

The latest news from the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation



Foundation Update
January 2020



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

—
We thank you for supporting
student success.



Heroes of Education Recognition Dinner



Individual Hero of Education Honoree

David Adame,
President and CEO,
Chicanos Por La Causa,
Inc.

Recognized for his longtime commitment to education and empowering students.



Partnering for Workforce Success

April 8, 2020

JW Marriott
Scottsdale Camelback
Inn Resort & Spa

5402 East Lincoln
Drive | Paradise
Valley, AZ

5:00 p.m. Reception |
6:00 p.m. Dinner

Proceeds from Heroes of Education benefit student scholarship and program support in accordance with our vision that everyone has the opportunity to improve their lives through education.



Corporate Hero of Education Honoree

State Farm

Recognized for their continued generosity in providing numerous scholarships and programs across the Maricopa Community Colleges District.

Sponsor Heroes of Education

Heroes of Education Recognition Dinner Committee



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Foundation Recognition



Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Reaches GuideStar Platinum Level Allows Donors to Focus on Progress and Results

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, has earned the Platinum GuideStar Nonprofit Profile Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information. By sharing metrics that highlight the progress the Foundation is making toward its vision, to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to improve their lives through education, GuideStar helps donors move beyond simplistic ways of nonprofit evaluation.

"It is our long-term belief to be transparent about everything we do," said Brian Spicker, Interim President and CEO, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. "We're thrilled to convey our results in this manner. Being designated at the Platinum level, we can now easily share a wealth of up-to-date organizational metrics with our supporters as well as GuideStar's immense online audience, which includes donors, grant makers, our peers, and the media."

To reach the Platinum level, the Foundation added extensive information to its Nonprofit Profile on GuideStar: basic contact and organizational information; in-depth financial information; qualitative information about goals, strategies, and capabilities; and quantitative information about results and progress toward its mission.

To learn more about GuideStar Platinum, visit <https://learn.guidestar.org/platinum>. Visit the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation at www.mcccdf.org.

Program Support

Let's allow our students to study, without worry.

Support programs that provide resources for students to thrive.

Food Pantry Fund | Hope Scholarship | Emergency Funds



Read About Jon'tasia and the Food Pantry Fund



Read About Luis and the Hope Scholarship



Read About Jennifer and the Emergency Fund

Partnership Spotlight



Partnership With Earn to Learn Empowers Students to Complete College via Scholarship Program

Earn to Learn is a needs-based scholarship program, that teaches financial literacy and rewards students and families committed to saving money to attend Maricopa Community Colleges, ASU, NAU, UA and Pima Community College with \$4,000 of matching scholarship funding. Using matched-savings accounts, qualifying students who make deposits for at least six months and meet their savings goal before attending one of the educational partners will earn \$4,000 in matching funds to pay for tuition and fees. The matching scholarship, funded by the Foundation to Maricopa students, is renewable depending on ongoing funding as long as students remain eligible and continue to meet their savings goal each year.

"The Earn to Learn partnership provides a great opportunity for our students," said Brian Spicker, Interim President and CEO, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. "Starting at a Maricopa Community College before transferring to a university is an affordable option and this program helps provide a smooth transition between institutions by relieving some of the financial burden."

To learn more about Earn to Learn, [click here](#). Learn more about Maricopa Community College transfer options, [here](#).

Donor Generosity



Onward Success Scholarship Supports Students Dealing with Incarceration

A new scholarship has been established by the IBIS Foundation of Arizona, in support of students that have either been or have parents who were incarcerated, inspiring them to complete their college education.

The Onward Success Scholarship created at the Foundation, is available to students enrolled at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges and supports the IBIS Foundation of Arizona's vision that each individual's quality of life is connected to the overall well-being of the community and that access to health services and education are basic rights, that should not be determined by a person's socioeconomic status.

To learn more about the Onward Success Scholarship, [click here](#).

The Maricopa Community Colleges offers several incarcerated and community re-entry programs available through Rio Salado College. [Learn more](#).

Student Success



GWCC Scholarship Student Helps Others Maximize Potential

GateWay Community College (GWCC) student Miguel Gonzalez works as a math and science tutor on campus. "My job there isn't to lecture students on the material being covered," he said. "It's to guide and answer any questions students have in the hopes that they get a better understanding of the concepts they are learning."

The recipient of the Dr. Baugh Math Lovers Scholarship says his goal is, "to talk less and listen more," so that he can help students learn, in whatever way they can to maximize their potential.

Miguel plans to earn a degree in mechanical engineering at ASU after he completes his requirements at GWCC. [Read more](#).

Grant Activity

Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation



Awarded

Philip E. and Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation
Verizon Foundation
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Pending

AZ Diamondbacks Foundation
Arizona Republic
SRP
State Farm
Del E. Webb Foundation
Helios Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

Not Awarded

Lawrence Foundation
Brady Shines

District News



THE ASPEN INSTITUTE
COLLEGE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Aspen Institute Names Seven Maricopa Community Colleges Eligible for National Prize Competition

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges.

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Estrella Mountain Community College, Mesa Community College, Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix College, Scottsdale Community College, and South Mountain Community College have been named eligible for the Aspen Prize Competition. Based on strong and improving student outcomes—including in learning, completion rates, employment rates, and earnings, and equity—only 15 percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the Aspen Prize.

"The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program recognizes our commitment to the success of our students and dedication to serving our community," said Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, Chancellor. "Having seven of our colleges named as an Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College strengthens MCCCDC's position as a leader in creating high-quality academics for the state of Arizona."

Read the full story [here](#).

Upcoming Events Across the Maricopa District

Empty Bowls Fundraiser at Chandler Gilbert Community College Williams Campus

February 11, 2020

<http://www.cgc.edu/Students/studentlife/slearning/Pages/Empty-Bowls.aspx>

Runway for Success at GateWay Community College

March 6, 2020

<https://www.gatewaycc.edu/calendar/runway-success-2020>

Food Justice: Creating Equity in Sustainable Food Systems at Rio Salado College Conference Center

March 18, 2020

<https://events.maricopa.edu/event/food-justice-creating-equity-sustainable-food-systems>

Heroes of Education Recognition Dinner - *Partnering for Workforce Success*

April 8, 2020

<http://www.mcccdf.org/heroes20>

2020 Artists of Promise Gala and Art Exhibition at Herberger Theater

April 23, 2020

<https://events.maricopa.edu/event/artists-promise-gala-and-art-exhibition>

Phoenix College 100th Anniversary Gala

November 21, 2020

www.phoenixcollege.edu/100

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