

MESA Weekly News – Aug 29th

This week, the big news is that Cañada College's Science & Technology Division was awarded a \$900,000 grant to support students interested in MESA majors who are in early math classes. Bravo Dr. Enriquez! Stay tuned for more info.

The event of this coming week is the **Learning Center Open House on Wednesday (11:30am – 1pm)**. Come on by to sign up for all MESA Fall Events and encourage your classmates to come learn about MESA, Trio, Learning Center tutoring and more. Free study snack bags and water bottles for the first 300 students. Mark your calendars!

NEW! MESA Calendar On-Line –updated each week by our new MESA webmasters, Violeta Crow and Aldo Garcia.

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/canmesa/calendar.html>

TO DO THIS WEEK

- **Wed, Sept 3rd 11:30am-1pm** *Sign up for fall MESA Events* and help **recruit MESA students** at the Learning Center Open House
- **Join a MESA Study Group** – study groups begin now. Info at the MESA website: http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/canmesa/study_groups.html
- **Mon 10am-noon – Counseling @ MESA** – Lyn Belingheri available at the MESA Center to work on Student Ed Plans, Transfer Agreements and more.
- **Fri, Sept 5th 11am – Society of Hispanic Professional Engineering (SHPE) Club Meeting** @ the MESA Center
- Vote! ASCC Election 9/2 – 9/4 on the Amphitheater stage

I need your help! MESA/Learning Center Open House – Wed, 9/3, 11:30am – 1pm Come sign up for MESA fall events, greet new students, pass out study snack bags and water at the Learning Center Open House. Bring your classmates! We have study break snack bags and water bottles for the first 300 students who visit all areas of the Learning Center.

Club Meeting: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)– Fri, 9/5, 11am Interested in engineering or computer science? Want to meet engineering students at 4-year universities and professionals working in engineering jobs? Want to travel to Phoenix, AZ to the national conference in November? Come join SHPE.

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 – **(Sign up on Sept 3rd @ 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, career opportunities 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

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 this weekend! - 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
- 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/>

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 and welcome back to campus!

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