

**San Diego Mesa College Faculty Leader Dr. Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah Honored with  
Statewide ASCCC Regina Stanback Stroud Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Antiracism, and Accessibility Award**



San Diego, CA — San Diego Mesa College proudly celebrates Dr. Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Associate Professor, Equity and Engagement Librarian, and Learning Resources and Academic Support (LRAS) Department Chair and Mesa’s DEIA Coordinator, as the recipient of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Regina Stanback Stroud Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Antiracism, and Accessibility Award.

This prestigious statewide recognition honors faculty who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to advancing equity, diversity, and student success across the California Community Colleges system. Dr. Onwuchekwa Jonah’s work exemplifies this mission through sustained, transformative efforts that center students, remove barriers, and build lasting institutional change.

At Mesa College, Dr. Onwuchekwa Jonah has played a pivotal role in reimagining the campus library as an equity-centered learning environment. Through curriculum collaboration, embedded academic support, and the development of culturally responsive resources, access to library services has expanded significantly. These efforts have led to measurable outcomes. Institutional data show that students who receive information literacy instruction achieve higher course success rates and stronger academic performance, with particularly meaningful gains among BIPOC students.

Dr. Onwuchekwa Jonah’s leadership extends beyond the library. She has been instrumental in advancing Black student success through their work with the campus Harambee Protocol, a collaborative effort focused on improving outcomes for Black and African American students. Her contributions also supported Mesa College’s designation as a Black-Serving Institution and continue to shape the implementation of its strategic priorities.

In addition, Dr. Onwuchekwa Jonah has strengthened access and engagement for students with disabilities by helping redesign library services and removing long-standing barriers. These efforts have empowered more students to independently navigate academic systems and fully engage in their educational journeys.

Colleagues across campus recognize Dr. Onwuchekwa Jonah not only for her impact, but for how she leads.

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