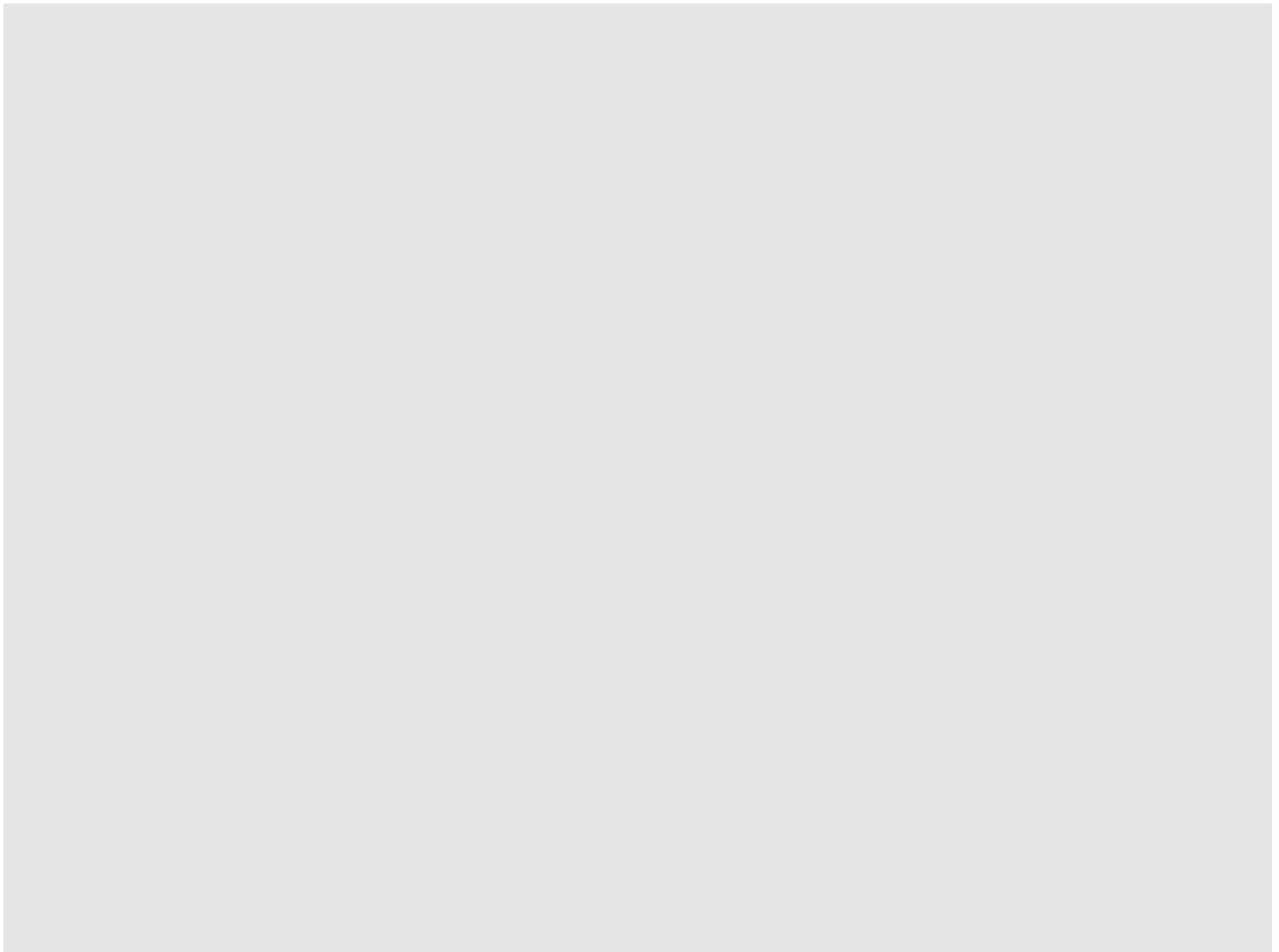


New campaign gives Mesa residents the chance to attend college for free

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Directory sign at Mesa Community College

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MESA, AZ (3TV/CBS 5) -- High School senior Anissa Gurrola has hopes of becoming a criminal defense attorney one day and is considering going to a junior college first to help ease the financial burden.

[WATCH: Mesa mayor proposes free tuition at Mesa Community College]

As part of the new Mesa Promise College Campaign for Mesa residents, students like Gurrola won't have to pay anything to attend Mesa Community College. Mayor John Giles said the program won't require a tax increase. The cost will be shared by the city and local businesses investing in future employees.

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“So if you’re a Mesa High School kid or maybe a Mesa High School dropout, we want you to get some post-high school education,” said Giles.

Students can apply for the free tuition program starting next Spring Semester of 2021. To be eligible, you just need to be a Mesa resident, attend Mesa Community College, and fill out the federal FAFSA form.

For help filling out federal forms, or for more information, the city encourages people to visit, MesaCountsonCollege.org.

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