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Mesa Community College Graduation recognizes accomplishments of more than 2,500 graduates

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MESA, Arizona – May 8, 2018 – Mesa Community College (MCC) will recognize the accomplishments of 2,588 graduates, by issuing 4,616 degrees and certificates for the 2017-18 academic year, during a commencement ceremony at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, May 11, in the courtyard of the Southern and Dobson Campus, 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa. The public is invited to the ceremony in which more 600 graduate candidates will participate.



Matt Salmon is the keynote speaker. Salmon, an MCC alumnus and 2017 Hall of Fame honoree, represented the 5th Congressional District of Arizona for five terms and serves Arizona State University as Vice President of Government Affairs.

The Class Honors speaker, Johnathan Speakman, was named to the All-Arizona Academic Team, is one of 20 in the United States named to the All-USA Academic Team and is a 2018 Guistwhite Scholar.

MCC confers associate degrees and certificates of completion. The largest number of associate degrees being bestowed this year are from the Nursing, Emergency Response and Operations, Network System Administration, Administration of Justice, and Audio Production Technology Programs.

2017-18 Graduation Statistics:

Total number of graduates for the summer, fall and spring semesters: 2,588

Graduates participating in the commencement ceremony: 621

Number of degrees and certificates issued: 4,616

Degree and Certificate Awards - Transfer

Associate in Arts Degrees - 1,146

Associate in Arts - Elementary Education - 36

Associate in Arts - Fine Arts Degrees - 16

Associate in Business - General - 143

Associate in Business - Special Requirements - 9

Associate in General Studies - 174

Associate in Science Degrees - 218

Arizona General Education Curriculum Certificates (AGEC) - Arts - 1,205, Business - 154 and Science - 213

Academic Certificates - 37

Degree and Certificate Awards - Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) - 613

Certificates of Completion (CCL) - 608

Top three Career and Technical Education (CTE) Degrees:

- AAS in Nursing - 182
- AAS in Emergency Response and Operation - 39
- AAS in Network System Administration - 34

Additional information about MCC's Graduation Ceremony, including maps, parking, photography and special accommodations, is available online at [mesacc.edu/graduation](http://www.mesacc.edu/graduation) (<http://www.mesacc.edu/graduation/>).

Although every graduate has a tale to tell of the path that led to this special moment, we've shared a few success stories here: <https://www.mesacc.edu/graduation/graduation-success-stories/spring-2018stories> (<https://www.mesacc.edu/graduation/graduation-success-stories/spring-2017-stories>).

We congratulate the many students reaching this significant milestone in their lives.

Commencement photos will be posted online at: [facebook.com/mesacc](https://www.facebook.com/mesacc) (<http://www.facebook.com/mesacc>) and [instagram.com/mesacc](https://www.instagram.com/mesacc) (<https://www.instagram.com/mesacc/>)

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Mesa Community College is nationally recognized for service-learning, career and technical programs, civic engagement and innovative approaches to higher education. The college serves as a resource for career readiness, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to more than 30,000 students annually, MCC offers more than 150 degree and certificate programs at its two campuses and additional locations. MCC is an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution with a diverse student body that enriches the learning experience. Renowned faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to compete locally and nationally. MCC, located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, is one of 10 colleges comprising the Maricopa County Community College District. For additional information visit mesacc.edu (<http://mesacc.edu/>).

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