

## **Mesa Community College students on All-Arizona Academic Team**

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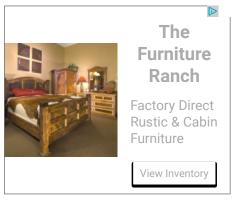
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Mesa Community College honored high-achieving students who have been named to the All-Arizona Academic Team during an awards luncheon on March 3. Seventy-five community college scholars from across the state participated in the ceremony, which celebrates their outstanding academic achievements and distinguished leadership skills, according to a press release.

Judging to select the recipients consisted of three rounds. In the first round, a group of local business, civic, education and government leaders reviewed applications and chose the recipients of the award. Only two are selected from each college campus. The selected recipients' applications were then forwarded to Washington, D.C., for second and third rounds of judging and scoring by representatives from various federal agencies and national education associations. Those scores were used to rank the students for first, second or third state teams. First team members receive a \$1,000 scholarship, second team members a \$750 scholarship, and third team members a \$500 scholarship to one of Arizona's state universities.

Mesa Community College Southern and Dobson campus students are Misty Stickney (first team) and Sean West (first team).

Mesa Community College Red Mountain campus students: Jacob Sorenson (first team) and Susan Barger (second team)

The guest speaker at the March 3 ceremony was Jillian Curtis Claridge, a 2010 All-Arizona First Team member and All-USA recipient. A graduate of Eastern Arizona College and Northern Arizona University, Ms. Claridge was selected twice to be part of the Mainpat Multidisciplinary Global Learning Project of NAU's College of Health and Human Services in the Tibetan refugee camps in Mainpat, India.

Twenty of the 75 students were to be named to the All-USA Community College Academic Team from the state first teams. All-USA team members were to each receive a \$2,500 stipend, medallion, obelisk and certificate.

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