

## Life-Like Experience Prepares First-Responders for Stress of Job

**Collaborative student-learning event creates immersive total patient management experience**



Sirens. Blood. Screams. The intensity and raw emotion of an emergency situation can overwhelm inexperienced first-responders. Fortunately, MCC students will enter the workforce with those first rattling experiences under their belt.

MCC hosts the Immersive Total Patient Management Experience (ITPME) each spring. This year's two-day event brought together more than 100 students from five college areas: Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic Education, Nursing, Theatre, and Psychology.

Sixteen simulated emergency medical scenarios depicting typical first-

responder calls provided students with opportunities to practice their knowledge and skills in a variety of mock situations during the immersive learning experience. During scenario enactments, paramedic, EMT, nursing and psychology students employed their medical/clinical knowledge to care for "patients" while theatre students used their moulage, set design, choreography, directorship and acting skills to bring scenarios to life.

Rescue teams of EMT/paramedic and psychology students, with fully operational emergency medical services (EMS) equipment, were

dispatched to scenarios via the Virtual Incident Command Center (VICC). Upon arrival at the "scene" MCC students would coordinate with dispatch in the VICC, staffed by volunteer physicians and fourth-year medical students, to assess, "treat" and transport a "victim" to a simulated emergency room where nursing students take over "care of the patient" with oversight from a volunteer resident physician.

Nine scenarios were reenacted simultaneously each day during morning and afternoon sessions with each lasting 30-45 minutes from dispatch to patient transfer in the simulated emergency room. Rescue teams received crew-performance critiques and debriefs following each scenario.

"The collaborative aspect of ITPME combines the strengths and skillsets in both normatively parallel occupational programs and those less commonly associative to create the most comprehensive student learning and workforce experience possible for students in other disciplines," said Sean Newton, director of MCC's paramedic education program.

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# MCC Hall of Fame

## Meet MCC's Most Recent Hall of Fame Honorees

The MCC Hall of Fame honors alumni, community members, and MCC employees whose personal and professional accomplishments and positive contributions to the college and community set them apart.

*Alumni Achievement Award –*

**Bland Burchett, Timothy Dorn, John Giles, Emmet Ronan**

*Outstanding Athlete Award –*

**Peter Fennell, Ken Phelps, Derek Price**

*Outstanding Coach Award – Selmer Olson, Penny Powell*

*Excellence in Teaching Award –*

**Karen Hardin, Ed.D.; Shereen Lerner, Ph.D.**

*Outstanding Staff Award – Matthew Ashcraft, Sonia Filan*



**Bland Burchett**, a member of MCC's 1975 NJCAA National Championship football team, is an engineer with the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. His 33 years in weapons development and testing has garnered the attention and appreciation of senior military leaders and led to numerous leadership awards. Bland currently leads a group that supports more than 36 combat readiness training ranges in the U.S. and around the world – a la Top Gun.



**Timothy Dorn**, the Chief of Police for the Town of Gilbert, AZ, earned his Associate in Administration of Justice degree at MCC. In addition to his 40-year career in law enforcement he has 36 years of military service as a senior level Army National Guard officer, and was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His dozens of civilian and military awards and decorations include a Bronze Star Medal and Legion of Merit.



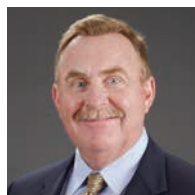
**John Giles**, Mayor of the City of Mesa and Owner and Attorney at Giles and Dickson, P.C., attended MCC in 1981-82. His service on more than 20 boards and committees in Mesa and the surrounding community ranges from member to chairperson. Giles was honored as Mesa Man of the Year in 2013 and his NextMesa vision led Money.com, a subsidiary of *Time Magazine*, to name Mesa the Best Big City in the Southwest.



**Emmet Ronan** attended MCC 1967-69. After a successful career as an attorney with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office and partnership in the law firm of Henze, Ronan and Clark, he was appointed as a judge for the Maricopa County Superior Court. He served on two Governor's Task Forces and was chairperson for the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts.



**Peter Fennell**, a National Junior College All-American in Tennis, was the Arizona Community College Tennis Champion in both singles and doubles in 1968 and 1969. He lost only one singles match in conference play during his two years at Mesa, and was undefeated in conference doubles with partner Chris Evenson. Fennell, a member of Men's Honorary Scholastic Society, graduated in 1969.



**Ken Phelps** played Baseball for MCC in 1974, was named a junior college All-American and was a two-time first-round draft pick while attending MCC. His 11-year career in Major League Baseball as a designated hitter and first baseman began in 1980. Career highlights include a World Series Championship in 1989 with the Oakland A's and the American League record for the fastest to reach 100 home runs.



**Derek Price** was the MCC Football Most Valuable Player in 1992. Honored as the All-American Junior College Grid Wire Tight End and Western Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Price went on to play professionally for the Detroit Lions. After a career-ending neck injury, Price completed a Chiropractic Degree. He now owns multidisciplinary medical offices along with CrossFit Gyms and a consulting practice.



**Selmer Olson**, a coach and faculty member at MCC for more than 35 years, has coached dozens of national champions and Olympians. His record boasts the coaching of approximately 100 All-American National Champions and national meet and record holders, as well as seven NJCAA National Championships in Track and Field and Football.



**Penny Powell** coached Women's Tennis at MCC from 1975 to 2007, leading the Thunderbirds to more than a dozen ACCAC and Region 1 Championships. Her teams had 15 NJCAA top 10 finishes. Powell was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004.

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# A Message from the President



I am pleased to announce exciting news and an important initiative that launched this past spring. These developments position MCC to better meet workforce demands and increase college degree attainment in our community.

## **MCC one of six schools in nation to offer Apple's new app development curriculum**

MCC is the only Arizona community college and one of six in the nation selected to offer Apple's app development with Swift curriculum. As a major provider of workforce training, MCC is proud to be responding to industry demand for qualified iOS App developers.

Beginning with the fall 2017 semester, classes will be offered in Object Oriented Programming Fundamentals-Introduction to App Development using Swift/Xcode in an iOS classroom environment. MCC will follow-up these classes with two sections of the Introduction to iOS Application Development course in its Spring 2018 schedule, as well as incorporate the iOS-focused courses into MCC's degrees and certificates of completion in the programming, game and multimedia technology areas.

## **College Advisor partnership with Mesa Public Schools**

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, each of the six high schools in Mesa Public Schools (MPS) will have a full-time MCC college advisor. The partnership aims to increase attainment of post-secondary credentials.

The MCC-MPS College Advisor Program will assist students with opportunities to earn college credits in high school through Early College programs, such as dual and concurrent enrollment, and seamlessly transition to college to obtain post-secondary credentials. The program benefits MPS students, MCC, and the economic vitality of the Phoenix-Mesa metropolitan area, and is based on a proven model used by several exemplary institutions of higher education to effectively increase college degree attainment.

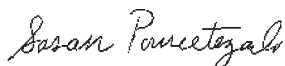
## **Kennedy Center Festival hosted by MCC**

The Region VIII Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) was held at MCC this spring. Hosting an event of this stature is a rare privilege for a community college and shines a national light on the caliber and importance of the arts at MCC.

MCC was selected to host the festival because of our state-of-the-art facilities: the MCC Theatre, Performing Arts Center, and Studio 28 recording studio. These venues, as well as our Art Gallery, exist because of the phenomenal support of our community, who approved a bond referendum in 2004 that made new facilities and upgrades to existing spaces possible. More than 2,000 people traveled to Mesa to participate in the festival.

We proudly continue to serve our community and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Sasan Pouretezadi  
Interim President, Mesa Community College

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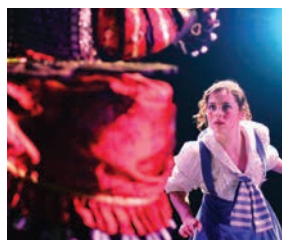
# Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival

## **Region VIII – 50th Annual Festival Spring 2018 at Mesa Community College**

MCC is proud to be selected to host the Region VIII KCACTF for a second year in a row.

For nearly a decade, MCC music and theatre students and faculty have participated in this annual competition, which recognizes and celebrates the finest and most diverse work produced by university and college theatre

programs. MCC students achieve both regional and national honors competing against students who are pursuing degrees at the bachelor and master level.



# Life-Like Experience Prepares First-Responders (continued)



Community support came from Tempe Fire, Medical, Rescue Department; HonorHealth; Midwestern University at Glendale; Boeing-Mesa Fire; Reynolds Advance Materials; Arizona State University; and Grand Canyon University.

Extensive video and photos are available at [www.mesacc.edu/alumni/newsletters/summer-2017](http://www.mesacc.edu/alumni/newsletters/summer-2017).

MCC's Virtual Incident Command Center (VICC) will be used by the National Association of EMS Educators to offer scenario training this fall. The VICC is a state-of-the-art virtual simulation lab specifically designed to enrich immersive learning experiences.

# Hall of Fame Honorees (continued)



**Karen Hardin, Ed.D.**, received Faculty Emeritus distinction to honor her 31-year career developing students at MCC. As Counseling

Department chairperson, she created programs to recruit and retain underserved students, such as the STEP Program that received national and international exposure. She was one of the first faculty to teach service learning courses at MCC. Hardin was the adviser of MCC's NAACP Club for 28 years, and she is a YWCA Tribute to Women Honoree.



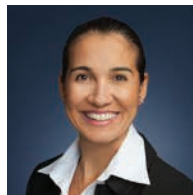
**Shereen Lerner, Ph.D.**, teaches Anthropology and serves as director of the Honors Program at MCC. An award-winning teacher with 35 years of field

and research experience in Southwestern archaeology, she is a published author and presenter for professional organizations such as the Society for American Archaeology. Lerner has led grant projects from prestigious funding agencies and has performed countless hours of professional and community service.



**Matthew Ashcraft** is the Dean of Institutional Analysis and Planning at MCC. He led the processes which resulted in MCC's

10-year re-accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission as well as approval to offer degrees online. He is the recipient of the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College.



**Sonia Filan**, whose career spans public relations assistant to executive leader, is the Director of Institutional Advancement and

Entrepreneurial Programs at MCC. Under her leadership Mesa Community College has won countless national and regional awards for marketing, communications, and public relations. She has been honored with the Maricopa Community College's Women's Leadership Award. Filan volunteers with several community organizations and has served on the board for the Association for Supportive Child Care.

# MCC Hall of Fame Nominations



Reminder – MCC Hall of Fame Nominations are due July 7, 2017!

The MCC Alumni Association will host the third annual MCC Hall of Fame event this fall. The Hall of Fame honors alumni, community members, and MCC employees whose personal and professional accomplishments and positive contributions to the college and community set them apart.

Nominations are being accepted through July 7, 2017, in the following categories:

- Alumni Achievement
- Community Partner
- Service
- Distinguished Staff
- Excellence in Teaching – MCC Faculty
- Athletics – Outstanding MCC Athletes and Coaches

To review criteria for each award and submit a nomination, visit [www.mesacc.edu/awards](http://www.mesacc.edu/awards).

# Dr. Charles A. Finch, an MCC Alumnus, Gives Back Through Mock Emergency Scenario



Emergency Medicine (EM) physician Charles A. Finch of Scottsdale Emergency Associates, who works at the HonorHealth Scottsdale Hospitals, recently lent his EM expertise to Mesa Community College students amidst gunshot wounds, burn victims and mental health “patients.”

Finch, an MCC alumnus, and medical director of the Fire Science Paramedic and EMT Program, attended the college in 1985.

This spring Finch was part of an intensive two-day Immersive Total Patient Management Evaluation at MCC’s Virtual Incident Command Center. During the evaluation, he worked with students as they responded to mock scenarios that included MCC’s theatre, nursing, EMT/paramedic, psychology and public safety faculty and students, as well as medical students from Midwestern University – Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Finch said he was delighted to return to MCC and be involved in the training exercise. Having been in clinical practice since 1998, he was eager to share the tips he’s picked up over the years.

“The training I received at MCC and Maricopa Medical Center has made me become what I think is a great EM physician,” Finch said. “I want to give back and show students that you can achieve your goals, but it takes the passion of leaders and educators to make sure you get there. I think MCC offers that.”

Finch grew up in Phoenix, and his mom still lives in the house he grew up in. He always knew he wanted to be a physician and earned his EMT certification at MCC between high school and college. After completing his EMT certification training at MCC, he graduated from Arizona State University and attended medical school at Des Moines University (Iowa) – graduating in 1994. He completed his emergency medicine residency training at Maricopa Medical Center in 1998.

“I have a drive to care for the patients and their families that we have in our own community,” he said. “It all goes back to where I trained.”

Finch said MCC has such a great program that educates and trains highly qualified individuals ready to enter into the prehospital setting – people want to be a part of it.

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“The faculty and program director at MCC are phenomenal, and the culture and environment are addictive,” Finch said. “It’s something I want to be involved in and give back to.”

For information on MCC’s Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Program, visit [www.mesacc.edu/programs/emergency-medical-technician](http://www.mesacc.edu/programs/emergency-medical-technician) and [www.mesacc.edu/programs/paramedic](http://www.mesacc.edu/programs/paramedic).





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Your application awaits: [www.mesacc.edu/alumni-board](http://www.mesacc.edu/alumni-board)

The Mesa Community College Alumni Association (MCCAA) is overseen by a volunteer board of alumni representing a diverse cross-section of MCC's unique alumni. The board serves in an advisory capacity, working closely with the Office of Alumni Relations.

### MCC Alumni Board members

- Provide advice on alumni programs and key college initiatives
- Are appointed to three-year terms
- Attend quarterly meetings



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