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MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

## Harkins and Fuddruckers to Make Way for New Arts Complex

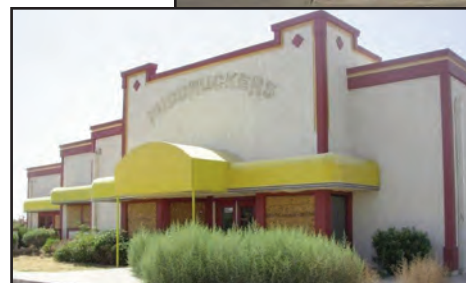
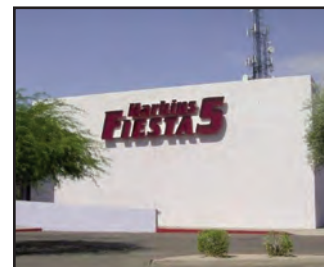
A new Performing and Fine Arts complex is slated for the southeast corner of MCC's Southern and Dobson campus, currently the location of the Harkins Theatre and Fuddruckers restaurant. The Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board recently approved the purchase of the 4.99 acre site and buildings. The complex will accommodate art, dance, music and theater programs as outlined in the 2004 bond package.

"My thanks to the leadership of the college for pursuing this innovative method of accomplishing the project outlined in the bond package in the face of diminishing bond funds due to inflation in the construction industry," wrote Bernie Ronan, MCC's acting president, in a campus email.

Approximately \$4 million in bond funds would be used to purchase the site and buildings, with additional bond funds earmarked to remodel the space. The restaurant is approximately 7,000 square feet and the theatre is approximately 21,000 square

feet. The acquisition would enable the college to move construction of the Performing and Fine Arts complex from fiscal year 2010 to 2008.

The next steps will include an inspection of the property and final review and approval by MCCC's Facilities Planning and Development.




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## It Started at MCC - Alumni engagement and success

When alumni reflect upon their professional and personal successes, the MCC Alumni Association (MCCAA) hopes that their story will begin with the statement "It Started at MCC."

To capture this sentiment, the MCCAA Board is launching an initiative to document the caliber and success of MCC. Their goals are to:

1. Foster pride in and promote MCC by building awareness and recognition of our alumni and their accomplishments
2. Increase enrollment by partnering with Recruitment to create a parent resource line, represent MCC at out-of-county recruitment fairs, and reach out to feeder high schools
3. Create an Alumni Speakers Bureau with alumni volunteers who are willing to have MCC students and faculty contact them for career info and class or club presentations, respectively.

The challenge is – so many opportunities!! With over 40,000 alumni in the database, it's impossible to look at every record.

The MCCAA Board is asking for help prioritizing the contact list. Please send recommendations to Marcy Snitzer, Coordinator for Alumni Relations and Communications, at [marcy.snitzer@mccmail.maricopa.edu](mailto:marcy.snitzer@mccmail.maricopa.edu).

Two pivotal projects are underway for future successful alumni outreach initiatives:

\* Creation of a directory of all MCC alumni – MCC has contracted with Harris Connect to produce the 2008 Alumni Directory. The directory may only be purchased by MCC alumni and is available in hard- or soft-bound editions or CD-Rom. Alumni information will be listed four ways: biographically, by class year, geographically, and by career code.

The directory is a win for alumni as well as the college. Alumni benefit from a valuable resource for professional networking, finding old friends, and connecting with alumni in the region where they currently live. Through an intensive information

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gathering process to compile the directory, the college receives richer data about our alumni than it has ever had before, including email addresses, phone numbers, professions, and college activities and initiatives of interest to alumni.

\* Online community – The online community will allow the college to communicate frequently with alumni based on their interests. In addition to updating their contact information, alumni will be able to view and register for events, add their names to volunteer lists, donate online, search for and communicate with other alumni, and post class notes.

Ongoing activities

\* The Alumni and Friends newsletter is published 2-3 times each year. The Alumni Office updates mailing addresses based on the returned mail.

\* Events to interest and involve alumni in the life of the college are offered throughout the school year. Events are designed to appeal to various demographics that comprise our alumni base and range from reunions and faculty-guided tours to social activities that provide a service or benefit to alumni members.

\* Student scholarships are awarded by the MCCA each year based on available funds. Fundraising includes a silent auction at the annual Homecoming celebration and direct mail campaigns in collaboration with the MCC Development Office

“Alumni engagement ultimately benefits the college by providing a pool of strong advocates for MCC who serve as a resource for current students and the college community at large,” Marcy said.

## **MCC Homecoming festivities kick off with 2nd Annual Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony**

On Nov. 2, Mesa Community College will honor the administrators, community leaders, coaches and athletes who are part of MCC’s athletic tradition at the 2nd Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event at Dobson Ranch Inn inducts 10 individuals and kicks off a weekend of homecoming festivities.

“I think it’s one of the class events we have at MCC,” said MCC head football coach Dan Dunn. “Emotionally it’s very moving to have successful athletes who have been part of world events contribute their success to their experience at MCC.”

Sports information director Todd Bolser said choosing this year’s list of inductees was not an easy task.

“MCC has so many great athletes, we had a hard time making the list,” Bolser said. “We had to whittle down the prospective inductees.”

The list honors inductees from 1965 through 1980. Heading the list is former team physician Elmer Heap, who will be recognized for his community service for tending to athletes’ injuries free of charge in the ‘70s. Basketball coach Ed Van Winkle and baseball coach Jim Frye will receive the Outstanding Coaches Award.

Athletes selected include: Oscar Ramirez (football), Mickey Hatcher (football/baseball), Vernon Wilkins (baseball), Chris Laursen (football), Kari Pew White

(volleyball, track and field), George Hall (basketball), and Mark Murro (track and field).

Organizers say the annual ceremony encourages attendees to lend support toward expanding MCC’s community-based athletic program.

“We are looking to build upon the already established momentum generated from last year’s successful ceremony,” Bolser said.

On Saturday, the public is invited to meet MCC’s Hall of Fame inductees, past and present, and enjoy the homecoming activities that begin at noon. Free food, entertainment, games and various booths will be offered, followed by the game against the Glendale Gauchos at 2 p.m.

John Mulhern, MCC’s acting athletic director, said the Hall of Fame ceremony and homecoming festivities benefit both the college and the community.

“When you honor the past, you create your future,” Mulhern said.

For more information on the Hall of Fame ceremony, visit [http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/athletics/hall\\_of\\_fame/index.html](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/athletics/hall_of_fame/index.html)

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**TWO SPECTACULAR EVENTS!**

**THUNDERBIRDS  
RISING**

**Sports Hall of Fame  
Induction Banquet**  
Friday, November 2, 2007

Dobson Ranch Inn  
1666 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ 85202

Reception 6:00 p.m. – Dinner and Program 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person. RSVP by calling 480-461-7963  
or visit [www.mc.maricopa.edu/sportshof](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/sportshof)

**Homecoming 2007**

Homecoming Festival and Football Game  
Saturday, November 3, 2007

12:00 p.m. – Festival  
Entertainment, food, and games for the entire family!  
Meet members of MCC's Sports Hall of Fame  
Silent Auction to support student scholarships

Hawaiian barbecue sponsored by the MCC Alumni  
Association, the Associated Students of MCC, and Moki's  
Hawaiian Grill. Preview Moki's great food at  
[www.mokis.com](http://www.mokis.com)


(Quantities are limited. First come, first served while supplies last.)

MCC at Southern and Dobson Campus  
1833 West Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85202  
John D. Riggs Stadium – Festival on field adjacent  
to the south and (Rain or shine)  
Event contact: Jennifer LaForge, 480-461-7794

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2007 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees will be honored at the Hall of Fame  
Banquet on November 2 and on November 3 at the Homecoming pre-game  
festival and football half-time show.

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| <p><b>Dwight Patterson Community<br/>Leaders Award</b><br/>Dr. Elmer Heap*</p> <p><b>Outstanding Coaches Award</b><br/>Jim Frye - Baseball<br/>Ed Van Winkle - Basketball</p> <p><small>*Posthumous Award</small></p> | <p><b>Hall of Fame Athletes</b><br/>George Hall - Basketball<br/>Mickey Hatcher - Football/Baseball<br/>Chris Laursen - Football<br/>Mark Murro - Track &amp; Field<br/>Kari Pew White - Volleyball, Track &amp; Field<br/>Oscar Ramirez - Football<br/>Vernon Wilkins - Baseball</p> |
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**SPORTS HALL OF  
FAME**

See reverse side for inductee names



## Artist creates bowls for charity event

Hopi artist Stephanie Lomatewama's artwork is rich with symbolism that reflects her life experiences on the Hopi reservation. As she crafts bowls for the upcoming Empty Bowls charity events at both Mesa Community College campuses, Stephanie uses a variety of colors to paint corn stalks on four different sides of the bowls.

“I use blue, yellow, red and white corn stalks because these are the four main corns we use for food and prayer,” said Lomatewama, an MCC student. “Underneath the stalk I put a brown image that represents the land we live on and live off of.”

Lomatewama incorporates a cloud or rain design into her bowl to represent Hopi rain-prayer ceremonies and paints an image all the way around the bowl as a symbol of moisture and continuity.



“The moisture symbol is continuous, with no breaks, to symbolize that there are no breaks in life—everything is connected,” she said.

Lomatewama, who leaves the reservation during the school year to attend MCC, remains very connected to her culture and family. Her father, Ramson Lomatewama, is a well-established artist who makes his living as a glass blower in the town of Hotevilla on the Hopi reservation, about 100 miles northeast of Flagstaff. Her mother, brother and three sisters all create art symbolic of the Hopi culture.

Lomatewama said her art helps her through hard times and allows her to come to terms with the changes occurring in her culture.

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“My art is really inspired by my whole experience of trying to balance two worlds at the same time,” she said.

Lomatewama is one of many artists who have donated artwork for two Empty Bowls events. For the purchase of a \$10 handcrafted bowl, art enthusiasts are invited to stay and dine on a simple meal of bread and soup in remembrance of World Hunger Day. Proceeds go to Paz de Cristo, a non-profit interfaith outreach organization that serves the needy and homeless in the East Valley.

In addition to thousands of handcrafted bowls, shoppers can also bid in a silent auction on art pieces crafted by local artists and various gift items from local merchants.

Two Locations and Dates:

\* MCC's Southern and Dobson Campus: October 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Navajo Room at 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa.

\* MCC's Red Mountain Campus: Oct. 24 from 10:30 to 3 p.m. at MCC's Red Mountain campus, 7110 E. McKellips Road, Mesa.

Contact: Linda Speranza at (480) 461-7534.

## Courts and the Community

The public is invited to join Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell, the Presiding Judge of Maricopa County Superior Court, at a forum titled The Court and the Community Working Together.

Judge Rodriguez Mundell will address concerns affecting families, youth and the community. She will draw on her sixteen years of experience as a superior court judge, along with the expertise of many other justices, commissioners, and court personnel in attendance. Additional resources from the judicial branch, a brief overview of career opportunities in the courts, and information from the family law assistance project attorneys will also be available.

The Administration of Justice Studies Department at Mesa Community College will host this unique opportunity to meet and engage in open dialogue.

“This event provides a valuable look at future careers and the challenges that superior court personnel face,” said Kerry Muehlenbeck, MCC faculty and event organizer. “We feel privileged to host this event and provide such opportunities for our students and the community.”

Where: Mesa Community College, Southern and Dobson Campus, Navajo Room

When: Thursday, October 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Spanish language and hearing impaired interpreters will be available.

Another forum is being held Thursday, October 11 at Phoenix College, Dome Room, 3310 N. 10 Avenue, Phoenix

For Additional Information: Contact Maricopa Judicial Branch Community Outreach Director Patricia Seguin at 602-372-0595.