Summer/Fall 2018 Newsletter

It’s Not Too Late to Enroll!
Summer Classes Begin
May 29, 2018

Fall Classes Begin
Aug. 18, 2018

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Earn Your Bachelor’s Degree at MCC

Our new partnership with Grand Canyon University includes five degree pathways, three of which are offered at the Red Mountain campus. Students can earn up to 84 MCC credits, and then complete their Bachelor of Science degree at an MCC campus taking GCU upper division coursework.

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**BENEFITS**

- Complete associate’s and bachelor’s degrees at MCC
- Enjoy small class sizes throughout your program
- Transfer up to 84 MCC credits = HUGE COST SAVINGS!

**Service Learning Students Tutor Sunshine Acres Children**

MCC Red Mountain calculus students earn service learning hours as math tutors at Sunshine Acres Children’s Home. MCC students provide math tutoring as well as support in other subject areas for youth needing extra academic assistance. This is a great opportunity for MCC students to strengthen their own math skills while becoming more competitive for scholarships and giving back to the community. Rob Scharret, the Academic Services & Transitional Living Director at Sunshine Acres, shared kudos for our MCC student tutors. We are proud of our MCC student math tutors!

**Vampires and Zombies Fuel Anatomy Instruction**

Liz Csikar, human anatomy and physiology faculty at the MCC Red Mountain campus, published “The Utility of Storytelling Strategies in the Biology Classroom” in the peer-reviewed, January issue of Contemporary Educational Technology. Her findings indicate storytelling is an effective way to convey complex scientific information. Professor Csikar uses zombies and vampires in storylines throughout the semester to promote critical thinking in the study of anatomy and physiology. Former student Katelyn Kelley said that Professor Csikar’s class was so fun and inspiring she changed her major. She is earning a degree in biology at Arizona State University.
CT Scans of Fish Shared Globally

Life science professor Dr. Alex Cherokee traveled to Friday Harbor Laboratories north of Seattle to contribute to a project collecting computerized tomography (CT) scans of deep-sea fish. MCC Red Mountain’s deep-sea fish collection is included in the project, which is aimed at making 3-D images of all 33,000 species of fish available as an open educational resource (OER).

Student Honor Society Named Best in Nation

The National Communication Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges on the Red Mountain campus, which is mentored by Dr. Puvana Ganesan, has been recognized nationally as Chapter of the Year 2018. The Raymie R. McKerrow Best National Chapter is awarded to the chapter that best exemplifies excellence in scholarship, leadership and service to the community.

MCC Alumni Share How STEAM Leads to Exciting Careers

A panel of Red Mountain alumni shared their college experiences at the Spring 2018 STEAM Conference, Feb. 9. Panel members included Shana Shriber, now attending the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy; Jacob Sorenson, attending UA College of Medicine; and Fernanda Silva, attending the University of California at Los Angeles School of Dentistry.
GET STARTED

High School MCC Advisors Available over the Summer

School may be out for the summer but your high school’s MCC college advisor will still answer your questions and provide guidance for your higher education path. During the summer, contact the advisors below for assistance or to schedule an appointment.

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FAFSA
Free Application for Federal Student Aid
mesacc.edu/enroll/FAFSA
MCC federal school code – 001077

Financial aid based on FAFSA can take six weeks or longer. If you don’t receive funds when tuition is due, you need to sign up for a payment plan to avoid being dropped from classes. Check for funding in your Student Center at my.maricopa.edu. Learn more at mesacc.edu/financial-aid or stop by Enrollment Services in the Red Mountain Campus Mesquite building.

Apply for Financial Aid. Register for Classes Now!

Register for Summer and Fall 2018 to get the classes on the days and times you want! Scholarships, grants and loans require filling out the FAFSA. Apply now! Awarding funds can take up to six weeks. You will need to sign up for a payment plan to avoid being removed from your classes, if you don’t receive funds when tuition is due. Visit mesacc.edu/financial-aid or stop by Enrollment Services in the Red Mountain Campus Mesquite building.

Honors Achievement Award
After completing 12 credits (100+ level classes) at MCC, with a 3.25 GPA or better, plus other requirements, you may be eligible for an award of up to $500 per semester. Details at mesacc.edu/honors/award

Presidents' Honor Scholarship
Funds covering in-county tuition up to 15 credit hours plus registration fees for four consecutive semesters are available to recent Maricopa County high school graduates with a minimum 3.0 GPA plus qualifying placement test scores. mesacc.edu/honors/presidents-honors-scholarship-program

Scholarships
Gifts you do not need to pay back. mesacc.edu/scholarships

Student Loans
Loans are a form of aid that must be repaid, with interest.

Grants
Grants are free aid you do not have to pay back.

Work Study
Work study is self-help aid in the form of an on-campus job.

Fast Tracking the Dream
Based on need. A New Leaf will match $3,000 for up to $1,000 saved by students for a total of $4,000. mesacc.edu/fasttrackdream

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