

## Dean Brian Johnson selected to attend prestigious institute



Brian K. Johnson, Dean of Student and Community Services, has been selected as one of only 38 community college leaders to attend the Executive Leadership Institute sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College. The Institute is designed to provide an

opportunity for potential community college presidents (or those in transition) to review their abilities and interests, refine skills, and to participate in discussions on leadership with outstanding community college leaders in North America. A national panel selected the 38 participants from a pool of approximately 100 applicants holding senior-level leadership positions at community colleges nationwide.

The faculty of the institute are drawn from among outstanding community college leaders across North America. Faculty members include community college chief executive officers, experts in leadership development, trustees of community colleges, presidential search consultants, and other prominent figures—including members of the League of Innovation Board of Directors.

The institute will be held in Tempe in early December. Congratulations to Brian on this excellent opportunity.

## Newsbytes

- The Mesa United Way 2002 Campaign raised over \$26,000. Thanks to all MCC employees and students who donated money for this great cause.
- The Chancellor has authorized the dates the district will be closed for Winter Recess. The break will begin after the close of business on Monday, December 23, 2002. Limited services will be provided in the Cashiers Office December 26, 27, and 30 from 8 A.M.–12 P.M., and 3–6 P.M. for Winter Intersession. The district will resume normal business hours on January 2, 2003.

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## the Bulletin



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## Bits & Snippets

This issue's trivia: What breed of animal inhabited the campus grounds for years until their mysterious disappearance in the early 1990s?

Answer to last issue's trivia: MCC was originally a branch of Phoenix College, and it became an independent institution in 1965.

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

## Centerpieces that fit your budget



Students in the Commercial Floral Design course diligently make holiday wreaths as one of their class projects.

Looking for the perfect centerpiece for your next event? Look no further. MCC's Agriculture Department offers a class that teaches students how to make floral arrangements using fresh, dried, and silk plants, flowers, and greens.

Students enrolled in AGB140, Commercial Floral Design, are excited about this new course offering, which attracts people majoring in interior design, horticulture, as well as individuals interested in developing skill in an area of personal interest. "This class will open up a lot of doors," said student Rachel Charboneau. Rachel went to a local florist and asked if she could see how they make flower arrangements; she was not only invited to watch, she was allowed to complete her own floral arrangement free of charge.

Michelle Daly is the instructor for this course. She received a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business,

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with a minor in Horticulture, and a Master's in Agriculture Technology from Cal Poly State University San Luis Obispo. While she was studying

for her master's degree, Michelle took classes in floral design. Michelle also taught plant and animal science, floral design,

landscape design, and business management classes at Chandler and Hamilton High Schools for three years.

Barbecue, and they're looking for more projects. All of the arrangements will be made by the students under Michelle's supervision.

For more information about this class or to inquire about arrangements for your event, please contact Michelle Daly at 480-792-1838 or email her at bilandshel@aol.com.

Employees of MCC who would like floral arrangements for an upcoming event can save money by ordering them through Michelle. The class has made arrangements for three of MCC's events this semester, including the Homecoming



## District supports employee education

### Changes improve FPG program



Faculty throughout MCCCDC can look forward to less red tape when applying for funds through the Faculty Professional Growth (FPG) program thanks to the work of Linda Larson, MCC Communication Department faculty on loan to the District.

MCCCDC's Faculty Professional Growth program has existed since the District began. Even though the program offered excellent opportunities, it was fraught with cumbersome policies that discouraged faculty participation. In 1999, Faculty Executive Council president Bob Galloway focused on changing some of the limitations and requirements.

By May 2000, the FPG Steering Committee was formed with Linda as the chair to coordinate the program's policy revision and development. "Faculty teach their subject because they love their subject," Linda said. "Continuing to grow in our field is exciting and joyful, but being acknowledged through professional growth had become a nightmare of red tape."

Based upon a May 2000 faculty survey, the Steering Committee identified three goals:

1. Increase opportunities for participation
2. Improve communication to faculty
3. Streamline the application process

Progress toward these goals is evident. Maximums on "non-academic" opportunities have been increased from 20 hours to 50. A new website and online application forms have improved communication and streamlined the application process. Guidelines for summer projects have undergone major revisions, and the Steering Committee is currently revising information for the sabbatical process and evaluation criteria.

For an up-close look at the positive changes in faculty professional growth opportunities, visit the new FPG website: [www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/fpg/index.html](http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/fpg/index.html).

### University partnerships benefit employees, students

Maricopa County Community College District has articulation agreements with nearly 20 accredited colleges and universities. These education "partners" offer special opportunities for Maricopa employees and students pursuing higher academic degrees.

Often the college and university partners offer student and employee discounts or student scholarships. The University of Phoenix, for example, offers 10 scholarships worth \$5,000 each to graduates of Maricopa Community Colleges. Last year, students at five of Maricopa's 10 colleges took advantage of these scholarships.

MCCCDC's Dept. of University and College Relations is revamping its webpage to include up-to-date information about the colleges and universities, their programs, and what they offer. Rose Rojas, University Articulation Specialist for the Maricopa District, said the new webpage will be more user-friendly to students. "Originally we designed the webpage to support faculty, administrators, and advisors," Rose said, "but we discovered that students also consult the webpage for student scholarships, so we are designing a student component." The revamped website should be up and running by the end of the school year.

For more information, contact Kate Dillon Hogan, Director of Transfer and Articulation, at 731-8124 or Rose Rojas at 731-8039. The current University and College Relations webpage can be viewed at [www.dist.maricopa.edu/academic/artic/](http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/academic/artic/).