

**MCC honors teacher**

The Mesa Community College Center for Economic Education named Michelle Barton the 2012 Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Barton has taught pre-algebra, algebra and geometry at Ward Traditional Academy in the Tempe Elementary School District since 2009.

The Arizona State University graduate was recognized for integrating the standards-based Stock Market Game into her math curriculum and sponsoring the Economics Club at Ward.

Ward student teams captured first and second places in the elementary division and swept first, second and third places in the middle-school division of the fall 2012 Arizona Stock Market Game.