MESA works!

Recruit, Retain, and Graduate STEM Leaders

Workshops & Labs

“Skills labs are a great asset to MESA and all STEM students. They open doors to other fields and I look forward to attending future skills labs.”

-Luisa Jojola (Biology & Math)

Study Skills & Tutoring

“The MESA Program has been more than a program at Sonoma State University. I have been involved since 2010 and, if it wasn’t for the study time and tutors available during our meetings, I’m not sure I would still be attending SSU. [...] We recently opened our meetings to Upward Bound students as a way to give back and encourage them to go to college.”

-Gloria Ramirez (Biology)

Diverse Community

“Diversity is a very essential part of the scientific experience. Different perspectives are needed to enrich the complex thought process that is more responsive in a global range. Being a part of MESA has given me the support and resources that I need to reach my goal.”

-Ang Diku Sherpa (ENSP - Hydrology)

Leadership

“The MESA Student Leadership Conference was a wonderful experience. From lectures on networking to workshops identifying leadership types, this event helped us grow into well-rounded, diverse leaders.”

-David Tran (Computer Science)

“MESA has also provided leadership opportunities that have expanded my knowledge in communication skills and more importantly, allowed me to help the community.”

-Gloria Ramirez (Biology)
Sonoma State University has the only 4-year college MESA program in the state open to all STEM majors.

With California’s rapid change in demographics, it is imperative to prepare student groups that are historically underrepresented in STEM fields. MESA provides opportunities for educationally disadvantaged students to succeed in these urgently needed areas of study and to become successful STEM graduates.

MESA Students...

- Raise expectations
- Become academic leaders
- Form lasting friendships
- Gain STEM industry knowledge
- Enhance their educational experience
- Develop close relationships with faculty and staff

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