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MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Student Injury Procedure



Sonya Pearson, Lesa Strickland, Ruth Unks, and Jhenni Morrow work together to provide information on student injury procedures.

Do you know what procedure to follow for a student injury emergency? Here's a brief summary of some important information:

If the person is an MCC student:

If injury occurs on campus

* Seek help by calling the MCC Public Safety office at 480-461-7777 at the Southern and Dobson campus or 480-465-7444 at the Red Mountain campus. They can help arrange transport by ambulance to a medical facility. They will file a report about the accident and obtain necessary insurance information from the student. Do NOT transport the student yourself unless absolutely necessary.

* If injury occurs off campus while on a school sponsored event arrange for transport to medical facility instead of driving student yourself, unless necessary.

* The student should be advised to fill out a Maricopa County Community College District Student Accident Insurance Claim Form if possible and have it signed by a college official so they can take it to the medical facility. The form is available in the Dean of Student's Office at Southern and Dobson or the Student Life Office at Red Mountain, or Public Safety can advise completion of the form. The form has multiple copies and the student will receive a copy for his or her records. (If injury occurs off campus a form may not be available until return to campus.)

* If the student is concerned that he or she has no medical coverage and cannot pay, here is some pertinent information:

1. Any facility that works with federal funding (most do) cannot refuse treatment, even if the student is unable to pay at time of treatment.

2. The medical facility will use the student's primary insurance first, and if the student is not covered under any other insurance policy, accident or health insurance plan, then the student is covered by the Maricopa Community Colleges Student Accident Insurance Plan. Any person registered as a day or evening division student who is enrolled in an approved credit and/or noncredit class is covered by the plan for free.

* Students who do not have any injury and sickness insurance are urged to enroll in a voluntary plan and the student is responsible for this premium.

3. The plan covers accidents while the student is:

* Attending classes during the hours when college is in session.

* Traveling for regular class sessions, directly to or from home and college other than by motorized vehicle, but not longer than one hour before class commences or one hour after class is dismissed or for the time required when traveling in an authorized and furnished school vehicle.

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- * No coverage is provided for any motorized vehicle not supervised and provided by the District.
- * Participating in or attending an activity exclusively sponsored, calendared and supervised by the college; and traveling to and from the activity in an authorized vehicle.
- * Coverage is also provided for children of properly registered students using officially designated childcare facility on or off campus.
- * If the student is using the Student Accident Insurance Plan, they will receive increased benefit amounts if PPO providers are utilized. Go to www.myfirsthealth.com or call 1-800-226-5116 for information on PPO providers.
- * The student will be responsible for payment at time of treatment, and if their claim is accepted by our insurance carrier they will be reimbursed after they submit the claim form. Our insurance will pay covered expenses if incurred one year after the date of the accident.
- * The student, NOT MCC, must submit the claim form. Bills must be submitted within 120 days of the accident. The maximum benefit payable is \$25,000.

Special considerations for students injured on a school-sponsored trip:

- * MCC official should take travel packet with claim forms in case of accidents.
- * Even if you are not on campus, call and make a report with MCC Public Safety Office, available 24/7.
- * Arrange for transport to medical facility instead of driving student yourself, unless necessary.
- * Don't fill out the claim form for the student. They should do it if at all possible because of privacy policy considerations.

Special considerations for students who are employees or official volunteers with signed paperwork:

- * If they are "on the clock" and the injury is work related, they must report injury to supervisor and fill out "Supervisor's Report of Industrial Injury" and take to medical facility.
- * An employee who chooses to seek medical attention must go to an authorized industrial medical center for initial medical attention. List of locations are available from MCC Human Resources Dept.

Special considerations for students under 18 who are visiting the college or participating in a summer activity:

- * Parents or chaperones will take over, but a report should still be filed with MCC's Public Safety office.

If the student feels that MCC has been negligent, he or she may file a Notice of Claim with the Office of General Counsel. This must be filed within 180 days after the accident. If they are denied payment, they may then file a lawsuit.

Questions?

Contact:

Ruth Unks, ARM	or	Sarah Meland
Risk Manager		Risk Analyst
480-731-8879		480-731-8698

District Risk Management Website: <http://www.maricopa.edu/legal/rmi/>

Please keep this information as a general summary of the insurance. This is only a brief description of the coverage available under policy series S3049NUFIC-AZ. The policy on file at the college may contain definitions, reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Full details of the coverage are contained in the Policy. If there is any conflict between the contents of this document and the Policy, the Policy shall govern. ragedy Knows no Boundaries, Just a Few Seconds, Be a Water Watcher and A Child can Drown in One Inch of Water are a few of the phrases used over

Water Safety Day Marks Ten Year Anniversary



the past 10 years to remind the public to be safe around water.

This year marks the tenth anniversary for Water Safety Day, an event that began as a tragedy when Weston Letter, age 3, drowned in his family's pool. Weston's mother Druann Letter and grandmother, MCC Dean, Carol Achs turned their grief into action when they established a water safety and drowning prevention program in memory of Weston.

"Ten years ago, I asked Dr. Christiansen (MCC president at that time) if MCC would support a

water safety event at MCC," Carol said. "His yes has led to nearly 16,000 children being educated about water safety."

The event first sponsored by MCC, local fire departments, Valley Toyota dealers, SRP and La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries has grown in the Valley's official kickoff to swimming season referred to as, Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

"When you look at the ten-year perspective, you can see that we have reduced drowning in our community and this program has been a significant factor in that reduction," Tiffany Isaacson, Phoenix Children's Hospital water safety coordinator said.

In conjunction with this year's Water Safety Day, pool fences have been made available by Carol Achs and will be distributed to the first five MCC students to apply, meet the guidelines and are accepted by the Adopt-A-Pool Fence program. Applications can be found at <http://www.saverkids.org/>. Once inside the application, in the box "How did you hear about this program," please indicate MCC student.

"Drowning is preventable," Carol said. "Always watch your children around water, fence your pool and learn CPR."

The MCC Southern and Dobson campus will host 1,200 first graders from the East Valley and Phoenix at this year's event March 24.

"I am always overwhelmed by the support and enthusiasm for the event," Carol said.

Phoenix Symphony to Visit MCC

by Joshua Bishop

On March 27, the Phoenix Symphony will perform at MCC's Southern and Dobson Campus in the Theatre Outback. The concert is for local junior and high school honor students as well as students who are interested in pursuing music majors. Invitations have been sent to Rhodes Junior High and Mesa and Dobson High Schools. There will also be limited open seating for the general public.

The concert is part of an outreach program that the Phoenix Symphony has been involved in for several years. The goal of the program is to inform students and the public of the importance of music in the community.

For MCC's Honor Program Director Betsy Hertzler and Audio Production and Technology instructor Keith Heffner, the concert will also be an opportunity to showcase all the different careers and majors MCC has to offer.

"It's a really neat situation," Heffner said. "It's a chance for students to learn more about the symphony and our program and get a free concert in the process."

For Hertzler and her honor students, who will be playing the part of hosts to the event, the concert is a great opportunity to attract more honors-bound students to the campus and get them involved in the community.



*Audio Production and Technology
instructor Keith Heffner*

"Not only will it provide a pro-curricular program for our students, but it will also be a chance to showcase the power and importance of music to our visiting students," Hertzler said.

The concert will feature the strings sections of the symphony and will perform a set of five or six classical music selections. Following the performance, there will be a meet and greet where students can ask questions and meet the performers.

When: Friday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Theatre Outback

Contact: Music Dept. at 461-7894 to make a reservation.



*Honor Program Director
Betsy Hertzler*

Newsbytes

-MCC's Asian Pacific Islander Coalition will be participating in the annual Dragon Boat Festival at Tempe Town Lake Marina on March 28 and 29, Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cheer on MCC's Thunderdragons as they compete with teams from various states and countries. We are the only Arizona community college team participating in the race that consists of local and out-of-state, international, and state university teams.

-Resume Review Day Training

MCC Faculty and Staff...help students by reviewing their resumes before they participate in our Career Expo on April 1. Career Services will provide the training you need to review the resumes.

Training Day:

When: 11-11:30 a.m. or 2-2:30 p.m., Monday March 23

Where: Career Center, Building 36, Room SS5N

RSVP to Debby Smith at ext. 17973.

Resume Review Day:

Wednesday, March 25 1-4 p.m.

Newsbytes

-Women's History Month Conference: Program Flyer Dr. Mary Logan Rothschild, Professor Emerita of Women and Gender Studies and History at ASU will be the keynote speaker at MCC's Women's History Month Conference on March 31. She specializes in the history of American women and feminism, women's oral history and gender equity in education. In her teaching, Rothschild tries to inspire students to critically evaluate the past with empathy and care. She has written *A Case of Black and White: Northern Volunteers and the Southern Freedom Summers, 1964-1965* and *Doing What the Day Brought: An Oral History of Arizona Women*. Dr. Rothschild has been awarded the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Quality Teaching Award, the ASU Alumni Association Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Arizona Humanities Council's Scholar of the Year Award.

When: 8 a.m.-3 p.m., March 31.

Where: MCC's Southern and Dobson campus, Navajo Room

Special breakout sessions: 9-10:15 a.m. and 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Work/School Made Me a Feminist-Zuni Room

Politics/Media Made Me a Feminist-Pima Room

Family/Epiphany Made Me a Feminist-Kiva

Keynote speaker and luncheon: Noon -1:30 p.m.

Recognitions

March employee of the month recognition goes to Annapurna Ganesh, education studies. Employees are nominated and selected according to departments grouped by month. Nominees are employees who have provided exceptional service to students, exceeded job expectations, are a team player and demonstrates a positive attitude.

About Annapurna:

Annapurna was born and raised in India, the daughter of an Indian army officer who traveled and lived in different parts of India. She completed a bachelor's degree in Psychology from India before moving to the U.S. in 1994 to join her husband in Arizona.



Education and Current Work:

- * M.Ed. in Elementary Education with emphasis in Early Childhood Education from ASU in 1997.
- * Ph.D in Curriculum and Instruction specializing in Early Childhood Education from ASU in 2004.
- * Joined MCC as a residential faculty with the Education Studies Department, Child & Family Studies/Early Childhood Education Program in the fall of 2007.
- * Since the fall of 2008, MCC's Director of the Child & Family Studies/Early Childhood Education Program.

Other interests:

Reading fiction and non-fiction about social issues, listening to music, playing the Veena (a string instrument from India), gardening and origami (art of paper folding).

Other March Nominees were:

Jeffrey Andelora - English Department

Mary Aldridge - English Department

Amelia Garcia - Enrollment Services Red Mountain

Tammi Taylor - Occupational Health and Safety

Joshua Cooper - Library

Rhonda Schlatter - English Department