

Spring 2003

MCC Snapshot

**Governor
speaks at
Women's
History Month
Luncheon**



**Catching
Caterpillars at
Vehicle Day**



**MCC hosts
League
Conference**



**Arcadia!
eclectic comedy**



**MESA
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

Focus on Excellence

MAT Excellence Award

Johnna Switzer

Nominated by Myrna Eshelman and the Nursing Dept.

Johnna has organized the nursing lab to provide an interactive, realistic practice setting for nursing students in all levels of the nursing program. In addition, she was the driving force to create and copyright an MCC Nursing Skills Workbook which students utilize throughout the program. Other Maricopa Nursing Programs are exploring the adoption of this skills book. Reality based scenarios would be enhanced with more realistic simulation equipment. Johnna has arranged two demonstrations of the SimMan, a realistic mannequin that "breathes," has a pulse, EKG, talks, etc. Students benefit from her guidance and energy as she strives to provide experiential learning in a realistic clinical setting. She manages to do all this and more with a smile.



Faculty Excellence Award

Nora Reyes

Nominated by Shereen Lerner

Dr. Nora Reyes, Education faculty in the Cultural Science Department, is dedicated to her students, her colleagues, and her profession. Over the years we have seen Nora work tirelessly with her students to help them succeed in their classes and their career goals. She works closely with her education colleagues as they collaboratively develop the School of Education at MCC. Nora is our lead in multicultural education and coordinates the ESL, bilingual, and multicultural education programs. Some of her accomplishments include: coordinating all aspects of the MCCCXalapa Program, coordinating with the University of Veracruz to implement study abroad programs, serving on several advisory boards, and advising students.



Nora is a colleague in the truest sense of the word. She is supportive of others, always willing to help out, and even with all she has to do, has a smile on her face and a kind word for all.

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty

Charles Silver

Nominated by Jim Mancuso

Charles Silver joined us as an adjunct faculty member in 1994-95. His industry and energy in developing and delivering his courses is most impressive. Charles enthusiastically teaches during every session at Mesa, including both summer sessions and winter intersession. When Charles is in the classroom, he challenges his students and they seem to respond with favor to the expectations that he has for them. Their motivation to learn may stem from the fact that the interpersonal dimension of the teacher-student relationship is always apparent. Charles's students know that he cares for them. The laughter and sheer enjoyment that is generated from his classroom brings a smile to my face as I walk by his teaching area. I know that this atmosphere of equality and supportiveness motivates his students to work harder and learn more.



PSA Excellence Award

Mora Shahan

Nominated by Judy Taussig and Jack Clevenger

Mora Shahan has been the administrative secretary in Disability Resource Services (DRS) for just over six years. Mora is truly outstanding for the many ways that she makes DRS a place where students and staff can find help and assistance at any time. Mora is very reliable and on top of all the many activities of this office. Most of all, Mora treats everyone with the utmost quality customer service and always has a wonderful and most appreciated smile to give everyone who comes her way. There are many times that I have seen a student breathe easier and have the heavy load of life lightened for the day after speaking with Mora. She epitomizes what DRS is about...special persons caring for special people!!! There is not a day that passes by that Mora has not touched someone's life in a profound way - and I know, I have been the recipient of the way she has touched my life...day after day.



Service Excellence Award

Judy MacQueen & Susan Pyles

Nominated by the MCC Librarians:

Ora Wagoner, Marcia Melton, Jane Mente, Florence Landon, Jim Theilmann, Ann Tolzman, Marlene Forney, Kaye Sugiyama, Marie Brown

Judy MacQueen and Susan Pyles create the many educational displays that appear in the Library throughout each year. They volunteer to do these displays; this is not part of their regular job duties and workday, but something they do as a labor of service to the library and to the college. The displays they create are timely, educational, lively, artistic, and beautiful. Their work and dedication subtly enrich the lives of everyone who walks through the library doors.



In the recent work of the NCA and SOC committees on reviewing and documenting teaching and learning, it is often mentioned that learning and campus quality go far beyond the classroom and beyond quantitative measures. Judy and Susan seem to embody the spirit of this "learning intent." They enrich the library's efforts to be a place of learning, thought, and curiosity.

M & O Excellence Award

Tony Fileccia, Walt Dahlgren, & John Beil

Nominated by Deb DeVore

Tony Fileccia, Walt Dahlgren, and John Beil remodeled the Associate Dean's area. This was no small task, but the end result is fantastic. Not only did it give the Development area a new home, but they were able to turn a balcony into full functioning office space. The enclosure of the windows was quite an endeavor, and Tony's detail work really shines through. You can't even tell where they took out the windows and door leading into the Associate Dean's previous office. Walt and John were able to set up offices for Development with desks and cabinets taken from another remodeled area of the college. They made everything fit perfectly. We receive compliments on the new space but those should be going to those responsible for putting it all together.



Blast from the past ▼

These remarkable women have provided many "Years of Service" to MCC (See back page). From left: Adrienne Sapper, Joni Grover, and Trina Hillery.



Women's Leadership Award ◀

Each year, the Women's Leadership Group recognizes one woman, selected by each college, as a Maricopa Woman of Distinction. These women have demonstrated significant success and/or achievement during the past year in the areas of leadership, innovation, service to women, and service to MCCC. Joni Grover, Director of Financial Aid, is this year's MCC Woman of Distinction.



Western Psychological Outstanding Teaching Award ▶

Ann Ewing, Psychology Dept., is the first person from a community college to win the Western Psychological Association's Outstanding Teaching Award. The award was established in 1993 to recognize individuals for their contributions to the teaching of psychology.



Encore! Encore! ▲

The media crew has been recognized for their outstanding performance by the Department Chair Association. Pictured from left: Wade Richardson, Jan Coolman, Kent Duffy, Ron Rangel, Peter Schmidt, and Gary Gonzales.



Excellence in Education ▲

Louise Udall, Transfer Center, received the Excellence in Education Award from the Commission on Excellence in Education.



Phi Theta Kappa Awards

Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction

Dr. Christiansen received the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. Executive officers receiving this award have provided extensive support and a variety of resources for their colleges' Phi Theta Kappa chapters, including faculty advisor release time, a line-item budget for the chapter, financial support for chapters to participate in regional and international events, and scholarships for Phi Theta Kappa members.



Continued Excellence Awards for Advisors

Duane Oakes, faculty advisor for Mesa Community College's Omicron Beta Chapter, received the Continued Excellence Award for Advisors. The award recognizes distinguished service by advisors who have previously been named Giles Distinguished Advisors. Only 25 advisors were selected for this honor.



Arizona Region Hall of Honor for New Advisors

Dawn Russell, Center for Service Learning, was recognized by PTK for her accomplishments as a new advisor. The award recognizes service rendered by new chapter advisors who have served 1-4 years.

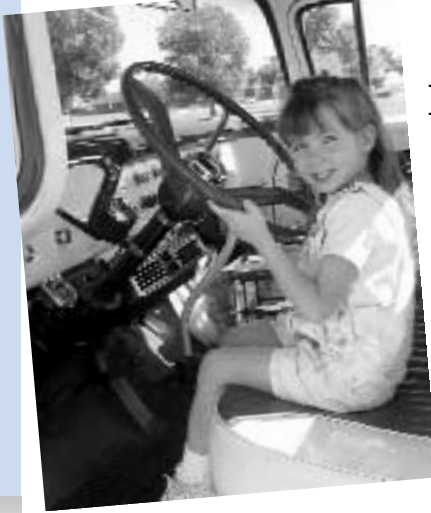
Grants grow campus gardens

MCC's incredible desert gardens don't "just happen." Faculty, staff, students, and community partners pursue grant funding to ensure the longevity of these respites from urban stress.



Golden celebration blooms

MCC's Golden Rose Luncheon attracted more than 200 rosarians from across the nation to celebrate 50 years of service and beauty. What started as a few rose bushes has blossomed into the largest rose garden in the Southwest.



Breaker breaker

Children from MCC's Children Center and the Evelyn H. Warren Child Development Lab had the opportunity to explore fire trucks, garbage trucks, police cars, and classic trucks at MCC's 13th Annual Vehicle Day.



Gary Soto en Abril

Noted children's author Gary Soto shared his poetry, essays, and novels with avid book lovers. The event was hosted by the Southwest Studies Program. Pictured from left: Marcia Melton, Gary Soto, and Jaime Herrera.

Reaching out to community

MCC at Red Mountain students learn more about ways to serve locally at the Community Involvement Expo.

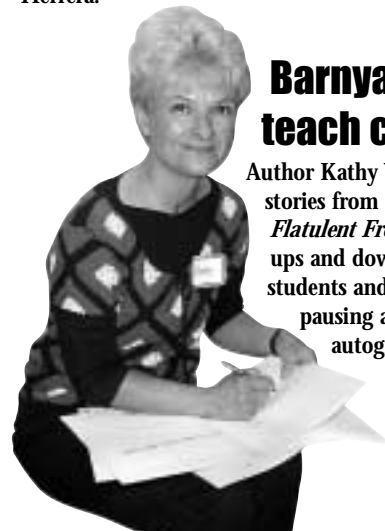
Fissures, floods, and landslides

Geology instructor, Kaatje Kraft, spoke to New Frontiers for Learning in Retirement, MCC's Senior Adult Program, about the geologic hazards in the Valley of the Sun. The lecture was part of a series of discussions titled "Coffee with the Professor."



Political science students learn from the experts

Dean Ron Etter thanks Representative Jeff Flake for speaking to MCC students. Flake was just one politician who visited campus this semester as part of an honors project submitted by Chris Bach to professor Brian Dille for his Issues in World Politics class.



Barnyard characters teach character

Author Kathy Wuertz finds inspiration for her children's stories from the animals on her farm—characters like *Flatulent Fred* and *Lenny Longlegs*. Kathy shared the ups and downs of a professional writing career with students and faculty in the America Reads program, pausing afterward for a quick snapshot between autographs.

Opening doors



The Biotech Program, this year's Innovation of the Year, is creating many opportunities for MCC faculty, staff, and students. Denise Clark and Lewis Obermiller demonstrate techniques they teach students in the program.



Bonding partnerships

Dr. Jeffrey Trent, president of T-Gen Research Institute, discussed possible student, faculty, and community partnerships he envisions developing between MCC and his company during his visit to MCC in February. Pictured left to right, top to bottom: Brad Kincaid, Lewis Obermiller, Carol Achs, Stan Kikkert, and Jeffrey Trent.

Red Hot Chili Peppers live at MCC...



accompanied by squash, succulents, and herbs. MCC's Environmental Action Club plant sale brought out many fans including Susan Pyles and Judy MacQueen.



Books for Bucks

MCC Library employees unload donations at the Fourth Annual Book Sale, which generates dollars for student scholarships and resources.



Japanese photos revived 40 years later

MCC student Daniel Beckman with daughter, Bridget, remove his rare Japanese photos from a display case at MCC. Daniel created a new and interesting technique to help restore photographs that his father had taken over 40 years ago. Daniel researched on the Web and learned to develop special effects with varying tones of black ink.



Blue slime, rocket wonders, and prehistoric discoveries

The 2nd Annual Science Day ignites local 4th and 5th grade students' passion for science. More than 400 children, 200 MCC students, and countless faculty and staff contributed to the success of the event.



Double ACE

Congratulations to both the men's and women's tennis teams for becoming Region I Champions for 2003.



Looking for a few good men, or women

Detective Dwayne Young, Mesa Police Department, and Lisa Angiano, City of Mesa, partner up to recruit new help at the Career Expo held at the Red Mountain campus.



Concrete campus connections

Thanks to dedicated faculty and staff, the walkway connecting Red Mountain's main campus to the recently remodeled Acacia Village is not just long . . . it's beautiful, too! Indigenous baby plants dress up the narrow ribbon of concrete linking east to west.

Green Eggs and Ham

250 children came to MCC for Dr. Seuss's birthday party. The celebration was sponsored by MCC's Center for Service-Learning, MCC Leads, America Reads program.



Governor makes triple play

Governor Janet Napolitano and Don Henninger, publisher of *The Business Journal*, concluded the governor's presentation on Arizona's economic forecast with a Q & A session. The presentation was sponsored by the East Valley Partnership.



Women's history, achievements, and future issues were the focus of the Governors' address at the Women's History Month Luncheon.

Governor Napolitano greeted over 350 ESL faculty and administrators from all over Arizona at the 2003 AZ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (AZ-TESOL) Conference.



Education envoy to the Emirates ▶

MCC students and faculty immersed themselves in Middle Eastern culture on a recent conference to the United Arab Emirates.



Showcasing spring styles

While clothing styles come and go ... and come around again, the ever-popular fashion show seems to endure throughout the generations. What a "fitting" event to celebrate Women's History Month!



Arcadia ◀

A glittering, eclectic play grappling with the breakdown of Newtonian order, the chaotic power of sex, and the meaning of genius. Pictured are Ric Leon and Jessica Bishop.

Academic all-stars shine... ▼

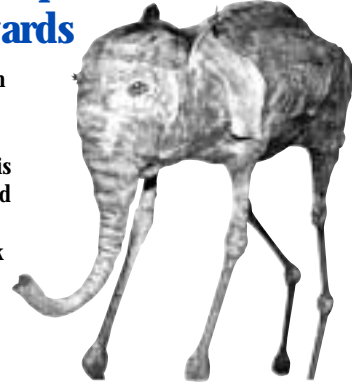


at the All-Arizona Academic Team Luncheon. MCC's four students placed on the first team. Pictured from left are Michael Rogers, guest speaker, Dawn Russell, Duane Oakes, Jeannette Brackman, Edilyn Gan, and Ariana Rivera. Edilyn went on to place on the 2nd team in the national competition.



Artistic expression ◀▼ wins awards

Eric Bolas won "Best of Medium" in ceramics for his *Iron Teapot* and Lindsey K. Campbell took home "The Juror's Award" for *Jasmine*.



Many languages, one world ▶

The Foreign Language Department hosted a World Language Awareness Day to help raise cultural awareness in the community. The goal was to get individuals excited about learning languages. The Portuguese representative is eager to stamp a student's passport as they travel to different booths in the Navajo Room.



Lucky Stiff

A zany, offbeat, and very funny murder mystery farce. An unassuming English shoe salesman is forced to take a corpse on a vacation to Monte Carlo. If he succeeds, he could inherit \$6 million; if he fails, the Universal Dog Home will inherit the loot.



Dare to Dream ▲

Members of MCC's Dance Company strike a pose as they prepare for the sold-out Spring Dance performance.

Grant Wolf ◀ musical tribute

An ensemble of MCC faculty, staff, students, and alumni gathered at the Chandler Center for the Arts to pay tribute to Grant Wolf.





From the Netherlands to Nottingham...

Educators continue sharing ideas through European visits with English and Dutch colleagues. MCC representatives pause on the steps of Clarendon City College in Nottingham.



Who is that?

Retirees peruse pictures at the annual luncheon hosted by MCC's History and Traditions Committee. The goal is to identify individuals in the photos held in MCC's archives.

Disability Resources and Services has an "Unsung Heroes" program, naming employees of MCC that have given effort and assistance above and beyond the call of duty to students with disabilities. They are nominated by students and faculty to bring recognition of that extra effort during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Carmen Vigo-Acosta - *Foreign Language*

Patricia Cardenas-Adame - *Administration*

Heidi-Christa Adams - *Counseling*

We have liftoff!

MCC launched the self-study process required to receive re-accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA) this spring. The self-study will culminate with a visit from representatives from the NCA in Spring 2005.



Dig in

Sweet treats abound at the Spring Ice Cream Social.



MCC hosts national conference

MCC co-hosted Innovations 2003, an annual conference presented by the League for Innovation in the Community College. More than 86 employees volunteered their time...over spring break! Dean of Instruction, Gail Mee, showcases MCC's booth at the conference.

UNsung HEROES OF MCC

Mark Anderson - *Business and Industry*

Christine Beckman - *Communication*

Glenn Bennett - *Music*

Lynn Bray - *Security*

Trisha Brazda - *Information Services*

Mark Brenneman - *Math*

Linda Bridwell - *RM Student Services*

Chuy Carreon - *Math*

Jesse DeAnda - *Administration*

Jorge Eagar - *Foreign Language*

Ron Etter - *Administration*

Gene Fazio - *English*

Tim Florschuetz - *English*

Delaine Gilcrease - *Life Science*

Joni Grover - *Financial Aid*

Debbie Groves - *Financial Aid*

Jaime Herrera - *English*

Hanna Hicks - *Student and PTK*

Linda Hopf - *Learning Assistance Center*

David Johnson - *Food Services*

Tom Kusek - *Student*

Lillis Lloyd - *Counseling*

Cynnamon Martinez-Baca -

Admissions and Recruitment

Robert Mendez - *Multi-purpose*

Computer Lab

John Payne - *Math*

Kathleen Perales - *Admissions and*

Recruitment

Omar Perez - *Financial Aid*

Ban Phung - *English*

Kim Reely - *Assessment Center*

Andy Seagle - *Music*

Steven Seek - *Reading*

Charles Silver - *Communication*

Debbie Spadafore - *Technology*

Litsa St. Amand - *Math*

Ann Stine - *PE*

Mike Thomas - *Life Science*

Melissa Turnbull - *Advisement*

Center

Carol Vaughn - *Advisement Center*

Paula Waybright - *Career/ReEntry*

Then and Now



Kenneth Askeland

30 YEARS,
Hired in 1973



Jonathan R. Valpey

25 YEARS,
Hired in 1978



Adrienne C. Sapper

25 YEARS,
Hired in 1978

Years of Service

20 YEARS, Hired in 1983

Deborah A. Smith
Carol A. Petersen
Trina R. Hillery

15 YEARS, Hired in 1988

Gerald Lewis Payne
Ora Wagoner
Susanne Katzfey
Ann C. Barrett

10 YEARS, Hired in 1993

Linda Lou Rice

5 YEARS, Hired in 1998

Marisol Chavez-Tavena
Steven D. Osburn
Melody A. Dunlap

Patricia K. Dausey
Ray E. Fowler
Laura Yslas
Elvis L. Bray
Ronald E. Graham



Retirement... the uncharted territory

MCC's most recent retirees (pictured from top left) are Jack Hinze, Technology Dept.; Linda Cronquist, Business Dept.; Garrison Tahmahkera, American Indian Center; Allen Benedict, Physical Education; Barbara Gordon, Counseling Dept.; and Ron Herrick, Business Dept.

