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Erinanne Saffell

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Erinanne Saffell, Ph.D., director of Mesa Community College’s geography program and residential faculty member, was recently appointed Arizona’s state climatologist by Gov. Doug Ducey.

Saffell, born and raised in Phoenix, cites her early memories of extreme weather conditions as she describes extreme flooding from Tropical Storm Norma in 1970, heavy rainfall from Hurricane that closed all but two crossings of the Salt River as events that made an impact on her decision to release.

Saffell’s commitment to engaging students in observing major weather patterns led to MCC being named Administration Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador in 2015. As a WRN Ambassador, the college is working to increase Arizona’s resilience to extreme weather.

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The State Climate Office is a unit of Arizona State University's School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning. The office provides information regarding the state's climate in support of operational, educational, planning and research endeavors.

"As a geographer and climatologist, I'm excited to help the communities of Arizona understand the weather and climate of our state, and am looking forward to serving Arizona," said Saffell.

Learn more about MCC's Geography program, directed by Saffell, at mesacc.edu/programs/geography.

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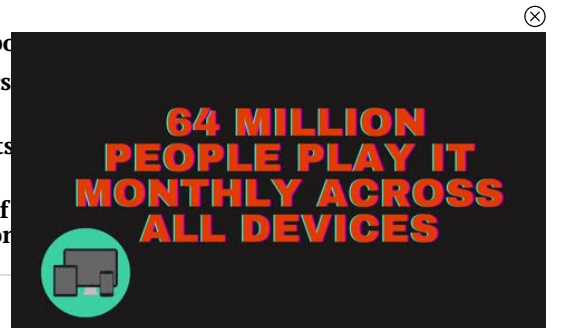
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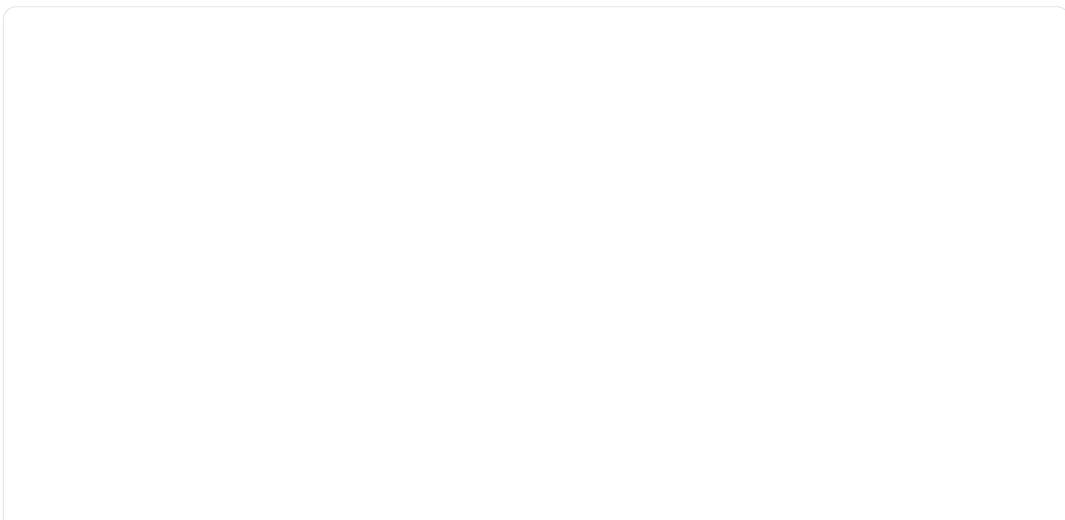
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