

CIVIC ACTION HOUR

Wednesdays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Approved
Honors
Co-curricular
Event

Event Link: <https://tinyurl.com/Civic-Action-Hour-Spring2022>

Working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference; promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes.

Jan 26
Civic Engagement Kick Off Orientation & Information
CCCE Team

Civic Engagement 101 with games and prizes! Come and learn about opportunities to become an engaged leader on campus and how to earn the Civic Scholar badges. We will introduce the Civic Engagement Scorecard, Net Impact and all of our engagement projects and how you can get involved!

Come discover where you can volunteer or find a service-learning placement. Agency representatives are eager to meet you and share the opportunities they have available. Also, we will have information on how you can register to vote.

Feb 2 & 3
VolunteerFest
Dawn Rhodes

Feb 9
Homelessness 101
Shawn Donnelly
Community Engagement Programs Officer
St Vincent De Paul

Join us to learn more about homelessness. We'll debunk common myths, hear from those experiencing homelessness, and learn more about what you can do to help in your community.

Overview of Midwest Food Bank (mission, values, programs), including the role of the volunteer and the impact on our community

Feb 16
Civic Engagement with Midwest Food Bank
Merilee Baptiste, Executive Director, Midwest Food Bank, NFP- Arizona Division,

Feb 23
Domestic Violence Awareness
Kimberly Miner,
Chairman/CEO, Envision You Victory Over Violence
Non-Profit Foundation

No matter where you are right now – whether it's lack of confidence, major life adversity, lack of worth, or self-esteem in thinking you are incapable. I've been there..... It's allowing yourself to have faith and stepping forward into the unknown that's where the opportunities are created.

Sex trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where criminals profit by controlling and forcing others – including minors – to perform sex acts for profit. Learn about this disturbing crime and the red flags associated with victims of sex trafficking.

March 2
Sex Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery in America
Honorable, Sheila Polk
Yavapai County Attorney

March 9
How to Vote Informed for the 2022 Election Season
Avery Xola
Voter Education Specialist

Resources available to help voters vote informed and what's on the ballot for the 2022 election season.

It's hard to talk openly about mental illness because of the stigma surrounding it. Candid conversations about what it's like to have a mental disorder and how major symptoms present need to happen more often. Join us for this interactive and revealing discussion as we learn the definitions of terms and concepts that describe the experience of the mentally ill. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of what mental illness looks like and will be better-equipped to participate in future conversations about neurodiversity.

March 23
Let's Talk About Mental Illness
Kate Mohler,
MCC English Faculty, Ability Maricopa Secretary,

March 30
City of Mesa Service Opportunities
Bethany Freeland
Citywide Volunteer Program Coordinator

Discuss the structure of volunteer management in the City and the different ways we engage volunteers (episodic and long-term)
Talk about long-term volunteer opportunities with various departments and programs (including internships)
Discuss volunteer engagement through episodic means (events)
Discuss community revitalization and opportunities to volunteer through various and much more

The Maricopa Native Seed Library provides free, native seed to the community, as well as education and information to make it easy to incorporate these plants into your yards, patios and balconies. Anyone can include some native plants into their residences, whether you have a lot of space or a small apartment. In this workshop we will discuss how you can support pollinators and other wildlife no matter what size space you have as part of the newly forming Maricopa Pollinator Pathway.

April 6
Environmental Sustainability Projects at MCC
Danielle Carlock
Information Studies Faculty & Librarian

April 13
2022: What You Need to Know
Melissa Davis
Constituent Relations Coordinator
Maricopa County Recorders Office

Melissa Davis, Constituent Relations Coordinator for the Maricopa County Recorder's Office will be discussing important information about the August Primary and November General Election to ensure all students can "Be Ballot Ready." Melissa will go over the basics of voting, both by mail and in person, and how your vote is tabulated by the Maricopa County Elections Department. She will also discuss resources available for voters and information about all elections in 2022.

Urban trees in parks, in neighborhoods, and along city streets provide a number of benefits to the environment and the community. They provide shade, increase property values, help fight climate change, and so much more. In this presentation, you will learn about efforts to enhance urban tree cover at the global level, the local level, and right here on the MCC campus. You'll also learn about exciting tree research being conducted by MCC students. And you'll find out how you can become an urban tree ambassador in your own neighborhood and at MCC!

April 20
Harnessing the Power of Urban Trees
Sean Whitcomb
MCC Faculty, Life Science

April 27
Sustainability 101 with GreenLight Solutions
Ashley Weisman Executive Director,
GreenLight Solutions Foundation

Want to become more educated about sustainability and how it applies to your career? Join GreenLight Solutions to learn about the challenges and opportunities of sustainability. We will define sustainability concepts, discuss its strategic business benefits, and identify some global sustainability challenges, focusing on applicable, local solutions. You will learn how the sustainability perspective can support your professional development and make you better at your job - no matter your sector or job function.