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MESA, Arizona - Sept. 13, 2021 - The Boeing Company supports Mesa College Promise students with a \$10,000 gift, opening doors for high school graduates to attend Mesa Community College.

(https://www.mesacc.edu/sites/default/files/0D2A 1510_0.jpg)"Boeing is proud to support the Mesa College Promise and the bright students this program will assist. As a recipient of a similar community college program, I can attest that this type of investment has a long lasting impact on awardees' education and career journeys and their resulting contribution to their communities," said Leann Shaffer, Boeing's Community Investor in Arizona.



Mark Gaspers, Leann Shaffer, Pamela Hennard, Trina Medley from The Boeing Company, Mesa Mayor John Giles, and Dr.



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Lori Berquam, Carmen Newland and Christos Chronis from MCC.

industry leaders in supporting the attainment of education beyond high school -- transforming the future of many families in the City of Mesa -- today and the generations to follow.

"The Mesa College Promise program is a win for students, for businesses and for our city, and we're grateful for this contribution from The Boeing Company" said Mesa Mayor John Giles. "Thanks to generous business partners like Boeing, we're building attainable pathways to higher education for Mesa's graduating high school seniors, and we're investing in the workforce of tomorrow."

"We welcomed the inaugural group of 86 Mesa College Promise scholars to their first college classes in August," said Lori M. Berquam, Ph.D., MCC interim president. "The Mesa College Promise is more than just financial aid, it's a promise that a college education is attainable. Each of these new Thunderbirds receives personalized academic support, workshops, tutoring, iPads to use and opportunities to intern with Mesa businesses."

Boeing's extraordinary support and philanthropy for Mesa and higher education continues its long-standing and nationally acclaimed partnership with MCC.

Mesa College Promise funding, awarded through the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, is made possible through the generous contributions of more than s10 additional businesses as well as individuals and the federal CARES/HEERF acts.

Additional Mesa College Promise information is available at mesacc.edu/mesa-promise (https://www.mesacc.edu/mesa-promise).

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Mesa Community College is nationally recognized as an Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College and is known for service learning, career and technical programs, civic engagement and innovative approaches to education. For more than 50 years, the college has served as a resource for career readiness, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to more than 30,000 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs at its two campuses, additional locations and a combination of online formats. Through Guided Pathways with Integrated Support Services and a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, MCC is transforming how it champions student success, college completion, university transfer and career attainment and advancement. MCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution and nearly 50% of its students are the first in their families to attend college. Its American Indian Institute serves students from the 22 federally recognized tribes of Arizona as well as out-of-state tribes. MCC has the largest indigenous student population of all the Maricopa Community Colleges. The diverse student body includes more than 300 international students from 55 countries. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to successfully transfer to a university or compete in the workforce. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, on the traditional territories of the O'odham, Piipaash and Yavapai Peoples, MCC is one of 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Visit mesacc.edu (http://mesacc.edu/)to learn more.

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) -- hlcommission.org (https://www.hlcommission.org/).

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