

THE Bulletin

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETS WITH THE CHANCELLOR



Dr. Fred Gaskin makes a presentation to the MCC Commission on Excellence about growth and planning for the future.

MCCD Chancellor, Dr. Fred Gaskin, met with the Commission on Excellence on Thursday, Oct. 26, in the Reading Room of the Paul Elsner Library. He told the advisory group of community members in attendance that their continuing input is of great value to MCC.

Dr. Gaskin talked about the importance of recruiting new faculty for the colleges. He projected that 100 to 125 new faculty will be hired each year. He noted that the faculty will continue to represent the diversity of MCCD student population.

Dr. Gaskin also talked about the Maricopa Community College's districtwide strategic plan, which is in process now. The strategic plan, he said, will guide the next bond, which is anticipated in 2004.

Mesa Mayor Meets With MCC's Management Council

Keno Hawker, Mayor of Mesa, met with the College's Management Council on Thursday, Oct. 26. Mayor Hawker talked about Mesa's 30-person citizen task force created to give the City a vision of growth to the year 2025. He said Mesa's master plan will be updated, and the task force will look at land use, transportation, parks and recreation, and economic development. Mayor Hawker said the goal is to develop a plan that provides for a balanced and sustainable community.

Following a discussion time with Mayor Hawker, **Dr. Larry Christiansen,** MCC president, said the College will strive to be more participatory with the City. The president said MCC will strengthen the linkages with Mesa and create more opportunities to be inclusive and to develop a sense of ownership from the community for the College.



President Larry K. Christiansen and Dr. Mary Vanis offer Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker (center) a tour of the Rose Garden at the entrance to MCC's Southern and Dobson campus.

Wild and woolly characters attended the Monster Bash on Halloween. Among them were M&M Diana Rodriguez, the devilish Judy McQueen, Harry the Spider, fairy queen Becky Ryan, the macabre Mike McCallister, and pistol-packin' Florence Landon.



MCC College sweethearts Tony Occhiuzzi and his wife, Diana, exit stage right with their polo shirt gifts as President Christiansen calls for a round of applause to honor the two most senior alumni at this year's Homecoming celebration. Tony is an adjunct faculty member of the Physical Science Dept. at MCC.

Early arrivals at MCC's Homecoming 2000 Barbecue on Saturday, November 4, are (left to right) Anita Whitely, Debra Carter, and daughter Elizabeth Carter. Anita and Debra are co-presidents of the MCC Child Development Alumni Chapter.



CALENDAR

Since this issue is chockfull of dates to remember, following is an attempt to present upcoming events in chronological order:

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

General Education Diploma (GED) Open House
 Morning: 9-11 a.m. • Evening: 6-8 p.m.
 MCC, Southern and Dobson, Assessment Center, Bldg. 38-A
 (The aim of the Open House is to help students who are interested in preparing for the GED test.) No charge; light refreshments will be offered. Contact Kim Reely, 480-461-7480, for more information.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

44th Annual Rose Show • 1-4 p.m.
 MCC, Southern and Dobson, Navajo Room

MONDAY, NOV. 20

A strategic conversation with Dr. George Baker to talk about how to talk about the learner-centered college. Please call x17792 to confirm lunch reservations.
 Noon - 2:30 p.m. • Kiva Room

OPEN REGISTRATION WEEK

Monday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Dec. 1
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday
 Southern and Dobson campus
 Outdoors, northeast side of the clock tower

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Deadline for submitting nominations to Maricopa Colleges Foundation for recognition of outstanding employees.

Leadership Class (NC 500 Section 9740) Dealing with Difficult Customers, 2 - 4 p.m.
 MCC, Southern and Dobson, Pima Room
 Explores the stages a customer goes through as he/she becomes more difficult and explores ways to manage these stages.

President's Lunch/Conversation II. This second of Dr. Christiansen's lunches/conversations will focus on SHARED GOVERNANCE.
 Noon to 1:00 p.m. • Kiva Room
 RSVP: deberle@mail.mc.maricopa.edu

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

All Employee Social
 4 - 6 p.m. • Mesa Hilton
 No host bar and hor d'oeuvres
 Sponsored by the MCC faculty

MCF seeks outstanding employees

The Maricopa Colleges Foundation announces its sixth annual program to recognize MCCD employees who have made outstanding contributions to advance the mission of the district. Five awards will be made to individuals or teams of employees. The \$1,000 scholarship award will be given in the awardee's name to a student at any college or center. All employees are eligible, regardless of employment status or policy group membership. Please submit nominations by Thursday, Nov. 30. Any Maricopa Community College employee or student may make nominations, but self-nominations will not be accepted. Awards will be announced in January 2001, and the recipients will be recognized at the Foundation's annual meeting in May.

For an application package, please contact **Mary Gonzales-Ayon**, Development Office, at 480-731-8040. If you have questions, call **Alma Padilla** at 480-731-8400 or send an e-mail message to alma.padilla@domail.maricopa.edu.

P.S. – Don't forget MCC's nominations for Catch of the Month (for special acts of kindness) and Employee of the Month (for outstanding job performance). Awards for October will be announced in the Dec. 6 issue of *The Bulletin*, and the Employee Recognition Committee is waiting to receive your nominations for November. Contact Committee Chair **Ray Grant**, rwgrant@mail.mc.maricopa.edu.

Student profile (see insert in this issue) For those who thrive on statistics and logistics, facts and figures, percentages and perceptions, please note the recently completed Student Profile for Fall 2000, tucked inside this issue of *The Bulletin*. Hot off the Research and Planning Office press, the profile paints an up-to-date text portrait of MCC's student population.

Roses are red . . . and yellow, and pink, and white

Mesa's East Valley Rose Society, the oldest in Arizona, will host its 44th Annual Rose and Arrangement Show in the Navajo Room of the Kirk Center on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tours of the largest rose

garden in the Desert Southwest, located at the main entry of the Southern and Dobson campus, will invite visitors to view more than 3,500 rose bushes, representing hundreds of varieties. Guests will see a planting and pruning demonstration, shop at vendor exhibit booths along campus walkways, and benefit from expert help offered by Rose Society members for tending their own home gardens. The rose show is free and open to everyone.

The rose garden at MCC grew as a collaboration between Mesa Community College and the Mesa East Valley Rose Society, along with 75 private individuals and businesses that donated flowers, work, and materials.

Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) offers presentations and workshops through the end of 2000:

Book Discussion:
The Blind Assassin
by Margaret Atwood
Friday, Dec. 1
2-3:30 p.m. Top Shelf

Creative Pathways:
Informational Meeting
Julie Beaty, Coordinator
Thursday, Dec. 7
2-3 p.m. CTL Conference Room

Students can beat the crowds at registration

Mesa Community College serves an ever-growing and increasingly diverse community. This past semester, MCC provided education for more than 24,000 students. In order to respond to growing needs and provide better service, MCC offers students the opportunity to register early for spring, summer, and fall semesters at an Open Registration Week that runs from Monday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Dec. 1. Various entertainers and activities will be featured, and students will have an opportunity to win prizes generously donated by local sponsors. The site of Open Registration will be on the northeast side of the clock tower. (See Calendar listing for times.)

CO-AUTHOR OF PACE STUDY AT MCC

Dr. George A. Baker, of the National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness (NILIE), North Carolina State University, and developer of the Personal Assessment of the College Environment



Dr. George Baker (center), co-author of the Personal Assessment of the College Environment (PACE), poses with faculty member Ray Grant and MAT president Johnice Wilkins during his recent visit to campus.

(PACE), spoke about the value of the assessment tool on Monday, Oct. 30, in the Reading Room of the Library.

Dr. Baker said the PACE instrument is a result of more than 40 years of his study of organizations. He said PACE provides a good set of issues and concerns that describe who and what an organization is. The results of the PACE and the Student Assessment of the College Environment (SACE) will provide the data which will allow the college community to move forward with opportunities for improvement and change.

Dr. Baker will return to MCC on **November 20 to assist with the Fall 2000, MCC Strategic Conversation** to discuss *the Learning-Centered College*.



Madrigal Feasts

*You are
cordially
invited to the
Eighteenth Annual
Madrigal Feaste.*

Presented by Mesa

Community College Madrigal Singers

Kirk Student Center Navajo Room

December 1 & 2, 2000 • 7:00 pm

Call 480-461-7582 for ticket information

Proceeds benefit the Choral Music Scholarship Fund at MCC.

Nights Out!

On the right track at the Outback . . .

The Laundry

Dec. 7-9 at 8 p.m. & Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.
Students, \$5 with ID, Seniors, children under 18, MCC faculty and alumni, \$7; General public, \$8

What does a quarreling family have to do with the Greek myth of the Labyrinth and the Minotaur? See the play and find out.

Fall Broadway Bound

Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. - \$5 per ticket
Bring a friend to help support this scholarship fund raiser! For more information, call 480-461-7170, Monday through Friday, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Or just for sport on the court . . .

Basketball is back! Don't miss these exciting Thunderbird home games:

Men's Basketball (Head Coach Alton Lister; Assistant Coaches Willie Young and John Mulhern)

- Saturday, Nov. 25
Northland Pioneer CC, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 2
Chandler-Gilbert CC, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball (Head Coach Pam Olerich; Assistant Coach Kori Hoff)

- Thursday, Nov. 16
Snow College, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 18
Mott College, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 25
Northland Pioneer CC, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 2
Chandler-Gilbert CC, 5:30 p.m.

For a complete schedule of all Men's and Women's basketball games for the season, visit the Mesa Community College web site (www.mc.maricopa.edu) and pull down "Campus Resources" to "Athletics." From there, you can click on both Men's and Women's sports.

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