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Breakfast Inspires Student-Led Campaign “Mesa Be Civil: Pass It On.”

On October 2, Mesa College students participated in the Restoring Respect Fall Breakfast to Promote Civility on the USD campus. “I was honored to be part of the meeting and be able to learn different ways to see dilemmas, and especially political situations, in a civilized manner,” said Mesa College Student Ambassador Naayieli Bravo. “I left the meeting with lots of ideas and perspectives on different issues, and a greater understanding of the common disputes in political conflicts.” The idea for the community initiative to promote greater civility in San Diego originated in fall 2011 at a panel discussion on civility that included Mesa College Political Science Professor Carl Luna, Ph.D. The project is supported by a consortium of San Diego area academic institutions and community groups including the Catfish Club of San Diego, the San Diego Community College District and the University of San Diego. As a result of the breakfast, Mesa students enthusiastically created a “Mesa Be Civil, Pass It On” civility campaign. It launches this fall.



All Smiles for Dental Assisting Program Accreditation Visit

Accreditation visits can bring as much joy as, well, going to the dentist. But at Mesa College, everyone was all smiles following the Dental Assisting program’s National and State accreditation site-visit on October 10 and 11. “The site visit allowed the college to showcase its new allied health building,” noted Dean Margie Fritch, “along with the faculty and administrative support for the program.” The site visit team were notably impressed with the faculty, and especially how long they have been with the program. They were also impressed with the facility, and the state-of-the-art equipment that the students are able to use. Support from the community was highly visible, with several local dentists attending a luncheon catered by the Culinary Arts/Culinary Management Department. Program Director Margaret Fickess says that one of the best comments made by a team member was that they “left with knowledge on how to make their own dental assisting programs better.”



The Great Move Creates “One-Stop Shop” for Students

The Mesa College Student Services departments, previously strung all over the campus, closed shop at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18th. Seemingly, by magic, they opened their doors ready to serve students on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd in the new Student Services Center. The SSC combines all functions of student services under one roof for the first time in the history of the college. For students, this creates exactly the kind of “one-stop shop” they need for their support. For the faculty and staff, the building provides the professional and comfortable environment they have long deserved. A grand opening is planned for February. Until then, stop by for a self-guided tour.

Here’s the move, by the numbers:

- Crates: 1345 (moved and emptied!)
- Departments: 17
- Personnel: 136
- Floors with Wifi: 4
- Number of Ultra-quiet glass elevators: 2
- Number of express elevators: 1
- Number of balconies: 2
- Number of stairs on the grand staircase: 95
- Number of filming locations for Glee: Too many to count



Fashion Students Accessorize the Bookstore: “From Books to Looks”



On Friday, October 12, the Mesa’s fashion students set out to experience the life of a fashion/retail buyer. The buying trip to the San Pedro Wholesale Mart in downtown Los Angeles tested the skills they have acquired thus far in the fall fashion class taught by Rachel Libolt. “The role of a buyer is to identify the target market, select the merchandise that will most appeal to that market, and find it at affordable prices,” said student Anastasia Balom, pictured here checking out the display. The circle scarves, sweaters, leggings and other items, priced from \$10 to \$27, make great gifts – even for yourself. They are for sale at the bookstore through the semester. (All proceeds benefit fashion students and program.)

Speech and Debate Video Celebrates Seasons of Success



Anywhere in the world, you can find the internationally acclaimed Mesa College Speech and Debate team racking up awards in international forensics competitions. Now, Prof. Kim Perigo (Gerhardt) has punched out a snazzy video celebrating their travels and successes to the beat of Mark Ronson's "Anywhere in the World." The San Diego Mesa Speech and Debate Team has enjoyed a high level of competitive speaking success in its eleven-year history. Now under the guidance of Profs Perigo and Linda Farnham, the team has

won prestigious awards at regional, state, national and international competition. National competition has included trips to Philadelphia, Kansas City, Chicago, Houston, Greenwich, Portland and New Orleans. Additionally, the team has traveled to London, England, Berlin, Germany, and Rome, Italy. Awards have included those for the team (based on a point system) at two State Championships; National titles in debate and individual speaking events at the Phi Rho Pi national tournament; as well as first place debate accomplishments in London (including 2nd place team award) and Berlin as well as a respectable fifth place in debate in Rome and 3rd in individual informative speaking. Click here to view the [youtube video](#).

Mesa College Hosts SDCCD BOT

Each October, Mesa College hosts the SDCCD Board of Trustees meeting . This provides an opportunity for the college to feature its programs, people, and especially, our students. For this meeting, **President Pam Luster** focused on "The Year of Teaching and Learning," with presentations on Democracy and Civility at Mesa and Mesa College Athletes: Success On and Off the Field.

The civility presentation was made by **Denise Whisenhunt** , Interim VP/SS and Dean **Ashanti Hands**. They were assisted by students **Brandon Delavar** and **Thomas De Leon**, Speech and Debate

Team; **Naayieli Bravo**, Student Ambassador; **Roberto Rosas** and **Tré Oconer**, ASG; **Marybeth Lobatos** and **Shawnice Rozier**, Student Employees; and staff members **Brandon Terrell** and **Ebony Tyree** . (photo below left).

The Athletic Success presentation was made by VPI **Tim McGrath**, Dean **Dave Evans**, **Kristy Carson**, Counselor, **Carol Sampaga**, Tutoring Center, and Coach **Kevin Hazlett**. Student presenters were **Chris Quiroz** – Former State Scholar/Athlete and current UCSD Student/Mesa College Tutor; **Missy Glassett** , Women's Volleyball, **Nikole Lanchares**, Women's Swimming and **Francisco Robledo-Yanez** – Football. (photo below right).

[Access the powerpoint presentation here.](#)



A Night Out at the Asian Heritage Awards



(l-r) Miyoko Hamanaka Holden, Pianta, Shannon Shi, and Jackie Szitta represented San Diego Mesa College at the 2012 Asian Heritage Awards (AHA). The awards celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander American achievement. It was held on Sept. 15, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in downtown San Diego. “It was inspiring to see so many outstanding members of the community and to celebrate their accomplishments.” said Pianta, Professor of English. “It was a reminder of how important it is to gather together and share our strengths.” Professor Jaye Van Kirk is a former recipient of the AHA award for Education, and a current member of the AHA Committee.

Mesa C-Cert Team Lead “Drop/Cover/Hold” Earthquake Exercise

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 2012 Great California Shakeout at Mesa College. Whether you posted a sign, participated in the Drop-Cover-Hold exercise, or to took a brief moment to cover *Evacuation zones with your students, your efforts in educating our campus community about earthquake preparedness are appreciated. Awareness of what to do if/when an earthquake happens can reduce injuries and save lives. More shots of the “Shakeout” are posted to Mesa’s [Facebook page](#),



Mesa’s Facilities Featured on “Space Strategies” Tour

If you’re into facilities, **Tradeline** is the Conference king. During its 2012 San Diego Conference, the topic was “College & University Science Facilities.” Two of the three local facilities they chose to feature and tour was none other than the San Diego Mesa College Allied Health Education and Training Facility, and the Math+Science Complex “hard-hat” tour. More than 30 facilities professionals attended each tour, conducted by Dean Margie Fritch and Gafcon project manager Diane Malone. “Margie gave an awesome tour,” said Prop S&N Communications Director Ursula Kroemer. “They were blown away by the quality of the facility and the learning environment.” Bill Nothofer, Marketing Director for Tradeline, noted, “The bus was a-buzz on our way to the airport. The words I overheard were ‘Fantastic!’, ‘Wow, what a campus transformation!’, and my personal favorite... ‘I would love to work there!’”



Homecoming 2012: A Great Day to be an Olympian

Amid cheers and glittering blue pom-poms, the San Diego Mesa College Olympians made sure that the first homecoming game in school history on October 20th was one to remember. Grads, students and friends mingled during pre-game activities held at the new East Athletics Plaza at the Merrill Douglas Stadium. The event included a Mesa Memory Booth, a trivia game, and a scholarship opportunity drawing. Half-time was devoted to celebrating Mesa's winning athletic teams, Olympian scholar athletes, and a presentation of the Chet DeVore Trophy.

For alumna Maryanne Hernandez, it was a "sweet homecoming."

"My mother and I represent two generations of Mesa graduates, and I plan to keep this family legacy of education going," said Hernandez, who attended the game with her mom, father and nephew. "It was an education received with appreciation.... Mesa's in my heart for life!"

Charles "Buddy" Farnsworth, Mesa College's first Student Body President, Class of 1964, was the Homecoming alumni honoree. He flipped the traditional coin toss, which went to Victor Valley. To the crowd's delight, the Olympians held its lead into the fourth quarter. In tense closing moments, and after giving up a two-yard touchdown run, the Mesa defense stopped a game-tying two-point conversion attempt. Mesa recovered the ensuing onside kick to seal the win.

The athletes weren't the only winners. Winning the scholarship opportunity drawing that totaled \$410 was Jordan Hands, daughter of Ashanti Hands, Mesa's Dean of Student Affairs. The beaming 11-year-old said she was thrilled, and that she wants to create a scholarship that rewards college students for doing good things in their community. *(See more photos at www.facebook.com/sandiegomesacollege.)*



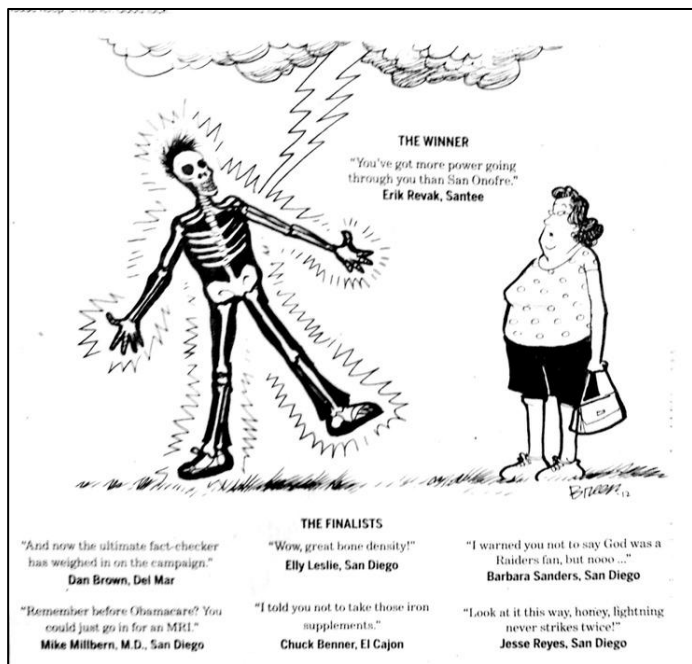
September Athletics Recap

The Mesa Olympians athletic teams have started their 2012 seasons with hopes of earning conference championships and state titles. The women's soccer team has all ready begun their campaign as they shut out all three of their conference opponents that they have faced so far. Still lurking though is last season's conference champs, Miramar College who will be good competition for the Olympians as Mesa looks to take the conference title away from the Jets. The Mesa football team started their season off in front of the home crowd and stole a victory away from visiting LA Southwest. In the following week, Mesa traveled across town to face Grossmont but the Griffins would better the blue and gold in a 3-24 game. Last year's

women's volleyball team was dominate in their conference and is looking to repeat as PCAC champions for the 2012 season. They took 5th place in their own tournament, playing close games to top notch Bakersfield who took 2nd overall in the tournament. With matches against some of the top teams in the state, they are taking their preparation seriously and are going to be huge contender in the state tournament. In the pool, both the men and women's water polo teams started their conference play off with big wins over Southwestern College. The women's team has a title to defend while the men are looking to earn their 2nd title in the three seasons; they won the conference title in 2010.

(Contributed by Simone Sheppard)

Kudos & Accolades



- Most of us know **Jesse Reyes** as our friendly stockroom clerk. But did you know he's also an accomplished columnist (*Filipino News*), a giving volunteer and friend to many. Never one to be idle, Jesse submitted a caption to the U-T's Steve Breen caption contest. More than 400 captions were submitted, and Jesse's was chosen as one of the finalists with Erik Revak of Santee declared as the winner. "Hopefully, I get to be the winner the next time around, but being one of the finalists this time is a distinct honor for me," says our humble Jesse.

- Art history instructor **Kraig Cavanaugh** has written for *Artweek* and *Gallery News*. He was a co-curator for Spruce Street Forum's visual art program and has curated for Sushi Performance and Visual Arts. In September, he picked up yet another award for "Arts Writing" from the San Diego Press Club.

- Long-time adjunct professor **Oscar Canedo** of the Mesa College Chicana/o Studies Department was selected to participate in the American History, Atlantic and Pacific: A National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Bridging Cultures Project coordinated by the American Historical Association (AHA Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges) 2013-2015. Canedo has taught at Mesa College since the 2000; his main areas of interest include Mesoamerican cultures (Aztecs, Maya, Olmecs, Teotihuacan), Spanish colonialism, and the US-Mexican War.

- History instructor and Mesa College alumnus **Proceso James Paligutan** has completed his doctorate in history at the University of California, Irvine. His dissertation was entitled "'American Dream Deferred,' Filipino Nationals in the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, 1945 – 1970." This study focuses on Filipino sailors in the context of US immigration, ethnic, and labor history. While he was visiting archives, writing, and revising the manuscript, James infused insights from this research into his teaching.

- Congratulations to Graphic Artist/Photographer **Anabel Pulido**, who received a Bronze Award from the National Council on Marketing & Public Relations, District 6 Medallion Awards. Anabel won in the Specialty Advertising Category for her popular Mesa t-shirt design, which has since been adapted for lapel pins and Bookstore apparel items.

- Art instructor **Misty Hawkins'** painting, titled "Resolution," was awarded "**Best in Show**" in the Portrait Society's All Members Show, It now hangs in Mary Buckman's Studio and gallery at 3821 Ray Street. Misty, who freehand and life drawing, is also a Mesa grad.

Promotions, Comings and Goings

Promoted to the Rank of Associate Professor:

Nancy Bromma, Health Services
Lori Covington, Radiology
Linda Farnan, Speech

Retirements:

Ana De Orlow, Instructional Lab Tech., Chemistry

Promoted to the Rank of Professor:

Kevin Hazlett, PE
Mario Lara, Art

Stay Informed and Engaged

- The campus evacuation map is now posted in classrooms and on Mesa's website at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/map/pdf/evacuation-map.pdf> Please familiarize yourself with your evacuation zone and where to report in the event of an emergency.
- Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 2:00:00 AM. Set your clocks backward 1 hour.
- **Shared governance** committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.
- Check out [This Month at Mesa](#) for a full listing of November campus events.

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