

Automotive students awarded AAA scholarships

As students in MCC's Automotive Performance Technology (APT) program, Chris Bilko and Vu Keiu have just shifted their educational pursuits into high gear. They are the proud recipients of scholarships recently offered by the American Automobile Association (AAA) of Arizona.

When APT instructor Jon D'Ambrosio met fortuitously at Firebird International Raceway with AAA Arizona vice president Gary Gibbs, their collective energy set the wheels in motion for a scholarship opportunity geared to MCC automotive students.

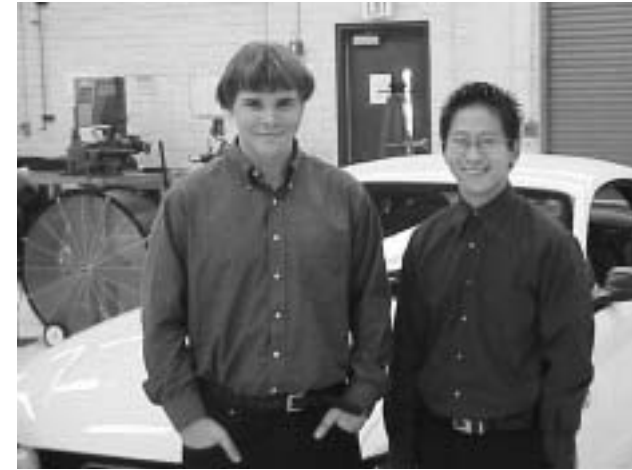
Berge Ford employees joined the team as well, hosting interviews with scholarship hopefuls and serving on a 35-member advisory committee that helped to set the scholarship criteria.

The original plan called for one scholarship, but the quality of the applicants signaled the need for two. "We set the bar high," Jon said, "but both candidates were so good that AAA Arizona found additional funding." Scholarship eligibility requirements include the following:

- 3.0 GPA
- 16 credits completed toward an Associate of Applied Science degree in APT
- enrollment in 8-10 credits for the next semester
- dedication to completing the APT program (47 hours)

Chris Bilko and Vu Keiu received scholarships for \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, and will be featured in an upcoming issue of *HIGHROADS*, a bimonthly AAA publication. AAA plans to sponsor another \$1,000 scholarship for MCC students next year.

Through networking, Jon D'Ambrosio creates opportunities for his students. He seeks scholarships, assists with job placement, and encourages his students to teach in their field. "I am very proactive in promoting my students," Jon said. "I feel good about what I have been able to do for them in the past 12 years ... that's what it's all about."



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Thank you to all the employees who worked during the holiday break. Almost 2,600 students were served through intersession classes, the call center, and enrollment services. Your dedication and service to students is appreciated!

Sincerely,



Larry K. Christiansen

College unveils 40th anniversary logo



2005 marks Mesa Community College's 40th year of service and excellence in education to the East Valley. The celebration will take place from January to December, 2005. To aid in the promotion of our anniversary, a banner has been added to the MCC logo. Departments are being asked to use the anniversary logo on print and electronic materials. "The anniversary logo should only be published on materials that will be used in the 2005

calendar year, although we do anticipate that some materials such as the college's '05-'06 catalog will cross into next spring," stated Sonia Filan, Director of Institutional Advancement.

The logo is available in two-color, one-color, or black and white versions to meet your printing needs. The logo can be downloaded from Institutional Advancement's website at www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia/test/GraphicDesign/logodownload. Additional information on logo usage can be found in MCC's *Graphic Standards Manual*, available on the same site.



Accreditation visit scheduled March 7-9

Mark your calendars! An eleven member team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association is scheduled to visit our college March 7 - 9. How does this affect you? "Team members typically meet with a number of college groups and visit various departments during their two and a half day visit," according to Self-Study Coordinator Gayla Preisser. "The team chair develops the itinerary for the visit and so we are asking all employees to be flexible and to accommodate the team's requests and schedules." Members of the HLC visiting team received the MCC Self-

Study Report and related supporting documents in late January.

Need to learn more before the visit? Check out MCC's Self Study website at www.mc.maricopa.edu/selfstudy and be sure to look for the February issue of the *MCC Self Study* newsletter in your campus mailbox. Questions regarding the self study process and upcoming visit can be directed to Gayla Preisser at gayla.preisser@mcmil.maricopa.edu or 480-461-7308.

Celebrating 40 Years

Mesa Community College was originally an extension of Phoenix College. The Maricopa Colleges governing board approved independent status and the name Mesa Community College on April 12, 1965.