

THE Bulletin

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MCC Recognizes Excellent Employees

Congratulations to MCC's Employee Recognition Award winners! The following employees were presented awards for excellence at MCC's Holiday Brunch on Friday, Dec. 14. From left to right are

- **Duane Oakes**, Center for Service Learning, SERVICE AWARD;
- **Alma Pace**, Counseling, PSA EXCELLENCE AWARD;
- **Bill Hawk**, Maintenance and Operations, M AND O EXCELLENCE AWARD;
- **Carolyn Fay**, Speech and Communication, FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD;
- **Andrea Greene**, Research and Planning, MAT EXCELLENCE AWARD (Not Pictured);
- **Philip Selmon**, Physical Education, OUTSTANDING ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD.

Employee Recognition Awards acknowledge MCC employees who demonstrate a commitment to service or perform job duties above and beyond what is expected. They exhibit evidence of personal or professional growth. Faculty members who are recognized for excellence show a contribution to the academic community and evidence of student satisfaction as well.

It's nearly spring and time for MCC employees to till the soil and germinate a new bed of Innovative Projects. Pull those seedling ideas from the top shelf, plant them in fertile ground, add a little water and sunshine (time and money), and watch them grow.

Idea of March

Marks Due Date for Innovative Project Proposals

President Christiansen will provide the sunshine for this year's crop of innovative projects by releasing \$100,000 from monies earned through MCC's entrepreneurial activities.

The money is to be used by all employee groups to fund creative ideas for improving service to our students or to the college.

Employees (individuals or groups) who have project ideas must submit their proposals to **Dr. Naomi Story** in the Center for Teaching and Learning by Friday, March 15, at 5 p.m.

Projects that require less than \$25,000 and involve partnering or sharing with another group will be given priority in the selection process. Collaboration among departments is encouraged.

Questions? Contact any member of the Innovative Projects Committee: **Bernie Ronan, Naomi Story, Johnice Wilkins, Anita Dusek, Kristie Adamson, Jim Dusek, Shereen Lerner, Harold Cranswick, Barry Vaughan, and Mark Gooding.**

Kaye Sugiyama and Doyle Burke Retirement



(All persons identified from left to right)
 Far left photo, back row: **Tim Florschuetz, Doyle Burke, Eddie Webb, Amy Andelora and Gail Hardaway.**
 Front row: **Joan Massey, Diane Svoboda and Lynette Crockett.**
 Near left: **Naomi Story, Carolyn Fay, Kaye Sugiyama and Joanna Chamberlain.**

Southern and Dobson Ice Cream Social

Near right photo: Ice cream servers **Marcy Snitzer and Beatrice Velarde.**



Top middle photo: **Beatrice Velarde, Jennifer La Forge, Shelvie James and Deb DeVore.**

Bottom middle: **John Williams and Liz Murphy.**



Far right, top: **Shauna Martinez and Polli Johnston.**

Far right, bottom: **Yuping Xu**

Convocation, Spring 2002



Far left, top: **Rhonda McCanness, Anita Dusek and Tina Rangel.**

Far left, bottom: **Debby Smith, Suzanne Hipps and Jule Kuhn.**



Near left: **Bernie Ronan**; guest speaker **Mary Jo Waits**, from the Morrison Institute for Public Policy; and **President Larry Christiansen.**

During the past several years, MCC has developed a nationally recognized, comprehensive program to assess student

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MCC's Sixth

Annual

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learning. Through student learning outcomes assessment, our college can measure and document the degree to which students attain specific learning outcomes valued and defined by faculty. The program includes

three primary assessment areas: general education, career and technical education and developmental education.

Assessment allows faculty to document the impact that the MCC college experience has on student learning and to use the results to improve programs.

Assessment is a catalyst for faculty to reflect upon how and what they teach and to have dialogue about learning across disciplines. Assessments are conducted each spring during Assessment Week (this year, **Feb. 25 through March 1**).

Faculty members can become involved in a number of ways. They can join the Student Outcomes Committee (SOC), the Program Review Subcommittee of the SOC, or a faculty cluster working on a particular outcome area, such as diversity or information literacy. Faculty members can also volunteer a class period for assessment each spring during Assessment Week.

For more information, contact **Jeff Andelora**, SOC Chair, 461-7343; the Office of Research and Planning, 461-7213; or visit this web site: www.mc.maricopa.edu/orp.

All-Arizona — the State's Brightest and Best



Fernando C. Graff
Southern & Dobson campus

An Arizona community college student will be named as one of the 50 New Century Scholars nationwide during the All-Arizona Academic Team luncheon at noon on Thursday, Feb. 14, at Mesa Community College's Kirk Student Center.

The All-Arizona Academic Team competition qualifies students for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team. The national competition is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, *USA Today*, and the American Association of Community Colleges.

This year the highest ranked Arizona student will be named Arizona's New Century Scholar and receive an additional \$2,000 check from Coca-Cola.

Sixty-one students from Arizona's community colleges will participate in the All-Arizona academic luncheon. They have been ranked and placed on a first team, second team and third team. During the event on Thursday, the students will receive a certificate, a medallion and a scholarship check from their colleges. First Team members receive a \$1,000 presidential scholarship, Second Team members receive \$750, and Third Team members receive \$500.

Students selected for the All-Arizona Academic Team receive a four-semester tuition waiver from the Arizona Board of Regents to attend their choice of the three state universities.

The purpose of the All-Academic Team is to recognize scholarly achievements of students from junior, technical and community colleges. Students are ranked according to academic recognition, honors and awards, activities and leadership, community service and work experience, student essay, academic course rigor and letters of recommendation.

Students across the USA will be selected at the national level to make up first, second and third All-USA teams. Those who place as First All-USA Team members will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

Since its beginning in 1990, the national partnership between Phi Theta Kappa, *USA Today*, and the American Association of Community Colleges has provided international recognition and more than \$1.5 million in scholarship opportunities for hundreds of outstanding community college students and the institutions they represent.



Jeremy K. VanMeter
Red Mountain campus



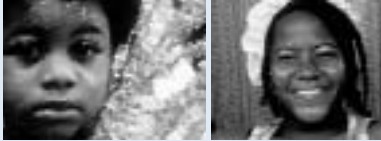
Anthony Mark Jeffery
Southern & Dobson campus



Wendi L. Pasa
Red Mountain campus

C A L E N D A R

Celebrate Black History Month!



Please note the following events planned in celebration of Black History Month at Mesa Community College:

MCC's Southern and Dobson campus

Wednesday, Feb. 13

- *Alumni Chapter of Black Student Union-African American Unity Coalition Dinner* (by invitation)
- *Lecture: "My Life and Jazz," by Jimmy Heath*, world-renowned jazz instrumentalist
Noon-1:30 p.m., Music Bldg. (MU-14)
Free and open to the public
- *Concert: Jazz Concert, featuring Jimmy Heath and the Mesa Big Band*
7-9 p.m., Music Building (MU-14)
Free and open to the public

Wednesday, Feb. 20

- *Kawambe-Omowale, African Drum and Dance Theatre Troup* (storytelling, dancing, drumming)
Noon-1 p.m., Navajo Room, Kirk Center

MCC's Red Mountain campus

Wednesday, Feb. 27

- *Mesa Community College Gospel Choir*
7-8:30 p.m., Community Room
Light refreshments served after the concert
Free and open to the public

Wednesday, Feb. 6

- *Employee Ice Cream Social*,
Red Mountain campus, 3 p.m., Community Rm

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Governing Board Strategic Conversation
Contact: Gloria Smith
480-731-8889

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Clubs Carnival
Center Courtyard, S&D campus

Thursday, Feb. 14

All-Arizona Team Recognition Event
Kirk Center, Southern and Dobson campus
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Navajo Room

Monday, Feb. 18

Observance of President's Day

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Assessment Orientation Day
8 a.m.-6 p.m., CTL Conference Room
Faculty members who volunteered for Assessment Week 2002 may drop by to pick up materials and ask questions about participating.

Monday, Feb. 25 - Friday, March 1

MCC's 2002 Assessment Week
Visit this web site to learn more:
www.mc.maricopa.edu/orp, then click on "Student Assessment."
See related article in this issue.

Monday, Feb. 25

MCC Nominations Due for the MCCCC Innovation of the Year Award
Contact: Shereen Lerner
480-461-7306

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Governing Board, Regular Meeting
Contact: Gloria Smith, 480-731-8889

MCCCD Seeks Best Innovations

The Maricopa Community College District and the League for Innovation in the Community College co-sponsor the Innovation of the Year Award program to recognize employees (an individual or team) who have designed and implemented a significant innovation that has had a positive impact on the education of students. Each of the criteria for the award has been tied to a Maricopa Value. One innovation is selected from each college, skill center, and the district office. A districtwide innovation is then selected to represent MCCCCD at the national level. The districtwide winner will be presented with the Paul M. Pair Innovation Award, which includes \$2,000 to be used to further the winning innovation.

Recent outstanding MCC innovation nominations were the **Student Technology Assistant Program**, submitted for the 1999-2000 academic year, and the **MyMCC Portal**, submitted in 2000-2001.

Please submit nominations for Mesa Community College innovations to **Shereen Lerner** in the Cultural Science Dept. by **Monday, Feb. 25**. Submissions may be sent to Shereen by e-mail at slerner@mail.mc.maricopa.edu or may be hand-delivered to the office of the Cultural/Social Science Dept., Bldg. 14.

Hang 10 at these sites:

Go to www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d55/thp/ to check the dates for upcoming Theater, Music and Dance performances.

Click on www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/athletics for game times in Men's and Women's Sports at Mesa Community College.

Visit MCC Techconnect at www2.mc.maricopa.edu/other/techconnect/index.html to find answers to your questions about technology on the MCC campuses.

The Bulletin is published on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, during the fall and spring semesters, for employees of Mesa Community College. Deadline for submissions is the Monday after publication (for the next issue). Send articles for submission to the Office of Institutional Advancement, e-mail ia@mcmail.maricopa.edu, phone 480-461-7445.

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