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# Mesa Community College graduation is Friday

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Submitted by Mesa Community College spokeswoman Sally Mesarosh.

On Friday, Mesa Community College will recognize the accomplishments of graduates for the 2012-13 academic year at a commencement ceremony in the campus courtyard of its Southern Avenue and Dobson Road campus starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The commencement speaker will be Maria Hesse, vice provost for Academic Partnerships at Arizona State University. She helps create and sustain productive relationships with [community colleges](#) and other institutions on behalf of students who wish to complete their baccalaureate degrees. Before that, Hesse was president and chief executive officer for Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

The student speaker will be Sahba Zaare, a mathematics/physics major (pre-med) who plans to transfer to the University of Arizona. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the MCC Honors Program. Zaare is the recipient of many awards, including Chancellor's Scholar, the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and is a winner in the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges' national math contest.

Here is a profile of the Class of 2013:

Total number of graduates for the summer, fall and spring semesters: 2,541.

Number of graduates participating in the commencement ceremony: 550.

Number of degrees issued: 4,514.

Specialized ceremonies include: nursing, 7 p.m. Monday at Mesa Arts Center; dental hygiene, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Red Mountain Campus; mortuary science, 10 a.m. Thursday, Southern and Dobson campus; and fire academy graduation, 6 p.m. Wednesday at MCC's Downtown Center.

Details: [mesacc.edu/graduation](http://mesacc.edu/graduation).

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