

Student Affairs

Student Orientation

Students who have applied for admission are invited to attend an orientation session at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Students are provided with a substantial amount of information regarding registration, available services, policies, student organizations, and other student information. This orientation is provided as a way of keeping students informed and encouraging them to become involved in campus life.

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Student Information System (SIS) consists of TV monitors in all College buildings and is used to convey important and timely information to students. Postings are approved by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Collegiate Advising

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Mesalands Community College realizes the importance of decisions students make which affect their educa-

tional pursuits. Advisors are available to assist students in making decisions involving personal matters related to their education, assessments, skill levels, educational planning, transfer options, and career planning.

Academic advisors can assist students with resolving problems and finding alternative solutions. The adviser can also provide referrals on study skills, tutoring, stress, and adjusting to college life. These services are provided to full-time, part-time and potential students.

FACULTY ADVISING

Although some entering students may be relatively sure about their career goals, a number of others need assistance in developing educational plans. Therefore, one of the first steps Mesalands Community College implements after admission is designating a faculty adviser for each student through the Office of Enrollment Management.

Faculty advisers assist both new and returning students in choosing classes and designing degree plans. In addition, Student Affairs staff are available to provide assistance and support if students need career information, testing, etc. All students are ultimately responsible for decisions regarding their own course selections and degree plans.

Emergency Alert System

In the event of an on-campus emergency, the College utilizes a variety of technologies to notify students and staff of the emergency and to advise them as to what actions to take.

Emergency alerts are displayed on the Student Information System screens and messages are put on campus voice mail and phone intercoms. Also, emergency alerts are sent to students' email addresses and text messages are sent to students' cell phones. Students should register to receive emergency emails and text messages at Student Affairs or at www.mesalands.edu at the beginning of each semester.

Student Governance

CAMPUS STUDENT GOVERNANCE

Students at Mesalands Community College are encouraged to voice their opinions on issues and matters of general interest to the student body. Students have the opportunity to participate in governance by joining the Student Government Association. The president of the Student Government Association is also a member of the Student Affairs Committee. Students interested in active involvement should contact a Student Affairs staff member.



Student Government Association is open to all students at Mesalands Community College. One of the goals of Student Government Association is to assume the responsibilities of participatory governance in a joint effort among students, faculty, staff, and administration.

THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Student Affairs Committee acts as a liaison between the students and the institution concerning questions, ideas, and needs. One of its functions is to make recommendations to the Vice President of Student Affairs regarding student life.

Student Organizations, Activities and Sports

In addition to the Student Government Association, there are several other student organizations:

ORGANIZATIONS

Astronomy Club is open to all students interested in astronomy. The club sponsors worthwhile social events and raises money to offset any costs of materials, conferences, or field trips.

Chi Alpha/College Christian Fellowship promotes the spiritual life of the students of Mesalands Community College by providing opportunities for worship, fellowship, discipleship, witness, and prayer. Chi Alpha meets

periodically in small and large gatherings. Students assume the planning and scheduling of all meetings and special events. Chi Alpha is a non-discriminatory organization.

ENACTUS (Entrepreneurial Action Us) is a nonprofit organization that gives students the tools to learn the free enterprise system in a real work situation. Guided by faculty advisors (who are named Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows in honor of the late WalMart founder, S.I.F.E.), teams establish a variety of community outreach programs that concentrate on free enterprise. Help is given to budding entrepreneurs to get their plans off the ground. Mentors are available for at-risk students, inspiring them to reach for their dreams.

Gamers Club was created to provide a way for people at Mesalands Community College who enjoy gaming to meet others with similar interests. "Gamers," in this case, is defined as the diverse multi-player games that are separate from traditional sports activities. These include, but are not limited to: role playing, card games, collectible trading card games, board games, multi-player computer games, and tabletop war games.

General Education Development (GED) Club exists to raise and distribute funding to assist students in the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program who need financial assistance in paying GED test fees.

Horse Club has been established to attract prospective students interested in horses to enroll at Mesa-



lands and to allow eligible students to participate in Horse Show competitions as a member of the National Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) and to represent Mesalands at IHSA events. The club increases and maintains the interest of the Mesalands students in the sport of intercollegiate show, horsemanship, and sportsmanship

Mesalands Experienced Student Association (MESA) is designed to provide support and advocacy to nontraditional students at Mesalands Community College. Membership is open to any Mesalands student who fulfills membership requirements (any undergraduate student who is 24 or older, or any student under 24 who considers him or herself a nontraditional student).

Native American Club promotes increased awareness and cultural understanding of the indigenous people of America at Mesalands Community College and the respective community. Membership is open to any student of Mesalands Community College.

Natural Sciences Club provides an opportunity for students to gain knowledge of their surroundings. Innovative field trips and informative lectures with topics ranging from astronomy to paleontology are provided

through the Natural Sciences Club. Hands-on experience is emphasized through cooperative work in the Mesalands Dinosaur Museum and Natural Science Laboratories where the scientific method is put to practical use. This organization offers students a chance to broaden their horizons while giving the community an opportunity to share in a culturally enriching experience.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society membership is based on academic achievement. The Society offers students leadership opportunities, lifetime membership, opportunities for intellectual enrichment and personal development through scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

Power Technology Club is open to students enrolled in the Automotive or Diesel Technology program. The club raises money to provide for the needs of students in the Automotive and Diesel Technology programs.

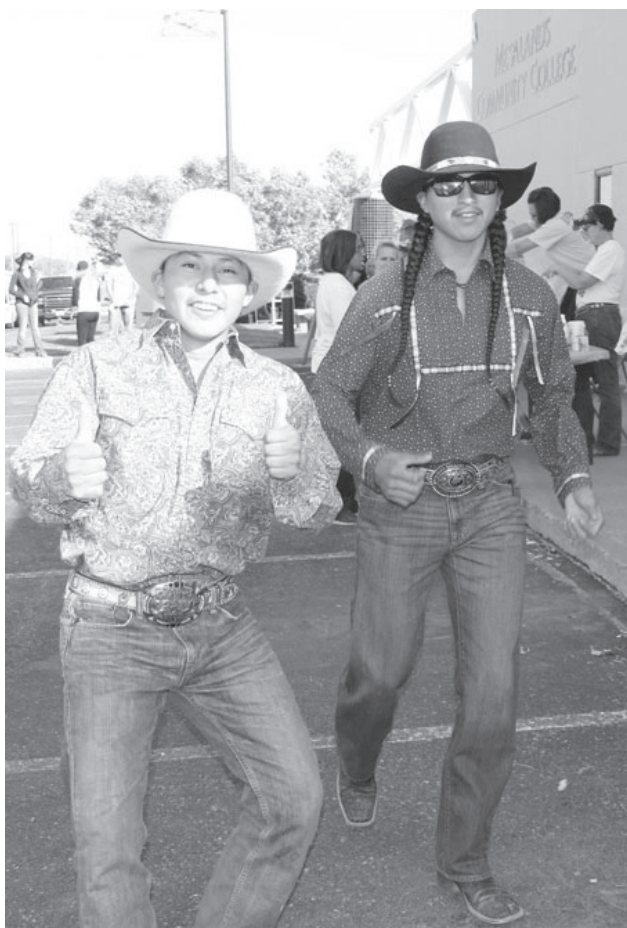
Rodeo Club offers students with an interest in rodeo the opportunity to develop their skills and participate in various rodeo events. The club attends and hosts rodeos, team roping competitions, and dances.

SkillsUSA Club is open to students enrolled in an Occupational Education Program. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure a skilled American work force. The Skills USA Club offers students an opportunity to develop their job and industry skills and to participate in various related events.

Spanish Club is for students taking Spanish as a foreign language and for those who speak Spanish or are interested in Spanish culture.

Student Horseshoers Organization for Excellence (S.H.O.E.) encourages students with an interest in horses and horseshoeing to participate in the club. S.H.O.E. is a member of the New Mexico Professional Horseshoers Association and is actively involved in national farrier associations. The club attends and hosts clinics, competitions, and certifications related to horseshoeing and horses. It also sponsors recreational activities.

Wind Energy Technology Club is open to students enrolled in the Wind Energy Technology Program. The club has three areas of focus: 1) Career awareness - to increase awareness in the wind energy industry of the Wind Energy Technology Program at Mesalands Community College; 2) Educational enhancement - to gather resources that will enhance the education and training areas of the Wind Energy Technology Program; 3) Community involvement to develop local relationships through involvement in community activities and projects.



SPORTS

Intercollegiate Rodeo was introduced as Mesalands' first intercollegiate sport in the fall semester of 1998. The College is a member of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and competes in the Grand Canyon Region rodeos, which include New Mexico and Arizona. The co-educational team competes in rodeos in the fall and spring. Students must meet national eligibility guidelines and be enrolled full-time in order to participate in the college rodeos throughout the region. The top athletes from the region compete in the College National Finals Rodeo in June each year.

Intramural Sports may be offered based on student interest. Each semester may include ultimate frisbee, dodge ball, volleyball, basketball, and other sports as interest is expressed by the student body. Students may inquire at the Office of Student Affairs.

Students with Special Needs

Mesalands Community College is committed to helping qualified students with special needs reach their goals. Students requesting special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act must contact their instructor or Student Affairs staff who will advise them of the required process.

Documentation of disability and need for special accommodations must be provided by the student in order for a decision to be made concerning eligibility for the requested services. Approved accommodations will be implemented in a timely manner appropriate to the type of accommodation being requested. For special accommodations information, contact the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Campus Centers of Student Life

The campus centers of student life are comprised of several areas in the Mesalands Community College main building: the student Commons area, the Educational Services Center, and the courtyard behind Building A.

Student Commons areas in Mesalands Community College's academic and technical buildings offer places where students meet, socialize, study together, eat, or just visit. The commons areas are designed to meet the immediate needs of students taking classes in a given building, and may provide television, magazines, newspapers, etc.

Vending machines and restrooms are nearby. Many campus-wide student meetings and receptions are held in the commons areas.

