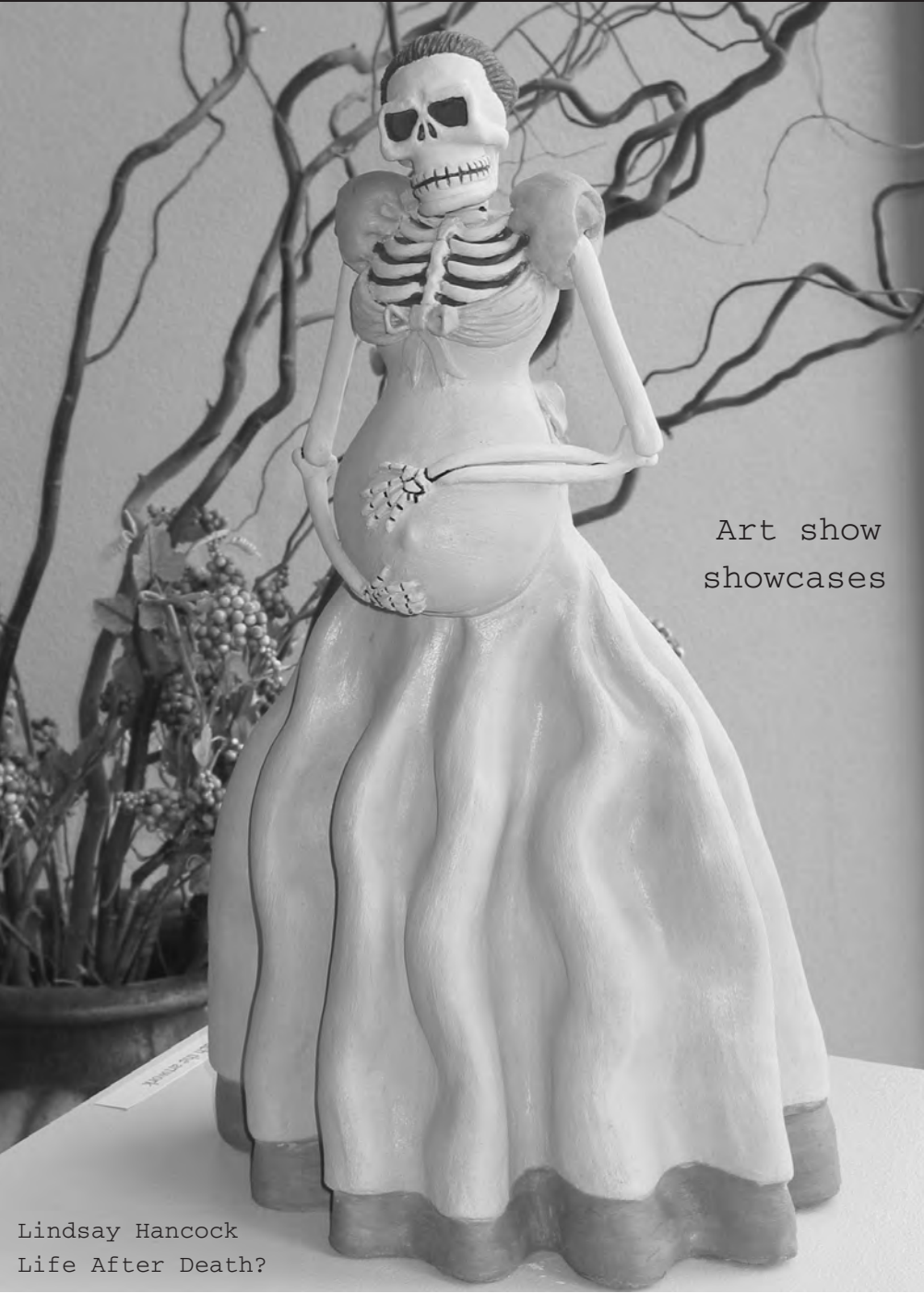


MCC

Spring 2006

# Snapshot



Art show showcases

Lindsay Hancock  
Life After Death?



Giving brain power a hand at Science Day



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PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION  
(PSA) EXCELLENCE AWARD

**ALISON WHITING**

NOMINATED BY GREG REENTS

Alison Whiting is a motivator, contributor, and inspiration to more than 40 clubs and advisors as well as MCC's student government, ASMCC. Her care and concern for students shows in how she manages, on a weekly basis, our ASMCC officers, senators, commissioners, and part-time employed students. Student success is paramount to her daily activities and her contribution to student development, MCC, and the MCCCCD are remarkable.

Alison is a model of leadership on and off-campus, facilitating leadership retreats that affect personal growth and positive change in individuals and groups exceeding one hundred. Alison demonstrates leadership as a servant to our community through her design and implementation of the Adopt-A-Family program and service activities and events on and off-campus. Additionally, she volunteers as an emergency counselor for the Mesa Fire Department.

Alison continues to find ways to integrate faculty, staff, and students into Student Life's events and programs. She collaborates with more student affairs services, instructional disciplines, and operational departments than I can name.

As many of us know, an institution's success lies in the ability of its staff to collaborate toward a common goal. Not only is Alison an expert in group dynamics, but her personal demeanor makes the process more successful. She is a caring person with a never ending positive outlook on life.



ADJUNCT FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

**BEVERLY BYRD**

NOMINATED BY JAMES MANCUSO

Beverly Byrd has been a teacher of Theatre Arts at MCC since 1983. During that time, she has directed at least one major production in the Theatre Outback each academic year, traveled with students to areas of our community presenting Reader's Theatre performances, and been the faculty advisor to the Stagedoor Players club.

Beverly has initiated Outreach Programs to area high schools to increase awareness of MCC's Theatre Programs. Most recently, Beverly worked with MCC's Kathleen Perales to make contact with the high schools, and she worked with the CTL to develop a CD that would promote MCC Theatre. She then communicated with over 250 students dedicating well over 60 clock hours.

The service that Beverly Byrd provides to her students is extraordinary. Whether in her capacity as teacher or director, this woman has no sense of clock hours but only a sense of service to students. She has coached her students after class sessions and after rehearsal, time and time again.

Educational theatre professors throughout the state of Arizona have recognized Beverly Byrd's work. Her direction has been rewarded by the ariZoni organization (Arizona's Tony Awards) on several occasions. Beverly Byrd has made such a significant contribution to thousands of students and multiple faculty at MCC throughout her 23 years of service.



MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION  
EXCELLENCE AWARD

**RICHARD CLUFF**

NOMINATED BY DARTELL JOHNSON

Richard Cluff has been a great benefit to the M&O Department and the MCC campus as a whole, especially within this last year since he became the interim Facilities Director. He willingly accepted the opportunity and has done an awesome job at improving services and operations from M&O.

Richard is continuously willing to help anyone in need by serving on committees, providing feedback, and giving undivided attention to various tasks and requested work orders. Richard spends a great deal of time meeting with everyone on campus and helping to meet their special requests.

Richard has done an excellent job within the M&O department as far as managing projects, dealing with employee issues, managing budgets, and maintaining the campus. He prefers to work as a team and if that means pushing a broom or picking up trash, then he's there willing to help out. Richard doesn't ask anyone to do anything he wouldn't do himself. He tries to always have a positive attitude, no matter what challenge comes his way.

I am continually told and hear from others about how great they think Richard is and how grateful they are for all he has done to help make their lives easier at work each day. Richard has made a very positive impact on everyone with whom he has worked.



FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

**ED SNIDER**

NOMINATED BY ROD CHRISTIAN

Ed Snider is known for his commitment to the students of Mesa Community College at both the Dobson and Red Mountain campuses. This is evidenced by his staying late to meet with students on their time-schedule—not his. He has dedicated numerous hours to advise students toward accomplishment of their educational goals. He cares for students.

With regard to Business Department activities, Ed is always first in line to help with anything—from recruiting students to rearranging furniture. He spearheads our business department marketing activities and consistently performs the role of Department Chair during the summer months while our chair is taking a needed break.

During Ed's 25-year tenure as full-time faculty at MCC, he has been an avid supporter of the statewide high school DECA program. Far above and way beyond the call of duty, Ed always, on a volunteer basis, prepares for the annual visit of DECA students during our winter break. This involves providing a flawless MCC-hosted event for over 1,200 area high school students. For this event he makes sure that about 30 rooms (with the correct configuration) are available for the activities, food is provided, security is present, and the auditorium is ready. Ed's positive connection with area high school teachers and administrators brings about a high level of trust that all facets of this event will happen as planned. They know that Ed will deliver!

MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND  
TECHNICAL (MAT) EXCELLENCE AWARD

**JONATHAN VALPEY**

NOMINATED BY JAMES MANCUSO

Jonathan Valpey does not know the meaning of the phrase “job description” since he has always done whatever it takes to achieve the mission of the college since becoming a board-approved employee in 1977.



Jon’s leadership was never more evident than in January, 2004, when MCC learned, with only four days notice, that President George W. Bush would be using the Theatre Outback for a town hall meeting. On a Friday afternoon, Jon organized his staff of technical theatre employees and worked directly with the President’s advanced party in getting the Theatre Outback prepared and secured in time for the visit on Tuesday, January 20, 2004.

During the 2004-05 academic year, Jon developed a proposal and a design for the Theatre and Music Departments to work collaboratively in making the former KJZZ facility, Bldg 28, a functional location for offices and classroom environments for both departments. Jon has also collaborated with faculty and staff in Theatre, Music, Art, and Dance to develop a nearly 200 page educational specifications document for the forthcoming construction of a facility for the School of Performing and Visual Arts.

For many of Jon’s nearly 29 year tenure at MCC, he was the single employee in technical theatre. As such, he taught the Theatre Production classes and coordinated the work of students in Theatre, Music, and Dance as they would appear in the Theatre Shop without experience but with an interest in being a part of the fine arts program.

We are proud of Jon Valpey’s achievements. He is impressive in what he accomplishes and how he accomplishes it.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

**CAROL VAUGHAN**

NOMINATED BY SUSAN TAFFER AND RON GASCHLER

Carol Vaughan is a respectful, courageous, and dedicated member of the Mesa Community College employee family. She consistently exceeds expectations in her daily responsibilities and goes the extra mile for providing exceptional student service. Carol adds incredible value to Career and Re-Entry Services with her expertise and knowledge of student advising and has worked exceptionally hard with Director Ron Gaschler to reorganize and define the department’s re-entry services.

Carol has the ability to forge through obstacles in developing new and innovative programs that positively impact the campus environment. She does this without hesitation and responds to issues with passion and forthrightness.

Carol is a builder. She builds community in the workplace and responds to the needs of fellow workers. She assists colleagues from the level of performing difficult and complex tasks to very small tasks, whichever is essential to getting the job done. Carol volunteers for committees and accepts leadership roles which generate goodwill and aid in the success and the mission of the college. Two committees to which Carol has been particularly dedicated are the Domestic Violence Awareness Seminar and Women’s History Month.



She is always willing to help where needed and is willing to share information that may be the key to solving a problem or in some way proves to be helpful. Her dedication to Women’s Leadership Group and other professional growth opportunities reflect her dedication to continuously learning and self-development.

MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES 2005-06 INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

ENFERMERAS EN ESCALERA (E3) PROGRAM  
(NURSES ON A LADDER)

**INNOVATIONS TEAM: MYRNA ESHELMAN, NURSING CHAIR; BERTHA SEPULVEDA, DIRECTOR, SPECIAL PROJECTS; DR. CAROL O. LONG, NURSING ADJUNCT FACULTY PROGRAM CONSULTANT; DR. ESTER RUIZ, PROGRAM CONSULTANT; CAROL HALE, DIRECTOR, GRANTS AND CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT; ANN MURPHY, NURSING ADJUNCT FACULTY; CATHERINE CRARY, GRANTS AND CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT**

Enfermas en Escalera at Mesa Community College is a fast track program for internationally-educated nurses, with United States residency, to obtain licensure as registered nurses (RN) in Arizona. The program’s purpose is to improve their English skills, their cultural competency, and prepare them to succeed in passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. The E3 Program curriculum consists of 14 courses covering fundamentals in health care delivery, medical terminology, and nursing assisting principles. Students are concurrently enrolled in English as Second Language to improve their English proficiency. The first cohort represented students from Cuba, France, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Vietnam. As the Innovation of the Year, the E3 Program will receive the Dr. Paul M. Pair award of \$2,000 to be used to further the development of the program.





## **"Snakes Alive!"**

The Environmental Action Club promotes Ecology.

## **Dispelling Evil Spirits**

Asian Cultural Awareness month was celebrated with a taiko drum performance, a traditional Japanese ceremony where it is believed that the thunderous sound can dispel evil spirits.



## **Clubs Carnival Brings Students Together**

MCC students give tips on how to throw a jab at Clubs Carnival.



## **Orphan Pot Sale** So Many Pots - So Little Time!



## **ALL AZ**

James Rogers, Darilyn Ebert, Ashley Burbach, and John Spillman receive congratulations from Dr. Christiansen at the All Arizona Academic Luncheon.



## **Welcome to MCC**

MCC welcomes students back on campus with food, fun, and friendly faces.

## **Alumni Event Attracts New Friends**

The alumni association hosted an Evening of the Arts with featured performances by MCC's Music and Dance Departments. A new partnership with the Mesa Arts Center that provides discounts and special promotions to MCC's alumni card holders was announced at the event.



## **Cast Your Vote!**

Each semester students get to enjoy being outdoors during Spring Bash and partake in all the fun activities. One highlight of Spring Bash this year was the ability to vote online for next year's student government officers.





## From Harry Potter to Lemony Snicket

Book lovers poured over tales to thrill and chill the younger set at the Scholastic Book Fair.

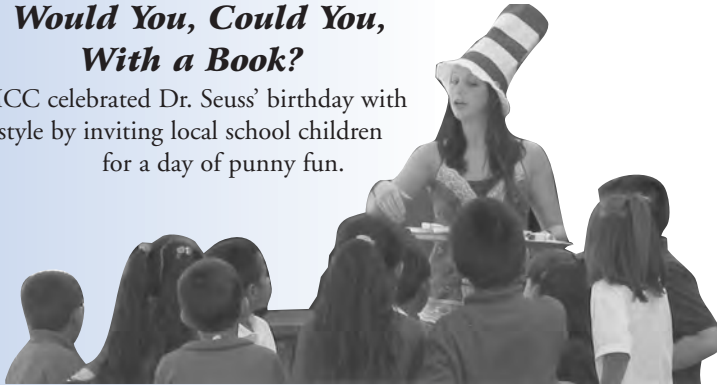


## Hear the Thunderous Roar

Hundreds of local high school students gathered at MCC during the 2nd Annual Thunder Day. Prospective students were able to explore the campus.

## Would You, Could You, With a Book?

MCC celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with style by inviting local school children for a day of punny fun.



## An Offer You Can't Refuse

The MCC Career Expo provided job seekers with a multitude of employment opportunities as over 100 businesses set up booths.



**V**  
Volunteers +  
**I**  
Involvement +  
**P**  
People

There's more to the college experience than just good grades. The Community Involvement Expo offered students a chance to check out local volunteer and service learning opportunities.



## Snakes and Slime on Science Day

MCC staff and students thrilled junior scientists with close-up views of reptiles and a chance for hands-on science exploration.



## Nature Appreciation 101

The Boyce Thompson Arboretum served as a beautiful backdrop for MCC alumni to gather together amidst desert splendor. MCC Life Science faculty instructor Ron Dinchak served as tour guide.

## The ABC's of Water Safety

**A** is for adult supervision, **B** is for barriers, **C** is for classes. Hundreds of children were taught very valuable lessons about water safety at the 7th Annual Water Safety Day in March.





## Hear That Funky Music!

MCC's Big Band and Concert Band performed at venues such as the *Mesa Arts Center* and *Johnny's Uptown* this semester.



## Showcasing student talents 2005-2006 Student Art Show



Kim Mendoza  
*Anne Drodgenny*  
Ceramics and Gold Leaf



Paul Folk  
*Tree*  
Ceramics

## Theatre anyone?

In addition to the Theatre Outback productions of *Death of a Salesman* and *The Importance of Being Ernest*, theatre lovers were treated

to two original works written and directed by MCC alumni - *Some Things Just Look Better Leaving* and *Acardius*.



*Some Things Just Look Better Leaving*



*Acardius*



*Death of a Salesman*



*The Importance of Being Ernest*

## A Most Excellent Dance Adventure

It was a trip through time as two students borrow their friend's (Bill and Ted) time machine to bring back dancers from the past as part of their class presentation.



## TOM BENNETT; HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Tom Bennett was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in March. Tom was the men's head basketball coach of Mesa Community College for 19 seasons, compiling a record of 442 wins and 165 losses. No losing seasons, 9 conference titles, 6 NJCAA Region I titles, and 1990 NJCAA Coach of the Year.

This is Bennett's fourth Hall of Fame, having previously been inducted into the NJCAA Basketball Hall, Wabash College, and the City of Mesa.



## Saying Goodbye

Employees, faculty, students, and administrators joined to congratulate Jack Clevenger on his new position at Yavapai Community College and thank him for 24 years of service given to MCC.



## A V-Moment

In honor of Women's History Month and as part of a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, readings from Eve Ensler's revolutionary play *"The Vagina Monologues"* were presented at the Red Mountain and Southern and Dobson campuses.

## "You Can Dance if You Want To"

It seemed a bit out of the ordinary, but MCC Employees and Students "left their cares behind" as they enjoyed several cultural



dance performances as part of Women's History Month. The belly dancers were a crowd favorite.

## Service With a Smile!



In March, Aramark acquired the café at Red Mountain and is now offering expanded grill and catering services. Providing excellent leadership is Site Manager Juliana Burgin.



## Hot Pretzels, Warm Company, & a Cozy Fire!

The Spring All-employee Social kicked off a new semester with delicious hot beverages, pretzels, brownies, and more. The cozy fire provided more humor than warmth as it was on the TV screen and not in an actual fireplace.

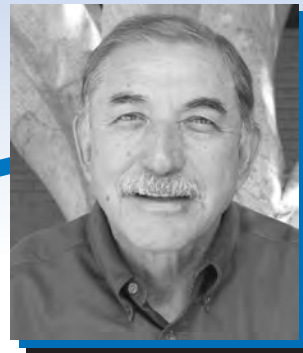


## MCC Day Spa

Well not quite, but MCC's Spring Health Fair had employees, students, and community members relaxing and enjoying the free massages, cholesterol screenings, t-shirts, food, and a wealth of general healthy tips from vendors and staff.

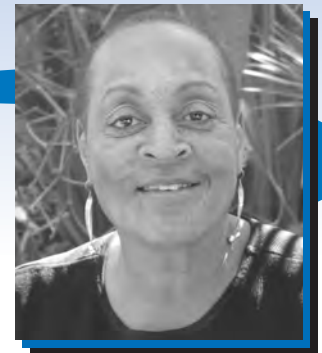


# Years of Service



**Jesus V. Carreon**

Hired in 1976  
30 Years



**Sandra K. Minckley**

Hired in 1976  
30 Years

## 5 Years

Rosemarcia Becker Melanie Kroening

James Cardenas Alyne Denise Lijewski

John S. Corich Nicki L. Maines

Phillip Dugan Katherine M. Perry

Roque Garcia Robert Sauder

Wade J. Harris Manuel Silva, Jr.

Gregory D. Hocutt Chris W. Silvertooth

Freddie L. Jimenez Marcy Snitzer

Doreen P. Kelly Janet Vogt

## 10 Years

Francisco J. Amparo Benny John

Andrea L. Greene Patricia Peppin



**Edward H. Snider**

Hired in 1981  
25 Years  
Retiring in 2006

## 15 Years

Deborah S. DeVore Ronald Bangel



**Ilona (Terri) Crews**



**Kenneth Askland**

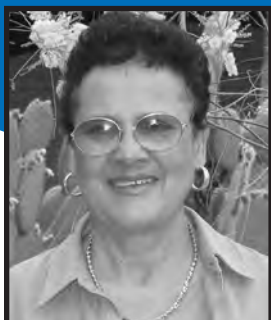


**Roy Cohen**



**Gail Hardaway**

# Retirees



**Geraldine Harrison**



**Luis Hernandez**



**Johnna Switzer**



**Richard Meyer**