

MCC THEATRE & FILM ARTS STUDENTS AND FACULTY EARN HONORS AT REGIONAL COMPETITION

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The Mesa Community College Theatre & Film Arts Department and Music Department competed in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 8 Festival 51, hosted by the Millennium Biltmore Hotel and the Los Angeles Theatre Center on February 12-16.

The regional annual Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festivals recognize and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theatre programs.

MCC students tested their talents in a vast array of theatre specialties, earning recognition against rigorous competition from not only other community colleges, but four-year institutions and graduate programs as well.

Nationally, 550 colleges compete in KCACTF, with 71 competing in Region 8. Approximately 45 of the competing institutions are four-year schools with the remaining being two-year colleges.

This year six well deserving MCC Theatre & Film Arts students received honors and recognitions.

Seamus McSherry (Tempe) and scene partner Cedar Eileen Cody (Phoenix) were semi-finalists for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship.

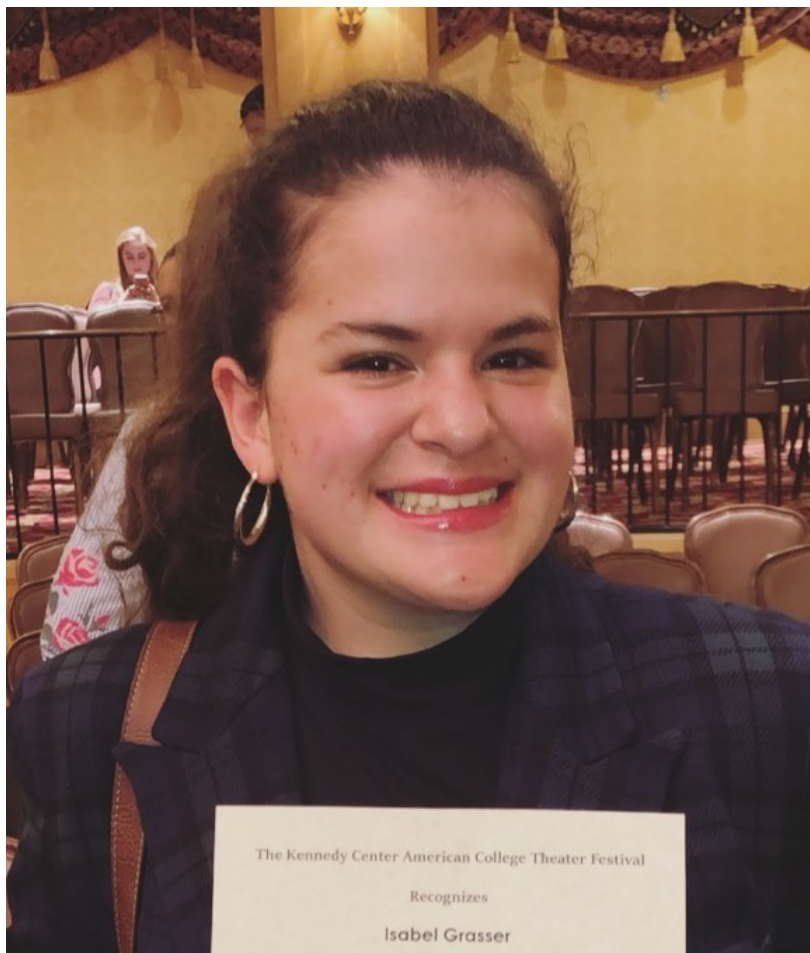


Student Miguel Lopez Maldonado who earned second place Student Dramaturgy Award. Photo courtesy Mesa Community College

Miguel Lopez Maldonado (Mesa) earned second place for the LMDA/KCACTF Student Dramaturgy Award for his work on the MCC production of *Doctor Faustus*.

Isabel Grasser (Mesa) won the Focal Press Award in the Allied Crafts category for her makeup and hair design for the MCC production of *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow*.

Two MCC students await official notification noting they earned technical theatre internships with the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA) at the Interact interviews for summer projects.



Student Isabel Grasser who earned the Focal Press award in the Allied Crafts category. Photo courtesy Mesa Community College

Several MCC faculty also received accolades. MCC Costume Shop Supervisor and faculty member, Adriana “Addy” Diaz, received the ATHE Award (Association for Theatre in Higher Education) for her innovative work with the MCC Immersive Total Patient Management Experience (ITPME) a collaboration between the MCC paramedic, nursing and psychological science programs through the integration of acting, technical and theatre design students.

Chris Tubilewicz, MCC Performing Arts Facilities director, was recognized for his outstanding contributions to KCACTF Region 8 annual festivals 49, 50 and 51.



Addy Diaz, MCC faculty, receives ATHE award from Gil Gonzalez, Region 8 chair. Photo courtesy Mesa Community College

Kara Thomson, MCC Theatre Design faculty is on the Executive Board for KCACTF, Region 8, and is the Region 8 Chair of Design, Technology and Management. Competing students are coached by MCC faculty and staff who specialize in their field: Kevin Dressler, Performance Faculty; Kara Thomson, Scenic Design Faculty; Adriana Diaz, Costume Shop Supervisor, Chris Tubilewicz, Performing Arts Facilities Director; Ruth Sager, Production Manager; Stephanie Salem, Scene Shop Supervisor; Cathy Hauan, Music Faculty; and Jennifer Crandall, Accompanist.

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