

# THE Bulletin

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## **MCC Theatre Captures 'Zoni Awards**

Mesa Community College theatre won two trophies on Monday, Sept. 24, at the 11th Annual ariZoni Awards program, which salutes the highest achievements of Arizona's 2000-2001 theatre season.

This year, from some 500 nominees, 150 took home awards. Winners were announced from 13 categories.

MCC's production, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, earned an "Overall Production-Play" award in the non-contracted (community theatre) category. **Gary Stephens**, an adjunct faculty member of 19 years, was named "Best Director" for the same production.



*Pictured above are cast members from MCC's award-winning production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Dr. Spivey (Bob Steckler) is puzzled by con-artist McMurphy (Mike Pauley), observed by a skeptical Nurse Ratched (Anika Tisdale).*

Also recognized for their contributions to this award-winning play were **John Valpey** and **Lowell Jacobs**, nominated respectively for "Scenic Design" and "Lighting Design." Valpey is the coordinator of performing arts facilities, and Jacobs is an adjunct faculty member.

Lowell Jacobs was also nominated this year for "Sound Design" in the production *Lysistrata*.

## **Hon Kachina Awarded to MCC Instructor**

Local newspapers recently carried stories about this year's Hon Kachina Award



*Photo courtesy of The Tribune*

winners, one of whom teaches non-credit classes for Mesa Community College. Her name is **Ruth Tan-Lim**, a pediatrician who provided medical services to American

military personnel during Operation Desert Storm.

After the Gulf War ended, Ruth decided to contribute in a positive way to humanity, so she created the Children's Benefit Foundation to assist in children's medical and educational development. She founded Project Notch, which delivers free medical services to children of more than 400 East Valley families who cannot afford health insurance, and Cool Hands, which offers free instruction in sign language.

Tribune writer Linda Bexell printed this quote from Dr. Tan-Lim: "I champion children," she said. "Children are our future. They will be our future leaders, our future thinkers. And if you can make them become good citizens, then you have a strong country. If you give people opportunities, you give



## United Way Campaign Runs Through October

October brings cooler weather, Homecoming, and the annual United Way Campaign at MCC. This year, with the recent tragedy in New York and Washington, DC, Mesa Community College employees are even more eager to help wherever they can. With cash, check or credit card, employees may contribute to two additional United Way funds that have been set up as a result of the events that took place on September 11:

**The Disaster Relief Fund**, which provides services that are critical for immediate care, such as medical supplies and personnel, as well as transportation for rescue workers, and

**The Victims Assistance Fund**, which covers expenses of disabled survivors and the families of victims who perished.

Payroll deduction gifts cannot be applied to the above special funds but will help to replenish United Way's *ongoing* emergency response fund.

MCC's United Way Campaign goal is to raise \$25,000. The President's Office will send weekly reports to update everyone on the status of our contributions, and a giant thermometer outside the Kirk Center will visually record our progress. Everyone who fills out a pledge form is eligible to win prizes from random drawings throughout the campaign.

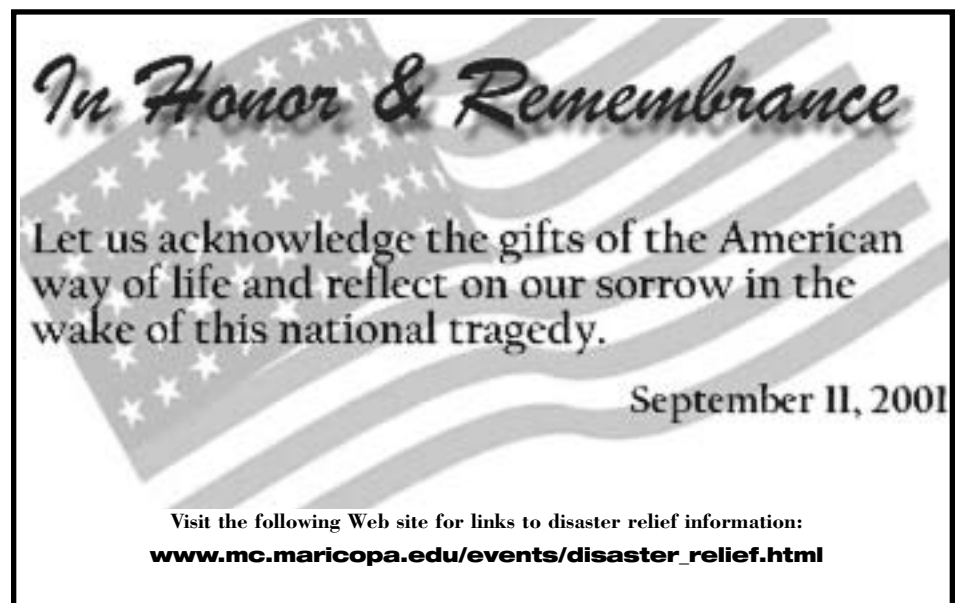
Our contributions will help to strengthen families, end poverty, and protect our youth. Please be generous when you complete your pledge forms, and return them to **Janet Felton** (461-7300) in the Office of the President. If contributing by check, make it payable to *Mesa United Way*. Thank you.

### News and Entertainment - Check It Out

Call the **US 60 Construction Information Hotline** at 1-877-700-US60 for daily updates on the freeway-widening project near MCC's Southern and Dobson campus.

Go to [www.mc.maricopa.edu/academic/theatre/perform/](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/academic/theatre/perform/) to check the dates for upcoming Theatre, Music and Dance performances.

Click on [www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/athletics/index.html](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/athletics/index.html) for game times in Men's and Women's Sports at Mesa Community College.



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them a chance to succeed. Success will grow success.”

Once a year, the prestigious Hon Kachina Award is presented to outstanding volunteers for their impact on Arizona communities. Luke's Men, a volunteer organization of business and professional people, and KNXV-TV (Channel 15) presented this year's Hon Kachina Silver Anniversary Award to nine exemplary Arizona residents. On Sept. 29, the recipients were honored at Marriott's Camelback Inn in Paradise Valley.

## **Students Benefit from New Guidelines for Wages**

**Jule Kuhn**, Director of Career and Educational Planning at MCC, reports that students employed through the federal Work Study program or RPS may now qualify for a wage increase. Until recently, the students were paid \$5.65/hr. nearly across the board. Under the new guidelines, students are compensated at three different pay levels, based upon their job descriptions and responsibilities:

- Level I - \$5.65/hr.
- Level II - \$6.50/hr.
- Level III - \$7.00/hr.

Colleges are allotted Work Study funding according to their student populations.

“An increase in student wages could cause a college to run out of its allotment more quickly,” Jule said, “but at MCC, we have not been using all of our federal Work Study allotment.”

Jule added that she thinks student wages are still too low. She is hopeful, though, that the rate increases will entice more students to take advantage of the job opportunities available through the Work Study program. Pay rate changes that were requested by Sept. 28 will be reflected in the students' October 19 paychecks.

## **NEW FRONTIERS ENCOURAGES LIFELONG LEARNING AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**



*New Frontiers for Learning in Retirement offers an exciting opportunity for education and service to retirement-age people in the East Valley. It is a self-directed, peer-led organization of more than 300 members that is hosted by Mesa Community College.*

*On Friday, Sept. 28, New Frontiers members assisted lifelong learners with registering for fall classes as well as service opportunities at MCC. This fall, New Frontiers members have volunteered in the Learning Enhancement Center, the Writing Center, International Education Office, Service Learning, Center for Public Policy, Athletics, and more.*

*Pictured in the foreground above are (left to right) Linda Blew, inquiring about a Spanish class, and New Frontiers program facilitators Malu Alfaro and Eleanor Temple (whose big smile says it all).*

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**Jon Gentry**, a former MCC student, has consistently been nominated and honored for his roles in acting, as well as directing, in Arizona's professional theatre productions. This year he won “Best Director-Musical” for *Rhubarb Jam*.

MCC is the only community college in Arizona that participates in the 'Zoni Awards competition. According to **Lyn Dutton**, faculty member and director of the theatre, “We have been nominated for awards in some category each of the three years we have participated.

“Judging is competitive and rigorous,” Lyn said. “A pool of judges see all of the 530 shows—a minimum of five judges review each show to determine the nominations. The judges are theatre people, trained by the 'Zoni organization,” she added.

“Just being nominated is an honor,” Lyn said. “It's recognition for the excellence of work that we've been doing since the MCC theatre building opened in 1978.”

**C A L E N D A R**

Visit MCC's online Calendar:  
<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/calendar/>

**Starting Oct. 1 – Spring Registration** (schedules available at various locations on campuses)

**Oct. 1 through Nov. 2**  
**MCC's United Way Campaign**  
 (watch for pledge form in your campus mailbox)

**Wednesday, Oct. 3**  
**MCC at Red Mountain Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting**  
*2 p.m. – Program and Ribbon Cutting, RM campus*  
 Entertainment, Refreshments, Displays  
 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Guided Tours

**Thursday, Oct. 4**  
**“Interpreting your Dreams: A Jungian Perspective”** (Psychology Evening Lecture Series) 7-9 p.m.,  
*Navajo Room, Kirk Center, S&D campus*  
 One way that our unconscious speaks to us is through our dreams. Learn how to record, analyze and understand your dreams via a stimulating lecture and demonstration of dream interpretation. Dr. Andy Hogg is president of the Arizona Psychological Association and professor of Psychology at Argosy University/Phoenix Campus. He is widely known for his use of Jungian dream interpretation. For more information, call 461-7032.

**Saturday, Oct. 6**  
**Into the Streets National Service Project** “Caring is Contagious—Start an Epidemic”  
*7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Navajo Room, S&D campus*  
 Breakfast and lunch provided  
 Support the community by participating in this day of volunteer service.  
 For more information, call Student Activities, 461-7285 or 461-7277.

**Oct. 4, 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m.**  
**Oct. 7 and 14 Matinees at 2 p.m.**  
**The Miser**, a comedy by Molière,  
 directed by Lyn Dutton  
 Theatre Outback (*Due to construction in the Main Stage, these performances will be in TH2, the Green Room.*)  
 Harpagon is the consummate miser! He

will sacrifice his daughter, his son, anything for money. But events, children, his servants and even the matchmaker are conspiring against him.  
 Call the Theatre Box Office (TH1), 461-7170, for tickets and information; box office is open 1:30-5 p.m., M-F.

**Monday, Oct. 8**  
 Nomination forms available for **Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Family** program (check your campus mailbox)  
 For more information, call Student Activities, 461-7285 or 461-7277.

**Tuesday, Oct. 9**  
**Governing Board Strategic Conversation**, Reexamining the Mission of and Access to the Maricopa Community Colleges, 6:30 p.m.  
*Phoenix College, Dome Conference Room 3310 N. 10th Avenue*  
 For more information, contact Gloria Smith, 480-731-8889

**Wednesday, Oct. 10**  
**Mesa United Way Campaign Breakfast**  
*6-9 a.m., Employee Lounge, Kirk Center*  
 Breakfast ticket, \$4  
 Omelets, hash browns, fruit and yogurt, provided by Aramark  
 No RSVP required  
 Also at the breakfast:  
**Trivia Contest**, purchase ticket for \$1  
 Answer questions and win prizes!  
 and

**Mesa Empty Bowls**  
*11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., center of the S&D campus*  
 Purchase a handmade bowl filled with soup. Proceeds benefit Paz de Cristo. MCC and the Mesa Arts Center host this nationwide event to commemorate World Hunger Day.

**Monday, Oct. 15 through Thursday, Oct. 25**  
**Art Faculty Show**  
*8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Navajo Room, Kirk Center, S&D campus*  
 Reception, Wednesday, Oct. 17  
*6-8 p.m., Navajo Room*

**Wednesday, Oct. 17**  
**Career Expo**  
*10 a.m.-2 p.m., center of S&D campus*  
 More than 75 employers will share

information about career opportunities. For more information, call Career Re-Entry, 461-7698.  
 and

**Fall Bash – “Jamaican Me Crazy”**  
 Contests, floats, games, food and more, provided by MCC's Clubs throughout the day, *center of S&D campus*.  
 For more information, call Student Activities, 461-7285 or 461-7277.

**Oct. 17 - 24**  
**National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week**

**Homecoming Weekend Events:**  
**Friday, Oct. 19**

**Thunderbird Rally**, sponsored by Student Activities and ASMCC  
*5-8 p.m., MCC practice field,*  
 next to the stadium  
 Food, floats, cheerleaders and music

**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
**President's Barbecue** (by invitation only), *east side of MCC Bookstore*  
*4:30-6 p.m.*— food, games, entertainment, cheerleaders  
 Pregame Ceremony Recognizing Gerald Smith, former MCC equipment manager and sports information director.  
 Game: Snow College, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20**  
**Interactive Literature Festival**  
*1-9 p.m., Kirk Center, S&D campus*  
 MCC will host "The Living Web," a festival of poets, writers, musicians and artists. Poets and writers from New York, California and Alaska will join faculty writers from MCC, Phoenix College and ASU for a series of interactive readings and performances.

The schedule of events and information on participants are on two Web sites:  
<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/users/cervantes/livweb/livweb.html>

and  
<http://www.poetserv.com/livweb/livweb.html>

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**On Tuesday, Sept. 18, students assembled under the Clock Tower at the S&D campus for a special Candlelight Ceremony. Dr. Glenn Bennett and MCC's Combined Choirs led a medley of songs in memory of those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 Attack on America.**



**Following is the speech made by ASMCC Vice President Maggie Kennedy at the Candlelight Ceremony:**

*Good evening.*

*On behalf of the students, I would like to welcome you, once again, to Mesa Community College.*

*I have attended classes at MCC since the fall semester of 1999. Over the course of the last couple of years, I have had the privilege of working and learning with an extremely diverse community. Over the course of the last seven days, I have come to love and appreciate that diversity even more than I did before.*

*I have walked around campus and observed the shock, the fear and confusion, on the faces of my classmates. I recognize the anger and loss of innocence that our generation is experiencing. We have asked ourselves over and over again, "How could something like this happen? How could someone carry so much hatred in their hearts? What does this mean for tomorrow?" With our minds full of questions and concerns for our future—the future of our children and the future of America—we have begun to experience the true meaning of patriotism, friendship, and unity.*

*Last Wednesday, we pulled ourselves away from the television and radio and met here in the center of our campus. We silently paid our respects to those who were lost in the tragic events that took place last Tuesday. During this time, I looked out at my community. We were joined together, hand in hand. Before that time, I did not know what I could do to heal. At that moment, when I looked up and saw my friends, classmates, and instructors—joined together in sorrow, in fear, and in unity—I began to see the hope and possibility that truly does exist in our community.*

*There is a sense of urgency in all of us to get life back to "normal." At the same time, each of us knows that our lives as we knew them have changed forever because of the tragic acts of ignorance, fear and hatred that took place in our nation last Tuesday, September 11, 2001.*

*Because we live in the United States of America, we have the privilege and the right to choose how we will react to this situation. It is perfectly okay for us to feel sadness, confusion and anger. It is our responsibility NOT to let our*

*emotions dictate our actions. We are a generation that has not had to deal with anything of this magnitude. We are also a generation full of compassion and understanding, diversity and openness. I ask that those of you in my generation take a stand against hatred and ignorance. I ask that we promise to educate ourselves about our diversities and that we continue to celebrate in the individuality that each of us possesses.*

*Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience but where they stand in times of challenge and controversy."*

*This IS a challenging time. Our world is full of controversy. Ask your self, "Where do I stand?"*

*Yesterday, I was given a wonderful gift. I received the gift of understanding and compassion, the gift of friendship and unity.*

*Sadly, I found out that one of our fellow classmates was in a horrible situation because of ignorance and fear. The desperate situation that my new friend was in brought together a group of people that shared one common goal. There were six different people from six different races, religions, backgrounds. There was no resistance toward working together, no fear or anger toward each other because we were different. Instead there was concern for our new friend. We shared compassion and understanding. We worked together as a team to accomplish one goal, to get the needs met of an MCC student, to let him know that our campus—and America—is FULL of individuals who care.*

*In preparing for tonight, I looked up the word "family" in the dictionary. One of its meanings was "TWO or more people who share the same goals and values and who have long-term commitments to one another."*

*At this time, I invite you to look around. Look to your left and to your right. Notice your friends and your family. Notice the faces that you do not recognize. I would like to introduce you to your new friends and to your new family. We are gathered together tonight as brothers and sisters. Tonight we have created a new community of unity and caring.*

*Caring is contagious, and we have started an epidemic. It only takes ONE person to be courageous, to care for another. It only takes two people to make friends, to make a family, to make togetherness.*

*Tonight we, as a family, have come together to let it be known that, from right here at Mesa Community College to the cities of New York, Washington, DC, and outside of Pittsburgh, we respectfully remember, we grieve and mourn. We promise that we WILL stand UNITED as friends and as a family.*

*How we respond to this tragedy WILL determine the future of our country, and life as we know it. Let us stand united and act as true patriotic citizens. Let us continue to come together as we have tonight.*

*Let us not forget our heroes of yesterday. Let us mourn for and always remember the heroes of today.*

*Let it be known now that our generation takes these events very seriously. We honor the generations before us who fought for our freedom. Tonight we stand united . . . proud to be Americans.*

