

MESA Weekly News – Sept. 5th

Come by to sign up for all MESA Fall Field Trips & Conferences and encourage your classmates to come join MESA.

Stay up-to-date with the new MESA website. www.smccd.edu/accounts/canmesa

Cañada has been awarded \$900,000 to create **SOLES (Student On-Ramp Leading to Engineering and Sciences)**, an innovative new program focused on students interested in MESA majors who initially place in early math classes. Dr. E (Amelito Enriquez) is leading this effort and we should see many more new MESA students as a result.

Bravo!! Read more: <http://www.canadacollege.edu/news/stories/sciencegrant.html>

TO DO THIS WEEK

- **Tues, 9/9 - 3:45pm – Student-to-Student Talk** – Ignacio Zendejas, UCLA Computer Science & Engineering major @ the MESA Center
- **All week! Sign up for fall MESA Field Trips & Conferences**
- **Get a Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)** – deadlines are rapidly approaching! If this is your last year at Cañada see your counselor or Soraya Sohrabi to complete a TAG application.
- **Join a MESA Study Group** – study groups begin now. Info at the MESA website: http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/canmesa/study_groups.html

Student-to-Student: Ignacio Zendejas talks about UCLA Engineering

Tues, 9/9, 3:45pm Curious about engineering or computer science? Want to know more about UCLA Engineering? Ignacio Zendejas is a Computer Science & Engineering student who is now getting his Master's at UCLA. He grew up in Delano, CA and is one of the first in his family to attend college. He is finishing a summer working as a research intern at HP Labs.

MESA Field Trips!

Sign up for fall semester MESA field trips now!

MESA Trips to Universities

- Sept 12th – **(Sign up NOW! @ MESA Center)** MESA Field Trip to **UC Berkeley Biology Majors Fair** -- explore possibilities among all biology major options at UC Berkeley. Find out about summer programs, careers and more. <http://biology.berkeley.edu>

- 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)
- Nov 15th – **UC Berkeley** Bridges Multicultural Transfer Day (all majors)
<http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~bridges/>
- Nov 7th – **UC Davis** Community College Transfer Day for Science, Technology, Math and Engineering Majors

MESA 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
- **SHPE Noche de Ciencias** (Family Science Night) - Oct 15th or 16th in San Jose
- **SHPE Bomba Blast** – Saturday, Oct 18th @ Apple Computers
- **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>

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:

- **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)

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)

Scholarships:

NEW! SHPE San Francisco Scholarship– Deadline Oct 15th – Ten \$500 scholarships to local Bay Area SHPE students (it pays to join SHPE!). Winners announced in Nov at the SHPE Conference in Phoenix, AZ.

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/>

Marathon Oil Scholarship & Internship – Deadline Nov 1st – For sophomores in engineering (African American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander or American Indian) US citizen or residents with a 3.0 GPA. – Apply online <http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=464>

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. Have a great week!

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