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To build resources to teach integrated reading, writing



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Developmental Education Endowed Teaching Award recipients for 2022 include Craig Jacobsen, Leanna Hall, Amelia Rodriguez and Mike Callaway. Not pictured is Annah McMahon.

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A team of faculty members from the Mesa Community College Reading and English Departments is the recipient of the 2022 Developmental Education Endowed Teaching Award.

The award provides programmatic support and professional growth funds for faculty teaching developmental education/support courses according to a release.

English Department faculty Craig Jacobsen, Ph.D., department chair; Michael Callaway, Ph.D., first-year composition coordinator; Leanna Hall, Ph.D., Southern and Dobson assistant chair; Reading Department faculty Annah McMahon, department chair; and Amelia Rodriguez, residential faculty, have collectively received \$3,538 to develop a Canvas course shell providing materials for faculty teaching integrated reading and writing

at Mesa Community College.

Based on the work of the Maricopa County Community College District in integrated reading and writing guiding principles, learning outcomes and research on transfer, professional development and accreditation for the past two years, plus national models of integrated reading and writing curricula, the team is developing an integrated reading and writing course shell for faculty with students who have placed into English 101 or 107 and its corresponding lab for support and in Reading 100.



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Three of the development team members — Callaway, Hall and Rodriquez — will be piloting the integrated reading and writing course this spring.

As Melissa Carpenter, director of the Foundation for Student Success states, “Not only will faculty benefit from using the resources to help students succeed, the process of course development will help further dialogue about how best to integrate the concepts and outcomes.”

The endowment was established with funding from the U.S. Department of Education Title III Foundations for Student Success grant and philanthropic support provided to the MCC Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations. The grant focused on improving student outcomes by providing faculty professional development, classroom and course redesign, and student success strategy instruction. The endowment funds allow these efforts to continue even though the grant ended in 2016.

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