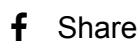


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TruWest[®] Credit Union donates \$40,000 grant to Mesa Community College first year experience program

TEMPE, AZ (November 9, 2021) — TruWest Credit Union continues to strengthen its partnership with Mesa Community College and support students participating in the First Year Experience program.

The support includes in-kind financial literacy workshops for program participants and their parents and a \$40,000 grant covering tuition and fees.

The MCC First Year Experience (FYE) is a year-long college program focused on providing first-year students with the services and support needed to successfully transition to college. Participants must have attended one of six high schools in the Mesa Public Schools system and may be first generation students or students in need of additional academic support in English, math and reading. TruWest's continued generosity covers course fees and textbook scholarships for approximately 50 participating students during the 2021-2022 academic year.

“TruWest is dedicated to being an integral part of the success of our community,” said Gary Bernard, chief operations officer at TruWest Credit Union. “We’ve been involved with the First Year Experience since 2019 and have learned firsthand from the students how beneficial the program is to their successful transiti

encourages the college experience.”

From Fall 2019 through Fall 2021 TruWest provided 179 FYE students with 239 scholarships, totaling more than \$73,680 and provided stipends for student leaders serving as FYE ambassadors.

“TruWest continues to be an amazing champion and benefactor for student success at MCC,” said MCC Director of Foundations for Student Success, Melissa Carpenter. “Their support provides stability for our students so they can focus on learning. We truly enjoy our partnership with TruWest and appreciate their continued commitment to our students and their dreams to achieve an MCC education.”

Learn more about the MCC First Year Experience at mesacc.edu.



About TruWest Credit Union

TruWest[®] Credit Union is headquartered in Tempe, Ariz., and operates as a cooperative providing its members with a lifetime of quality financial services and a culture of caring for its members, employees and communities. TruWest is a strong and sound financial institution with more than 93,000 members and assets totaling more than \$1.5 billion. TruWest[®] Credit Union has 12 branch locations – eight in metro Phoenix and four in Austin, Texas. For more information, visit truwest.org.

more than 60 years, the college has served as a resource for career readiness, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to more than 30,000 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs at its two campuses, additional locations and a combination of online formats. Through Guided Pathways with Integrated Support Services and a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, MCC is transforming how it champions student success, college completion, university transfer and career attainment and advancement. MCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution and nearly 50% of its students are the first in their families to attend college. Its American Indian Institute serves students from the 22 federally recognized tribes of Arizona as well as out-of-state tribes. MCC has the largest indigenous student population of all the Maricopa Community Colleges. The diverse student body includes more than 300 international students from 55 countries. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to successfully transfer to a university or compete in the workforce. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, on the traditional territories of the O’odham, Piipaash and Yavapai Peoples, MCC is one of 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Visit mesacc.edu to learn more.

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) — hlcommission.org.

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