

## Fall brings personnel changes



A Red Mountain reception welcomed Joni and said farewell to Jesse, who has moved to Southern and Dobson.

People seem to be always on the move. Titles change, locations change, and new people come on board. Dean of Instruction Gail Mee reports that 48 new faculty have been hired for the fall semester. Listed below are just a few of the changes that have occurred recently at MCC. (RM is the Red Mountain campus and S&D is the Southern and Dobson campus.)

Name	Title	Location
Trinity Blackwell	Student Life and Leadership Office Coordinator	S&D
Pattie Cardenas-Adame	Student Services Officer and Acting Director for Career and ReEntry Services	S&D
Charles "Bo" Colbert	Director of the American Indian Center	S&D
John Cordova	Acting Dean of Student Services	S&D
Jesse De Anda	Senior Associate Dean of Student Services	S&D
Dan Dunn	Athletic Director	S&D
Jennifer Garrett	Student Life and Leadership Program Advisor	RM
Joni Grover	Acting Associate Dean of Student Services	RM
Yvonne Schmidt	Public Relations Assistant	RM
Jo Wilson	Acting Senior Associate Dean of Instruction and Director of Red Mountain	RM

To report personnel changes in your office or department, call Jennifer LaForge at 461-7794. Changes will be printed in future issues as space permits.

## Engage and learn - MCC fall events

Could America really be Satan? What do people from other countries think of the United States Foreign Policy? Do you want to get motivated to change your bad habits? As a parent, do you ever wonder who's raising whom?

These are samples of some of the intriguing topics that will be explored this semester on campus by the Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement and the Psychology Evening Lecture Series. For more information about the psychology lecture series please call 461-7032. To view a calendar of events for the Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement, please visit [www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d34/cgte](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d34/cgte).

To check out what's happening campuswide, take a peek at the online web calendar at [we.mc.maricopa.edu/events](http://we.mc.maricopa.edu/events).

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## One good thing leads to another

### Kirk Student Center remodeled

In Spring 2003 the Alumni Relations Office asked MCC's Custom Interior Design students to submit their best recommendations for displaying the new student government plaques in the Kirk Student Center (see MCC honors presidents). The project was taken a step further to include remodeling the Kirk Center lobby.

A design created by student interior designers Eva Putrus and Shelly Abbott was selected for the lobby remodel. "I was both excited and a little apprehensive," Shelly said. "This was our first real project and it was something for our school." Inspired by the work of famous artists, Eva and Shelly created an energetic environment that promotes collaborative learning, socialization, and space for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Eva and Shelly surveyed students and learned that they wanted brighter colors and better lighting in the lobby. The new design called for improved lighting, new furniture, adequate seating conducive to study sessions, and

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### MCC honors student government presidents

For the past two years, the Alumni Relations Office has been compiling a list of MCC student government members from 1963 to the present. MCC will officially recognize and honor all past student government presidents during an October 16 reception hosted by MCC Alumni Relations and President Larry K. Christiansen. In the Kirk Center lobby, each president will have a plaque displaying his or her photo, name, and year(s) of service.

All former members of MCC's student government are invited to attend and celebrate four decades of service and leadership. For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 461-7794.

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wall colors that complement the tile and carpet.

Remodeling extended beyond the lobby to offices and conference rooms, which were revived with new carpet, tile, and paint and enhanced by new tables, chairs, and historical photographs.

The Kirk Center information counter and cafeteria were also updated. MCC interior design students Monica Curiel and Shannon Wagner designed an attractive information desk that coordinates with the rest of the lobby remodeling project. The students created a flowing, curved countertop by mixing circular shapes and patterns. "We thought about how the information center is important to everyone," Monica said. "The pattern represents how the counter unites all the people who use it."

In addition to the lobby improvements, there's a fresh new look to the Aramark snack bar and



*Pictured left is the Kirk Student Center lobby after flooring demolition crews removed the old tile in preparation for the new ceramic tile. Pictured right, the Thunderbird Café was remodeled over the summer to make the cafeteria more streamlined and functional.*

cafeteria. Employees and students can sample new made-to-order deli selections from Montague's (near the Navajo Room) or meet in the cafeteria for lunch. New signs and food stations complete the cafeteria update, and partial removal of a wall makes the space more streamlined and functional.



Corporate Aramark came through with funding for the food area remodeling at the same time as the Kirk Center remodeling, according to Aramark manager John Milburn. "We've been wanting to do this for the last eight or nine years," John said.

## MOU establishes educational model between MCC and the City of Mesa

After nearly two years of planning, Linda B. Rosenthal, President of the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) Governing Board, and Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to create a permanent campus of Mesa Community College in downtown Mesa. The MOU was signed at an unprecedented joint meeting between our Governing Board and the Mesa City Council on August 10, 2004.

The overarching vision as outlined in the MOU is to enable MCC and the City to develop a "digital downtown" linking education, business, government, and entertainment with emerging technologies. A vibrant MCC Downtown Campus will offer greater access to higher education for Mesa residents, assist in the revitalization of

downtown Mesa, and provide expanded opportunities for both the College and the City.

Mayor Hawker called the MOU an educational model for community colleges and local governments. "Using public dollars for dual purposes is a tremendous benefit for our residents," he said.

During the joint meeting, Dr. Rufus Glasper, Chancellor of the Maricopa County Community College District, called the partnership between MCC and the City a "truly pace-setting effort" and added that strong postsecondary educational opportunities tie directly to a healthy economy and a rich quality of life for residents.

Dr. Larry Christiansen, President of MCC, said there is an urgent and compelling need to

create the MCC Downtown campus where eventually 10,000 students will take classes in the City. "It's a win-win – for students and for downtown," he said.

Dr. Christiansen noted that while MCC currently has an existing presence in downtown Mesa, moving forward with the first phase of a permanent downtown campus is dependent upon voters approving Prop 401 – the Maricopa County Community College District's bond initiative – November 2. The MCCCD bond request sets aside \$10 million in new capital dollars to be used for the purchase, construction, or remodeling of facilities for an MCC Downtown campus.

### CTL opens at Red Mountain

The Center for Teaching and Learning is now open daily from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Red Mountain campus. The CTL office is located in the Palo Verde Bldg., Room P211. Employees from the Southern and Dobson campus will staff the center Monday through Thursday (hours vary by day). If you would like to meet with CTL staff please schedule an appointment.

#### CTL Staff Assignments

Monday – Ken Costello, Tuesday – Melanie Kroening, Wednesday – Donna Gaudet, Thursday – Jeff Anderson. Naomi Story will be a floater.



*Naomi Story, Carolyn "Rusty" Fay, and Dean Gail Mee prepare to cut the ribbon for the opening of the Center for Teaching and Learning at the Red Mountain campus.*

### Center for Service Learning receives award

On June 29, MCC's Center for Service Learning was honored at the "Excellence in Nonprofit Collaboration Honors Dinner," sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Maricopa County and Salt River Project.

The Excellence in Nonprofit Collaboration award recognizes collaborations involving volunteerism between a government or for-profit organization and a nonprofit organization. The purpose of this recognition is to spotlight collaborations that are increasing the impact of volunteerism in creating a thriving community.

PREHAB of Arizona, one of Mesa Community College's community partners, nominated the MCC Center for Service Learning for this award. PREHAB means PREvention and reHABilitation. This organization helps people to overcome challenges and lead productive and healthy lives.

The collaboration between PREHAB and MCC's Service Learning Center is a mutually beneficial relationship. PREHAB enjoys a volunteer pool of young, dedicated people who can provide a variety of services, and MCC students learn about leadership and service in hands-on experiences outside the classroom.