

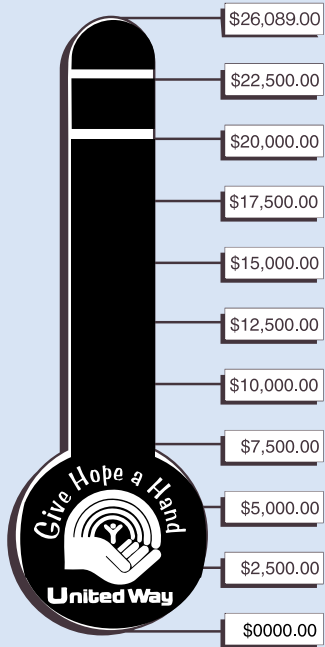
## Looking for a way to “give back” to your community?

Mesa United Way depends on community volunteers to help allocate the contributions it receives. “As many as 100 citizens serve on the Community Investment Process Committee as Investment Volunteers,” said Judy Bowden, Mesa United Way vice president of Community Funding. In the upcoming year, citizens will review proposals from 38 agencies, representing 94 programs, requesting funds.

Agencies or programs are categorized by type: health issues, the elderly, shelter services, counseling, youth programs, and so on. After choosing a category of interest, volunteers serve on a panel of 10–12 people who meet at specific times, generally in the early morning or late afternoon. Each panel participant reviews proposals from five agencies, representing as many as 10–12 programs, to help determine which agency gets what portion of the available community funds. Panel members participate in site visits and tour each agency’s facility. At the end of the review process, the panel makes funding recommendations in an oral presentation to the entire Community Investment Process Committee.

Volunteers set aside time from February to May to complete their tasks. An individual’s total time commitment is approximately 12–15 hours, Judy said, which includes time spent attending meetings, reading proposals, and visiting sites (two per month).

To volunteer for this important community effort, contact Judy Bowden, 834-2109, at Mesa United Way.



### Adopt-A-Family

The Associated Students of Mesa Community College (ASMCC) and the Office of Student Activities will once again sponsor the Adopt-A-Family program for the Thanksgiving and Winter Holidays. Students in need of assistance may either be nominated by an employee or apply for assistance themselves. Although the nomination deadline for Thanksgiving has already passed, individuals can be nominated or apply for aid for the Winter Holidays through Monday December 2, 2002. Please contact Nora Aguilar at 461-7277 if you would like additional information or if you are interested in sponsoring a family.

MCC’s Faculty Art Show runs through Nov. 15th. Please visit the Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room for this wonderful display of faculty talent.

The *Bulletin* is published by the Office of Institutional Advancement every other Wednesday from October to April for employees of Mesa Community College. Please visit [www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia) for submission deadlines and publication dates.

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## New computer labs enhance learning

Enhanced student learning. Innovative teaching strategies. Improved technological literacy. New computer labs on the Southern and Dobson campus meet several of the objectives articulated as part of the technology goal of MCC's Strategic Plan.

### Business Department

With over 62 CIS courses scheduled this semester, each requiring both lecture and lab time, MCC's Business Department felt that developing a classroom that enabled teacher/student interaction during lab time was critical. Thus, the northwest end of the multi-use lab was partitioned off and configured into a computer classroom, housing 22 computers (16 of which were purchased with an \$18,000 grant from Prentice Hall), a laser printer, and overhead projection system. According to Linda Collins, Chair of the Business Department, "The lab adds value to the educational experience by enabling instructors to teach their entire class in one location and

providing students with full access to computers and technology."

### Design, Family and Consumer Science

The Design, Family and Consumer Sciences (DFACS) department remodeled a demonstration kitchen to accommodate a computer lab tailored to meet the needs of students enrolled in Food and Nutrition, Child Development, Apparel Merchandising, and Interior Design courses. The lab provides DFACS students access to specialized software in their fields of study, such as Food Processor, AutoCAD 2002 with Architectural Desktop, and Photoshop. "Students will be able to receive hands-on training with the latest software and technology," said Sally Kroelinger, Department Chair. The lab is equipped with 20 PC workstations, a scanner, laser printer, plotter, and projection system.

For more information about the labs, please contact Linda Collins at 461-7077 or Sally Kroelinger at 461-7134.

## Employee mentoring program facilitates professional growth

Mentoring is a long standing tradition in academe that facilitates professional growth for employees seeking guidance as they strive to move up the professional ladder. The Women's Leadership Group (WLG) of Mesa Community College continues this tradition with their mentoring program. The program matches mentors and mentees that have similar goals and interests with the intention that beneficial bonds will be created and new doors opened for both participants.

"The mentoring program is really here to serve the employees of MCC," said Jule Kuhn, vice president of the MCC chapter. "Our main focus is to help guide, motivate, and lead our members to excellent personal and professional opportunities."

Don't let the name Women's Leadership Group scare you away; many male mentors are also involved in this program that works for everyone's professional development. In addition, people from all employment categories (MAT, PSA, M&O, etc.) are invited to join.

"We do not want to discriminate against any employee and are delighted to have such wonderful mentors,

both male and female, involved in the program," remarked Jule.

The MCC chapter has grown into a valuable organization for MCC employees. Other benefits include networking and partnership opportunities, professional development seminars and presentations, advancement advice, and much more.

The application process is simple, and dues are only five dollars a year. Interested employees should visit [www.maricopa.edu/wlg](http://www.maricopa.edu/wlg) for additional information and application materials. The group welcomes participation at their many events regardless of membership.

*The Women's Leadership Group hosted Ruth McCartney this past Friday in the Paul A. Elsner Library. Her unique experiences and business advice was well received by the attendees.*



## Bits & Snippets

What college was MCC originally a branch of and what year did MCC become an independent institution?

*Answer to last issue's question: MCC's first mascot was the Hohokam.*

*Submit ideas for "Bits & Snippets" to Marcy Snitzer at [marcy.snitzer@mccmail.maricopa.edu](mailto:marcy.snitzer@mccmail.maricopa.edu).*