

Spring Brunch

Join us in recognizing
the accomplishments of
Mesa Community College Employees
Friday, May 16, 2003
8:00 a.m.
Navajo Room
Kirk Student Center



Mesa Community College

Reflections of Engagement at MCC

Mesa Community College's Center for Service-Learning is pleased to announce a photography and essay competition entitled "Reflections of Engagement: the Engaged Campus." The primary focus of the competition is the depiction of partnerships between our campus and the surrounding community. Areas of emphasis include, but are not limited to: political participation; community service; identification of human need in the community; and service-learning partnerships with community organizations.

The competition is open to any MCC student or alumni, staff, faculty, or community member with a desire to depict engagement. Competition winners will have their work published in a book to be

produced this year. The winning entries from both the essay and the photography competitions will receive awards. All entries are due to the Center for Service-Learning office Thursday, May 1, 2003, by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Faculty Director, Center for Service-Learning, Duane Oakes at 461-7214.



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MCC alumna wins Fulbright



Photo courtesy of Sarah Auffer, Assistant Director, Arizona State University Media Relations

On occasion, success stories of former students filter back to teachers and advisors "who knew them when." Janet Staples' is one such story.

Janet began her studies in Exercise Physiology at Mesa Community College, where she won honors on the All-USA Academic Team. In May, Janet will graduate from the Honors College at Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (study of body movement). In August she will go to Oslo, Norway, as a Fulbright scholar.

Based in the United States, the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship program offers education grants at different levels—for students and professors. More than 100 countries participate. The scholarship covers tuition, room and board, and transportation, as well as additional benefits from each country or university.

Janet's study focuses on the senior population. "I'm looking at movement adaptation of the elderly," she explained. "I will be working with older adults, comparing the differences in their movement patterns to younger adults." Janet will be studying at the Norwegian University of Sports Science, which has a student population of 400.

For students considering a Fulbright application, Janet offered this advice: "If you think you want to attempt it, go for it. I figured it was a one-in-a-million chance that I'd get it, so when I did, it was quite a surprise." Janet credits MCC's Betsy Hertzler, Doug Conway, and Harold Cranswick for their support of her endeavors: "The three of them are just fantastic; they opened so many doors for me. I couldn't have done it without them."

No stranger to travel, Janet visited China in 2001 to assist Chinese students in learning English. She expressed even greater excitement about living in Norway because it is her great-grandfather's birthplace. Janet's husband, MCC chemistry instructor Allen Galliard, will join her later in the year.

Future goals, Janet noted, may include a doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). "There are so many options," she said. "Whatever it is that I do, I know I will enjoy it and hopefully make a contribution."

Global tolerance and engagement

Pluralism, ethics, religion, terrorism: just a few of the terms found in events sponsored by MCC's Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement. The Center, created by the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department, has a dual mission: to "foster a sustainable environment for global tolerance and engagement in our pluralistic world and to promote understanding of different world views on religion and ethics."

Entering its second year of existence, the Center has hosted a variety of lectures and discussions, touting titles such as "The 'Ethics' of Terrorism," "Crisis in Iraq: Is War Inevitable?," and "Understanding Different Personality Types." The Center was created in response to the numerous requests after 9-11 for faculty in

Religious Studies to speak about Islam and faculty in Philosophy to speak about terrorism. The Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement was created initially to provide a central location for requests; the efforts have expanded, however, to create an extensive list of lectures and discussions available to faculty, students, and community members.

"The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies has the unique opportunity to study morality and ethics from both the religious and secular perspectives," stated Debra Campbell, Chair of the Philosophy and Religious Studies department. "The Center has been a great success, with faculty throughout the department volunteering their time to recruit speakers, give presentations, and publicize events."

The Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement in collaboration with MCC's Philosophy Club presents

The War Behind Closed Doors A Frontline Documentary

The documentary focuses on the foreign policy of the Bush Administration that led to the war in Iraq. A discussion on the war in Iraq will follow the film.

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

3:00 p.m.

Location: BP4

The efforts have paid off! The Center hosted over 10 events this school year and was recognized in MCC's 2002–2005 Strategic Plan for its contribution to accomplishing the institution's diversity-related goals. The Center hopes to expand its diversity outreach by developing a scholarship fund named Send a Student Abroad. "We have been working closely with International Education to encourage faculty travel. Our goal is that faculty will use travel opportunities to establish relationships so that they can lead student travel groups in the future," stated Debra. Individuals interested in donating funds to the scholarship should visit the Center's website at www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d34/cgte/index.html.

Discussions are already underway about topics for the upcoming year. Possible topics include: music and religion; the ethics of cloning; bridges—a discussion with a rabbi, priest, and imam; and environmental ethics. Please contact Debra Campbell at 461-7860 to vote on possible topics or to submit suggestions.



Faculty from the Center pause between classes for a picture. Left to right, top to bottom: Judy Christensen, Dorothy Leonard, David Yount, Keith Crudup, Tom Shoemaker, Ann Mahoney, Debra Campbell, Barry Vaughan.

Bits & Snippets

Fall 2003

The first day of accountability for faculty is August 18.

Answer to last issue's trivia question: The two colleges that were born from MCC were Chandler-Gilbert Community College and Scottsdale Community College.

Submit ideas for "Bits & Snippets" to Marcy Snitzer at marcy.snitzer@mcmail.maricopa.edu.

Calendar

Several of the events listed are by invitation only. Please call the contact person for more information.

April 30

Careers in Communication Seminar
Kirk Student Center,
Kiva and Papago Rooms
Carolyn Fay, 461-7359

May 1-4

Arcadia
Theatre Outback

May 1

Community Recognition Luncheon
Kirk Student Center, Kiva Room
Heather Miles, 461-7296

May 2

Celebration of Service
Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room
Erika Wren, 461-7243

May 7

Innovation of the Year Recognition
Kirk Student Center, Zuni Room
(Employee Lounge)

May 8

Academic Awards and Banquet
Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room
Janet Vogt, 461-7218

May 9

Informal Dance Performance
East Gym

May 10

End of Year Banquet—Clubs, ASMCC
Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room
Janet Vogt, 461-7218

May 15

Nursing Pinning
Theatre Outback
Debbie Bitter, 461-7262

Mortuary Science Graduation
Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room
Donna Backhaus, 988-8501