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YOUR MAJOR
I am pleased to bring you my first Report to Our Community online. As much as I have always valued the traditional printed annual report, it is important that our communications reflect our commitment to our environmental and sustainability initiatives. At Mesa Community College, our focus and energies are on outstanding teaching and learning, innovation, creativity, technology and hard work, all of which are crucial to ensuring MCC is a top tier community college.

In this report, we recognize and celebrate student success, employee success and community success. You will see — whether boldly or quietly — a spirit of collaboration threads through all we do at MCC.

Student success is our first priority. Students come to MCC for an education that will take them on to complete a university degree or prepare them for the workforce. Our goal is for each and every student to succeed. To be a great place to learn, we must also be a great place to work. We are creating an open, dynamic work environment where employees thrive and can do their best work. And, we are continuing the College’s long-standing commitment to being a committed and engaged partner with our business, community and civic leadership.

It is my pleasure to announce that MCC and Mesa Public Schools are partnering with the City of Mesa on a $3 million Communities Learning in Partnership (CLIP) implementation grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant supports the partnership’s focus on — and commitment to — seeing more students, particularly low-income students, complete a degree or certificate beyond high school.

This is a time of change and new directions at MCC. Change is exhilarating, challenging, and at times difficult. The College’s faculty, staff and administrative leadership — in concert with our alumni, community leaders and our citizens — will be concentrating on new initiatives during the next academic year that will honor and build upon our commitment to excellence. One example is our new mentoring program that will pair members of the Commission on Excellence in Education and Alumni Association with currently enrolled students to assist them in exploring career options and building leadership and professional experiences. We will keep you informed of this and other initiatives throughout the year.

I appreciate that you have taken the time to visit our website and read my Report to Our Community. I would welcome hearing from you. My email address is span@mesacc.edu.

Sincerely,

Shouan Pan, Ph.D.
President
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Student, employee and community success is evident in all aspects of life at MCC: in our classrooms... on the basketball court or the football field... through art, dance and music ... in our libraries, laboratories and offices, our clubs and student activities... and through simple acts of kindness that happen every day across our campuses.

Following is a snapshot of successes at Mesa Community College

More than 3,300 MCC students were awarded degrees and certificates for the 2009-10 academic year.

Mesa Community College was among the nation’s top 100 associate degree and certificate producers for 2008 and 2009, according to a recent listing by Community College Week magazine. The American Association of Community Colleges puts the total number of U.S. community colleges at 1,195.

Four MCC students received national recognition through the All-USA Academic Team competition sponsored by USA Today newspapers, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and the Coca-Cola Company. The competition is administered by Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for community colleges.

Eric Thompson was selected to USA TODAY’s annual All-USA Community College Academic Team. Thompson is one of only 20 students in the nation selected to the team.

Nedd Anderson was selected as a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar. Nedd served more than 1,300 volunteer hours for various community organizations.

Robert LeDesma was named a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar. Robert attends Columbia University focusing on creative writing and environmental science.

Devin Hon was selected as a Coca-Cola National Finalist. Devin plans to complete an organic chemistry degree at MCC and a biology degree from ASU.

MCC student Bryan Plummer was one of thirty students selected nationwide to receive the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa Leaders of Promise Scholarship.

Four MCC interior design students — Andrea Carrillo, Tammy Elliott, Keri Pollard and Hannah Buchman — became the champions for putting MCC’s new Health-Wellness Building on pace to receive the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) silver certification. Department Chair Janice Pierson was their advisor.
Phi Theta Kappa students led the effort to seek gold LEED certification for the new Saguaro building at MCC’s Red Mountain campus. Robert LeDesma, Nikelle Mackey, Kevin Keleher and others met with contractors throughout the building’s construction and provided LEED content for educational signage.

The Physical Science building at the Southern and Dobson campus, designed by SmithGroup, surpassed the initial goal to seek basic Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification and achieved LEED-NC v2.2 Gold certification.

MCC’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society received five coveted awards at the Society’s International Convention in Orlando. MCC’s chapter was honored with the Leadership Hallmark Award, the Distinguished Chapter Award, and a Top 100 Chapter award. Duane Oakes, MCC Chapter Advisor, received the Distinguished Chapter Advisor Award. MCC student Steven Schaub received the Distinguished Member Award.

Dr. Gary Filan, Executive Director of The Academy, an organization which provides leadership programs and services to post-secondary institutions worldwide, was selected by the National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA) as the recipient of its Outstanding Service to Community Colleges Award.

Geology faculty member Niccole Cerveny leads a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to use the Rock Art Stability Index to engage community college students in field-based interdisciplinary research. Collaborative partners on the grant are Arizona State University and the University of Colorado Denver.

MCC received gold and bronze paragon awards in national competition through the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. MCC won the gold award in Social Marketing for the college’s social media campaign and the bronze award for Online Marketing/Advertising for email blasts that are sent to Alumni and Friends.

For the third consecutive year, MCC was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. In 2009-10, through the College’s Center for Service-Learning, 1,265 students posted 30,298 service hours in independent and in-course service learning programs providing service to more than 300 community partners. A few examples include Mesa Public Schools, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, New Leaf, Mesa Arts Academy and the Desert Botanical Garden.

Over the past 17 years, MCC has partnered with Paz de Cristo for a highly successful Empty Bowls event in observance of World Hunger Day. The event would not be possible without the talent, commitment and endurance of MCC art students and faculty who created 3,000 bowls for the event and brought in $16,000 last year.
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MCC hosted the **SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARIZONA SUMMER GAMES.**
For the second consecutive year, MCC hosted the Special Olympics Arizona Summer Games. Nearly 140 students, faculty and staff completed almost 700 hours of service at the event.

MCC is a premier destination for athletes across Arizona as well as from other states. Highlights of MCC’s successful 2009-10 athletic program season include:

- six Track & Field individual national champions
- a regional championship in Men’s Basketball
- a #1-seed in softball playoffs
- a third-place finish at the Men’s Golf Nationals
- Basketball coach Sam Ballard named ACCAC Coach of the Year

MCC athletes are also successful in the classroom. Women’s Basketball player Briana Benjamin was named a Distinguished Academic All-American honoree. She maintained a 3.94 GPA.

Lecture Series and Exhibits: MCC is proud to host guest lectures and exciting national exhibits for our students and community. Among MCC guest lecturers and exhibits:

- Dr. Philip G. Zimbardo, a notable American psychologist and Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Stanford University. He is best known for his research in the 1971 Stanford prison experiment and author of “The Time Paradox” and “The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil”.

- Dr. Robert Zubrin, an aerospace engineer and author. He is best known for his advocacy of manned Mars exploration.

- Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times

MCC’s library was one of only 40 libraries nationwide to host The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History’s traveling exhibit that examines the life, accomplishments and legacy of our nation’s 16th president. The exhibit was possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to expanding American understanding of the human experience and cultural heritage.

- Documenting China: Contemporary Photography and Social Change

Focusing on the impacts of urbanization and industrialization in China, the Smithsonian Traveling Photography Exhibit included dramatic works of seven Chinese photographers. The exhibit was on display in MCC’s main library.
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Southern and Dobson Campus

- MCC’s newly remodeled Health/Wellness Building is an example of innovation and creativity at its best. Rather than the construction of a new building, as called for in MCC’s original plans, the College’s existing Physical Science Building was refurbished into a state-of-the-art facility housing health and wellness programs and simulation labs for nursing students. The building opened Summer 2010.

- The Humanities building is being remodeled and is slated to open Fall 2010.

- The remodel of the Harkins Theater for the Music, Dance and Theater programs is in the planning stage and is slated to open Summer 2012.

- The remodel of the Communications Building is in the planning stages. Completion is projected for Fall 2012.

- Plans for a Fine Arts Gallery are scheduled for completion Spring 2013.

- MCC purchased the Fuddruckers building as well as additional property located southeast of the Southern and Dobson campus in May 2008. Discussion is underway concerning specific plans for the building.

- Remodel of the Kirk Student Center is under review.

- Original plans called for the creation of a new P-20 Center in downtown Mesa in partnership with Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa. Due to inflation and budgetary constraints, Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa can no longer partner in this endeavor. A new Student Portal Building will be built on MCC’s Southern and Dobson campus to provide current and prospective students with a one-stop admissions, registration and advising facility. The College will engage in discussions and planning about the proposed building during 2010-11.

- MCC’s distance learning program, particularly online classes, continues to grow at double digits each semester. MCC will seek accreditation to offer an online degree.
**MCC Downtown Center**

- The purchase of the fourth floor of the Carousel View Building on Centennial Way in downtown Mesa is complete. A state-of-the-art Virtual Incident Command Center for Fire Science professionals is being planned for the 4th floor of the Downtown Center. The project is being funded with $2.1 million in District funds with a projected completion date of Fall 2011.

- Mesa Community College and Northern Arizona University continue to offer classes on the fourth floor of the Carousel View Building on Centennial Way in Downtown Mesa. Discussions are underway to purchase the 1st and 2nd floors of the Carousel View Building.

**Red Mountain Campus**

- The construction of MCC’s new Saguaro building was completed Fall 2009. The new building includes classrooms and laboratories, rehearsal and performance center, faculty offices, spaces for students to gather and study, a Cyber Café and an undergraduate research classroom.

**Site Development**

Following are some of the site development projects completed to date at the Southern and Dobson Campus:

- Relocation of athletic fields and parking lots
- Upgraded central plant and chillers
- Replacement of all building canopies
- Replacement of domestic water lines
GROWTH
Student Enrollment Fall 2009, all sites: 25,960

Average Age
26

Gender
51% Female
47% Male
2% Undeclared

Ethnicity
59% White
17% Hispanic
6% Black
5% Asian/Pacific Islander
3% American Indian/Alaska Native
10% Other/Not Specified

Educational Goals
52% of MCC’s students plan to transfer to another college or university.
28% take courses to prepare to enter the job market, improve skills for a present job, or change careers.
15% take classes for personal interest.
5% indicate intent other than those listed above.
34% of students are full-time.

66% of students are part-time.

59% of students attend classes during the day, 23% attend during the evening, and 18% attend in a non-traditional manner such as online or on the weekend.

Average class load is 8 credits.

Over 250 international students (on a student visa) from 60+ different countries.
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REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

VISION  MISSION  VALUES
VISION

MCC - leading the way to success in our local and global community.

MISSION

MCC excels in teaching, learning, and empowering individuals to succeed in our local and global community. We serve as a resource for college and career readiness, transfer education, workforce development, and life-long learning.

VALUES

INDIVIDUALS & COMMUNITY - MCC encourages active citizenship and embraces the diversity of people and ideas.

INNOVATION - MCC delivers cutting-edge instruction and service.

INTEGRITY - MCC upholds the highest standards of ethics and public stewardship.

LEARNING - MCC champions individual student success that reflects the highest academic standards.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE - MCC makes a positive difference in the lives of our students, community members, and each other through meaningful relationships.

During the 2009 - 10 academic year, our faculty, administrative leadership, staff and students — along with members of our community — worked tirelessly to create and adopt a new vision, mission and values for MCC that reflect the College’s unwavering commitment to excellence and inclusiveness. Under these guiding principles, we will establish Mesa Community College as our nation’s premier community college.

Shouan Pan, President, Mesa Community College