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The Mesa Counts on College Access Center, 635 E. Broadway Road. (Photo courtesy of city of Mesa)

A grand opening program and open house were held Aug. 5 for the Mesa Counts on College Access Center, 635 E. Broadway Road. The free, full service college access center is open to anyone interested in furthering their education, according to a press release.

"Quality education has always been part of the core fabric of our city. Mesa Counts on College and the new Access Center builds on this tradition by providing our community with greater access to post high school education," Mayor John Giles said in the release.

Mesa Counts on College is a partnership among the city of Mesa, Mesa Community College and Mesa Public Schools to impact practices, policy and attitudes about higher education.

"This partnership has led to creating the Access Center which will offer a tremendous number of tools for Mesa residents to further their education beyond high school. Research shows an educated workforce leads to high wage jobs for our residents, which is one of our goals in Mesa," City Manager Chris Brady said in the release.

The Mesa Counts on College Access Center serves students of any age from start to finish in their post-secondary experience. Services include one-on-one personalized college advisement, financial aid guidance, career exploration and summer programs and internships. It will soon offer GED classes and college testing (ACT, SAT and PSAT).

Formation of the Access Center is the result of a two year project and partnership with A New Leaf, which owns the building, using federal Community Development Block Grant funds for construction and a grant from the Salt River Maricopa-Pima Indian Community to purchase furniture and computer technology. Staffing is provided by the City of Mesa and Americorps volunteers.

The Mesa Counts on College Access Center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, contact Mesa Counts on College Executive Director Amy Trethaway at 480-644-2005 or amy.trethaway@mesaaz.gov. Information is also available at www.mesacountsoncollege.org or www.facebook.com/mesacountsoncollegeaccesscenter.

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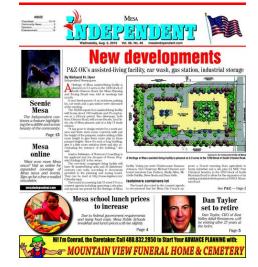
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