

MCC SnapShot

Fall 2005

SUPER STUDENT LEADERS!

MCC at Red Mountain hosts District-wide leadership training



Swish and spit at ASDOH



Everybody's Gone Surfin'...
at Homecoming 2005



Ann Ewing receives
Distinguished Faculty Award



Outstanding Adjunct Faculty
Marge Cataldo
Nominated by Joan Massey and Yvonne Rutland

Marge Cataldo has been adjunct faculty in MCC's English Department for the past five years, consistently carrying the maximum number of classes allowed. Her attitude is most helpful; she will teach whichever classes the department needs her to teach. It is clear that

Marge has an excellent command of the subject she teaches. She has the ability to explain abstract concepts so that the students can successfully grasp the purpose of the lesson being taught. She is serious when appropriate but has a good sense of humor.

Marge has participated in the REACH program for the last two years. REACH is a program for at-risk high school students who are at risk, not only academically, but in other areas as well. Marge has the caring personality necessary to help these students succeed. Her style is a combination of rigid academic expectation coupled with sincerity in that she really cares about her students – and they readily see that.

Marge has served the department well as a substitute teacher. As a matter of fact, several full-time faculty request only Marge as their substitute teacher. It seems she makes quite an impression even when she is substituting. Her service is varied, yet consistent in that she has more than fulfilled her obligations to the school and her students. She has, frankly, excelled.



MAT Excellence Award
Deb DeVore
Nomination letters by Jonathan Baney, Leslie Baney, and Frank Amparo

Deb DeVore serves students as Assistant Director of the Development Office. With her guidance, MCC has raised millions of dollars for student scholarships. She is a very positive representative of MCC as she meets with potential

donors. Deb serves the faculty of MCC by offering assistance and leadership in setting up fundraising campaigns. She often times takes a wild idea about fundraising and turns it into reality for the busy faculty.

Within the Development Office, Deb has cultivated a work environment that promotes creativity and communication. She has always made it a point to include staff in the office planning and has never turned down any idea that was presented. Her encouraging attitude keeps her department motivated, productive, and successful.

She currently serves as the MAT Professional Growth Chairperson and through hard work transformed a once chaotic committee into a highly effective, productive group and is always willing to offer professional growth answers and encouragement.

Deb is a great leader. She listens, she is empathetic, she is logical and realistic. Most importantly, though, she cares! She cares about our community, the college, and the students.

Focus on



M&O Excellence Award
Ed Gonzales
Nominated by Angela Cissell

Ed Gonzales of Maintenance and Operations has provided superior service to Facilities and Vehicle Fleet Scheduling since his arrival to MCC. Facilities and Vehicle Fleet Scheduling handles the scheduling and coordination of both facility and vehicle usage, and our service to others creates even more work for some of our colleagues!

Ed, in addition to his “real” job duties, never hesitates to assist us when help is needed. When our office is down to one employee to cover several areas but has vehicles to be taken to or picked up at the shop, Ed assists with this task almost immediately. He works hard day after day to help set up and take down room arrangements for the MANY events on campus, including those “impromptu” events that we don’t know about until they are about to begin! He helps fuel the vehicles on a weekly basis and is involved in the “once a year” emissions trip.

Ed does many things for all of us, most that go unnoticed and unannounced, all with an attitude of helpfulness, willingness, and respect. His approach to his work here at MCC is the pinnacle of what impresses me about Ed. He is truly a joy to work with, and I thank him for everything he does. Ed, you are a gem!



Service Excellence Award
Dr. Gail Mee
Nominated by the Instructional team

Dr. Gail Mee became Dean of Instruction following Mesa’s 1995 NCA visit. At that time, MCC had received feedback from the visiting team report that the college was in need of improvement in several areas, including Assessment and Strategic Planning. The school was also on the eve of developing a second comprehensive campus as well as implementing distance learning and an extended campus model. Much of MCC’s success in the 2005 accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission stemmed from the vision and leadership of Gail Mee.

Under Gail’s leadership as Chief Academic Officer, Mesa has developed an Assessment and Planning process that is considered a model for the rest of the country; MCC at Red Mountain has become a second campus; MCC OnLine has grown and developed; and MCC has grown by almost 25%.

Other notable academic leadership accomplishments include planning and hosting a National Science Foundation-funded national conversation on learning for the 21st Century, developing the REACH program, establishing an Academic Skills Lab, leadership of an innovative International Education agenda, supporting the development of the state’s only two-year biotechnology program, leading the school in the HLC Accreditation visit, leading faculty, administrators, and staff in the development of MCC’s Departmental and Strategic Planning, leading a \$7 million project to build the life science center, as well as being well recognized for her role in the development and implementation of MCC’s student assessment program.

Excellence



PSA Excellence
Lori Hoyt
Nominated by Marlene Forney

As a Learning Associate at MCC's Red Mountain Learning Enhancement Center (LEC) Lori Hoyt is genuinely committed to student satisfaction. She is described by one instructor as, 'one of the most patient people I've ever met'. He is amazed at her willingness to listen to students as they express frustration, despair, and anxiety and

then respond in such a clear, calm manner. Lori is always discrete about the physical and mental challenges of some of those needing LEC services. She has helped students through epileptic seizures, homelessness, and the 'failure blues' with the tools of supplemental instruction and referrals to other college service agencies.

One good example of her commitment was demonstrated her first year at Red Mountain when she tutored a student who used a sign language interpreter. To be as effective as possible, Lori sought out an Adjunct American Sign Language (ASL) Faculty member to learn basic signs. She even registered for additional classes to develop more ASL skills.

Her positive influence has affected more than just students as she spearheads efforts to include employees in many community charity projects. I am truly thankful that she chooses to work for our college in the academic trenches. Her warm personal style along with a strong commitment to quality has helped make the LEC a heavily utilized instructional resource at the campus.



Service Excellence Award
Lyn Dutson
Nominated by James Mancuso

Lyn Dutson has been involved in serving our students and our community through educational theatre since 1962. The weight of the Theatre Outback has been squarely on the shoulders of Lyn Dutson, and she has done an increasingly marvelous job of achieving the goals. Were it not for Lyn Dutson there might have been thousands of young students over the

past 35 years who may not have found their niche or built their self esteem through theatre. She has been an advisor and mentor for all.

Lyn is active in any task force or cause that will promote the welfare of students and the college. She has continually served on the college senate and is currently the Faculty Senate President. Her leadership in preparation for the 2005 NCA accreditation visit to MCC has been greatly appreciated. For the past ten years Lyn has served as the chair of the Maricopa County Community College Instructional Council for Theatre Arts Education. In addition, she is the state chair of the Theatre Arts Task Force. In the winter of 2001, Lyn was awarded the Arizona Theatre Association's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Lyn demonstrates her service to her discipline and her department with the variety of courses that she is willing to teach. Her tireless work ethic, student-centered approach to teaching, commitment to the college mission, and dedication to excellence are among the many ways in which she demonstrates her service to MCC.



Faculty Excellence Award
Dr. Maria Romo Chavira
Nominated by Skip Pollock, Ph.D. and Ann Ewing, Ph.D.

Dr. Maria Romo Chavira has taught more than six different preparations in the Psychology department, created and taught two online courses, and created an additional elective course; she consistently receives outstanding student evaluations in all of them. Maria has spent countless hours mentoring and supporting students in their research work. More than half a dozen of Maria's students have had research projects accepted for presentation at the Western Psychological Association.

Maria serves on numerous campus committees. Most notably, she was Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee during 2004–2005 and during that time completed all of the documentation needed for the NCA visit.

Maria was awarded a Maricopa Institute for Learning (MIL) Fellowship (2000–2001), and, because of outstanding performance, was asked to be the MIL Faculty Chairperson for the next year. The following year she was persuaded to take on the role of Faculty Developer at the Mesa CTL, where she developed the Faculty Development Model, Teaching circles, faculty-led symposia, and facilitated the New Faculty Experience (NFE) for first-time faculty. She received a Recognition Award from the MCLI in April, 2004, and an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) in 2001.

Maria is also deeply involved in our community and has served in numerous leadership positions while balancing a busy family life with young children. She is a woman of total competence, absolute integrity, and down to earth reality.



Faculty Excellence Award
Charles Lewis
Anonymous nomination

Charles Lewis stands out as one of the key people in retaining me as a faculty member. I first became acquainted with him when he was serving as Faculty Senate President. Charles handled my needs with great care and made sure to follow up with his predecessor when he was done with his term to ensure continuity. More than any other person on this campus, he has given me hope and treated me as a valued member of this campus community. He demonstrates a great respect for the most valuable commodity on this campus – the people.

I know that Charles is a busy man with duties on his plate that far exceed what is written in his contract. Regardless, he makes me and many other people I know (particularly probationary faculty) feel like we are a priority. He gets back to me promptly and can be depended on completely for his trustworthiness, follow through, and principled approach to problem solving. The work he has done behind the scenes and without anyone's knowledge is extensive. His guidance as a mentor and a colleague have been invaluable to me and when things get tough, I remember one of his favorite sayings: "take the high road and you can't go wrong."



Ear Candy

All the way from Utah, the interactive band Simple People braved the August heat and performed original music for students on both campuses during Welcome Week.



Students loved the FREE food, giveaways, and music that radio stations The Edge 103.9 and The Peak 98.7 provided to help kick-off the fall semester.

VOTING GOES PAPERLESS



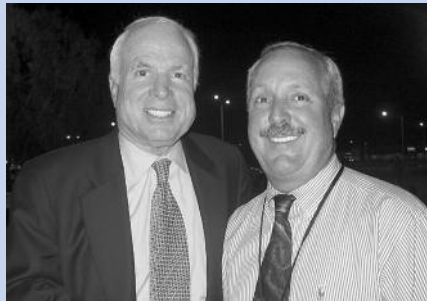
Students voted electronically this semester for Homecoming King and Queen. Results were immediately available at the close of voting without spending hours counting paper ballots. Coming soon...the ability to vote online from home!

SUPER LEADERS!

MCC at Red Mountain hosted a district-wide Student Life and Leadership training in September. Students from eight colleges networked with other student leaders and learned valuable skills for being better leaders on their own campuses and in their future careers.



MCCAIN VISITS MCC



SECURING THE SENATOR

Steve Corich, Director of College Safety, pauses for a picture with Senator John McCain after safely escorting him to his car.



POLITICAL RESPECT

Members of MCC's Student Republicans Club listen respectfully as Senator John McCain discusses local and national issues. As the host of the town hall forum, members of the club were able to spend some one-on-one time with the Senator; a rare political opportunity.

MCC Becomes Part of the Idol Phenomenon



MCC student bands competed in the first "Battle of the Bands" competition during Fall Bash. The winning band, Until the Return, won 20 hours of recording studio time with Foulmouth Productions.



WE ARE COMMUNITY!

As MCC grows, so does involvement with our community. This year's Vendor Day brought more vendors and potential opportunities for students than ever before.

POWER DRUMMERS AT MCC



MCC students and employees witnessed a 10,000 year old musical tradition at the Korean Power Drumming Performance. Korean drumming is also known as Yulnyo, which means rhythm of life.

FOR THE GREATER GOOD



Students got caught up in the enthusiasm offered by community service agencies during MCC's Community Involvement Expo.



Four-year Degrees?

Administrators, educators, students, and taxpayers voiced their opinions on four-year degrees at community colleges when Representative Laura Knaperok came to MCC seeking community input on higher education reform.

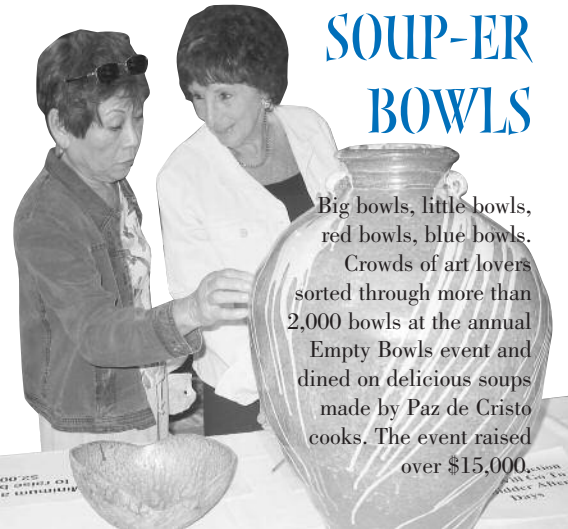
MCC ROSE TO THE OCCASION



The 40th Anniversary Commemorative Rose Planting kicked off Homecoming festivities by honoring MCC alumni, students, and employees.

SOUP-ER BOWLS

Big bowls, little bowls, red bowls, blue bowls. Crowds of art lovers sorted through more than 2,000 bowls at the annual Empty Bowls event and dined on delicious soups made by Paz de Cristo cooks. The event raised over \$15,000.



WORKING 9 TO 5



More than 100 employers came to the MCC Career Expo looking for a few good applicants. Job seekers learned the value of a firm handshake and a spotless resume.



Birds of a Feather

ASMCC President Jeffrey Linford shared the podium with MCC's Thunderbird during opening festivities at the annual Homecoming barbecue.



A BEACON OF HOPE

Hurricane Katrina provided the backdrop for Gov. Janet Napolitano's East Valley Policy Forum at MCC. Napolitano's advisors called schools "a beacon of hope" for those struggling to start a new life in Arizona.

OPEN WIDE



The Red Mountain Community Advisory Committee toured a dental clinic that won't leave patients feeling down in the mouth. The cheerful new facilities of the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health (ASDOH) allows students in

MCC's Dental Hygiene/Dental Assisting program to do their clinical coursework at the ASDOH clinic.

A Most Excellent Time



The Commission on Excellence in Education celebrated their 15th anniversary in style. The Commission is MCC's formal link to the East Valley community.



Science Day Ingredients: 400 kids, 1 apron each, explosions and goo everywhere, 200 MCC student volunteers

On November 8th, hundreds of fourth and fifth grade students converged on campus to participate in MCC's fifth annual Science Day. The students experienced smoking comets, pudding volcanoes, and race car demonstrations.

MCC SHOWS SCHOOL SPIRIT



MCC's Alumni Association Board members lead the crowd in the school fight song during the Homecoming barbecue.

Break the silence...end domestic violence



During the first Week Without Violence, Socorro Bernsconi of Central de Amistad (left) demonstrated how her organization turns violent weapons into useful tools. The rifle was disarmed of all firing mechanisms and turned into a shovel.

ARIZONI EXCELLENCE AWARDS

MCC's Music and Theatre departments received an astonishing 35 ariZoni nominations this year. Of those 35 nominations, MCC proudly took home nine awards.

ariZoni awards won by the Theatre Arts Department

Overall Production – *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*

Actor in Major Role – *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* – Thomas Murray

Scenic Design – *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* – Brian Daily

Scenic Design – *The Lion in Winter* – Kara Thomson

ariZoni awards won by the Music Department, Act One Musical Productions

Original Script – Musical – *12 Princesses* – Rob Gardner

Overall Production – Original Musical – *12 Princesses*

Supporting Actor – Joshua Alston – *The Secret Garden*

Supporting Actress – Melissa Van Slyke – *The Secret Garden*

Lighting Design – Troy Buckey – *The Secret Garden*

BRAVO! MCC'S 2005–06 SEASON DELIGHTED PATRONS WITH A VARIETY OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES.



Poppins, Pan, & Potter
Photo courtesy of Yousin Smith



Our Country's Good



The Scarlet Pimpernel



Killjoy



Ballet Folklorico
Photo courtesy of Yousin Smith

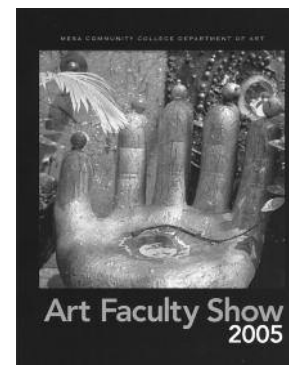


The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940



The Secret Garden

Art Faculty Show



“Rock and Roll Tribute House”
Digital Inkjet Print,
Sarah Capawana

Art Faculty Show
2005



More Than You Can Handle
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More Than You Can Handle

Employees had their hands full at the Fall Employee Social where they enjoyed smoothies, popsicles, and ice cream. Some "Cool" Trivia also let staff demonstrate their uncanny knowledge of Vanilla Ice lyrics.



Wacky witches brew and stuffed demon horns

Many MCC employees dressed in costume and braved the spooky "Halloween Happy Hour" environment. All proceeds were donated to MCC's Mesa United Way campaign.



Ann Ewing receives Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Ann Ewing, Psychology Faculty member, is the first recipient of the Faculty Senate Distinguished Faculty Award. The award is the highest academic honor bestowed by the MCC Faculty Senate.



Holiday shopping done in one stop

With over 29 vendors at this year's PSA Holiday Boutique, employees were able to do a lot of holiday shopping without ever leaving campus. Items ranged from jewelry, homemade goodies, handmade cards, painted gourds, to Mary Kay cosmetics.



Warm Engagement

New MCC faculty received a warm reception and were soon caught up in engaging dialogue with current faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Gail Mee, at the Fall Faculty Tea. Former MCCCDC Chancellor Paul Elsner also attended, adding to the rich intellectual atmosphere.



MCC Greets New V.P.s

Employees welcomed MCC's newest vice presidents with open arms at a reception in their honor. Patricia Cardenas-Adame is the Vice President of Student Affairs and Jerry Davis is the Vice President of Administrative Services.

MCC ATHLETICS' RANKED #1 IN NATION

Thunderbird coaches are all smiles as they gather around the Pepsi Award trophy that recognizes Mesa as the #1 overall athletic program in 2004-2005 among two-year scholarship colleges. Five coaches from the 2004-05 year received Coach of the Year honors: Tony Cirelli, John Guerrero, Steve Jacobs, Selmer Olson, and Robin Schamber.



TODAY'S STUDENTS, TODAY'S CHALLENGES

Convocation guest speaker, Debra Humphreys, Vice President for Communication and Public Affairs, The Association of American Colleges and Universities, was both informative and entertaining as she discussed some surprising trends with today's college students.



Cross-Continent Collaboration

MCC faculty and staff welcomed faculty fellows Ms. Maaïke Scholten and Ms. Marie van der Werf from Koning Willem I College in the Netherlands.

Years of Service



Lyn Dutson
35 years



James W. Theilmann
35 years



Barron R. Arenson
35 years

Gene S. Fazio
35 years



30 YEARS

Ronald K. Dinchak
Linda S. Larson

20 YEARS

Sue Anne Lucius
Joseph A. Pearson
Pinny P. Sheoran
Katherine Stine
Lawrence D. Thacker

15 YEARS

Kristie A. Adamson
G. Argersinger
Alex L. Avila
Ellen R. Bramoweth
Wynn W. Call
Douglas A. Conway
Elizabeth Dorland
Richard H. Felnagle
Margaret A. Ferguson
Linda M. Garden
James W. Giles
Gail C. Hardaway
Jaime H. Herrera
Valerie S. Hill
Denver L. Latimore
Charles Lewis
John T. Payne
Evelyn Y. Rutland
Steven A. Seek
Linda K. Shaw

10 YEARS

Emi O. Ahn
Peter S. Brown
Jeanette M. Cernetic
Angela Chavez
Madeleine P. Chowdhury
Judy Christensen
Deborah G. Groves
Mary S. Horton
John G. Moll
Patrick G. O'Brien
Jesus E. Peralta
Ann-Marie D. Spence
John N. Zikopoulos

5 YEARS

Mark R. Anderson
Jeffrey A. Anderson
Donna C. Backhaus
Jonathan E. Baney
Christine M. Beckman
Patricia Cardenas-Adame
Katherine A. Chapin
Richard Damp
Arlene DeLeon
Julie A. Henderson
Katrien J. Kraft
Robert S. Leighty
Charles W. Levine
Lillis M. Lloyd
Pauline Lloyd
Barbara A. Lyne
Dwayne E. McIntosh

Susan K. Miller
Kathryn J. Mohler
Shelly Morris
Ellyn K. Ness
Jose N. Ozuna
Mark W. Peek
Crespin Omar Perez
Bruce A. Peterson
Ralph M. Sandoval
Frederick J. Schineller
Franklene M. Smith
Johnna S. Switzer
Limse C. Thor
Ly T.L. Tran-Nguyen
Melissa Kay Turnbull
Evelyn R. Valle
Todd Alan Verch
Eddie D. Webb
Lisa M. Will
Neal S. Winter
Michael D. Wintz
Shawn E. Wood
David J. Yount

Retiring



Ellen Bramoweth



Victor Cornell