WHAT IS MEP?

MESA stands for Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement and is a statewide program designed to assist disadvantaged students in the technical fields of study. The MESA Engineering Program (MEP) is a comprehensive recruitment, development, retention and graduation program at California State University, Chico that assists disadvantaged students in the engineering, computer science, and technical disciplines. MEP is part of the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management.

MEP serves educationally disadvantaged students and, to the extent possible by law, emphasizes participation by students from groups with low eligibility rates for four-year colleges.
Recruitment and Admissions
The MESA Engineering Program (MEP) actively recruits students from high schools and community colleges. Once identified, students are invited to apply to the University and MEP.

Matriculation
MEP attempts to create a smooth and thorough transition from the time a student is admitted to the University until classes begin. To facilitate this transition, called "matriculation", the program provides help with such necessities as financial aid, placement tests, housing, academic advising, and course registration.

Freshman Orientation
Although MEP supports students throughout their tenure at the University, the most intensive support is given during the critical freshman year.

Workshops, Tutoring Services and Study Group
Academic workshops and tutoring are available for MEP students in a variety of courses. Study groups composed of MEP students taking similar courses are also coordinated and conducted.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
MEP places high priority on helping students secure scholarships and financial aid. Most MEP students receive scholarships, book loans, and other financial assistance.

Professional Development and Career Awareness
Professional development and career awareness go hand in hand at MEP. MEP regularly sponsors guest speakers, field trips, and professional development activities to educate students.

Employment Opportunities
Would you like to have an internship with a Fortune 500 company during the summer? CSU, Chico MEP students earn well paying jobs across the United States. MEP also helps with job placement during your stay at CSU, Chico.

2010 PG&E Student Leadership Conference

Jonathan Graham, 2007 Outstanding African American Graduate-Electrical Engineering
"The MEP Center and staff were a great asset to my educational experience at CSU, Chico. I received financial assistance, academic guidance, and emotional support from the MEP staff. Also, I met other students to form study groups with which made studying for exams and doing projects less stressful. I am definitely glad I was a part of MEP at Chico State."

Janet Torres, Senior Construction Management
"The MESA Engineering Program has really made a difference in my college career. They have provided academic and financial assistance as well as a quiet place to study. They encourage all their students to thrive academically and provide the necessary tools to do so. Most importantly, they have provided a support system that is critical especially during freshmen year."

Brandon Williams, Senior Civil Engineering
"The MESA Engineering Program recruited me to CSU Chico and since then has played a major role in my transition from a freshmen to a current senior. MEP advisers were there each semester providing general information such as scheduling classes and applying for Graduate School. The MEP Study center provides tutors, an ideal studying environment and a computer lab."

Oya Ross-Walcott, Senior Mechanical Engineering
"The MESA Engineering Program has a tremendous influence in my experience at CSU, Chico. From the very beginning, I have been so grateful for all the assistance provided, from excellent tutoring services to help with class registration and planning. The program and mentors have provided me all the encouragement and support to achieve my goals."