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MCC students win \$10K top prize in national contest

The Mesa Community College Up to Us team won top honors and \$10,000 in the Up to Us National College Competition for its efforts in raising awareness of the national debt and America's fiscal problems.

MCC is the first community college in the eight-year history of the award to receive this recognition.

The MCC student team, led by Class of 2020 graduate Shelby Lynch, developed a multi-faceted campaign focused on raising awareness about the national debt and starting a dialogue on building a sustainable economic future for Americans.

The team engaged with fellow students during the fall 2019 semester through a series of targeted events, awareness surveys, classroom presentations, campus partnerships, engagement with college administrators and social media content.

The MCC team staged a Halloween-themed "National Debt House of Horrors" to introduce students to "scary" facts about the national debt, held a debt trivia contest and presented a satirical skit of the world in 2032 if the national debt continues to skyrocket.

The team also included Aaron Millett, Mitchell Stewart, Gabriel Castaneda, Landon Kea and Bailee Shupe.