

### **INVESTING IN HEROES**

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### Wrapping Up 2018 And Entering A New Year

As we wrap up 2018, we would like to share with you some of the honors that our students and staff have received this past month,and also tell you about some of the support that has been provided out at the Military and Veteran Success Centers.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to wish our entire veteran community a very healthy and happy holiday season!



## Your Support Matters

You can make a difference in the lives of our veterans by making a gift to the Veterans Success Project today through the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. Not only will your gift provide veterans with the essentials they need, it will go towards long-lasting assistance towards Veterans Centers and other proposed items within the Project, dependent on raising funds to support them.

Support Veteran Success Today

#### **Quick Links**

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### Maricopa Students Selected To Attend 2019 Student Veterans of America Conference

Three students from the Maricopa Community Colleges have been selected to attend the 2019 Student Veterans of America Conference. Through a grant provided by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, these students and a staff member will attend this event in Orlando, FL from January 3-6, 2019.

Previous attendees have stated that they were so happy to be in a room full of student veterans and that the information and connections made better informed them on ways to connect with other veterans, and mentor new veterans transitioning out of the military.

Congratulations to these students! To learn more about the conference, click here.



#### **MVSC Works To Assists Those In Need**

Vietnam Veteran Larry Bishop and his wife visited the Military and Veteran Success Center (MVSC) in need of financial assistance in order to avoid an eviction. Lead Success Coach, Nisha sat with the family, assessed their need and developed a plan for support. Thanks to our partners at MOAA, the Bishop family received assistance needed for housing stability and were provided with support resources in their community.

"We don't know what we would have done without you guys. The staff was outstanding and made me feel like they really cared and wanted to help us," they said.

If you are interested in learning about MVSC services, contact the teams at the East and West centers at 480-384-9850 East / 480-384-9874 West.

Find Veterans Services at Each College

#### **Let's Hear From You**

Do you have an interesting veteran's story you'd like featured? Click here and tell us all about it.

Do you have questions about the Veterans Success Project? Click here.



It's an honor that U.S. veterans, active reservists, and family members of veterans are among our student body. Both activeduty military personnel and veterans often seek educational support and job training to transition from military service to civilian life, and many will start with a community college.

At Maricopa Community
Colleges, services for military
personnel and veterans are
designed to offer the highest
quality assistance. We have a
long history of providing
education and training, allowing
you to enhance existing skills,
gain new skills, and translate
military training and experience
into a rewarding career.

We have an established tradition of providing access to higher education – in other words, we are dedicated to serving those who serve.





# Phoenix Suns Honor Andrea Banks, Director Of Veteran Services, Maricopa Community Colleges And Others At Military Appreciation Night

Congratulations to Andrea Banks, Director of Veteran Services, Maricopa Community Colleges, for being among those honored at the Phoenix Suns Military Appreciation night, during the November 14th game. Also honored was RimaAnn Nelson, Medical Center Director, Phoenix VA Health Care System, Thomas Winkel, Director, Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Dr. Amanda King, Senior Director of Breakthrough Technology Power Systems, Honeywell, Vern M. "Rusty" Findley II, Vice Chairman of the Board, S.E.E. 4 Vets and Diana Gregory, Founder, Outreach Services Foundation.

All of our colleges have received the Veteran Supportive Campus designation by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. Additionally, MCCCD is a partner organization of the Military/Veteran Resource Network.



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### **Foundation Named Community Hero By Veterans Medical Leadership Council**

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation was presented with the Community Heroes Award at the Veterans Medical Leadership Council's (VMLC) 16th Annual Heroes Patriotic Luncheon, on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. The luncheon honored and celebrated veterans and military service members who have, and continue to, "Stand in the Gap" to defend liberty and freedom.