

Leaders ready to launch social work program at College of St. Scholastica in Mesa

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The College of St. Scholastica began offering health information management and nursing courses last year in Arizona and will begin raising up social workers this fall.

MESA – Timothy Schmaltz and Rosa Molinar are two of the key names to know when St. Scholastica launches its first social work cohort since expanding into Arizona.

The private Catholic Benedictine college came to the Grand Canyon State last year and already offers Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Health Information Management and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The social work program will be St. Scholastica's first based out of Mesa Community College.



Timothy Schmaltz (courtesy photo)

Both Schmaltz and Molinar will serve as adjunct faculty associate and consultant. Schmaltz has more than 40 years of experience in social work and community service. He previously served as CEO of Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition, where he also was a coordinator for 12 years. Currently, Schmaltz serves as president of the National Association of Social Workers – Arizona Chapter Board of Directors. Schmaltz also teaches graduate-level social work courses at Arizona State University in Tempe.

“We are thrilled to welcome a community thought-leader and social work advocate like Tim to our growing faculty,” said Maria Laughner, Arizona regional director for St. Scholastica. “His exceptional background in social work and passion for bettering Arizona makes him an invaluable addition to our school and our social work program.”

Molinar has an extensive background in social work, leadership management and education. She previously served as the community liaison for family engagement for the Tolleson Elementary School District, the executive coordinator to Arizona State University's (ASU) Community Learning Center and is currently serving as a program manager of student affairs at Maricopa County Community Colleges, the district office.

Molinar holds a master's degree in social work from ASU, a master's degree in curriculum instruction bilingual education from ASU and is pursuing a doctoral degree.



Rosa Molinar (courtesy photo)

“We are excited to have Rosa join our faculty,” Laughner said, “Her in-depth experience in program planning and implementation will be pivotal as we launch our social work program and as we continue expanding.”

The College of St. Scholastica is a 103-year-old private Catholic Benedictine college. St. Scholastica's social work classes are offered at MCC, the largest community college in the largest community college district in the U.S. St. Scholastica's main campus is in Duluth, Minn.

St. Scholastica offers several programs in Arizona including Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Health Information Management and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. St. Scholastica's health information management program has been a national leader since it began in 1934 as the first such degree program in the nation.



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