



Fall 2021 Newsletter



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ashley Guerrero Campos
Administrative Assistant

Ashley was raised in Pierce County. She graduated from the University of Washington in Sociology. She's a first generation Mexican-American who loves nature.



William Ico
Program Coordinator

William is from Guatemala. Graduated from Central Washington with a degree in Applied Science of Cyber Security. He enjoys reading.

WHAT'S NEW IN MESA?



We kicked off the year with a Parent Welcome MESA Magic Night where we invited parents and their students to learn more about TSPS MESA and meet the wonderful team. Students and parents were able to see some of PLU preserved animal displays from the Biology department and engaged with some PLU math majors over math puzzles and games.

WHAT'S NEW IN MESA?



In October, we launched a new academic support program supported by our wonderful TSPS MESA mentors. MESA Students are offered tutoring services virtually at no cost twice a week. In November, we took some middle and high school classes at an Engineering Manufacturing Company called AST located in Tacoma to learn more about Computer Engineering and Robotics. We wrapped the quarter with MESAgiving. We hosted MESAgiving at Wapato Park where we provided Thanksgiving food/items to our MESA parents.

MESA SPOTLIGHT: TIFFANIE MERIDITH



Tiffanie Meredith is a first year MESA teacher who teaches Math and Algebra 2 at Spanaway middle school. She got into STEM because she loves Math. Right after she got out of the Army, she started her teaching journey in Elementary Education. As she was working on her Master's degree, she was able to get permission to complete her middle school math endorsement. Her favorite part about serving as a TSPS MESA teacher is working with the students and seeing how excited they are about building and exploring MESA projects.

MENTOR'S SPOTLIGHT MELINDA JUKIC



Melinda is a first year TSPS MESA mentor. She is a Bosnian-American from Federal Way, and is currently an intended Nursing major at PLU. She strives to become a Pediatrics Registered Nurse.

She is planning to complete her masters in Nursing after finishing her Bachelor's Degree at PLU. Melinda enjoys watching shows like Grey's Anatomy and Nightwatch. Her favorite part about serving as TSPS MESA mentor is working with the middle schoolers on their popsicle stick bridges and competing with the high schoolers on whose glider can go the farthest. She hopes to see MESA students enjoy the program and the projects they are working on so later on it will help them decide future endeavors and maybe even spark an interest in a STEM major.

MENTOR'S SPOTLIGHT THOMAS TRANG



Thomas is a first year TSPS MESA Mentor and Junior at PLU. He is from Portland, Oregon, and comes from an Asian American household. He is a Chemistry major with an emphasis in Biochemistry. He chose to major in Chemistry because science has always been something he always wanted to do. In addition, it's always changing and evolving every year, with scientists making discoveries.

MENTOR'S SPOTLIGHT THOMAS TRANG

His main goal is to become an epidemiologist or a pharmacist. His favorite part about serving as a TSPS MESA Mentor is working with kids in different age groups. It gave him a whole different perspective on how different ages see science. Being able to help students choose a science field they are interested in is important to Thomas, especially in under-represented communities.

According to Thomas, MESA students are hard workers and are very passionate about the activities that are assigned to them.

They communicate with their peers very well, tackle challenging tasks, and lead the group to achieve their tasks. Thomas can see many bright futures with MESA students as they continue to tackle challenging tasks throughout the years and one day become leaders to others.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ***24-hour Pierce County
Crisis Line***
(800) 576-7764
- ***24-hour Pierce County
Crisis Text Line***
Text "HEAL" or "NAMI" to 741741
- ***TACID (Tacoma Area
Coalition for Individuals w/
Disabilities)***
(253) 565-9000
*support, education, info,
referrals*



UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS

January 19, 2022 Career Day
January 27, 2022 College Tour
February 10, 2022 Black STEM Speaker's Series
February 12, 2022 SAT Saturday Academy
February 15, 2022 College Access Workshop
February 17, 2022 FAFSA/WAFSA Workshop
February 24, 2022 STEM Movie Night
April 24, 2022 Parent Workshop: How to
support your students with Post-Secondary
Planning
April 28, 2022 MESA DAY!!!

save the date



CALENDAR



Event Calendar

2021-2022 School Year

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Aug. 30, 2021
Sep. 8, 2021
Oct. 12, 2021
Oct. 16&18, 2021
Oct. 19, 2021
Oct. 21, 2021

Oct. 27, 2021
Nov. 9, 2021
Nov. 15, 2021
Nov. 16, 2021
Nov. 19, 2021
Jan. 11, 2022
Jan. 19, 2022
Jan. 27, 2022
Jan. 28, 2022
Feb. 1, 2022
Feb. 9, 2022
Feb. 10, 2022

Feb. 12, 2022
Feb. 15, 2022
Feb. 17, 2022
Feb. 19-20, 2022
Feb. 24, 2022
Mar. 8, 2022
Apr. 12, 2022
Apr. 14, 2022
Apr. 28, 2022
May 3, 2022
May 10, 2022
May 12, 2022
May 14, 2022
Jun. 2, 2022
Jun. 4-5, 2022
June 2022
July 2022

MESA EVENT

Teacher Orientation
MESA Meet & Greet
Teachers Meeting
Leadership for Justice TPD
FAFSA/WAFSA
Parent Welcome/MESA
Magic Night
Board Meeting
Teachers Meeting
AST Field Trip
College Access
MESAgiving
Teachers Meeting
Career Day
College Tour
Virtual College Tour
Teachers Meeting
Board Meeting
Black STEM Speakers Series
SAT Saturday Academy
College Access
FAFSA/WAFSA
Leadership for Justice TPD
STEM Movie Night
Teacher's Meeting
Teachers Meeting
Parent Workshop
MESA Day
Teachers Meeting Debrief
Board Meeting
End of Year Celebration
WA State MESA Day
Parent Workshop
Leadership for Justice TPD
National MESA Day
Summer Program

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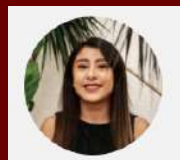
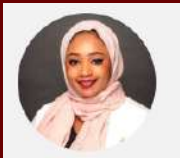
WE OFFER:

After-School Programs
Field Trips
College and Career Readiness
Summer Programs
Parent Leadership
MESA Day

Calendar is subject to change

Happy Holidays from our Team to Yours!

Navigating the
transition back to
in-person learning
has not been easy.
We appreciate your
support during
these times.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook



Tacoma Mesa

Instagram



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Twitter



@tacomaMESA