

MESA Weekly News – Aug 22nd

Welcome new MESA students! This week, 25 students have joined the MESA program. There are 52 students enrolled in the Trigonometry class (many of whom will hopefully be joining MESA next week). This week's MESA News is extra-long because it lists workshops, field trips, university visits and more for the entire first semester.

Free MESA T-Shirts! For all new students who join MESA during the first two weeks of the fall semester! Come by the MESA Office, fill out the yellow MESA application form and meet with Cathy to get your free t-shirt.

NEW! MESA Website – designed by Edgar DeLoa and will be updated each week by our new MESA webmasters, Violeta Crow and Aldo Garcia.

www.smccd.edu/accounts/canmesa

TO DO THIS WEEK

- **Join a MESA Study Group!** – come by the MESA Center to be part of the MESA study group for your math or science classes. More coming soon!
http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/canmesa/study_groups.html
- **Mon, Aug 25th 10am-noon – Counseling @ MESA** – Lyn Belingeri available at the MESA Center to work on Student Ed Plans, Transfer Agreements and more.
- **Wed, Aug 27th 2:45pm -- Perspectives from a MESA Graduate** – Walter Salguaro, CalPoly Mechanical Engineering major @ the MESA Center
- **Wed, Aug 27th 11am-1pm** Help **recruit MESA students** at the campus-wide BBQ
- **Fri, Aug 29th 11am – Pre-Med/Health Club Meeting** @ the MESA Center
- **Sign up to work at the MESA Center this fall!** We have opportunities for tutors, class reps, project coordinators, study break organizers, data analysts and more. Lots of jobs for students (\$10/hour) – come see Cathy at the MESA Office

Student-to-Student: Perspectives from a MESA Graduate – Wed, 8/27, 2:45pm Walter Salguaro, a Cañada MESA graduate who transferred to **CalPoly**, will talk about his experiences at CalPoly, what he wished he had known or done while at Cañada, how he chose Mechanical Engineering as his major and why he chose CalPoly. You'll enjoy meeting Walter at the MESA Center and seeing him again when we visit CalPoly on 9/26.

Club Meeting: Pre-Med/Health Club – Fri, 8/29, 11am Interested in becoming a doctor, nurse, dentist or explore other options in healthcare? Come join the Pre-Med/Health Club. To be added to the distribution list, send an email to: premedhealth@yahoo.com

MESA Field Trips!

Wed, Sept 3rd (11:30am – 1pm) -- Sign up for fall semester MESA field trips at the Learning Center Open House

Trips to Universities

- Sept 12th – MESA Field Trip to **UC Berkeley Biology Majors Fair** – learn about all the different biology major options at Cal plus opportunities for summer research, careers, advice from students, tips for success and more.
- Sept 26th – MESA Field Trip to **CalPoly Engineering** (San Luis Obispo, CA)
<http://ceng.calpoly.edu/about/>
- Early Nov – **UC Berkeley** Community College Day (Engineering & Biology Scholars programs)
- Nov 7th – **UC Davis** Community College Transfer Day for Science, Technology, Math and Engineering Majors

Industry Field Trips & Conferences

- **MESA BA-STAR Science Symposium** (Sacramento, CA) -- Sept 19th-20th
- **Pre-Med Conference @ American River College** (Sacramento, CA) Oct 4th & 5th -- Registration open now: <http://conference.amsaarc.org/>
- **MESA Job Shadow Day at Google's Headquarters** (Mountain View, CA) Friday, Oct 17th – Computer Science and Computer Engineering majors sign up at the MESA Office
- **Chicanos in Healthcare Education (CHE) Dia de los Muertos Conference** -- date TBD in early Nov.
- **Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) National Conference** (Phoenix, AZ) -- Nov 12 – 16th -- <http://oneshpe.shpe.org/wps/portal/shpe2008>

RSVP now - On-Campus Science Speaker

“Ethical Issues of Biotechnology“ UC Davis Professor, Dr. David Gilchrist, Saturday, Sept 6th @ Canada College – sponsored by GeneConnection & Canada's Chemistry Department 10am Dr. Gilchrist's talk begins (free breakfast at 8:30am and a free lunch at noon) You can also encourage your high school science teachers to come for free. **RSVP required by Sept 2nd at:** www.geneconnection.org

Help Homeless Kids & Families - Community Volunteering 9/13

MESA student, Rene Rivera-Rosales, is a co-VP of Service for Phi Theta Kappa and is announcing an opportunity to spend a morning on Saturday, 9/13, volunteering with fellow

Cañada students at First Step for Families, part of Shelter Networks, a place for homeless families and children in a wonderful residential setting. Its mission is to mentor families into transitioning to permanent housing. The shelter needs some TLC. By painting doors and brightening up stairways and hallways, volunteers will be making it a place to call home for a homeless family. Send Rene an email for more info and to sign up - rene5823@hotmail.com

Workshops On-Campus:

- **Time Management** -- 9/3 (Wed) 11-noon – (room 9-206)
- **AB540 Workshop** -- 9/18 (Th) noon – 1pm – (room 9-106)
- **What is my Transfer Status?** -- 9/25 (Th) 11:30am – 12:30pm (room 9-106)
- **CSU/UC Application** – 10/14 (Tu) noon-2pm (room 9-106)
- **What's Your Major? Explore with Assist Software** – 10/16 (Th) 11:30-12:30 (room 9-206)
- **Money Management w/Opportunity Fund** – 11/5 (Wed) 11:30-12:30pm and again 6:00-7:00pm (room 9-206)
- **Transfer to a UC Campus** – 11/13 (Th) 11:30-12:30 (room 9-206)
- **Transfer to a CSU Campus** – 11/13 (Th) 12:30-1:30 (room 9-206)
- **Personal Statement for UC and Private Universities** – 11/20 (Th) 11:30-12:30 (room 9-206)

University Reps Coming to Cañada:

- 9/3 **Notre Dame de Namur** 11-1 (also 10/1, 11/11)
- 9/10 **Menlo College** 11-1 (also 11/25)
- 9/16 **UC Merced** 10-1 (also 10/15, 11/20)
- 9/18 **UC Santa Cruz** 10-12 (also 11/18)
- 9/23 **Bellevue University** 11-1
- 10/29 **Lots of Universities! College Transfer Day @ Cañada**
- 11/13 **National University** 10-12 (also 12/4)
- 11/21 **San Francisco State** 9-1
- 12/2 **CSU East Bay** 10-1

Scholarships:

Scholarship to attend the Celebration of Diversity in Computing Tapia Conference
– **Deadline Oct 15th** – For anyone interested in computer science or computer engineering.
Conference is in Portland, OR April 1st-4th -- Apply online <http://www.tapiaconference.org/2009/>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) – scholarship applications accepted on-line starting Sept 1st (deadline Feb 18th) <http://www.hsf.net>

Transfer Applications:

- **Transfer Agreement Guarantees** – heed the advice of MESA Transfer students and get at least one TAG in place if you're planning to transfer in Fall 2009. UC Davis, UC Merced & UC Santa Cruz are now open. Check in with your counselor, Lyn Belingheri or Soraya Sohrabi to get started on one or more TAGs.

UC – http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/apply_to_uc.html

Spring 2009 transfer application deadline: **Oct 31st**

Fall 2009 transfer application deadline: **Nov 30th**

CSU -- http://www.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/undergrad_apply.asp

I look forward to seeing everyone stop by the MESA Center or email me to set up a time to get together. On Tuesday morning I will be out of the office because it is my daughter, Karina's, first day of kindergarten. Have a great week and welcome back to campus!

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