

MCC achieves high rankings in international education

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Mesa Community College receives high rankings in the 2016 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange published by the Institute of International Education.

MCC is ranked at No. 4 in Arizona, for the number of F1 visa students served in the state (578), surpassed in numbers only by Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University.

F1 visas are issued to international students attending an academic program or English Language Program at a United States college or university. These students must maintain the minimum course load for full-time student status.

When compared to other U.S. community colleges, MCC ranks No. 40 nationally for the number of F1 students it serves and No. 16 for the number of students it sends abroad to study.

"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," said Annique Nestmann, director of international education at MCC. "We are continually expanding international and intercultural programs to provide opportunities for all our students to develop cultural competencies and be successful in today's global workforce."

In addition, NAFSA, the Association of International Educators, reports MCC F1 visa students contribute \$12.7 million and support 80 jobs in the college's congressional district, Arizona district 09; the second highest contribution by F1 students in Arizona.

Open Doors, supported by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, is a comprehensive information resource on international students and scholars studying or teaching at higher education institutions in the United States, and U.S. students studying abroad for academic credit.

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