The Stand Resource Center Expansion and The Resiliency Fund

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San Diego Mesa College: This Is Us

WE ARE Mesa
The Leading College of Equity and Excellence

1964
Founded

35,357
2018/19 Enrollment

STUDENT AGE

Female Students: 55%
Male Students: 45%

GENDER

ETHNICITY

Latino 37% - Caucasian 32% - Asian 11% - African American 6%
Two or more 6% - Filipino 5% - Other 6% - Unreported 6%
Native American <1% - Pacific Islander <1%

MILITARY

4,332
Active Military/Veteran/Spouse/Dependent
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Almost 50% of our students are food insecure and have limited access to nutritionally adequate food.

Nearly 1 in 5 students are homeless, living on the streets, in their car, or in a shelter.
## Overview of Progressive Efforts

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Office of Student Success & Equity

- Established and staffed in Summer/Fall 2015
- Provides oversight of equity related programs and activities
  - AVANZA Engagement Center | Peer Navigator | CRUISE
  - CalWORKs
  - DSPS
  - EOPS & STAR TRIO

President

Vice President, Student Services

Office of Student Success & Equity
  Dean, Student Success Equity
  Student Services Technician
  Sr. Secretary
  NANCE and Work-study
Success Equity and Transformation (SET) Committee

- The SET Committee is a Governance Committee that supports our college vision to be the Leading College of Equity and Excellence.

- The Office of Student Success and Equity worked with the committee to establish Basic Needs as one of our core equity related initiatives.
Direct Support

- Established in Spring 2016
- Using Hunger Free Campus Funds we expanded individual efforts of the Office of Student Success and Equity and the Mesa into our Direct Student Support Program

2018-19

- 151 Students Assessed
- 127 Students Received Support

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Participation in the Wisconsin Hope Lab Survey led to action

In Spring 2017 we opened The Stand: Food Pantry and Professional Clothing Closet in a 230 sq. ft. space

The Stand used a points system that destigmatizes the program. The point system additionally allows us to follow up on students who may be experiencing other issues that may present barriers to their success. The Stand also provides professional clothing.
In Partnership with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, we assessed our basic needs efforts to determine if they were effective in help students to persist and in producing equitable outcomes. The data along with student feedback showed that the efforts of The Stand and Direct Support program were proving to be successful. Annual reports tell our story!
Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce

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About the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce

Real Solutions to Real Challenges

Across our campuses, we see the prevalence of food and housing insecurity. In recognizing the existence of these challenges, it is time for State and community college leaders to proactively engage in discussions and interventions to alleviate these insecurity that affect our students.

In Spring of 2018, the Task Force of the California Community Colleges (CCHD/C) established the Affordability, Food, and Housing Access Taskforce to provide system-wide recommendations to address housing and food insecurity faced daily by our students. This Taskforce will review and discuss research literature, participate in discussions with leading scholars, and hear from students regarding their challenges with housing and hunger. The Taskforce is co-chaired by Dr. Pamela Luster, President of San Diego Mesa College and Dr. Keith Curry, President of Compton College.

For questions about the Taskforce, contact: laurie@calccac.org.

Download the Taskforce Fact Sheet

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Expanded efforts through Community Partnership

Established partnerships with key community partners:

- Feeding San Diego
- San Diego Food Bank
- Fulfilling Destiny

Initiated new programs including:

- The Stand Farmers Market (Spring 2018)
- The Stand Pop Up Market (Spring 2019)
- The Stand Mobile Market (Fall 2020)
- CalFresh Enrollment Workshops
In Summer 2019, Mesa College hosted our first ever Basic Needs Summit.

The summit was designed to ground the work of basic needs as an institutional mission and effort. We highlighted the significance of our efforts from both a student success as well as an equity perspective. In addition, we were able to map all of the basic needs work taking place across our campus.

Basic Needs Summit
Program Agenda
July 29, 2019
BCC 211/110 – 9 am to 3 pm

8 am – Addressing Basic Needs at Mesa College (Dr. Pamela Lazier, President)

9:00 – Review of Current Student Success & Equity Efforts (Ulrike Alman)

9:15 – Break

10:05 – Mesa College Mapping of Basic Needs Support (Jerry Manu)

11:15 – Collaborating With Financial Aid to Meet the Basic Needs of Students (Silda McInerney)

Noon Lunch – Table Topics Discussion (Claudia Perkins/Valeria Estrada Howard)

12:45 – Mental Health and Behaviors, the Impact of Basic Needs Insolvency (Cindy Gibbons, CFO/Claudia Perkins)

1:15 – Tackling Issues of Homelessness (Malorie Phillips, CEO, San Diego Youth Services)

1:45 Break

1:55 – Emergency Relief Funds & Mesa College Foundation, Setting Priorities (Kirsta Unknower)

2:25 – Moving Forward, Takeaways & Follow-up (Dr. Askari Kondo, Vice President, Student Services)

3:00 – Conclude

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Support for a Mesa Resource Center

Through administrative leadership and advocacy, received support to expand efforts through the creation of a new space for our campus wide resource center.

4000 square ft.
Resiliency Fund

In Summer 2019 The Mesa College Foundation Board committed to raising $250k to support the basic needs of our students.
Classified Senate Fundraising Efforts

Raised $6,228 in one day!
Established Taskforces

In Fall 2019, under the Guidance of the SET Committee, the following Taskforce were established:

- **The Stand Resource Taskforce**
  Objective: Determine best use of space, design and program activities of The Stand Resource Center & Expand community partnership

- **Resiliency Fund Taskforce**
  Objective: Develop policies and a process for students to access the direct support, resiliency fund, Veterans Emergency Fund and more
Mesa’s one-stop location for all basic needs support to students is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2020.

- Create a “One Stop” for basic needs
- Home to The Stand: Food Pantry and Professional Clothing Closet and our Financial Literacy Program
- Our community space will host workshops (i.e. #Adulting, Cal Fresh) activities and events
- We will co-locate community services (i.e. CalFresh, SD Family Health, 211, Wic, Housing & Urban Development) & campus resources
- We will serve as the basic needs hub for our Resiliency Fund, Direct Support and Veterans Emergency Fund
- We will remain nimble enough to meet current student needs

4000 square ft.
Questions, Answers and Sharing