

## CGTE holiday fundraiser

The Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement (CGTE) and the Office of International Education are cosponsoring an auction and dinner to raise scholarship funds for the Study Abroad programs and for refugee students.

Date: Friday, December 10 — Time: 7–10 PM

Place: Mesa Southwest Museum, 53 North MacDonald, Mesa, Arizona



Cost: \$100 for individual tickets; \$800 to sponsor a table that seats 10.

Employees will receive e-mail invitations, and printed invitations will be mailed to approximately 1,000 community leaders. Seating is limited.

For information on auction items, visit: [www.mc.maricopa.edu/cgte](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/cgte) For tickets or for more information, contact CGTE director Debra Campbell at 480-461-7615.

## Bond Q&A

What is MCC's portion of the bond funds?

MCC will receive \$111 million

- \$60 million for Southern and Dobson
- \$20 million for Red Mountain
- \$21 million for technology
- \$10 million for Downtown

Q. What's our next step?

A. *We will review our Facilities Masterplan to obtain collegewide input before plans are finalized and construction begins.*

Q. When will the first bonds be sold?

A. *Providing that planning and prioritizing are on schedule, we should see the first bonds sold within a year.*

Q. When would the first round of construction be completed?

A. *A rough guideline would be 2½ years. It typically takes about a year to plan, gather bids, and hire a firm to complete the work. Once the construction begins, it's usually 18 months to completion.*

Q. Will construction projects be done simultaneously?

A. *Absolutely. Projects will be underway at the Southern and Dobson, Red Mountain, and possibly the Downtown campuses simultaneously.*

Q. What about parking?

A. *Prop 401 provides some funds for surface parking. Our Facilities Masterplan includes the creation of parking garages on the Southern and Dobson campus. Bond funds will not be used for parking garages. We are exploring the possibility of constructing parking garages simultaneously with our other projects using a different source of funding.*

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## Planning underway for Prop 401 monies

By **Larry K. Christiansen**



Overwhelming voter approval of proposition 401 presents enormous opportunities for our college. The pressing questions for many are what next and when?

Our next steps are to review our 2002-2022 Facilities Masterplan, prioritize our projects, explore partnerships, and understand the politics surrounding our college.

We will begin with a comprehensive review of our Facilities Masterplan to ensure that what we believed two years ago – in terms

of new facilities and technology – is still on the mark. As an example, our current masterplan calls for the creation of clusters that will group similar disciplines into the same areas on campus. We must now answer questions such as – Which disciplines will be clustered together? What support services will be included?

This review and planning process will include employees from all our campuses and sites. As we collectively move forward, we will continually ask

ourselves if our current plans are still right for our institution. Do our plans still meet the needs of our campuses and the community we serve?

Then we will set priorities. What projects come first? We will take into consideration factors such as population growth, changing demographics, and access barriers to higher education. While we cannot do everything at one time, we will be able to push forward on several projects simultaneously.

We will continue to leverage valuable resources through the development of partnerships like our partnership with the City of Mesa in the development of our Downtown Campus. I am committed to finding partners for other MCC projects and will continue efforts to secure funding to enhance instructional programs, athletics, and the fine arts.

We must be mindful of internal and external politics. Commitments we have made must be kept. As we have in the past, we will be good stewards of the tax dollars that has been entrusted to us. MCC must be accessible to 50,000 students by 2012. That is a tall order but one I am confident we can uphold.

This is an exciting time for our college and our district. I will seek broad-based involvement from our MCC community and I am committed to keeping you informed about our progress as we move forward.

## Engineering “student pipeline” created by collaboration

Be an Engineer! Mesa Community College and four other institutions in the MCCCDC have developed a collaboration with ASU to build an engineering “student pipeline.” The partnership, funded through the National Science Foundation (NSF), is designed to enroll women and under-represented minorities in community college engineering programs, retain the students through their transition to ASU, and graduate the students from the ASU Fulton School of Engineering.

Be an Engineer! events are held at each of the community college sites and offer community college students an opportunity to meet with engineers from local industry and with ASU engineering students. The event provides time for networking, industry product demonstrations, a panel discussion, and a question and answer session. Elizabeth Chain, coordinator for the program, speaks to the quality of the event. “Events are held each semester and generally attract 100 students. We have had representatives from companies such as Intel, Freescale, Boeing, Medtronics,



Honeywell, and Lockheed-Martin, representing the eleven engineering majors offered at ASU’s Fulton School of Engineering.”



The next *Be an Engineer!* event will be held in spring 2005. Please contact Elizabeth Chain at [elizabeth.chain@cgemail.maricopa.edu](mailto:elizabeth.chain@cgemail.maricopa.edu) or call 480-857-5142.

## Checking your CFS account balance

You’ve got a requisition to do on the College Financial Systems (CFS). So you go through all the necessary steps and finally complete the requisition and hit submit. Next thing you know you receive an e-mail saying the requisition has been rejected due to insufficient funds. You ask yourself “How does this happen?” Now there is a way you can find out your account balance before you create a requisition.

You can check your account balance real time without logging into CFS. The district programmers came up with a web page to view accounts quickly and easily. Those individuals who use online banking or call their bank’s 800 number to check their account balance will find this process similar and just as convenient.

Here are the steps to get started:

1. Go to [fdbs.dist.maricopa.edu:8000/pls/WEB](http://fdbs.dist.maricopa.edu:8000/pls/WEB) (You might want to bookmark the address for future use)
2. In the pop up window log in using your CFS username and password
3. Click on the GL Account balances link
4. Enter the fund and charge center you want to look up in the appropriate boxes and click submit

Voila, now you can see your account balance. But wait, you’re not done yet. If you click on any of the numbers in the financial report that are blue, the system will show you the transaction detail. For example, clicking on a number in the Open Commitments column will get you a list of the open PO’s that make up the balance for that particular line. If you click on one of the numbers in Year to Date, you’ll see the detail of expenditures from that line. You can print these reports directly from your web browser.

**Check your account balance on-line**

## PTK students receive scholarships

Mesa Community College (MCC) student Deanna Grogan has been named a recipient of the 2004 Phi Theta Kappa Leaders of Promise scholarship. Deanna, along with 29 other community college students from across the nation, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help further their associate degree studies.

The Leaders of Promise scholarship program is to provide Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled at a two-year college. The program also provides opportunity and encourages students to assume leadership roles by participating in PTK programs.

PTK Executive Director, Rod Risley stated, “This is a noteworthy honor because it recognizes the potential success of outstanding students such as Deanna. These students are smart and committed to improving their communities. In that sense, Deanna

is a real credit to the type of students not only at MCC, but at community colleges everywhere.” Fellow student Travis Cain also received a scholarship from PTK. Travis was awarded a \$250 scholarship from the National Dean’s List. All members of PTK are automatically nominated for the National Dean’s List, a prestigious biographical publication recognizing academic leadership accomplishments of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students. Each year 50 members are randomly selected to receive the \$250 scholarship.

PTK is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious honor society serving two-year and community colleges in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, and U.S. territorial possessions. Approximately 90,000 students are inducted annually into the Society’s 1,200 chapters.

*Source: Phi Theta Kappa International Executive Offices*



*Deanna Grogan*



*Travis Cain*