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# the Bulletin

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

## District launches new student information system, my.maricopa.edu

Years of work came to fruition today with the launch of the new student information system, named my.maricopa.edu. To access the system, visit my.maricopa.edu.

### Log-in information for my.maricopa.edu

My.maricopa.edu requires a unique identifier called a Maricopa Enterprise ID (MEID) and password. This acts as your user name when gaining access to the online Student Center or the online Faculty Center plus other applications of SIS. There are mechanisms in place which allow the user to discover their MEID and password when entering the system or if either piece of information is forgotten.

(Note: The user name and password are the same ones employees use to access the Human Resources Management System (HRMS) for time and labor reporting. To access SIS, the alpha characters of the user name (MEID) must be uppercase. )

Remember, due to the confidential nature of student records, employee access to areas within my.maricopa.edu will be blocked until you complete the FERPA tutorial to have your security access granted and account unlocked. Please visit the February 5 Bulletin at [http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia/bulletin/Feb05\\_08/Feb05index.shtml](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia/bulletin/Feb05_08/Feb05index.shtml) for more information.

### Help Desk

The Maricopa Helpdesk can be reached by calling 1-888-994-4433. As with any new system, there is going to be a learning curve. A variety of help options are available. Please visit the February 13 Bulletin at [http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia/bulletin/Feb13\\_08/Feb13index.shtml](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia/bulletin/Feb13_08/Feb13index.shtml) for a review of options.

### The difference between my.maricopa.edu, MyMCC, and MCC Online

Confused over which system does what and the username and password needed for each system? A brief description of each system and its log-in process is available at The difference between my.maricopa.edu, MyMCC, and MCC Online.

### What is my.maricopa.edu?

My.maricopa.edu is your portal into the Student Information System (SIS) for all Maricopa Community Colleges including Mesa Community College.

### What is the Student Information System (SIS)?

The Student Information System includes two online "centers" specifically for use by students and faculty. The online Student Center is where students will navigate to search, register, and pay for classes, and other online functions. The online Faculty Center is where faculty will navigate to view their classes, check rosters, post their official class grades and other functions. In addition, the SIS is used by other employees to manage student records in specific areas of the college such as Admissions, Advisement, Registration, Financial Aid, Cashier Services and others.

### What is MyMCC?

MyMCC is your Mesa Community College portal to create and access your MCC email account as well as links to course related information, tools, and resources including final course grades. The MyMCC account tools also include the ability to:

- \* change or reset an MCC password
- \* manage email account options
- \* view your class schedule
- \* apply for Veteran's benefits
- \* link to WebCT, Midas, Collabra, and Webboard (where applicable)

Students MUST have an MCC email account to use the MyMCC Portal.

### What is MCC Online?

MCC's Distance Learning program is now called MCC Online! MCC Online represents the college's dedication to enriching and expanding your online education.

Distance learning is a convenient and flexible way to advance your education. Your classes are Internet-based, so there is no need to fit on-campus classes into your busy schedule. MCC's distance learning classes transfer like on-campus classes.

### How do I log into each of these systems? My.maricopa.edu

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**MyMCC**

MyMCC requires first time users to create a unique user name and password using the account creation tool at the MyMCC web page. It is different from your MEID. MyMCC requires you to be an enrolled student at MCC.

**MCC Online**

MCC Online does not have separate user names or passwords. Students would use my.maricopa.edu to assist with enrollment activity, financial aid, paying tuition, checking grades, and other student records functions. Students would use MyMCC as a class management tool.

**Student Communication Plan**

Over the next few weeks, students will receive a number of information pieces about the online Student Center available through my.maricopa.edu. A chart that details distribution dates and type of communication is available at My.maricopa.edu Student Communication Plan. Our hope is that the college community will assist in disseminating information and answering questions students may have about the new system.

**Communications                      Details**

- Mailing/Email from District Office**
- District will send a mailer to student homes after go-live with information for my.maricopa.edu and step-by-step instructions.
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**Printed pieces available**

- Brochure promoting my.maricopa.edu with several "how-to" lists
- Tip cards – a condensed, wallet-sized version of the brochure

**List-serve email from MCC**

- Students will receive an email from the MCC list-serve

**Optional "Learn More" page on MCC webpage**

- Informational page on the New Student System, Identification numbers, MyMCC, and my.maricopa.edu functions, etc.
- This is an optional page for students to click under the my.maricopa.edu link on our MCC homepage.

**Screen Savers/TV/Marquees**

- We will post the District-created advertisement on each of these mediums.
- Exploring the option of sending an email to employees with the screensaver to add it to their computers if they would like.

**Faculty**

- Distribute "tip cards" and brochures to faculty areas.
- Create posters for Academic areas to direct students to my.maricopa.edu.
- Class announcements by faculty.

**Signage**

- Create posters of my.maricopa.edu advertisement for Southern and Dobson Clock Tower, Red Mountain buildings, etc.
- Table tents about my.maricopa.edu in public areas (dining areas, libraries, etc.)

**Phones**

- Announcement on the IP phones.

**Events/Locations                      Details**  
**Registration – Week of March 17**

- Welcome tent at Clock Tower with my.maricopa.edu "tip cards" and brochures. Students will be directed to computer labs on campus. Computers/laptops with trained mentors (experts) to assist students.
- Request possibility of designated Library rooms/Acacia Village computer lab access with mentors for Student Center navigation.
- Registration assistance in the Student Services Courtyard at Southern and Dobson and outside Enrollment Services at Red Mountain.
- Yavapai room (next to Grounds for Thought) will be available with computers and student mentors (experts).
- Student Affairs, Cashiers, and student mentors (experts) will be wearing my.maricopa.edu T-shirts for easy identification.

**Computer Labs/Kiosks**

- \* Students can be referred to the general computer areas in the libraries at Red Mountain and Southern and Dobson.
- \* The Yavapai Room will be available on a schedule for access, most likely during the months of April and May.
- \* Computers in the Blue Note Café at Southern and Dobson will be available for access to my.maricopa.edu
- \* ASMCC will laminate instruction cards for distribution at these general access computer sites.

**Spring Fling**

- \* Student event with tables at
- \* the Clock Tower and various locations on Southern and Dobson
- \* between Mesquite and Palo Verde buildings at Red Mountain
- \* Demonstrations for students of the online Student Center.
- \* Distribution of brochures and "tip cards" for my.maricopa.edu.

(Possible) End of Year Event - ASMCC

## Fast Food Nation chosen for One Book project at Red Mountain

If you're among the one out of four Americans who hit the drive-through tonight for a fast and inexpensive meal, you might want to pick up a copy of Eric Schlosser's book, *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*. The book was chosen for this semester's One Book project by Mesa Community College's Red Mountain campus.

The project is designed to develop critical thinking and explore common themes across academic disciplines. Readers will examine the affect of the junk-food industry on America's diet, landscape, economy and workforce. They'll explore social, economic and global environmental concerns as a group.

"This project offers an opportunity to form a community around the book," said Ed Lipinski, an MCC psychology instructor who is also faculty liaison for the Center for Teaching and Learning.



*Nicole Cerveny, Ed Lipinski and Gwen Argersinger are organizers of Red Mountain's One Book project.*

The project involves more than 20 faculty and about 600 students on the Red Mountain campus. Ed is working with Geography faculty Niccole Cerveny and English faculty Gwen Argersinger to plan a monthly event involving the book. Plans for a book discussion, scavenger hunt and trivia tournament are under way.

Project organizers hope the project extends into real-life changes, as readers learn from Schlosser "what really lurks between those sesame-see buns." MCC student Brenda Douglas said the book made her think about how her choices affect others.

"I thought it was interesting to learn that the majority of those being affected are the younger people in the workforce," Brenda said. "What am I doing to change this behavior? The future generation needs to be made aware of what is going on in our society and how they can impact a change."

Ed said if the project is a hit, they'll do it again with the same book next fall and choose a new book for spring of 2009.

"Everyone is excited about this," Ed said. "We want to get students to be critical thinkers and create a community of faculty and students."

Upcoming Fast Food Nation Events (open to all MCC students and the general public): Plan to join us for one or more of these exciting events!

\* Fast Food Nation Movie: Friday, Feb. 15 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Community Room; watch all of it or part of it. (This event is for students only)

\* "Working in the Fast Food Industry" Panel Discussion, Monday, Feb. 25 at noon in V 125.

\* FFN Scavenger Hunt, Wednesday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the courtyard between Mesquite and Palo Verde.

\* FFN Book / Movie Discussion and Social, Tuesday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room and at 1:30 p.m. in M 213.

\* FFN: Fact or Crap Trivia Tournament, Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; come by anytime to eat and compete.

### Trivia Question:

What fast food restaurant is credited with introducing the first modern-day drive-thru window?

### Answer:

Wendy's created the first drive-through window in 1970.

# CGTE: The Engagement Project



## The Engagement Project: New Name Reflects Action

The Center for Global Tolerance and Engagement (CGTE) has changed its name to The Engagement Project. The change reflects the concept of moving beyond passive tolerance that endures a different point of view and on to active engagement which facilitates change.

“There is a debate in academia about the word tolerance,” said Dr. Keith Crudup, MCC chair of philosophy and religious studies. “People are put off by it; people that may be of race or ethnic minorities.”

The CGTE began as a concept in the philosophy department shortly after 9/11 and was the first of its kind in the Valley. Its purpose is to facilitate conversation of world views on religion and ethics and by so doing, encourage understanding of those views.

The move from the word tolerance to engagement is like a stepping stone according to Keith. While tolerance is the first step, engagement follows as the active component that provides a new direction.

“The new title is going to be a gradual process and beyond the politics it really is a mouthful,” Keith said. “The Engagement Project is short and sweet and gets to the point.”

This semester The Engagement Project will host Every Day in the Global Village: A Day in the Life, a monthly series highlighting South Africa, Palestine, Vietnam and others. Students, faculty and the public are invited to attend these discussions which are held in the Southwest Reading Room of the Paul A. Elsner Library.

“Education is more than what happens in classroom,” Keith said. “As far as the students, you’ll have to give [the title] some time, this is the first semester we’re pressing The Engagement Project.”

For more information on The Engagement Project visit <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d34/cgte/index.html>

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## Assessment Week and CCSSE

Mesa Community College’s annual Assessment Week is scheduled for February 25 through March 1. The college’s nationally recognized assessment program documents the impact of the MCC college experience on student learning.

This year the program will assess students in four areas: Information Literacy, Scientific Inquiry, Numeracy, and Problem Solving. Assessment Week is faculty-owned and faculty-driven, with 76 faculty members volunteering their sections for outcomes assessment this spring, for a total of 123 sections and 2,816 students to be assessed.

“We consider our recruitment efforts particularly successful given the recent enrollment trend at the college,” said

Mark Gooding, chair of the Student Outcomes Committee. “We’re very grateful to all our faculty volunteers and their students, who will help us gain insights into strengths in the college curriculum as well as areas that might be strengthened.”

The student outcomes assessment program is administered by the Student Outcomes Committee with vital support from the Office of Research and Planning and under the purview of the Faculty Senate.

For more information on Assessment Week, or to view previous assessment results, visit <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/about/orp/assessment/>. This link also provides a section on faculty tips for faculty who will be administering the assessment.



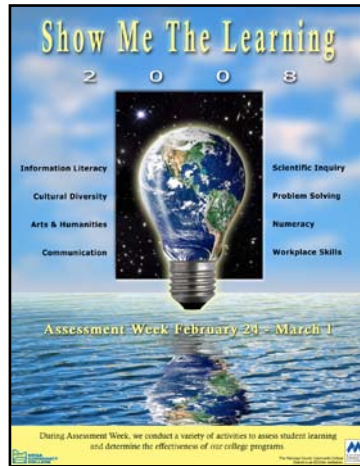
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## CCSSE

During Assessment Week, the college will also be involved in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE).

This survey will help the college discover the extent to which students believe that they are engaged in good educational practices at MCC, such as how extensively they interact with faculty, counselors and peers.

It is a requirement of CCSSE that it is administered in randomly selected sections identified by the national office. This process is in sharp contrast to MCC's yearly Student Assessment wherein faculty volunteer their sections for participation. The policy of using randomly



selected sections places some of our faculty in a position of using precious protected time for teaching and learning to administer a survey. However, as Dr. Mark Milliron explained during his keynote address at the January convocation, the CCSSE results can be extremely worthwhile for MCC.

Faculty who teach sections that have been selected for CCSSE will be notified by the Office of Research and Planning well in advance and will receive materials with instructions the week prior to February 25. The college is hoping for the support of those who are asked to be involved in the survey. Additional information about CCSSE is available at <http://www.ccsse.org/>.

### MCC Assessment vs. CCSSE: What's the difference?

Assessment Week is different from CCSSE in that it provides data on student learning, while CCSSE will provide data on the level and types of student engagement in their college education. Outcomes assessment is done internally; CCSSE is administered by an outside agency.

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## Campus Beautification Day at Southern and Dobson

Plan to stop by and be a part of sprucing up the campus by attending the Campus Beautification event on Feb. 20. Facilities Beautification committee chairman Diane Gunkel hopes the event resurrects a campus tradition that began over 15 years ago.

"We're trying to get students and staff involved in campus pride again," Diane said. "This is a way to give back and provides people with a chance to participate in something that you can physically see."

Volunteers should come dressed for light landscaping work and meet at the north entrance of the Theatre Outback. Tools and gloves will be provided, as well as a boxed lunch. Depending on the number of participants, work will expand beyond the theatre area to other parts of campus.

Diane said the committee is planning to archive before and after photos on the website and they'll do a web survey as well. The committee is always looking for new members and suggestions. Visit <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/employees/beauty/index.html> for more details or contact Diane at (480) 461-7909.

Event Details:

<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/employees/beauty/events.html>

### Campus Beautification Day

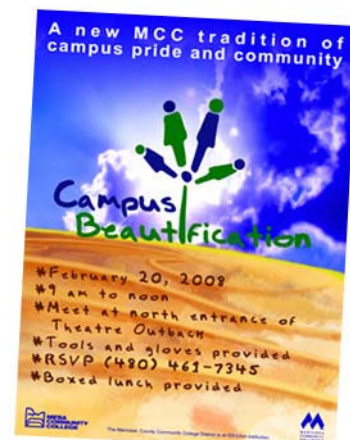
**Feb. 20, 2008**

**9 a.m. to noon**

**Box lunch for all volunteers!**

**Please call now and register to participate:**

**(480) 461-7345.**



**MCC Students Named to 2008 All-Arizona Academic Team**  
*Mother and daughter share honors for the Southern and Dobson Campus*

Mesa Community College will honor four high-achieving students who have been named to the All-Arizona Academic Team competition on Feb. 21 when MCC hosts community college scholars from all over the state. All four MCC students, including a mother and daughter, are chosen based on academic achievement, leadership, and community service.

This competition qualifies students for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team. In addition, these outstanding students will also receive a four-semester tuition waiver from the Arizona Board of Regents to one of Arizona's universities.

MCC students Nylene Ellingson and Georgia Robinson achieved first-team status and will receive an additional \$1,000 cash award. Stephen Hill and Melissa Navarro received second-team status and will receive a \$750 cash award. All four MCC honorees are members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society for two-year colleges, and have logged over 6,000 hours of combined service work for MCC and the community.

Ellingson, a Dental Hygiene student, contributed more than 3,200 service hours to the college and community. One project, "Give Kids a Smile," allowed her to apply classroom skills in the real world as she joined other dental students and professionals in providing free dental care to hundreds of local underprivileged children.

"Growing up our financial situation caused infrequent dental visits, and I could relate to the anxiety some of these children

were feeling," Ellingson reflected. "To be able to comfort them and then provide valuable dental service and education solidified my desire to pursue this as a career. It is so rewarding."

Georgia Robinson, MCC's other first-team recipient, not only shares honors with her daughter, Melissa Navarro who achieved second-team ranking, but has shared support and confidence along the way.



*Georgia Robinson, Melissa Navarro, back – Stephen Hill, Nylene Ellingson*

"Embarking on a new career path to become a teacher at this stage in life has been a rather daunting endeavor," said Robinson. "However, my daughter's encouragement and support have made it much easier and the more I work with these children, the more convinced I am that even at age 65, I can make my dream a reality."

Melissa echoed her mother's sentiments, "Overcoming my own obstacles and pursuing my dreams has been very important to me, but even more important, is knowing that I've inspired my mother. Her success and the opportunity to share it with her means more than I could have imagined."

Hill, a business management major, became involved with PTK, because he wanted to make an impact.

"As Regional PTK, I was given the opportunity to visit various schools and speak to new members to inspire them to become more involved as well. I wanted them to know they too could make an impact not only with PTK, but at their college and within their community."

The All-USA Academic Team will be announced on April 7 in USA Today. Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today, and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the competition.

**Recognitions**

**Service Learning** Congratulations to MCC's Service Learning Department for being recognized as one of the 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recipients. This distinction from the highest levels of government recognizes MCC's leadership in helping to build a culture of service and civic engagement on campuses and in our nation. All recipients and the six Presidential Award winners will be honored at the annual meeting of the American Council on Education in San Diego on Feb. 11. trophy

**Lyn Dutson**, Director of Theater, was selected to receive the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival "Excellence in Theater Education Award." Lyn was selected for this award as an "educator who has a reputation for eagerness to give extra, to insure that students learn and that the theater productions are always of high quality".

**Kara Thomson** was awarded the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Faculty Fellowship by her region. She was selected for this award in honor of her contributions to teaching and the KCACTF region. The award will be given at the national festival in Washington D.C. in April 2008.

**Neil Merrel** The Governing Board awarded the Faculty Emeritus Distinction to MCC's Neil Merrell. Neil taught both economics and political science classes at MCC. In 1992, Neil was asked by the MCC President to head a newly-created Center for Public Policy. Neil also created and developed the college's Model United Nations organization. Congratulations to Neil for decades of dedication and effective leadership at MCC.