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Tempe accepting nominations for 2 community awards

Tempe Community Council is accepting nominations for the 2016 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year and Spirit of Tempe Karma Volunteer awards.

Considered Tempe's most prestigious distinction, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award honors an individual or couple who have given outstanding service to the community, has benefited those in need in lasting ways and has made Tempe a better place to live.

The Spirit of Tempe Karma Award is presented to a notable volunteer who has contributed in significant ways by serving the Tempe community.

Nominations can be submitted online at tempecommunitycouncil.org. For more information about the awards or nominations, email cindy_kominska@tempe.gov or call 480-858-2310. The deadline for submitting a nomination is June 12. Winners will be honored



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Bill Epps, the executive director of Tempe Community Action Agency, has announced his resignation and retirement, effective June 30. Epps, the former Regional CEO of the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross, is retiring after more than 25 years of service and leadership to human services agencies in New York, Ohio, Florida and Arizona.

The TCAA Board of Directors has begun a search for a new executive director. The search will be held by human resources consultant Seegren, members of the board's executive committee and several past presidents of the organization.

TCAA offers supportive services to individuals and families striving for greater economic stability and self-sufficiency.

Tempe Chamber of Commerce president to leave

Mary Ann Miller, president and CEO of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce will be leaving after more than 21 years, effective August 31, 2016.

Miller joined the Tempe Chamber in 1995 as Public Affairs Director. In 1999, she moved into her current role as president and CEO. During her time at the Tempe Chamber, Miller received an MBA from Arizona State University and a Certificate in Organization Management from the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management.

Brian Wood, Waste Management and Chair-Elect of the Chamber, will head the search committee.

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Mesa Community College among Top 50 Best Values

Mesa Community College ranked number 12 in the Top 50 Best Value Online Community Colleges by Value Colleges. According to the site, over 1,700 two-year associate degree granting community colleges were considered for the rankings.

Schools were filtered by public, nonprofit, 10 plus online programs, 2,000 students and under 10,000 dollars annually for tuition costs (in-state residency).

Final rankings were calculated based on annual tuition, graduation rate and online programs count.

Gateway airport gets new director

Brian O'Neill is the new interim executive director and CEO at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, following the resignation of Jane Morris.

O'Neill was appointed interim director at the May meeting of the airport authority. He has been deputy director and chief operating officer of the airport since September, bringing about two decades of airport experience to that job.

Morris retired June 2 after three years as the director.

The airport is managed by representatives of the member communities of its authority – Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek, Apache Junction, the Gila River Indian Community and Phoenix.

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