Mesa Community College ranks fourth in Arizona for serving international students

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Mesa Community College (MCC) has been given high marks in the 2016 Open Doors Report on International Education Exchange.

The college came in fourth place in Arizona when it came to the number of international students attending the college. The top schools that offer F1 visas for students were Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University.

Students that are offered the F1 visa are those looking to complete an English language academic program at a university or college in the United States. The students are expected to maintain a full-time course load to qualify for the program and the visa.

MCC ranks 40th for schools across the country among community colleges that cater to F1 students. The college ranks 16th for how many of its students go overseas to study.

Annique Nestmann, director of international education for MCC, said the college has been working on expanding its programs to help students develop better understanding of different cultures.

"Just last month we opened an International Education office at our Red Mountain campus to serve the growing number of F-1 students taking classes there," Nestmann said in a press release.

The school rating is done by the Institute of International Education.

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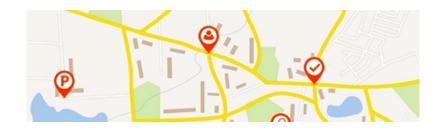
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