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The largest of the 10 members of the Maricopa Community Colleges system, Mesa Community College offers degrees in programs like film, biology, interior design and journalism. The school recently added a new performing arts center that can seat 462 people.

Second Place (tie):

Arizona State University at the Polytechnic campus

7001 E. Williams Field Road, (480) 727-1585,

campus.asu.edu/polytechnic

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Eleven community members joined the Hall of Fame at Mesa Community College in a Nov. 5 ceremony.

The 2015 inductees are:

- Diana Occhiuzzi, service award winner. A retired Tempe teacher, she's a volunteer at the college and for the state Department of Education. She earned an associate's degree at Mesa in 1969 and moved on to Arizona State University.
- Deborah Bateman, alumni achievement winner. She's vice chairman of the board for National Bank of Arizona, a published author and operates a coaching business.
- Hermenigilda Luna, alumni achievement winner. She's director of nursing services at the University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix. She graduated from MCC in 1994.
- Jennifer Duff, alumni achievement winner. Duff graduated from MCC in 1980 with an associate's in fashion merchandising. She is president and owner of Lobina Lures, a manufacturer and distributor of fishing tackle and Jef International Inc., an import export business that specializes in sport fishing tackle. She was a professional bass angler.
- Keith Ballard, alumni achievement winner.
 Ballard is director of music at the Southwest
 Music School in San Diego. He attended MCC in 1990 and 1991.

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- Terrence Azbill, alumni achievement winner. He's the chief of the Arizona Department of Economic Security's Office Of Special Investigations.
- Lyn Dutson, excellence in teaching award. Dutson retired from the theater and speech department at MCC after 40 years.
- Duane Oakes, excellence in teaching award. Oakes is faculty director for the college's Center for Community and Civic Engagement.
- Tony Cirelli, coaches award. Cirelli played baseball at MCC in 1981. He's been the head baseball coach for 21 years and was named national coach of the year in 2014.
- Robert Jacks, athlete award. Jacks graduated from MCC in 1967. he played tennis, for which this honor was awarded, and basketball and was on the track team.
- Ronald Powell, athlete award. Powell became a tennis prodigy at age 12. He and Jacks were doubles partners at MCC.

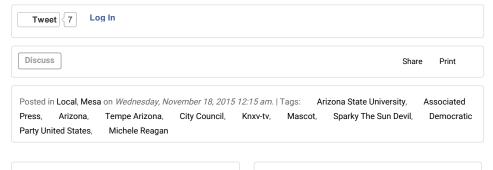
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