Dr. Gina Kranitz began her 34 years of service to the Maricopa Community College District in 1969 as a temporary employee at Glendale Community College. Her first permanent position was as a clerk in the Library at Glendale. During this time she became involved in District employee groups and the Arizona Women Political Caucus, advocating for women’s rights and opportunities. She accepted a one-year-only assignment, dealing with district-wide purchasing, and then, was offered a position at the District Office where she stayed until she became one of the foundation administrators at South Mountain. She remained there or approximately 12 years before moving to Paradise Valley in October 1992. She served at PVCC as a Dean, then acting-President until her appointment as President in early 2001.

Dr. Rufus Glasper, Chancellor of the Maricopa Community Colleges, remembered Gina as "a remarkable individual and a passionate advocate for access to higher education for all. Her record of personal service and dedication to our colleges and our students is truly a model for every one of us."

Gina was an active member of the Women’s Leadership Group (WLG), serving as a mentor in the mentoring program, as well as the Executive Council Liaison to the Chancellor’s Executive Council. Through her values of education, community, and diversity, and through her own career progression, Gina served as an inspiration and role model to the women of Maricopa. Gina encouraged women to expand their horizons through education and special work projects. Her legacy of encouragement continues with her funding of the WLG Dr. Gina Kranitz Memorial Scholarship.

The mission of the Maricopa Community Colleges WLG is to provide for the continuous development of a strong and supportive work environment for the diverse women of the Maricopa Community Colleges. WLG has adopted a set of goals that include advocacy, communication, networking, partnership, recognition, and personal and professional development. Core values of WLG include leadership, service, innovation, and diversity. Detailed information about WLG goals and activities can be obtained from our website at www.maricopa.edu/wlg. WLG membership is open to all district employees.

“Always look forward. Always look to where you want to go.”
-Dr. Gina Kranitz
DR. GINA KRANITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The WLG Dr. Gina Kranitz Memorial Scholarship award amount will be established annually by the WLG Scholarship Committee. The award will be applied toward tuition in the Fall 2013 semester. The award amount for each recipient for Fall 2013 will be $500.00. The scholarship recipients will be recognized at the WLG WOD Recognition Luncheon on April 24, 2013.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- The scholarship will be awarded to a Maricopa WLG member who is working on an Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctoral degree.
- The applicant must be a WLG member at the time of application and during the semester in which the scholarship is used.
- The applicant must be employed by MCCD. (all employees groups are eligible).
- The recipient must show proof of enrollment at the time of award.
- The applicant must have a current, minimum GPA of 3.0.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants should submit an application packet consisting of:

1. A completed application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. Transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).
3. Personal letter.

THE WLG SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Michele Kemp, Scholarship Chair, Rio Salado College
Azra Mahmood, WLG Tri-Chair, District Office
Kathy Thompson, Rep, Chandler-Gilbert CC
Genesis Toole, WLG Tri-Chair, PC/District Office

SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- Submission deadline: Thursday, April 18 at 5:00 pm
- Application packets may be emailed, hand delivered, or sent via intercampus mail to:
  Michele Kemp
  Admissions and Records, Rio Salado College
  michele.kemp@riosalado.edu / 480 517 8160
- Applicants will be notified of scholarship award status by April 22.
- Recipients should plan to attend the WOD Luncheon on Wednesday, April 24.

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