

MEET Your Neighbor: Janice Pierson

Meet Your Neighbor is a feature of the Independent that introduces readers to a community member. To receive a profile form or to nominate a neighbor, send an e-mail to emesanews@newszap.com. Janice Pierson works at Mesa Community College Red Mountain Campus.



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Name: Janice Pierson
Age: 48
School: Mesa Community College
How long I have worked in education: 16 years
Why I chose to work for this school: Sally Kroelinger, retired MCC faculty, asked me to teach a class for the Interior Design program. I started teaching, got involved on campus, a position opened up, and the rest is history.
What I like most about what I do: Each

day brings new experiences and goes by in a flash.
Where I came from: Ohio – Go

Buckeyes.
What degree(s) I hold and from what institution: Bachelor of Science from Miami of Ohio and Master of Science in Design from Arizona State University.
If I had picked a different occupation, it might have been: Archaeology
What I'm looking forward to the most this school year: My new reassignment as faculty developer | PAR facilitator.
My vision for the school: A place for all to learn and grow into the unique individual they want to become.
My top priority for the school this upcoming year: Facilitate greater faculty connections and subsequent sharing of teaching and learning activities.
Favorite community cause & why: Any not for profit that rescues animals.

Pets give unconditional love and it breaks my heart to see them treated poorly.
My interests and hobbies: Interior design, fashion, reading and of course my dogs (Pumpkin and Vienna).
The best and/or worst time in my life: When I turned 40 I realized with more clarity who I was and could better define my life.
The trait(s) I admire in others: Humor, kindness and commitment.
People who inspired me (and how): Dr. Denise Guerin. Dr. Guerin was my professor at Miami of Ohio. She believed in me.
My guiding philosophy: Life is what you make it.
How I think students can achieve their potential: Believe in yourself.

Food

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the Mesa Public Library's website at www.mesalibrary.org.
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able with no limit on the fines," Mr. Naylor said.
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MCSO: Suspect arrested in connection with homicide

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office arrested Scott Stradling, 34, in connection with a Saturday, April 11, homicide southwest of Meridian Road and Apache Trail in east Mesa near Apache Junction, according to a press release.
 MCSO responded at 11:38 a.m. April 11 to 132 S. Rex Ave. in reference to an unknown trouble. Details on the call stated that two males had gotten into a verbal argument that turned physical, leading one of the men possibly to shooting the other man, Of-

ficer Christopher Hegstrom, MCSO media relations spokesman, said in the release.
 "When sheriff's deputies arrived on scene they found a man who appeared to have suffered a gunshot wound. Sheriff's deputies quickly started to perform CPR on the man who was down; however he was pronounced dead on scene by fire department personnel," Officer Hegstrom said in the release.
 The victim was William Henry Harrison, 57, MCSO said.

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