

SCHOOLNews

RMHS club names teacher, staff member of the month

The Academic Booster Club at Red Mountain High School, 7301 E. Brown Road in Mesa, has recognized its teacher and staff member of the month for October, according to a press release.

The teacher of the month is Tina Bockstahler of the school's individual instruction program, according to the release.

The supportive staff member of the month is Art Gallardo, the school's auditorium manager.

Both employees received a certificate and \$25 gift card, according to the release. For more information, visit www.mpsaz.org.

American Welding Society president visits EVIT

The American Welding Society Arizona chapter held a special dinner Oct. 13 at the East Valley Institute of Technology that was attended by students, staff and business partners, according to a press release.

Dean Wilson, president of the Arizona Welding Society, gave a presentation on welding innovation and introduced a new online system that will allow students to post their resumes and experience to find

welding jobs across the nation.

Mr. Wilson also discussed the upcoming launch of an online education program that allows students to continue their education and improve their credentials at their own pace, according to the release.

Proceeds from the dinner went toward scholarships offered by the AWS.

EVIT is a public school district that serves students from 10 East Valley school districts. High school students from Apache Junction, Chandler, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Tempe, Higley and J.O. Combs spend half their day at EVIT and the other half at their sending high school. For more information, visit www.evit.com.

Local colleges named Military Friendly Schools

All 10 Maricopa Community Colleges have been designated as 2015 Military Friendly Schools by Victory Media, according to a press release.

Every year, more than 10,000 schools are surveyed for the list, which informs military students about the veteran experience at a given school based on peer reviews.

Maricopa Community Colleges are hosting a series of free and public events honoring veterans in early November.

For more information, visit www.maricopa.edu/studentaffairs/veterans.

Wilkes University to launch business degrees in January

Wilkes University and Maricopa Community Colleges have signed an agreement to pave the way for community college students to easily transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in business, according to a press release.

Wilkes University will begin offering undergraduate degrees in business in January, according to the release. Majors will include accounting, entrepreneurship, finance, management, marketing and sports and event management.

The bachelor's degrees will be offered at the Mesa Center for Higher Education, 245 W. Second St., as part of the Healthcare, Education, Aerospace, Technology and Tourism Initiative for Economic Development.

"This agreement allows Wilkes to continue its tradition of providing educational opportunities to students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college," Michael Speziale, Wilkes vice president for strategic initiatives, said in the release.

The agreement between Wilkes and Maricopa Community Colleges outline pa-

rameters for students to transfer to Wilkes. Maricopa graduates with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 will be guaranteed admission to Wilkes; all applicants will receive a full transcript evaluation with their admission decision.

For more information on Wilkes University, visit www.wilkes.edu. For more information on Maricopa Community Colleges, visit www.maricopa.edu.

Manufacturing institute wins educational award

The Advanced Manufacturing Institute at Mesa Community College has been awarded a Platinum Education Center designation by Tooling U-SME, a manufacturing training and development company.

The Tooling U-SME Platinum Education Center awards are presented to educational facilities that serve as models in the industry in developing outstanding learning culture, according to a press release. A total of six schools in the country received the award in 2014.

"The schools that we honor with the TU-PEC designation demonstrate an exceptional commitment and dedication to preparing students for a successful career in the man-

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