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COLLEGE SUPPORTS SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE EAST VALLEY, HOSTS EVENT, OPENS ENTREPRENEUR CENTER

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Mesa Community College invites the community to the grand opening of its East Valley Community Entrepreneur Center and a Maricopa Entrepreneur Days event on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Mesa Community College Southern and Dobson Campus (BP Building), 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa.

Maricopa Entrepreneur Days, offered by the Maricopa County Community College District and the Arizona Small Business Development Center (AZBDC), will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, providing participants with information about Advancing Entrepreneurship grant opportunities and scholarships available in Entrepreneurial Studies and Small Business Management at any of the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges.

The remainder of the event, from noon to 2 p.m., will celebrate the MCC East Valley Community Entrepreneur Center, a new resource available to small businesses.

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if they need advice, education, research assistance, mentoring or capital acquisition assistance, we will match them with the correct resource and assist with scheduling an appointment."

The MCC East Valley Community Entrepreneur Center is a collaboration among MCC, the Mesa Chamber of Commerce, AZBDC Network, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the AZ Procurement Technical Assistance Center (AZPTAC).

This event is free and open to the public and will be streamed for those unable to attend in person. Learn more about the events and register for the morning session here.

(mesacc.edu/departments/business/entrepreneurship/events-and-activities/maricopa-entrepreneur-days)

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America's SBDC Arizona Network is an innovative partnership that includes 10 community college districts across Arizona, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Defense. The AZSBDC has 10 SBDC Centers in Arizona, and additional satellite locations. The Arizona Procurement Technical Assistance Center (AZPTAC) is a partner program of the AZSBDC. Learn more at www.azsbdc.net

Mesa Community College is nationally recognized for university transfer, career and technical programs, civic engagement, service-learning and innovative approaches to education. On average MCC students provide 23,000 hours of community service annually. For more than 50 years, the college has served as a resource for education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to more than 25,400 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs at its two campuses and additional locations through a combination of modalities. MCC is transforming how it champions student success through Guided Pathways with Integrated Support Services and a commitment to

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students from around the world. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to attain their goals. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, on the traditional territories of the O'odham, Piipaash and Yavapai Peoples, MCC is one of 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Visit mesacc.edu to learn more.

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) — hlcommission.org.

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