

Snapshot



High Five!

Give the employees of MCC at Red Mountain a high five for five successful years! Among the many activities at the fifth anniversary celebration were a group photo of Red Mountain employees and a Native American blessing by Garrison Tahmahkera of the new fitness trail.



Grabbing the Bull by the Horns

Student Advisor Alison Whiting charges into Fall Bash



Fall Bash Fuels Fun

MCC's Environmental Action Club demonstrates how to turn cooking oil into bio-diesel fuel.



FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Tina Rangel, Physical Education, Exercise Science, Dance faculty
Nominated by K. Ann Stine

Tina Rangel has worked diligently to increase the number of dance classes that reflect cultural diversity. She has brought Scottish Highland dance, West African dance, Flamenco, and Mexican Folkloric dance to Mesa. All of these new classes have greatly enriched our dance program.

Tina received grant money through International Education to travel to Mexico City and experience the culture and dance of Mexican Folkloric Dance. She was able to bring professional Mexican Folkloric dancers to Mesa Community College to teach a workshop and perform. Tina has also received time through Kaleidoscope to develop curriculum to implement a Dance Teaching Endorsement.

Tina is the director of the MCC Dance Company. Students audition for the opportunity to perform in this prestigious company. Once a semester students perform with great enthusiasm and passion under Tina's direction. Tina's students thoroughly enjoy her instruction and dedication to dance.

Tina is actively involved with her Instructional Council, and she played a role in the establishing of an AAFA, Associate of Arts, Fine Arts, with an emphasis in dance degree program.



PSA EXCELLENCE AWARD

Cheryl Patton, Center for Teaching and Learning Office Coordinator

Nominated by Donna Gaudet and the CTL staff

Cheryl Patton goes to great lengths to ensure that CTL events are delivered as smoothly as possible.



She personally sees to the room and food arrangements, often coming in early or staying late to arrange rooms. When asked for help, Cheryl always responds positively. With her amazing knowledge of the campus, she usually knows what person to contact to get the job done and if she doesn't know, she finds out. ➤

Focus on Excellence



MAT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Ron Gaschler, Director of Career and Re-entry Services
Nominated by Shirley Hendersen

Ron Gaschler has gone out of his way to assist in many projects ranging from student orientation and diversity retreats to initiating international internship opportunities for MCC students. He has contributed to service by going above and beyond his job requirement for students. He serves as a mentor, coach, and teacher to students who are struggling with career direction decisions.

As a new employee to MCC, Ron has been very active in learning the various areas of student affairs and is continuing his education by pursuing a doctoral degree.

He is always willing to expand his professional and personal areas of growth by volunteering to assist on various committees and, when appropriate, by attending workshops and conferences. Additionally, Ron is very active on the MCC MAT committee.

Ron believes in providing the best service to our students and often takes it upon himself to make sure that students are receiving the highest quality service.

Ron works diligently at establishing connections to our academic and occupational units. Most recently he was awarded an MCLI learning grant in which he and a number of Student Affairs managers will initiate a program aimed at retaining students on academic probation while engaging them in discovering their strengths.

M&O EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mauricio Vasquez Lopez, Groundskeeper
Nominated by Rita Covert

Mauricio Vasquez Lopez has worked over by the Child Care Center for the past few months and made a big impact. Our area was not in bad shape, it was just neglected. Mauricio always looks for the extra little things he can do to make our area look better. When he comes to take care of watering, he also cleans and hoses off the entire patio area. Every time. Before he came that had never been hosed off. Then, when the children planted a potato plant, he helped them to care for it and wind it through the fence and even installed a trellis when it got really big so the children could continue to see it grow and enjoy the plant's progress. He does the little things like plant and care for fresh flowers in the planters in front of the center.

Parents, staff, and administrators have noticed and made comments on how welcoming it looks now and how it has improved the overall appearance. If staff members need anything, he is quick to take care of it and often takes care of problems before anyone asks. He is always friendly and efficient, and the entire staff appreciates his hard work and great attitude!



SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Keith Hefner, Music Department Faculty
Nominated by Judy Taussig



Keith Hefner has a history of successfully adapting technology for use by the disabled. Several years ago, Keith faced the challenge of accommodating a blind student in his Music Recording Studio program. It was an extraordinary problem because the equipment was designed for the sighted. The Music and Disability Resources departments collaborated to create a computer music workstation for the blind/visually impaired.

This year Keith was awarded an Innovative Project Grant to use Soundbeam II, a system that creates music through physical movement. His goal was to use it with disabled students who had never had the opportunity to create music. He is currently working with about six students with various disabilities and the results are sensational.

He makes it all seem possible, and for that reason, he is able to show to other faculty that this flexible creativity can be applied in other areas. He is now considering ways that the Music Department can collaborate to bring Soundbeam to other departments.

One of Keith's students, Kim Wing, states, "Keith Hefner is a very caring instructor. He is willing to work with students with disabilities and goes out of the way to make me comfortable while I am in his class. I enjoy working with him on the Soundbeam II project because he is very encouraging and he makes me laugh. Keith is helping me so that I can help other people."

Cheryl goes out of her way to look for official professional growth activities, checking the district and CTL schedules often. She also engages in unofficial professional growth behaviors by soliciting help from CTL staff on projects or questions that she has.

Cheryl is the direct supervisor for the front desk staff in the CTL. Cheryl works closely with these students to keep them on task and focused in their work. She also serves as a mentor and role model as they pursue their college degrees.

As the CTL Office Coordinator, Cheryl is, in many ways, the "face" of the CTL. Cheryl's work efforts and daily behaviors contribute to the CTL in a positive way, thus enabling the CTL to more positively impact the campus environment and academic community.



ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

Tishin Donkersley, Psychology Department Faculty
Nominated by Wynn Call

Tishin Donkersley currently works as an adjunct professor of Sport Psychology. She has been responsible for the development and implementation of the Sport Psychology program at MCC where she now teaches two full courses with a waiting list. She has brought a multi-disciplinary approach to this program where she combines the psychology department, exercise science, and athletics. Many of her students are student-athletes, exercise science, and psychology students who use their knowledge of the field and in their lives to improve their performance.

Once Tishin created our Sport Psychology Program (before her it was only a class that hardly made), she began developing relationships with the Athletic and Exercise Science Departments. Over the past two years at MCC, Tishin has pooled the resources of the coaching staffs and psychology department to develop a working program for students who are pursuing a collegiate level sports program. In conjunction with Exercise Science Chair Ann Stine, Sport Psychology was incorporated into the curriculum for the Coaching Certification program and Exercise Psychology and Sport Psychology seminars have been developed for fitness professionals to earn CEU credits.

Tishin believes that each person holds true potential and the joy is in discovering it and nurturing that potential. Her methods are motivating, inspiring, tailored, and relevant.

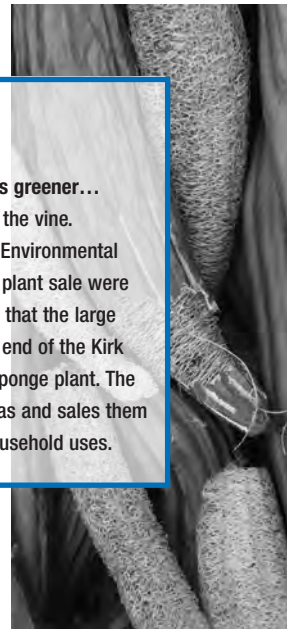
*HAIR TODAY,
GONE TOMORROW*



LOCKS OF LOVE

MCC Student Christine Haase organized the "Locks of Love" event so community members and students could donate their hair to create hairpieces and wigs for children with long-term medical hair loss. Taylor Filan, 8, was one of many to donate. She heard about a similar project at her elementary school several months ago and was eager to donate her long hair to help kids her own age.

LUFFA
The luffa's always greener... when attached to the vine. Customers of the Environmental Action Club (EAC) plant sale were surprised to learn that the large vine on the south end of the Kirk center is a luffa sponge plant. The EAC dries the luffas and sales them for beauty and household uses.



Welcome Week

MCC students dunked their student officers at the Red Mtn Campus Welcome Week.

VENDORS VISIT
Tons of vendors pack the center of campus selling cell phones to suntans.

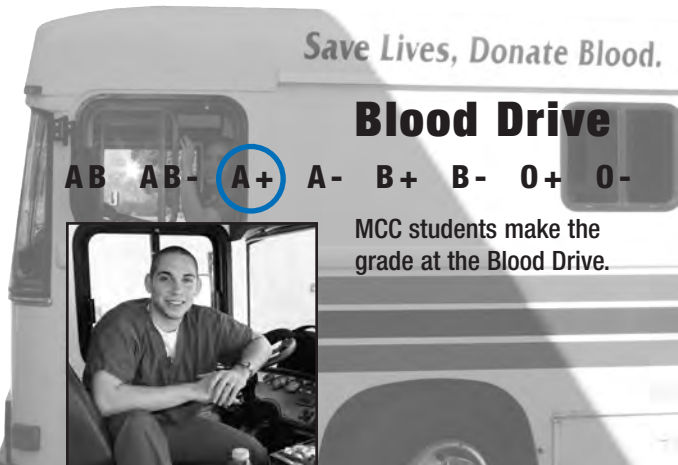


Vendor Day



Design student features recycled fashions

MCC students strutted across the runway at the Fall Fashion Show in a variety of recycled materials, from Starbucks cups and Aquafina bottles to plastic bags and newsprint.



Blood Drive

MCC students make the grade at the Blood Drive.

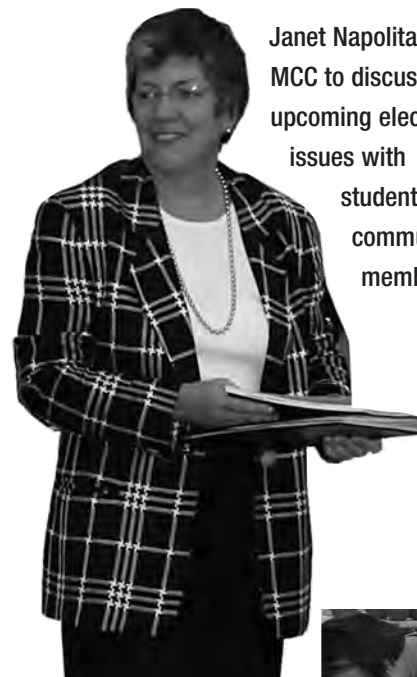


Dumpster Dive!!!



Students and employees sorted and analyzed a days worth of garbage to identify new opportunities for recycling on MCC's campuses.

GOV. NAPOLITANO



Janet Napolitano visits MCC to discuss the upcoming election issues with students and community members.



"Heaps" of Fun



Theo Heap, former MCC President and inductee into MCC's 2006 Sports Hall of Fame, jams with the Red Mountain Blue Grass Band at Homecoming 2006.



Soup for Humanity



Two Empty Bowls events raised nearly \$16,000 for Paz de Cristo Community Center.



Science Day

Volcano Delight

Students are amazed at the nitrous volcanic explosion that produces an edible ice cream substance. Equally impressed are several students trying to figure the complexities of their rocket-powered race car. About 450 local 5th graders are exposed to science concepts through hands-on activities at the dynamic MCC Science Day.



Fulbright Scholar Shines at Red Mountain



Students at Red Mountain were fortunate to hear Dr. Zahra Tamouh, Fulbright Scholar, lecture on family law and the historical development of the role of women in Muslim history, particularly in Morocco.



Opportunity Knocks

Mesa Community College held the largest job fair in the East Valley where hundreds of employers were on hand recruiting potential employees.



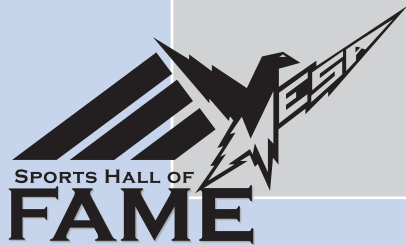
Domestic Violence Art Display

Guadalupe Centro de Amistad collects weapons and transforms them into usable, helpful items through the imagery of artist Socorro Bernasconi.



Hall of Fame Honors

Twenty administrators, community members, and former coaches and athletes were inducted into the MCC Sports Hall of Fame at the inaugural banquet Nov 3.



Ahhh... the memories...

Hall of Fame inductees view photo collages at a reception prior to the Hall of Fame banquet.



Nothing rattles Jo Wilson

Jo Wilson holds a rattlesnake at the interactive lecture and book signing at Red Mountain for Andy Holycross and Thomas Brennan's new book, *Amphibians and Reptiles in Arizona*.

The book is the first complete field guide of amphibians and reptiles in the State of Arizona.



Is this a test?

Interactive games at World Language Awareness Day challenged students visiting the Japanese booth to pick up M&Ms with chopsticks.

The event celebrated and promoted the twelve language programs offered at MCC.



D-vine cheers! Alumni toast MCC

Alumni gathered at D-vine Wine Bar and Bistro for an evening of networking, wine tasting, and jazz courtesy the MCC music department.

Susan G. Komen – Race for the cure



Racers Raise \$\$\$ for Cure Close to 50 employees, students and family members of MCC made the 14th annual Komen Phoenix Race for the cure memorable by walking, running, or “sleeping in” for the event. This year’s Phoenix race raised \$1.8 million which will be used to fight breast cancer and raise awareness about the disease.



Receptions

MCC hosted receptions for employees to meet new administrators. Welcome to Dr. Anna Solley, President, Phoenix College; Dr. Velvie Green, President, Glendale Community College; Dr. Jose Leyba, Vice President for Development and Community Relations, MCC; Mr. James Mancuso, Vice President of Academic Affairs, MCC.



Ice cream is I.T.

The IT department at Southern and Dobson and administrative staff at Red Mountain served up cool treats at the ice cream social.





PARADE

Wrongly accused

The Act I Musical Theatre production of *Parade* portrayed the true story of Leo Frank's trial, a Jewish man wrongly accused of raping and murdering a 13-year-old girl.



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON...

Mesa Community College students in the Jazz band blast out a tune on their trumpets.

Showgirls shine in MCC's Fall Dance Concert, *My Way*



ENCORE! ENCORE!

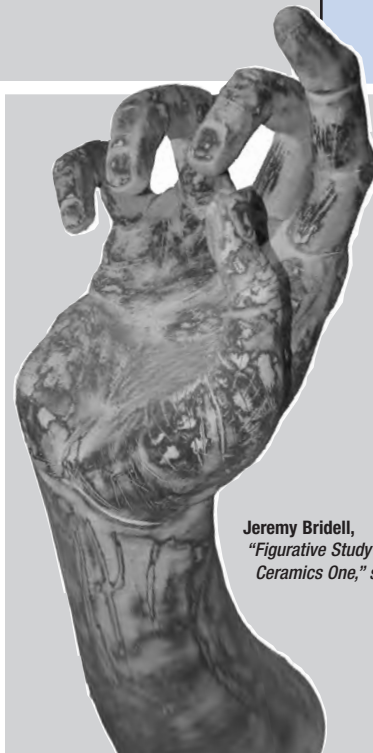
The MCC Orchestra performs under the direction of Brian Murphy.



An enemy of the people

No enemy to success

Brian Smith and Melissa Mosses expertly portrayed Dr. and Catherine Stockman in the Theatre Arts Department production of *An Enemy of the People*.



Jeremy Bridell,
"Figurative Study for Ceramics One," stoneware

ART FACULTY SHOW

Gallery of Expression

Faculty show a diverse range of work at the annual Art Faculty Show.

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Jane Bradley, *"Red Shoes," oil on panel*



Susan Canasi,
"Celebration," copper and aluminum

Barbara G. Ellsworth



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Donella K. Eberle



John K. Ohi



Ruth B. Yandell

Years of Service

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- Janet M. Coolman
- William C. DeHaan
- Rodney H. Hammil
- William C. Hawk
- Dolores J. Jokilehto
- Sally C. Kroelinger
- Gerald M. LaBell
- David V. Palla
- Gene L. Parrish
- Barbara E. Thelander

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- Jeffrey T. Andelora
- Bonnie S. Black
- Steven T. Budge
- Sandra K. Coates
- Douglas Koerselman
- Firouzeh Ida Mansourian
- Janet V. Morgan
- Joseph D. Neglia
- Jeanne C. Odgers
- Gregory B. Pratt
- Danene K. Richardson
- John P. Seims
- Linda M. Speranza
- Thomas R. Taggart
- Barry F. Vaughan

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- Samuel Salas Alvarado
- Ontonio L. Ballard
- Margaret A. Boyd
- Susan Brockmann
- Niccole V. Cervený
- Jon M. D'Ambrosio
- Emily V. Dimson
- Charles I. Freer
- Arthur A. Garduno
- Ronald P. Gaschler
- Paul R. Harasha
- Deborah Ann Hauert
- Tawn Hauptli
- Sarah A. Henderson
- Shirley M. Henderson
- Lisa Hitzler
- David T. John
- Jennifer L. LaForge
- Jared A. Langkilde
- Hugh H. Lovelady
- Todd Luther
- Loren A. McGrew
- Janice A. Mesar
- Dwayne M. Norton
- Kathleen M. Perales
- Scott W. Pike
- David E. Richardson
- Javier Rosales
- Donald Ryan
- Rebecca D. Ryan
- Heidi A. Van Tassell
- Dennis Wilson

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- Carmen Vigo Acosta
- Mary Al-Saleh
- Alicia I. Barnett
- Glenn M. Bennett
- George R. Cole
- Gloria A. Cota
- Linda Oiler Evans
- Paul F. Gilletti
- Duane Oakes
- Vanessa Perkins
- Rosadell Sanchez
- Maureen Zimmerman

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- Robert F. Baron
- Philip J. Carrillo
- Luis G. Hernandez
- Rodney Paul Holmes
- Aaron E. James
- Bonnie Kalison
- Robert O. Klassen
- Timothy R. Matyas
- Luanne M. Patterson
- Geraldine Subia Silva

retirement



Bill Hawk



Myrna Eshelman



Jim Cervantes