

Camille Arnett

Completed Bachelor of Arts in Education for Early Childhood at ASU

Initially enrolled at MCC in 1979, returned in 2010 after 30 years

- “Mesa Community College has a fabulous math program, with teachers who are knowledgeable, compassionate, and dedicated to teaching math to real people. Even I, a mature student with a bad case of math phobia, was able to not only learn math, but to enjoy it and achieve a moderate level of mastery.”
- “Shawn Wood prepared and presented thoughtful lectures that were clear and easy to understand. There were class participation activities and hand on projects to help us understand math concepts in several ways. He allowed us to talk and work together. It was wonderful to meet and work with other adults who had missed so many of the vital basics in math.”
- “Ms. Klassen made herself available and I often went to her office and received direct, individual instruction. My teachers at MCC communicated that they were dedicated to my success and I felt I had everything I needed to learn.”
- “I graduated from ASU, Summa Cum Laude, in May 2016. Looking back on my classes I took at Mesa Community College, I feel that I had all the resources I needed to be successful.”



Bryce Dominic D'Angelico

Pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at ASU

Reentry student - completed state sponsored electrician apprenticeship program at GateWay Community College. Taught courses at GateWay for 3 years while attending MCC.



- “After every quiz or exam, Kim Norris required everyone to rework the problems missed and turned in the test for a second review. This is not a practice that I had ever done before. Reworking the problems missed forced me to take a good look at what I didn't understand.”
- “Connect For Success has been a huge benefit to me. Lezette Mack is always willing to offer time and mentorship.”
- “Turned it in, attended, amend, and lend. I work hard to ensure all my assignments are submitted and nothing is left undone. I attended all my classes with the attitude that I may miss something important if I skip. I amend my bad ways and constantly search for behavior in-conductive to my goal.”
- “With the current faculty you would be hard pressed to enhance the current status.”

Faith Garland

Pursuing Associate in Applied Science in Journalism.

Took off 1 year after high school



- “My English and Math teachers would do their best to explain the assignments in a way anyone can understand. If I ever had a question, they would be there to help.”
- “During my first semester, the college introduced me to the Connect for Success Program where a mentor would help you in any way he/she could. Even if I needed to see them just to talk, they would be there.”
- “There is also the Learning Center that provides help in several different subjects. I was able to there with a study group and help others out to study for a test.”
- “Adding more programs like Connect for Success would give students a pathway to success. If more students had more program choices, they would be able to find one that is more suitable for the struggles they are facing that has someone who knows how to help them succeed.”

Mckenna Leigh Kuntzi

Pursuing Associate in Applied Science in Veterinary Technology at MCC



- All my teachers here at MCC have been so wonderful and truly care about their students, but one teacher will always exceed the rest. Dr. Christine Vassett, she has a burning passion for teaching young minds to break the barriers of society norms. She helped me learn to question things and think outside of the box.
- My first semester at Mesa Community College I was apart of the Connect for Success Program. Being new to Arizona and it being my first time in college, the program helped me figure out how to navigate college.
- If you knew me in high school “smart” is probably one of the last words you would use to describe me and my grades could back that up. I am currently an honors student here a Mesa Community college. While I do take some credit, I must give praise to the instructors here. I have a hunger for learning because of the teachers I have encountered at Mesa Community College. My advice for the educators here is to continue to inspire every student that walks in to your classroom.

Jesús Alberto López Montañez

Pursuing Bachelor of Arts in Spanish - Literature and Culture with a minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice at ASU

Initially enrolled at MCC in 2007 for three semesters, returned in 2012.



- “The specific things that my English, Math, and Reading teachers did to help me be successful in their classes and in my college level classes at Mesa Community College was that they set us up to take on the intensity level that is expected with the 300-400 level courses that are offered at a university.”
- “The programs and services at Mesa Community College that provided me help to be a successful student was the Key to Success Program, the Male Empowerment Network and the Multicultural Center.”
- “Approach students that are not doing so well and ask him or her how can you personally help them. Knowing that he or she has somebody that supports them. That triggers students to be a more productive student.”

Jennifer Prentice

Entering Vet Tech Program with goal to own an animal
rescue adoption center

Returning after 20 years



- “I decided to come back to college after I had gotten married and had kids. I wanted to finally pursue my dreams.”
- “My teachers taught me what I needed to achieve in college, but not just in scholastics, they also taught me to believe in myself.”
- “MCC had me take the College Success Program, which helped me get back into the swing of school.”
- “In order to be successful, I worked hard on my homework and I believed in myself. And I never gave up on the challenge.”
- “I guess my advice would be is to never give up the way you teach and keep believing in your students and that alone is what makes it easier and helpful in learning.”

Jedediah Ryan Warneke

Pursuing Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at ASU

Completed AAS in Administration of Justice Studies and BS in Criminology & Criminal Justice



- “Evelyn Yvonne Rutland gave me the skills necessary to write a good paper. I still use those skills during my MA program because it includes a lot of writing.”
- “I needed to start with MAT 082. After earning and ‘A’ in MAT 082, it was time to take MAT 092.
- “Kim Norris, in my opinion, is one of the best math professors at MCC because of her history with teaching high school students.”
- “MAT 108 helped out significantly as well as the Math tutoring centers and Math lab. Without either of the services, I don't think I would have been successful with Math during my time at MCC.”
- “Taking MAT108 in conjunction with MAT 092 and MAT 120, as well as spending several hours a week in the Math lab helped me significantly with my math skills. It is proven that if you put in the work with not only Math, but with all courses, it is realistic and possible to earn and ‘A’ in any class. I know it did with me.”
- “My ‘A’ grades suggest that our instructors are there to make sure we have the tools to succeed.”

Kyle Wiskia

Pursuing Associates in Science Degree at MCC

Plans to transfer to ASU and earn a BS in Computer Science



- “I have met with Zhaowen just about every semester.”
- “I met with my coach to see what classes that I needed to keep me on track. Recently, I checked in with her because I decided to change my degree, so I had to make a lot of class changes.”
- “The most helpful part in having success coaches on site is how much they do to help us stay on track to get our degrees and always showing us many of options to better our degree goals.”
- “Well with what classes that I decided to start with, this was all of my pre-required courses so I had to learn to utilize the library database early on.”
- “Zhaowen made it very clear to me what resources were readily available to me on campus.”
- “I honestly don’t have any complaints to make about the program, I believe that it does work as long as the students want to use it to help better their success while attending MCC.”

Anna York

Pursuing Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management at ASU

Returning after 25 years



- “Ms. Norris had a notebook check which made me accountable for not only attending class, but taking notes and using those notes to complete my homework.”
- “The tutoring center in the math department I found to be quite helpful when I got up to higher level math. I also utilized each professor's office hours to my advantage.”
- “I graduated with a 3.8 GPA so I don't feel that there was anything missing per se from my classes or myself to make me a successful student.
- If they don't already have good study habits in place from HS they definitely need to develop them now.”