New program honors outstanding alumni

The MCC Alumni Association launched an awards and recognition program this spring as part of its ongoing effort to recognize the accomplishments of our outstanding alumni. Awards were created in two categories: an alumni achievement and outstanding chapter service. Nominations were being accepted in both.

The Alumni Achievement Award recognizes the accomplishments of MCC alumni who have made a significant contribution to the community. The Outstanding Chapter Service Award recognizes the contributions of volunteers who have helped to support the mission of the MCC Alumni Association.

Alumni Achievement Award

Diana Walsh

Adjunct Faculty and 1st Director, MCCA College of Community and Technical Education, City of Mesa

As a student in the late 1980s, Diana was active in several professional organizations. She went on to become an MCCA alumna in 1992 and has been an active member ever since. Diana has served on several MCC Alumni Awards committees for directing. She began teaching and directing for MCC shortly after graduating from ASU. She has also been a student advisor to the Sagitter Players Club at MCC. While she is retiring, she often comes into the same shop, works on other productions, and is always heavily involved in building and developing her productions.

Outstanding Chapter Service Award

Arlene Sykes

MCC Alumni Association

Arlene organized the BPA Alumni scholarship committee and serves as its initial advisor. She led the effort to establish the BPA Alumni Scholarship, which is awarded every spring semester. Arlene also represents the alumni organization and alumnae on the MCC Health Care Advisory Board each spring semester. This effort has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of MCC students.

The Maricopa County Community College District is an EEO/AA institution.
Larry K. Christiansen

the challenges and the opportunities
alumni over the years. I personally look
the enormous contributions of our
These areas of focus will require all of
college education at MCC.
remain — as a top priority — accessible
to every student in our area who wants a
productions, or providing insight and support to our college.
This year we created a new board chair (by their) operations and U D, bringing the total number of alumni on the board.
separately they bring enormous insight

Message from the President

MCC. We are proud of them; we
will be submitted in Fall 2004, and a team visit from the
itself in relation to accreditation criteria and to provide
the experience. “It changes their world,”
has more international students than any college in the

International education thrives at M C C

“Future goals,” Sue Anne said, “include a
• Two study programs in China — one directed by Steve
• Xalapa, Mexico, led by Dr. Nora Reyes - for educators and
history, photography, and storytelling
• Guanajuato, Mexico, directed by Jaime Hererra - language,
teachers and administrators. “Whatever he
the athletic and academic programs,” said MCC basketball coach Alton Lister.
Oregon. “During his visits to each of the schools, Udall, Maricopa County Superior

MCC alumnus Shea Hillenbrand

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“Twenty-five years from now, alumni may look back on this as the happiest day of their lives,”
International Honors College (IHC), and they serve as a way to bring alumni and MCC students closer

Community M U C - Cohen’s Centre offering for the
summit will include the following:
• Magic Music Kidz Training — all ages, July 9-22
• Magic Music Kidz Training Workshop — grades 1 through 3, June 22-26
• “Glares of the String” Chamber Music Workshop — through college, intermediate and advanced levels, July 9-17

Many of the workshops and classes culminate in performances. At the close of the summit, Sue Anne sends a special invitation to MCC faculty, staff, and students to come back to see our community’s latest talented young musicians. “Let us entertain you!”

For more information on upcoming classes, workshops, and performances, all underwritten by the MCC Foundation (480-463-7575) or Community Education (480-463-7004).