

ROOTED IN PURPOSE GROUNDED IN EQUITY GROWING TOGETHER

2025-2026 PRESIDENT GOALS

Uphold Standards and Expand Success

- Sustain institutional momentum in securing full accreditation
- Advance initiatives that expand access and elevate excellence, including the launch of Mesa's second baccalaureate degree

Institutional Advancement and Advocacy

- Support the San Diego Community College District's fundraising campaign, elevating Mesa College's priorities, planning, and engagement
- Foster transparent communication around key initiatives such as Measure HH

Strategic Planning and Inclusive Growth

- Advance Mesa2030 with a focused approach centered on equitable outcomes, supported by college-wide engagement
- Champion strategic enrollment efforts that support the access, success, and belonging of minoritized groups and adult learners.
- Use storytelling to connect our work to purpose and vision

Rooted Leadership in Vision and a Defining Moment

- Lead with clarity, courage, and purpose, staying rooted in our vision and values while responding boldly to the needs of the moment.

2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Achievements and Opportunities

- Surpassed enrollment targets in every term, achieving 13,057.5 FTES—2.2% above our goal of 12,780 FTES. Headcount for both fall and spring exceeded 20,000 students, a milestone not consistently reached since the pandemic. Efficiency remained strong across all terms, averaging above 15—with a high of 17.70 during intersession. (Note: Spring 2025 data still being finalized.)
- Awarded 2,304 BA & AA/AS Degrees and Certificates, including 19 Bachelors Degrees in Health Information Management, 130 athletes, 100 veterans, 150 SDCCD employees, 14 international students, 740 honors, 181 graduates with 2+ degrees, 67 valedictorians, 169 Promise students. Our youngest graduate was 16 years old, and our most mature graduate was 78 years old.
- Since launching our 5-year plan, course success rates rose from 71% to 74%, with reduced equity gaps for Black and Latine students. Gains were also seen in transfer-level completion, degree attainment, and transfer rates.

Student-Centered Support & Equity Initiatives

- Awarded a \$1.76M STAR TRIO SSS 5-year grant to support first-generation, low-income, and disabled students
- Awarded a \$130,000 Mesa Rising Scholars three-year grant to support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students
- Awarded \$400,000 from the USDA to support SEEDS as a part of a \$15m investment in HSIs for agricultural education
- Celebrated the grand opening of our renovated CommUnity spaces, including the Kapwa-Umoja-Puente (KUP) Unity Village, Dreamer Resource Center, CalWORKs, Promise, Rising Scholars, and Family Resource Center
- Hosted the Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) CCC Caravan
- Launched our New MESA (Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement) Center

Excellence and Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 Carnegie Classifications as a “Mixed Associate Large” institution, among the top 2% of U.S. colleges and universities with a distinctive profile that combines high enrollment, a broad array of academic programs, and a focus on associate degrees
- Lucio Lira, Pride Center Counselor Coordinator, received the 2025 Dr. Emilie Mitchell Rainbow Excellence Award
- Dr. Waverly Ray received the Excellence in Energy and Sustainability Champion Award from the CCC Chancellor’s Office
- Mesa students were featured in UC San Diego’s CADRE program, offering real-world research experiences
- MT2C was recognized as a “Certified Online Tutoring Program” by the Association of Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance
- Mesa’s Athletics Program was named one of the nation’s top two-year athletic programs, finishing 2nd overall in the prestigious 2024-2025 Ron Case Cup standings
- Mesa’s Speech and Debate team triumphed at the International Forensics Association’s 35th Annual International Speech and Debate Tournament, securing first place in debate and making history as the most successful debate team in the Association’s history

Campus Culture, Events & Safety

- Concluded our 60th Anniversary with a range of events and activities, including a campus kickoff celebration, Powwow, Festival of Colors, panel discussions, historical exhibits, and the Dr. Blackmun Recognition Dinner
- Launched the inaugural Spirit of Mesa Gala, welcoming 175+ community members, raising over \$60,000, and securing 17 sponsors to support direct student needs
- Completed 6 of 9 Phase Emergency Management Plan and launched new safety website
- Introduced President’s Office Hours (Pop In with the Prez)
- Created an Accreditation website and established an ACCJC Outcomes Compliance Action Plan

Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement

Jr. Achievement, National University, Old Globe, SDSU, ASU, Conrad Prebys|E3|SDCCD Downtown San Diego Revitalization

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Growing Together.