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Mesa State has record number of students for Fall 2008 *January 2009 term also at all-time high*

Grand Junction – Mesa State College finished its Fall 2008 semester with a record-setting enrollment of 6,261 students.

“We are proud to serve the higher education needs of Western Colorado,” said Mesa State President Tim Foster. “I think this is a testament to our outstanding faculty. They are committed to teaching and being available to their students both in and outside the classroom.”

The addition of programs that meet area workforce needs such as Mechanical Engineering (in partnership with the University of Colorado – Boulder), Construction Management, Paramedic, and four-year Radiologic Technology has also attracted new students to the college, Foster added.

The word is getting out that Mesa State is a vibrant, growing campus that provides new facilities and modern technology, which today’s students demand, he said.

The college has seen a dramatic increase in enrollment in its January term, with 521 students taking at least one class. That compares with 404 in January 2008.

January term is designed for students who wish to take a class rather than an extended semester break. Classes are delivered during an intensive two weeks and two days from January 2-19. Some classes meet every day with longer than usual class hours. Others meet once a week for the entire day. More than 20 classes are offered during the January term. This is the fourth year Mesa State has offered a January term.

The spring semester begins January 20. Enrollment numbers for Spring 2009 won’t be available until February 6, after the official census day on February 5.

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