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MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

New Electronic Marquees

This fall, both of Mesa Community College's campuses boast new electronic marquees. The college recently purchased two full-color, fiber optic marquees that have the ability to display streaming video. The marquee at MCC's Southern and Dobson campus is located on Dobson Road. The marquee at the Red Mountain campus is on the northeast corner of Power and McKellips roads.

Sonia Filan, MCC's Director of Institutional Advancement (IA), chaired the marquee committee that consisted of representatives from all employee groups.

"The marquee is an excellent way for our campus to communicate messages to the community at large," Sonia said. "This is just another tool in our continual effort to promote Mesa Community College's programs and services."

Criteria for posting messages can be downloaded from IA's website at <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/about/ia/>. All messages must be relevant to college business and/or public service announcements that affect the surrounding community.

The marquee will showcase new programs and services and events such as music, theatre, athletics, commencements, and lecture series. Congratulatory messages will also be accepted for college-wide outstanding achievements. Personal messages will not be posted.

At this time, messages are limited to basic text with the exception of a few messages created by YESCO, the vendor from whom the marquee was purchased. The college's contract with YESCO provides for additional training so that IA staff members will be able to add graphics to the messaging. IA appreciates your patience as they complete the training and enhance their capabilities.



Submit marquee messages two weeks prior to posting date via email to:

Southern and Dobson: sdmarquee@mcmail.maricopa.edu

Red Mountain: rmmarquee@mcmail.maricopa.edu

Individuals who submit messages are responsible for content and must alert the IA staff at (480) 461-7445 when changes in the time or date of an event occur.

Marquee messages will updated every Tuesday and Friday.

For more information, contact Lora Lassiter in IA at (480) 461-7475.

Bond Report Card

Mesa Community College's (MCC's) Bond Report Card provides an update on the development of new MCC facilities and improvements to existing buildings using money from the 2004 bond initiative. Future report cards will provide updates on the progress of MCC's ongoing capital development projects.

Construction Cost Outlook: The cost of construction materials, particularly concrete and steel, has grown at a higher than anticipated rate. The bond package accounted for a 3% increase in materials cost each year, however rates have increased by 12% and continue to rise. MCC is responding by looking to collaboration and partnerships to supplement bond dollars so that all projects can be accomplished.

Southern and Dobson:

Physical Science and Health and Wellness Buildings

Facility plans originally called for the construction of new Physical Science and Health and Wellness buildings. The impact of rising construction costs created the need for a new approach to plans for the Health and Wellness building, slated as the last building to be constructed at Southern and Dobson. Faculty in the Physical Sciences and Health and Wellness departments collaborated to construct one building with the same square footage as the two that were originally proposed.

Groundbreaking for the Physical Science building, which will be located on the west side of campus, is anticipated to occur January 2007. SMITHGROUP, Inc, has been selected for the design and Barton Mallow will provide construction services. Once the new Physical Science building is completed, the existing Physical Science building will be refurbished into a state-of-the-art facility. The remodel is scheduled to begin March 2008. **status report: in progress**

Communication and Humanities

Faculty and college leaders are meeting to identify the types of classroom space needed to meet the department's educational initiatives. Planning will continue throughout fall 2006.

status report: in progress

Performing and Fine Arts

Construction on the Performing and Fine Arts building is scheduled to begin in 2010. Because of the anticipated increases in construction costs, the college is seeking funding partners.

status report: in progress

Site Development

Heating and cooling systems are being upgraded to improve energy efficiency and create infrastructure to support new buildings. Security across campus will be enhanced with the installation of additional security cameras. Buildings are being re-keyed to a computerized system tied to employees' electronic I.D. cards to further enhance security.

Additional parking is being developed on the east side of campus. The new parking area will join the existing northeast and southeast lots and will be completed by December 2006.

status report: in progress

Red Mountain Campus

Faculty and college leaders are meeting to identify the types of classroom spaces needed to facilitate future growth. Construction is scheduled to begin April 2008. Downtown Campus Partnerships are the driving force behind MCC's

Downtown Campus.

MCC is partnering with the City of Mesa to build a Fire Science Training Academy, with each partner bringing capital dollars to fund the project. Negotiations are also in progress that will enable the college to acquire buildings it has historically rented in Downtown Mesa. Distance Learning MCC's distance learning program will be expanded and will include course and content management systems and access to online student services. In addition, computer hardware will be purchased to support the new systems. MCC will be seeking accreditation to offer an online degree.

status report: in progress



New Career and Re-Entry Resources

Do you know students who get the jitters just thinking about job interviews?

Tell them to relax and visit the new Interview Stream on MCC's Career and Re-Entry Web site. Students can take part in a virtual interview, receive feedback, and assess their interview from the convenience of their home. All they need is an Internet connection and a webcam. If students don't have access to a webcam, cameras are available for check out in Career Services. The interview is saved online and career advisors can provide a follow-up critique.

Interview Stream is one of several new resources MCC Career and Re-Entry Services has launched for student and faculty use.

Faculty can access these resources in the "For Faculty" section of the Career and Re-Entry Web site at:
<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/faculty.html>.

Faculty Offerings:

What Can I Do With This Major? Career sheets on a variety of majors are available for faculty to print and distribute to students. Whether it's audiology or geology or sociology, the sheets offer specific career areas, potential employers, and strategies for career pursuit.

Vault Online Career Library

This resource is available compliments of Career and Re-Entry Services and the MCC Library. The database is available on campus without a password or off campus with an MCC Portal username and password. Vault Online provides occupational profiles, industry guides, and over 80 career guides.

Resumes

Perfect for teaching resume writing skills. This resource provides sample resumes, cover letters, and related vocabulary to help students portray their unique qualifications. And for those days a back-up plan is needed....

Don't Cancel Class!

Career and Re-Entry Services can provide a guest lecturer for your class on a variety of subjects, such as: Overview of Career Services, Resume Writing, Interview Skills, Job Search, and more. Call (480) 461-7592 to make arrangements.

MCC Career Services has also just secured partnerships with GoDaddy.com, Countrywide Home Loans, and Best Buy to provide internship and career opportunities to MCC students and alumni. Two areas of focus are IT careers and sales/customer support.

MCC Career Expo		
What: Career Expo 150 employers will be on campus recruiting for current job openings. Open to all jobseekers in the community.	When: Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Where: Mesa Community College 1833 W. Southern Avenue The campus lawn in the center of campus.	Bring your resume and dress for success. For more information please contact Debby Smith at (480) 461-7973. Workshops on how to prepare to attend a job fair are held prior to the event, on Sept. 26 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sept. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. in the MCC Career Resource Center, Room SS5N.

College Poll Worker Recruitment

November 7 is a significant day for MCC student Jessica Roberts, 20. Not only will she be voting in her very first election, she'll be earning money for working at the polls and celebrating her birthday as well. Jessica is part of a program called The Help America Vote College Poll Worker Program, an effort to recruit college students to work at the polls and get paid for the experience.

"I've always wanted to be a poll worker but didn't know how to sign up to do it," Jessica said. "It works out great because November 7 also happens to be my birthday. I didn't get a chance to vote last year, but this year I definitely will because I will already be there."

Jessica learned about the program from her teacher, Brian Dille, a political science faculty member at MCC. Brian said county elections officials are strapped for workers and want to recruit as many college students as possible to help, and at the same time, encourage young people to vote.

"The reason county elections officials are getting students involved is that they are moving toward the new touch-screen voting machines," Brian said. "They are anxious to recruit college students because they are more comfortable with technology than many of the older poll workers."

The new touch-screen machines will be used mainly for visually impaired voters during this election, but may be used for general voters in the future.

Brian said so far 12 MCC students have signed up to work the polls in November. Election officials will continue to recruit students as the election nears, with a training session planned for mid-October at MCC. Students are paid \$10 for a two-hour

training session, \$100 for Election Day service, and \$5 for setup the day before the election. Training sessions cover issues ranging from Arizona's history with civil rights and voting, election procedures, and the use of new technologies as part of the voting experience.

County officials are also anxious to recruit bilingual poll workers of any age to assist Spanish-speaking voters. Bilingual poll workers may earn an additional \$25 by attending a supplemental 2-hour training program before the day of service.

Poll workers need to commit to an all-day shift. If students prefer to receive one credit of service learning for their service, they must donate the money they earn to a community organization or campus club.

Jessica said she's anxious to be involved in the program so she can learn more about the voting process.

"I definitely think my vote counts," Jessica said. "We can form our government to be how we want it to be. Voting can make changes in our government."

Interested students should contact Brian Dille by phone at (480) 461-7065, or by email at bdille@mail.mc.maricopa.edu



College students (left to right) Alison Chausse, 20, of ASU, Darren Chausse, 21, of ASU, and Jessica Roberts, 20, of MCC, will staff polling stations on November 7.

AriZoni nominations

Congratulations to MCC faculty, alumni, staff, and students in the Music and Theatre Arts Departments who received 52 ariZoni nominations for shows during the 2005-06 season. In the Theatre Arts Department, Death of a Salesman received a number of nominations, including "Overall Production of a Non-Contracted Play." The Music Department earned nominations for "Overall Production of a Non-Contracted Musical" for The Music Man and The Scarlet Pimpernel.

Lyn Dutson, MCC's Director of Theatre, said the nominations represented a variety of groups at MCC.

"We really hit it across the board, with nominations of current students, faculty, emeritus faculty, and alumni," Dutson said.

In addition to the nominations, MCC's Act I Musical Theatre Productions has the honor of being invited to perform one of the production numbers from The Scarlet Pimpernel at the ariZoni Awards Ceremony at Scottsdale Center for the Arts on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

Sue Anne Lucius, MCC's Music Department chair, said she was excited to see MCC students nominated for roles outside the college.

"So many of our own students were recognized not only for MCC productions, but other roles as well, in community theatre productions and professional theatre," Sue Anne said.

The ariZoni Theatre Awards is a not-for-profit organization devoted to promoting the visibility and growth of theatre in Maricopa County.

Theatre Arts Department nominations:

- Costume Design, Phoenix Theatre, Picnic - Gail Wolfenden Steib
- Costume Design, Cookie Company, Sword in the Stone - Gail Wolfenden Steib
- Costume Design, Fountain Hills Theatre, The Little Princess Sara Crew - Lisa Suico
- Lighting Design, MCC Music Dept., Into the Woods - Alan Moerdyk
- Original Writing, Some Things Just Look Better Leaving - Jeff Slaker
- Actor in a Major Role, SW Shakespeare Co., Hamlet - Sandy Elias
- Actor in a Major Role, Much Ado About Nothing – Sandy Elias
- Actor in a Supporting Role, Arms and the Man – Sandy Elias
- Overall Production, Death of a Salesman



- Overall Production, Original Script, Some Things Just Look Better Leaving - Jeff Slaker
- Actor in a Major Role, Death of a Salesman – Jeff Slaker
- Actress in a Supporting Role, Kill Joy - Asheley Hu
- Scenic Design (non Musical), Kill Joy - Brian Daily
- Scenic Design, Death of a Salesman – Brian Daily
- Scenic Design, The Music Man – Brian Daily
- Scenic Design, The Scarlet Pimpernel - Jon Valpe
- Hair & Makeup Design, Death of a Salesman - Mercedes O'Bannion, Eli Snyder and Crystal Smith
- Lighting Design, Death of a Salesman - Troy Buckey
- Sound Design, Death of a Salesman - Gary Stephens

Music Department nominations:

- Overall Production, Musical, Not Original - The Music Man, The Scarlet Pimpernel
- Overall Production, Original Musical- A Night At The Opera, Musicals and More
- Actress in a Major Role, Musical, The Scarlet Pimpernel Amanda Kuchinski
- Actress in a Major Role, The Music Man- Andrea Pitman
- Actor in a Major Role, Musical, The Scarlet Pimpernel- Aaron Ballard
- Actress in a Supporting Role, Musical, The Music Man- Laura Noble
- Actor in a Supporting Role, Musical, The Scarlet Pimpernel- Daniel Gerwig
- Guest Actor, Musical, A Night At The Opera, Musicals and More - Glenn Bennett
- Guest Actor, Musical, A Night At The Opera, Musicals and More- Mark Kleinman
- Director, Musical, The Scarlet Pimpernel - Lori Towne
- Musical Direction, Musical, The Music Man - Cathy Hauan
- Musical Direction, A Night At The Opera, Musicals and More- Cathy Hauan
- Musical Direction, The Scarlet Pimpernel- Cathy Hauan
- Choreography, Theatre, The Music Man - Kandyce Hughes



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- Choreography, Theatre, The Scarlet Pimpernel - Sabrina Bodine
- Costume Design, Theatre, The Music Man - The Theatre Company and Carson Saline
- Costume Design, Theatre, The Scarlet Pimpernel - The Theatre Company
- Hair and Make-up Design, Theatre, The Music Man- Sue Anne Lucius
- Overall Production, Children's Play, Not Original - Into The Woods Jr.
- Actress in a Major Role- Children's Musical, Into The Woods Jr.- Alex Starks
- Actress in a Major Role, Children's Musical, Into The Woods Jr.- Liesl Hill
- Actor in a Major Role, Children's Musical, Into The Woods Jr. - Sean Meshew
- Actor in a Major Role, Children's Musical, Into The Woods Jr.- Ryan Kleinman
- Actress in a Supporting Role, Children's Musical, Into The Woods Jr. – Jacqueline Rushing
- Actor in a Supporting Role, Children's Musical, Into The Woods Jr.- Derek Rushing, Jr.
- Director, Children's Musical, Into The Woods Jr. - Lori Towne
- Musical Direction, Children's Theatre, Into The Woods Jr. - Cathy Hauan
- Costume Design, Children's Theatre, Into The Woods Jr. - Carson Saline
- Actor in a Supporting Role, Musical, The Sword in The Stone - Jonathan McHatton
- Actor in a Supporting Role, Play, A Midsummer Night's Dream - Jere Van Patten
- Actor in a Supporting Role, Musical, Godspell - John Moum
- Actress in a Major Role, Children's Play, The Brave Little Tailor - Lyndsey Krech