

MCC

Spring 2005

Snapshot

MCC Turns



Employees, students, alumni, and community members gathered April 12 to celebrate MCC's 40th birthday.

Service Excellence Award

Elva Marin

Nominated by Barbara Jordan

Elva Marin has been performing extensive outreach into the Spanish speaking community for many years. When I transferred to MCC in 2000, Elva was working as Administrative Assistant to Rodney Holmes. In addition to her full-time duties as administrative assistant, Elva was known around campus as a person who would help prospective students enroll in English as a Second Language classes and spread information about the resources offered at Mesa Community College to the Spanish speaking community.

Although MCC provides wonderful educational services, many people who want and need these services may not have the language skills, confidence, or awareness to approach the college on their own. No amount of advertising can convince a fearful immigrant that MCC is a friendly place. However, a kind, helpful, and knowledgeable person such as Elva can.

Many current and past MCC staff members have contributed years of effort to the planning and creation of the Bilingual English/Spanish Student Service Center. Elva's current position as Coordinator for the Center allows her the opportunity to do officially what she has done compassionately for many years. She is a devoted, generous, and highly knowledgeable employee of MCC who has demonstrated commitment to serving the college and the surrounding community in numerous ways.



Faculty Excellence Award

Janice Jennings

Nominated by Sally Kroelinger

Janice Jennings is energetic, enthusiastic, and dedicated to providing a quality learning experience for her Interior Design students and eagerly strives to create opportunities for her students to experience the world of design. She has guided students in the design and remodeling of numerous areas throughout campus, including the Cyber Café, the Kirk Center, and the Personnel Department. In addition to teaching a full load of studio classes, Janice also serves as Faculty Advisor to the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Student Chapter.

Janice has provided guidance and supervision for the redesign of faculty offices and studio space within the department and has been instrumental in supporting the self-study phase of the Interior Design Program's application for Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER) accreditation. Janice is recognized for her expertise on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and advocates on compliance issues around campus.

Semester after semester, Janice's classroom evaluations are superior. One student recently expressed her appreciation to Janice, saying, "You are always looking for and finding things of interest for your students to experience, and I just want to tell you how appreciative I am of that. You have a real passion for your life's work - something we all strive to achieve."



Outstanding Adjunct Faculty

Stacey Nordhues

Nominated by Jim Mancuso

Stacey Nordhues's presence in any working environment is uplifting. She generates an immediate sense of friendliness and family within the workplace and is a team player who is always willing to judge intramural speech contests, attend in-service training sessions, and share her ideas and approaches. She is also extremely open to the techniques and activities used by others.

Last January, 2004, Stacey offered to develop the Introduction to Human Communication course for Internet delivery. This is an extreme challenge since the course is a blend of interpersonal, small group, and presentational skills. Her class has raved about her pilot section that was offered this spring and has enthusiastically encouraged her to promote this course to all who interact within a workplace or family setting.

By incorporating a variety of supporting materials and creating a relaxed, uplifting, and energetic environment, Stacey is able to reach her students effectively and inspire confidence. She has an excitement about teaching and a respect for her students. These two elements result in an excellent climate within her classroom. One student evaluation states, "Stacey's course is great and I would recommend it to anyone, especially people in the professional world who give presentations frequently."



M & O Excellence Award

Paul McDermott and Ed Gonzales

Nominated by Jennifer LaForge

Paul McDermott and Ed Gonzales are responsible for changing the marquees on the Southern and Dobson campus each week. The marquees are typically changed at the beginning of each week and require a significant amount of time to travel to each marquee, manually place the letters, and check the message once installed to ensure it is accurate. Several times in the past year, Paul and Ed have been asked to change the marquee more than once a week to accommodate multiple high priority campus events, such as when President George W. Bush and Governor Janet Napolitano visited campus two days apart. There have been occasions when an error has been found on one of our marquees. Paul and Ed are always around and quickly make the necessary changes.

Paul and Ed are very easygoing and willing to lend a helping hand anytime they are asked. As the person who coordinates the marquee requests for the college and sends them to Maintenance each week for placement on the marquee, I truly appreciate their support. They've never complained about the myriad requests made of them and are quick to smile and share their senses of humor. It is truly a pleasure to work with them.



Ed Gonzales



Paul McDermott

PSA Excellence Award

Jane Situ

Nominated by Tina Hill

Jane Situ exhibits total commitment to MCC and her department. Regardless of the situation or how overwhelmingly busy Jane is, she never hesitates to offer assistance to get a job done. During a long-term management transition in the Cashier's Office, Jane voluntarily stepped out of the comfort level of her regular duties to handle student payment issues that required quick resolution (not an easy task if you have ever run up against a student angry about money). Jane diligently worked with students in an effort to resolve their issues. She possesses a strong knowledge of MCCC policies and practices and, most importantly, has the ability to pass this information along to students and staff while remaining polite and professional. Jane goes out of her way to help others feel better about their day – suggesting a brief walk for fresh air or offering a simple smile followed by some encouraging words. All the things Jane does for others is a reflection of her true person – someone who cares unconditionally and expects nothing in return. Jane is one of the most loyal employees at MCC, and she demonstrates this regularly through her sincere concern for co-workers, the students she serves, and her desire to provide a high degree of customer service.



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MAT Excellence Award

Jonathan Baney

Nominated by Deb DeVore

Jonathan Baney volunteered to run as MAT President for MCC this past year when the elected President did not return from an extended leave of absence. Jonathan is active with decision making relative to the MAT Executive Council, professional growth opportunities, and pay increases for his technology co-workers. Anyone who has served as an employee group leader understands the time and commitment required to do the best possible job in that role. Jonathan represents the MAT employee group well.



In his position in the IT department, Jonathan willingly helps anyone who requests assistance. MCC students have benefited from his assistance for the past four years through the ability to apply for scholarships via the web. The college scholarship committee benefited last year when Jonathan made it possible for the committee to score applications via the web. He has also given the Development Office the ability to download the scored applications so the selection/matching process can take place.

There are many times that technology development is done and no one really understands how it's done, but they appreciate the fact that it is there. Jonathan is a true diamond in the rough and a great asset to MCC. He's there to serve and does so without any expectations of recognition but definitely deserves it.



Alumni help celebrate 40 years of service

MCC alumni athletes chatted with Lew Shaw during MCC's 40th birthday party while former basketball coach Ed VanWinkle reminisced with some of his players from the 1960s.

Pictured from left are Lew Shaw, Ed VanWinkle, Rick Senitz, Mike Swimford, Stan McClelland, and Bob Yniguez.



AIR BALLOON LANDS IN CENTER COURTYARD

MCC employees witnessed a hot-air balloon demonstration during festivities for MCC's birthday party.

Guests at MCC's 40th birthday enjoyed cake decorated with a replica of the alumni clock tower and joined in signing a banner to commemorate the event.





Blue Star Memorial

MCC's Veterans Rose Garden received a Blue Star Memorial Marker that honors and commemorates the men and women who serve in America's armed forces. MCC is proud to be the first community college campus in the United States on which a Blue Star By-Way Memorial Marker has been placed.



College Garden Station opens for business

In April, MCC joined forces with the City of Mesa to dedicate the city's newest addition to its Public Art Collection, *College Garden Station*. Designed by Joe Tyler, *College Garden Station* is located off Southern Avenue near the Rose Garden and is the only stop in Mesa that features a cold water fountain.



Introducing the official MCC police baby



MCC officer Lynn Bray gives his niece Tanya Snitzer a career head start at Vehicle Day. Dozens of thrilled toddlers and children explored CATERPILLAR equipment, police cars, NASCAR vehicles, and more.



Ruby roses symbolize 40th anniversary

A ruby rose bed in honor of MCC's 40th anniversary was dedicated on April 12, honoring the MCCCDD Governing Board and Chancellor, the Commission on Excellence in Education, and the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society.

Join the Crowd



MCC students crowd around an opportunity to serve with the Boy Scouts at the Community Involvement Expo in January.



Now Sam I Am You Let Us Be,
For We Will Read at MCC
Sitting on the Floor
So All Can See.
And We will Eat
Green Eggs and Ham,
For that's What You
Do at a Party
this Grand.

MCC celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading books to area school children.

WILD SCIENCE

MCC students introduce science concepts involving plants and animals to fascinated elementary students.





Photo courtesy of Mesa Legend

The Vagina Monologues

MCC Instructors Erin Rawson, Lyn Dutson, Linda Larson, and Bev Byrd read excerpts from *The Vagina Monologues* as part of the activities for Women's History month.



Pulse of the people

Employees exchanged information and insights with Governor Napolitano during a visit to MCC.

Quiet - jam session in progress

Lulu LaFever "jazzes" up Red Mountain's Women's History Month Celebration.

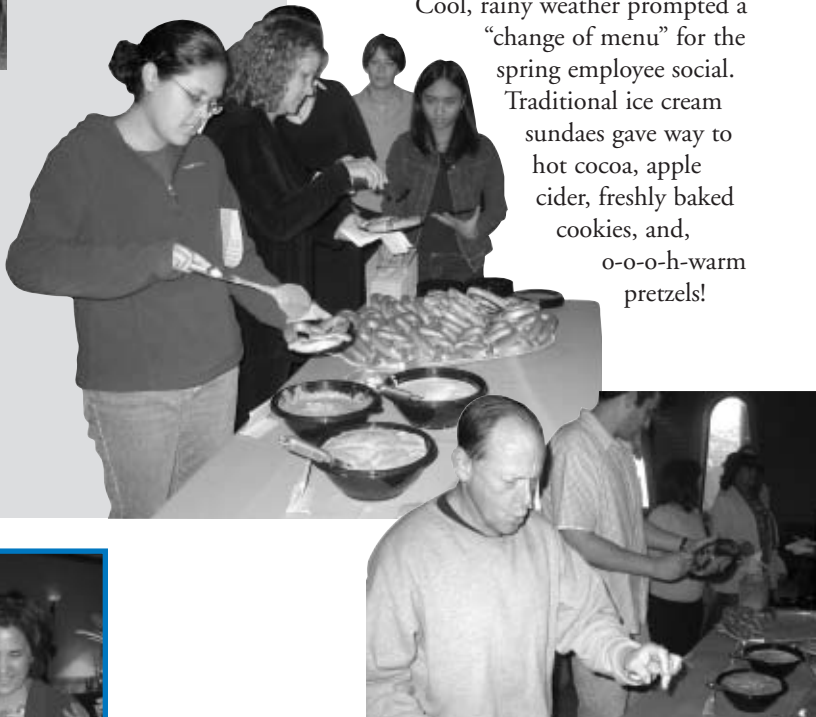


New twist on an old favorite

Cool, rainy weather prompted a "change of menu" for the spring employee social. Traditional ice cream sundaes gave way to hot cocoa, apple cider, freshly baked cookies, and, o-o-o-h-warm pretzels!



MCC celebrates Women's History Month with Sistah Blue, an all female jazz band. Every March MCC



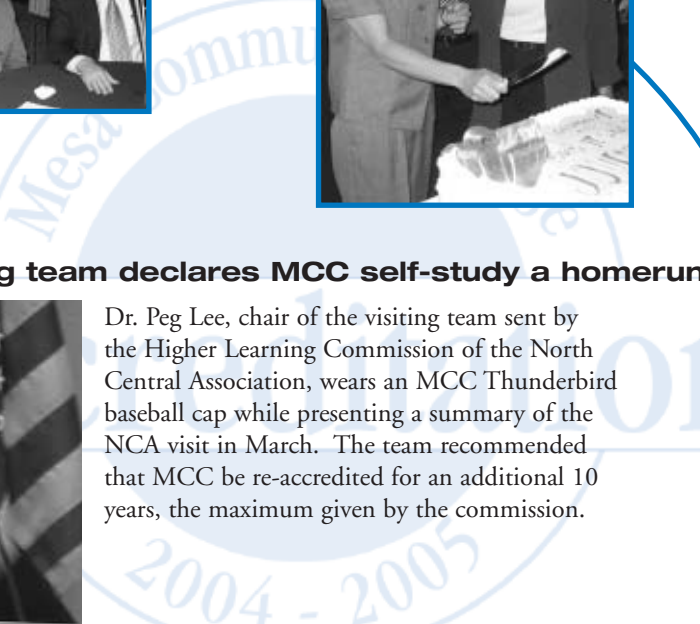
celebrates ways in which the spirit, courage, and contributions of American women have added to the vitality, richness, and diversity of American life.



MCC employees celebrate the end of the two year self-study process.

NCA visiting team declares MCC self-study a homerun

Dr. Peg Lee, chair of the visiting team sent by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, wears an MCC Thunderbird baseball cap while presenting a summary of the NCA visit in March. The team recommended that MCC be re-accredited for an additional 10 years, the maximum given by the commission.



Your future starts here

The Career Expo at MCC provides an excellent opportunity for students to connect with employers in the community between classes. A representative from the Army National Guard waits to recruit another member.



A student peruses a book of henna tattoos as she visits various booths at MCC's Vendor Day. Vendor Day provides an opportunity for students and staff to connect to off-campus services with the convenience of staying on campus.



Tattoo time!

Spring bash
Vendor Day
Career Expo
Campus Information
Farmers Market
FYI Day
FYI Day Market



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Jennifer Garrett, Stacy Hoerchler, and Zona Peterson from MCC's Red Mountain campus pose for a quick photo during FYI Day. FYI Day provides a chance for students to get connected with organizations and departments on campus.



Spring Bash boasts potpourri of activities

Students joined MCC employees, alumni, and community members in celebrating MCC's birthday as part of the annual Spring Bash. Activities included music, dance, games, and student government elections.



**Welcome to MCC.
How can we help you?**

During the first week of the spring semester information booths were set up as a resource for students. Volunteers assisted students with campus information and directions.

How
LOW
can ya go?



Students limbered up while doing the Limbo during African American History Month festivities.



Farmer's market at MCC

The Environmental Action Club was on hand this semester to sell squash, zucchini, tomatoes, and gourds for all.

Applause!
 Applause!
 Applause!



Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

CINEMA SCAPIDE
 ... a dancing tribute



The World Goes 'Round

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 ARTS

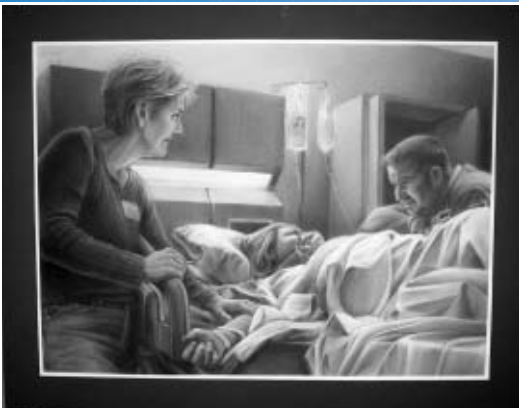


Servant of Two Masters

Habeas Corpus

MCC's Theatre, Music, and Dance departments delivered a variety of exceptional performances this spring. Join us in offering a standing ovation!

student art show



Mike Rutter
 Noelle,
 Charcoal Drawing



Scott Goodden
 Figure/Field,
 2D Mixed Media



Liz Skaggs
 Reflective Escapism,
 Charcoal Drawing

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...retirees bid fond farewell
Retirement



Ron Etter



Peggy Johnson
 (Retired Spring 2004)



Phyllis Prendergast



Durrell Duce



Roger Harlow



Florence Landon



Ora Wagoner

**YEARS
 OF
 SERVICE**



John Williams
 35 Years



Joanna Chamberlain
 20 Years



Anthony Fileccia
 20 Years



Richard Okezie
 20 Years

Philip Benson	01/09/90	15
Lorene Copetillo	01/25/95	10
Suzanne Higgs	04/03/95	10
Elvira Baker	04/26/00	5
Angela Cissell	01/12/00	5
Marlene Forney	01/31/00	5
Christine Held	01/18/00	5
Elizabeth Hunt Larson	04/17/00	5
Daniel Melendez	05/24/00	5
Alan Patton	03/29/00	5
Shannon Ridgeway	05/24/00	5
Edmund Ryden	02/23/00	5
Nicolea Stroughter	06/08/00	5
Ann Tolzman	01/26/00	5
Jonathan Trottier	05/24/00	5
Beatriz Velarde	05/30/00	5