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MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Red Mountain Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Five years ago, Mesa Community College opened a second comprehensive campus, MCC at Red Mountain. The debut of the “One College, Two Campus” model featuring two comprehensive campuses was a first for the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD). The new campus, located on 98 acres of land purchased by MCCCD in 1984, was funded with bond money from the 1994 election.

On Oct. 19, the MCC community will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Red Mountain campus. With a guest list that includes the MCCCD Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker, Red Mountain Community Advisory Committee members, board members, and the entire community, the campus will celebrate the accomplishments of the first few years and look toward plans for the future.

Jo Wilson, Red Mountain’s Dean of Instruction, said the campus wants to thank the community for supporting the Red Mountain campus.

“We’ve listened to the community and built a college to fit the needs of the residents,” Jo said. “We’ll be celebrating with the community and looking forward to the future together.”

MCC’s American Indian Center will also conduct a Native American blessing on Red Mountain’s fitness trail. The blessing will involve placing cornmeal on four corners of the trail to symbolize a relationship with the land.

Jo said future plans for the campus include additional facilities, faculty, staff, increased community involvement, and the development of undergraduate research opportunities for students and faculty.

Jo Wilson’s five favorite things about Red Mountain:

- The tranquility of the campus.
- Great faculty committed to teaching and to their students.
- The opportunity to help build the future of the campus as it grows.
- The plant and animal life that we enjoy on the campus grounds.
- The community feeling that comes from smaller a campus.

Plan to drop by and help the Red Mountain campus celebrate five years of educating East Valley residents.

Scheduled events:

- 3:00 p.m. Two-mile walk on the fitness trail
- 3:15 p.m. Mini-interpretive walks
- 3:45 p.m. Native American blessing of the fitness trail by MCC’s American Indian Center
- 4:15 p.m. Recognition program
- 5-6 p.m. Reception and educational exhibits



MCC to induct 20 individuals into inaugural Sports Hall of Fame

As part of Homecoming weekend, 20 athletes, coaches, administrators, and community leaders who have contributed significantly to the success of MCC athletics over the past 40 years will be honored at the first annual induction dinner of the Mesa Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

Inductees were selected by a committee affiliated with the MCC Athletic Association, a group formed in 2005. The purpose and goals of the Athletic Association include:

- Renewing and strengthening the ties of former athletes and supporters with the MCC athletic program
- Serving as advocates in promoting the benefits of a MCC education and the opportunity to participate in a quality community college athletic program to prospective students
- Assisting in the establishment of a MCC Athletic Hall of Fame to recognize the outstanding teams, athletes, coaches, administrators, and significant community members that have represented the College over the years.
- Assisting in developing new funding sources that will provide greater scholarship opportunities for MCC student-athletes and be a part of short and long-range planning to improve college athletic facilities and increase individual program support.

The 2006 inductees participated in MCC's athletic programs from 1965 – 1975. Individuals will be inducted into four categories

Administrators – “John Riggs Award”

Dr. John Riggs – Executive Dean, 1965
 Theo Heap – Athletic Director, 1966
 Gerald Smith – Equipment Manager/Sports Information Director, 1965-96

Community Leaders – “Dwight Patterson Award”

Dwight Patterson, 1965
 Tom Ikeda

MCC Coaches – “Outstanding Coaches Award”

Lot Christensen – Tennis, 1965-86
 Jim Brock – Baseball, 1965-71
 Carvel Jackson – Track & Field, 1969-76
 Paul Widmer – Football, 1970-80

Players – “Hall of Fame Athletes”

Baseball – Jim Otten, 1971-72
 Basketball – Jim Christensen, 1966-67
 Ed Weatherspoon, 1969-70
 Football – Mike Mills, 1969-70
 Paul Schmidt, 1972-73
 Paul Serrano, 1972-73
 Jimmy Smith, 1970-71
 Golf – Louis Bustillo, 1972
 Tennis – Bill Byron, 1971-72
 Track & Field – Mark Murro, 1967-68
 Wrestling – Mike Medchill, 1968-69

The Hall of Fame banquet is Friday, November 3 at the Dobson Ranch Inn (1666 S. Dobson Rd., Mesa) from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. For reservations, send your check (at \$40 per person) payable to Mesa Community College to MCC Athletics, 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa AZ 85202. For additional information, contact Lew Shaw, Sports Information Director, at 602-996-7678 or Allen Benedict, Retired MCC Athletic Director, at 480-461-7545.



New Culinary Arts Program

Mesa Community College students will soon be cooking up culinary delights in the East Valley Institute of Technology's (EVIT) state-of-the-art facilities. MCC and EVIT have announced a new partnership that will allow MCC students to earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or a Certificate of Completion (CCL) in Culinary Studies.

"EVIT has a top-rate facility and is well known in culinary education," said Jenny Watson, MCC's Culinary Arts program coordinator. "For MCC to tap into this and build EVIT's program is a great opportunity for both EVIT and MCC."

Beginning spring semester, MCC students can enter the program by signing up for two lecture classes at MCC's Southern and Dobson campus. Lab classes will begin at EVIT during the fall semester of 2007. Eventually students will take all culinary arts classes at the EVIT campus, with several online classes offered as well.

Jenny said she expects to attract a varied group of students who wish to pursue careers as chefs, bakers, foodservice managers, caterers, or entrepreneurs.

"We want to capture high school students as well as re-careering adults," Jenny said. "MCC will offer evening and weekend classes for the convenience of working students. People can also take recreational cooking classes just for fun."

The program will encourage students to explore culinary careers in areas other than traditional food service opportunities. Students will learn about jobs opportunities in schools, nursing homes, country clubs, hospitals, corporations, and resorts.

Jenny said the program has been in the works for a few years and the department is excited about the opportunity to collaborate with EVIT on this program.

EVIT, a career and technical school that serves high school students from about a dozen East Valley school districts, is located at 1601 W. Main St., Mesa, between Alma School and Dobson Roads at Longmore, on the south side of Main Street.

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.



East Valley Institute of Technology

Fulbright Scholar at MCC

Mesa Community College is pleased to host Professor Zahra Tamouh, a Fulbright scholar from Morocco, at MCC this semester. Zahra holds a doctorate in history from the Sorbonne University in Paris and teaches history at the University of Rabat in Morocco. She will be lecturing, co-teaching, and working with the MCC faculty on course development. Zahra will also participate in MCC's Faculty and Professional Learning Communities Program and plans to be involved with the local American Muslim Women's Association.

MCC faculty member Betsy Hertzler, who is helping to coordinate Zahra's schedule at MCC, said Zahra will be speaking on three different topics during a series of Dialogue Day lectures at MCC.

"Professor Zahra Tamouh is an excellent resource about Islam, the role of women in Islam, and religious tolerance around the world," Betsy said.

Zahra said she is enjoying her time at MCC and is happy that she has found people like Betsy and Ida Mansourian to introduce her to people on campus.

"Everyone is very helpful," Zahra said. "There is a feeling of working together and people being very supportive of each other. This experience gives me an opportunity to share my experiences

with the college and the community, and it also helps me learn about the differences of the countries."

Zahra's schedule for Dialogue Days is as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 25: "Family Law and the Shariaa"

Wednesday, Nov. 8: "Women and democratization of Muslim society"

The Office of International Education hosts the lectures in collaboration with the Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement. Lectures take place in the Southwest Reading Room of MCC's library from noon to 1:15 p.m.

MCC shares hosting honors with Chandler-Gilbert Community College during fall semester. Estrella Mountain Community College and Paradise Valley Community College co-host Zahra during the spring 2007 term.

Faculty can schedule Zahra to speak in class by contacting Betsy by email or at (480) 461-7583.



Professor Zahra Tamouh



Dental hygiene students offer services

Mesa Community College's Dental Hygiene program offers a new service to MCC employees, family members, and friends. MCC hygiene students are now providing quality dental hygiene services to patients at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health near the MCC Red Mountain campus.

The services are based on the individual needs of the patient and include prophylaxis, x-rays, preventative education, fluoride treatments, sealants, and non-surgical periodontal therapy.†

The program is available to anyone with or without dental insurance. The dental clinic does not process insurance claims, but Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) employees and others can receive a receipt for the work and submit it to their dental claims department.

Phebe Blitz, MCC's Dental Program Director, said the fee for service is approximately half of what patients would pay in a dental practice and quality is exceptional.† She encourages MCC employees to spread the word about the program.

The quality of care and the service is the best you will find anywhere,† Phebe said.

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Location: The Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, 5850 E. Still Circle, Mesa (near the intersection of Recker and Baseline Roads)

Call: Schedule an appointment by calling (480) 248-8195.