processed



695 Travel Authorizations/Expense reports

FINE ARTS BUILDING GRAND OPENING

Mesa College celebrated the Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Fine Arts Building in March 2019. The redesigned four-story building opened to the Mesa Community, and serves as a highly visible and thriving hub for Fine Arts students. The entire building was carefully designed in ways to encourage creativity and inspiration, and to best showcase student success and artistic engagement with the community. The Gallery space houses student art and gives students the opportunity to curate exhibits and display their work as they would in their professional careers. "This building is so much more than a new facility to make art. It represents an understanding that Art matters," stated Mesa College Art student Albert Cartagenes who served as the student speaker for the dedication.



MESA OPENS NEW CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

The new Center for Business and Technology (BT) facility provides a contemporary home for disciplines like business, digital technology, computer and information science, multimedia, fashion, hospitality, and real estate, which had previously been dispersed throughout the campus. The new building includes state-of-the-art technology, an expansive case study room, a large video wall, fashion design and computer laboratory classrooms, and faculty and staff space. It also includes a number of sustainable features, such as maximizing the use of natural daylight, drought tolerant landscaping, and a ventilation system that uses a series of efficient rooftop air handling units.



PROMISE MATCH CHALLENGE EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR PROMISE STUDENTS

In August 2018, the Mesa College Foundation launched the "Mesa Promise Match Challenge 2018," in which the Foundation generously matched up to \$25,000 of all donations made towards the San Diego Promise through September 2018. The Challenge exceeded the original goal, and raised over \$80,000 for the San Diego Promise. The campaign culminated in a Promise Gala event, held at the San Diego Natural History Museum, featuring Annette Bening who served as honorary co-chair. Ms. Bening is a Mesa College alumna who received her A.A. degree from the Mesa College Theatre Company, and has long been a vocal proponent of the benefits of a community college education.



26TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY SUPPORTS OUR STUDENTS



\$170,000 in scholarships



96 scholarships awarded



175 student recipients



76 students received more than one award



INNOVATION GRANT SUPPORTS MUSIC

Each year, the Mesa College Foundation awards Innovation Grants to various programs and projects submitted by Mesa College faculty and classified professionals. The grants support innovative projects, activities, and equipment that impact student success and drive innovation both on and off campus. One 2018 Innovation Grant, The Sound of Music, offered opportunities for paid music performances. Mesa students frequently volunteer their time playing at events on campus. Through this grant, students were able to gain experience in their field and support our campus without giving up on earnings. The project has been a great success, with more Mesa community members able to enjoy the incredible talent of Mesa's vocalists and musicians, while Mesa's music students gained valuable work experience.



About

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation is dedicated to empowering students to reach their educational goals by increasing resources, raising funds, and creating friends and partnerships to support the mission of San Diego Mesa College. Our vision is to transform lives by supporting the educational dreams of our students and the communities we serve.

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622,500 IMPRESSIONS

MISSION · VISION · VALUES

Mission

San Diego Mesa College is a comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity. We honor those commitments as a diverse community of faculty, students, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, innovation, and excellence in an inclusive learning environment.

Vision

Our vision is to be the leading college of equity and excellence, educating students to shape their future.

Values

Our values are access, accountability, diversity, equity, and excellence, freedom of expression, integrity, respect, scholarship, and sustainability.

Goals

Our main goals are to deliver, advance, and support an inclusive teaching and learning environment; build and sustain a sense of community; and support innovation, personal growth, and professional development of our employees.

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