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for Colorado MESA

# eNews



Welcome to the Colorado MESA e-News electronic newsletter. In an effort to keep our advisors up to date on upcoming events, scholarships, financial aid, MESA news and much more, we've developed the e-

Inside newsletter. The e-News newsletter will be distributed to our MESA advisors updating you on new program developments, field trip opportunities, events and general MESA information. **Please let us know how we can assist your MESA program and make a positive difference for our MESA students.** For more information on any item mentioned in the newsletter, please contact our office at 303.352.3869 or via email at [victor.vialpando@cudenver.edu](mailto:victor.vialpando@cudenver.edu). To view past newsletters or print a pdf version of the current issue, visit [www.cmesa.org/news.html](http://www.cmesa.org/news.html)

**Just In:** [House Bill 1243](#), which would provide a fund for STEM based programs such as MESA, was passed on a unanimous vote by the House Education Committee yesterday. Next stop is the House floor for discussion and vote and from there to the Senate. MESA Board members, staff, advisors, students and alumni spoke on behalf of the bill. HB 1243 is sponsored by Representative Nancy Todd and Senator Suzanne Williams.

**Colorado MESA** was named as one of 10 JumpStart grant awardees by the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation. The JumpStart grant is part of the [WIRED](#) project that provides funds to expand or replicate educational and workforce programs serving the needs of companies in Metro Denver's targeted industries, including aerospace, bioscience, energy, and information technology.



## Scholarships & Financial Aid

Colorado MESA is continuously updating scholarships available to our MESA students. Visit our website often for updates and new additions. Below are a few upcoming scholarship deadlines:

*Colorado MESA Scholarship – March 31, 2007*  
*Hispanic Chamber Education Foundation – May 4, 2007.*

### **2007 Colorado MESA Scholarship:**

Colorado MESA is honored to announce that the 2006-2007 MESA Scholarship application is now available. The MESA scholarship fund for eligible high school students has been endowed with donations inspired by the memory of Mr. Robert Rodriguez and Mr. Charlie Farel, two extraordinary people who were long time supporters of Colorado MESA and diversity education. In order to be eligible for either scholarship, students must demonstrate financial need (1/2 the points are based on financial need), be a current MESA participant and submit a completed application by **Saturday, March 31, 2007**. For eligibility and to

download an application, [click here >>](#)

### Hispanic Chamber Education Foundation (HCEF):

The goal of the Hispanic Chamber Education Foundation Scholarship is to award funds to qualified students who have demonstrated a commitment to the Hispanic community. Application deadline is **Friday, May 4, 2007**. For eligibility and to download an application, [click here >>](#)

## Mentor Program

Colorado MESA University/College mentoring program provides an opportunity for MESA students and advisors to interact with college students in the field of mathematics, engineering, science and technology. Mentors provide leadership skills and serve as a role model for students, assist MESA advisors with administering activities and developing projects for the local/statewide/national competitions.



Mentors are recruited from numerous universities/colleges and are trained by our staff prior to sending them out the schools. In order to schedule mentors accordingly, **we need to know your MESA program's need for mentors, meeting dates, time and location**. Sign up for a mentor online at [http://www.cmesa.org/advisor/advisor\\_request.html](http://www.cmesa.org/advisor/advisor_request.html).

## Multi-Task Trebuchet Challenge

The MESA USA National Competition Multi-Task Trebuchet Challenge rules and regulations have been posted! Advisor, please download the complete rules and guidelines for the MTT competition for your respective high school or middle school. In addition, the rules and regulations for the MESA Day at the Mall and High School Engineering and Science Jamboree are on our website. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our office.



### MESA's New Look!

We've re-designed our website! New features include student and advisor resources and scholarship information. We are in the process of developing an Advisor Handbook and resource manual. Please let us know what you resources you need and what items you would like included in the Handbook or on the website. Send suggestions/recommendations via email to [victor.vialpando@cudenver.edu](mailto:victor.vialpando@cudenver.edu).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

📅 [13<sup>th</sup> Annual Design Contest](#)  
Saturday, March 3, 2007  
Colorado State University - Pueblo

📅 [GESETE](#)  
Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
Colorado Convention Center

9:00AM - 5:00PM

☐ [High School Engineering & Science Jamboree](#)

Friday, April 12, 2007  
Colorado School of Mines  
8:00AM - 3:30PM

8:45AM - 1:15PM

☐ [MESA Day at the Mall](#)

Friday, April 20, 2007  
Tamarac Square Mall (tentative location)  
8:00AM - 2:00PM



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