

Free Income Tax Assistance

In order to assist students, senior adults, and economically disadvantaged clients file their tax claims, community volunteers working with the Internal Revenue Service are preparing tax returns for free. The volunteers will be trained in basic tax preparation. The service is made available through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Clients should bring their W-2 forms and any tax-return support information they have available. Appointments are not necessary, and the public is welcome. Service is available through April 10; to volunteer call the Center for Service Learning at 461-7393.

Help is available:

MCC at Southern and Dobson
Career Center
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 PM–9:00 PM
Saturdays, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

MCC at Red Mountain
Acacia Village, Room V119
Saturdays, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

MCC team bowls a strike

Bowling at MCC? That's right, since 1998 MCC has boasted a nationally ranked bowling team. Its first year they ranked 8th in the country; last year they finished in the top 18 out of 130 College Bowling USA teams. Last year's team also honored their first All American and accepted fourth place in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). So why haven't you heard of these kingpins before? The bowling team is not an official sport at MCC because most of the tournaments are out of state, making it an expensive program. The co-ed team does fundraisers throughout the year to support travel. According to Coach Karl Simonis, selection to participate in tournaments is based on team members' participation in fundraising and practice as well as their record.



Join the fun!

Coach Karl Simonis invites MCC employees to join a 3-week bowling league.

Fridays at 4:00 PM
February 20, February 27, March 5
Brunswick Bowling Alley
\$7 per person, per day

Cost includes 2 games, shoe rental, and post-game appetizers and soft drinks

To sign up, contact Karl Simonis at 480-225-5220 or ksimonis@dcsinter.net by February 17.

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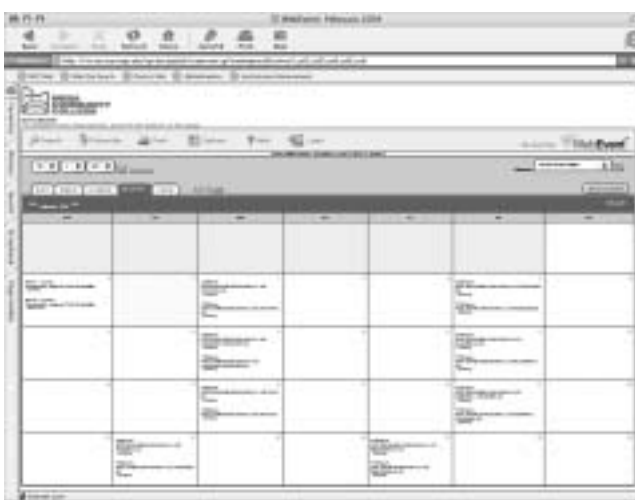


Online calendar helps employees advertise events

Looking to increase attendance at your next lecture, workshop, or special event? MCC has a new online events calendar to help you get the word out. The calendar is available at we.mc.maricopa.edu/events or by going to the MCC homepage and selecting "Maps and Calendars." The calendar opens to a global view of all items posted, but users can view any of the six calendars individually. The six calendars are: arts, athletics, community, employee, holiday, and student.

Adding an event

Anyone on campus can add an event to the calendar by clicking on the "Add Event" button located in the upper right hand corner. Complete the simple form then click submit. Your item will be forwarded to the Office of Institutional Advancement to be added to the calendar.



Additional features

The calendar offers a variety of features. In addition to the ability to select individual calendars or a global view,

users can choose a daily, weekly, biweekly, monthly, or yearly view of the calendar and if they want a list format. If you are interested in events associated with a particular calendar, you can subscribe to that calendar to receive e-mail notifications of event additions/deletions and/or a reminder when an event is to occur. Calendar information can also be exported to a personal digital assistant or personal calendar software (such as Outlook).

For more information about the calendar, please contact Heather Miles at 461-7296.

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Meet MCC's All-Arizona Academic team members

MCC hosted the ninth annual All Arizona Academic Team banquet on Thursday, February 12. The purpose of the All-Arizona Academic Team is to recognize scholarly achievements of students from junior, technical, and community colleges. MCC's 2004 first team members are Joseph Luchenta, Kelley Stewart, and Christian Turner; Margie Phillips represents MCC on the second team. (To read more about All-Arizona competition guidelines and awards, check out the February 20, 2003 issue of *The Bulletin* at www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia/test/AlumniCom/archives.html.)

Student Bios



Joseph Luchenta

MCC at Southern and Dobson

Joseph is an Economics major with 4.0 GPA. His goal is to obtain a Ph.D. in Community and Economic

Development/International Trade Law.

Joseph, a former gang member, returned to high school at the age of 19. Joseph now shares his experiences as a mentor at the Phoenix Youth at Risk program.

"Impacting the future is a goal and my progress is marked by a continued desire to pursue this goal...In this empowering endeavor to be the positive change I want

to see in the world, I have changed the lives of others as well as my own."



Kelley Stewart

MCC at Red Mountain

Kelley holds a 3.8 GPA as she pursues her studies in Applied Psychology and Life Science.

Her goal is to obtain a Ph.D.

in Health Psychology so that she may pursue a career as a Health Psychologist and Bioethicist. An avid volunteer and community leader, Kelley states "Civic engagement cannot be about charity work; instead, the greater reward of civic engagement is the empowerment of a community or an individual to address their issues. Active civic engagement changes ordinary citizens into community and family leaders who are empowered to affect their own future and the future generations."



Christian Turner

MCC at Southern and Dobson

Christian is a political science major with a 4.0 GPA. After

obtaining a law degree, Christian plans to pursue a career as a political lobbyist. An internship at the Maricopa County Elections Department created an awareness in Christian of the political apathy and disinterest in civic engagement that exist in our community. Christian states, "A widening fissure is forming in the foundation of America. It is this communication gap between the politically involved elderly and the politically apathetic youth that I want to change. My goal is reach tomorrow's leaders as they are being taught to lead."



Margie Phillips

MCC at Red Mountain

Margie maintains a 3.7 GPA in her study of social work. Her goal is to obtain a master's degree and establish a

therapeutic practice with a non-profit agency, specializing in victims of abuse. Margie states, "My service with AmeriCorps, the Service Learning program, and my work with Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) have been instrumental in redirecting both my professional and personal life. The opportunities I received through these services have enabled me to make a direct contribution and given me an overwhelming desire to work in the mental health field."

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Other communication tools to assist you

Marquees

Mesa Community College at Southern and Dobson has two marquees available for use. One is located on Dobson Road near the freeway; the other is located on Southern Avenue. MCC at Red Mountain has a marquee in Acacia Village.

You can request the marquees at Southern and Dobson by filling out the marquee request form available at www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia/test/AlumniCom/photomarquee.html. To request the Red Mountain marquee, contact Bob Maez at 654-7784 or robert.maez@mcmil.maricopa.edu.

Television bulletin board

Streamlined video messages are displayed on televisions around campus that are set to channel 11. A new television set has been added above the Student Activities counter in the Kirk Student Center that is dedicated to displaying the bulletin board.

E-mail Kelly Zamora in Media Services at Zamora@mail.mc.maricopa.edu to have your event added. Requests should include the exact wording for your message and should be limited to a few lines. Suggested text would include the event name, date

and time, location, and a person to contact for additional information.

Campus-wide e-mails

E-mails to campus- and district-wide distribution lists can help to get the word out quickly. All employees are able to send messages by typing in the distribution list of choice: MCC's is dl-mc@memo.maricopa.edu; District's is dl-all-maricopa@memo.maricopa.edu.

Individuals interested in learning basics on inserting graphics, logos, and formatting are encouraged to attend the *Art of E-mail Graphics* workshop offered through the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). The next *Art of E-mail Graphics* workshop is February 17 from 3-5 PM in the CTL. To register for the class please call 461-7331 or visit ctl.mc.maricopa.edu/events/reg.jsp.



Graphic inserted in an e-mail sent out to commemorate the first anniversary of 9-11.

Help! Where did Helpdesk go?



The MCC Helpdesk, now known as Technology Support Services (TSS), located on the Southern and Dobson campus, has moved to the Administration Building (AD), room AD 3W. The move consolidates all areas of the Information Technology department into one building to provide better support to employees. The best part of TSS's new home is that you don't have to ring the doorbell and wait for someone to answer. You can walk right in, get the help you need, and be on your way.