



Wilkes announces tuition benefits for City of Mesa employees

Wilkes University is pleased to announce special tuition pricing for City of Mesa employees and their families.

- Full-time City of Mesa employees seeking their MBA will receive 10 percent off their total tuition. Qualified employees can use this discount in conjunction with Wilkes MBA scholarships.
- Full-time City of Mesa employees seeking to complete their bachelor's degree on a part-time basis will receive 15 percent off their total tuition.
- Spouses and children of full-time City of Mesa employees will receive a \$1,000 partnership scholarship when pursuing their MBA or bachelor's degree on a full-time basis.

For qualified students, these reductions in tuition can be used in conjunction with other Wilkes scholarships. Awards are renewed annually when students maintain adequate academic progress and continuous full-time enrollment. The City of Mesa employs more than 3,700 people.

Upcoming information sessions for interested employees are being planned. In the meantime, learn more at www.wilkes.edu/Mesa. For more information contact (480) 878-4412 or MesaAdmissions@wilkes.edu.



Benedictine University at Mesa celebrates second commencement, new partnership with Catholic colleges

May 2016, Benedictine University at Mesa reached another landmark in its development as a premier Catholic institution of higher learning when 64 graduates turned their tassels and walked across the commencement stage at the East Valley Institute of Technology.

Benedictine's Mesa campus continues to grow in its role supporting the revitalization of Downtown Mesa and in offering students across southwestern Arizona a values-based education. Due to the increased number of graduates and family members at this year's commencement ceremony – the University's second since establishing in Mesa in 2012 – the event was held at an off-site location.

Benedictine University at Mesa formed a coalition with other Arizona Catholic universities to assist students interested in a Catholic liberal arts education. A shared website at azcatholic.org was created to help prospective students find information on college programs that also provide support for their Catholic identity.

For more information about Benedictine University at Mesa, contact Admissions at (602) 888-5500 or email mesa@ben.edu. The University is accepting applications for fall 2016 enrollment. www.ben.edu/mesa



Sasan Pouretezadi named MCC Interim President

June 2016, Sasan Pouretezadi, Mesa Community College (MCC) vice president for Information Technology since 2011, was named interim president of Mesa Community College by Maricopa County Community College District Chancellor Maria Harper-Marinick.

Pouretezadi assumes his new role effective Aug. 2, 2016, following current President Shouan Pan's departure to take the helm as chancellor for Seattle Colleges in Washington.

"I am honored to have been named Interim President of MCC, and am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and supporting the search process to identify the permanent president for the college," Pouretezadi said.



With administrative leadership and teaching experience at the university and community college level spanning more than 20 years, Pouretezadi also served as an information technology consultant for private, sports and higher education entities. He remains actively involved in technology-based organizations and has presented on topics such as new media, predictive analytics, virtualization and flipped classrooms.

Sasan was previously director of Computer Services at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University. During his tenure at Cronkite, he played an instrumental role in the development of a new state-of-the-art journalism and new media complex at the downtown Phoenix campus.

Pouretezadi earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Arizona State University and a Master of Education in Community College Education from Northern Arizona University.

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Northern Arizona University and Mesa Community College partnering to develop new teachers

In an effort to increase the number of teachers with a specialty in language learning, Northern Arizona University (NAU) and Mesa Community College (MCC) have teamed up to offer students a pathway to earn their associate's and bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education.

Three key features make this a great opportunity for Greater Phoenix interested in teaching: (1) Convenience – all classes are offered on the Mesa Community College campus; (2) Affordability – students save money by enrolling

at MCC for the first two years and completing the last two with NAU (Scholarships are also available through this partnership); and (3) Quality – faculty and staff at Mesa Community College and NAU work together to provide students with an excellent educational experience.

NAU's commitment to developing quality teachers helps to create a stronger, more educated workforce for Arizona's future.

For more information about this program or others NAU offers in Mesa, contact NAU at (480) 461-7984. ec.nau.edu

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Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport requests Statements of Qualifications for master developer for aerospace park

The Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport requests Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified firms or teams of firms to serve as Master Developer for the Gateway Aerospace Park at the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona. This solicitation may be downloaded at www.phxmesagateway.org under the Business|Procurement|Public Notices section. Requests for additional information or clarification of requirements must be in writing and submitted to:

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