



Foundation Update April 2020



Dear Friends,

Your support is integral to achieving our mission and in light of the challenges we face in regards to COVID-19, we need to double down in support of student success. I'd like to take this opportunity to focus on the positive in this newsletter by sharing some of the amazing things that are happening at the Maricopa Community Colleges, the Foundation and across our community.

With that said, due to heightened concerns over COVID-19, the 2020

Heroes of Education Recognition Dinner scheduled for April 8, 2020, was postponed. We have over 60 tables committed and will be working in the near future to increase our future attendance. As always, the health of our community, students and employees is of the utmost importance to us and we will share a new date once we have it available. We have also extended our Fall 2020 scholarship deadline to May 31st to allow our students to focus on their health and safety.

During this time, we are actively seeking support from our community and would like to encourage donors who are making gifts to the Foundation to utilize their credit cards. You may also wish to learn how your support of Emergency Funds, Greatest Needs Funds and Food Pantry can help students all across our District during this difficult time. You can [click here](#) or read more about these funds below. If monetary support to our students is not possible, [volunteering](#) to be a scholarship reviewer is another very important step in ensuring our students have access to education.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these unprecedented times together. To best serve our students, donors and community partners, we are working remotely to keep Foundation operations running smoothly, accepting financial support through innovative methods and increasing grant activity that will help address the challenges we all face during this time. These steps that we are taking are just one small measure to ensure that our mutual commitment to accessible and affordable higher education continues effortlessly.

Thank you for your confidence,

Brian F. Spicker
Interim President & CEO
Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation

Scholarship Update



Apply Now For 2020-2021 Scholarships

Now is the time for Maricopa Community College students to apply online for hundreds of scholarships by submitting only one application. Students are automatically matched to scholarships that best fit their application and academic profile.

The deadline to apply for scholarships has been extended from April 20, 2020 to May 31, 2020 to allow our students to focus on their health and safety. For more information visit <https://mcccdf.academicworks.com/>.

Want to make a difference in a student's life? **Be a volunteer scholarship reviewer!** It's a time commitment of just 2 hours over the course of 2 weeks that can be done from the comfort of your own home! For more information visit <https://mcccdf.org/volunteer/>.

Students In Need

I lost my job due to COVID-19. Emergency Funds helped me pay for things I needed for school and for gas. Now, a weight is lifted off of my shoulders.

-DAISY
SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE STUDENT,
EMERGENCY FUNDS RECIPIENT



The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation along with the Maricopa Community Colleges are asking the community for support in three very important ways, to contribute to the success of our students during these uncertain times:

[Emergency Funds](#) were established to help students in need across the Maricopa Community Colleges District so that they can focus on their education and not their financial situation. Donating to Emergency Funds helps students pay for rent, electricity, food, public transportation and so much more during times of hardship. Technology and innovative delivery methods are put in place to deliver these resources to students without any personal contact.

[Food Pantries](#) allow our students to focus on completing their classwork versus focusing on where they are going to get their next meal. These efforts are critical to the academic success for many of our students. Food pantry gifts can be used immediately or when in-person classes resume, as our colleges will be poised to stock their pantries to fill this critical need of food insecurity.

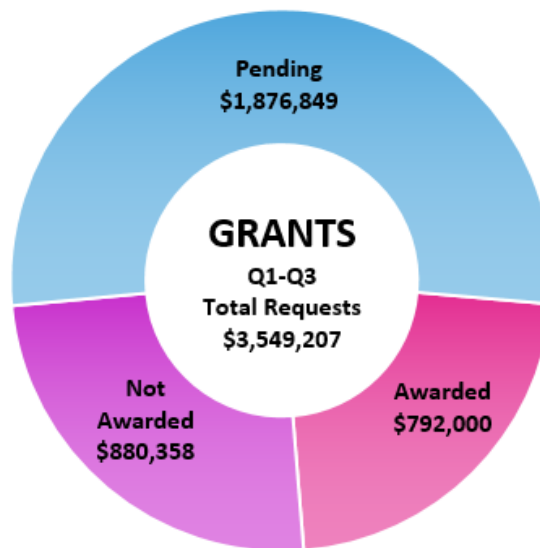
[Greatest Needs Funds](#) benefit all students by providing immediate and flexible funding for urgent needs to support programs and initiatives that benefit all ten of the Maricopa Community Colleges. This core source of financing allows our colleges to address gaps that may be prohibiting our students from obtaining educational opportunities available to them. These needs may be due to a lack of resources across a broad range of circumstances, including urgent technology needs, during this time of distance learning.

To learn more, [click here](#).

Donate To Students In Need

Grant Activity

Maricopa County Community Colleges District Foundation



Recent Awards

State Farm Companies Foundation
BCBS of Arizona
SRP

Philip E and Carole R Ratcliffe Foundation
Verizon

Recent Requests

Gila River Indian Community
Arizona Community Foundation
Wayland Educational Foundation
Office of the Arizona Attorney General



Brewer Companies Helps South Mountain Community College Launch Construction Trades Program

As part of their work to promote trades statewide, Mike Brewer, Founder and CEO, The Brewer Companies and VP of Construction, Steve Baum have been serving in an advisory capacity to South Mountain Community College (SMCC) helping to kick off their construction trades programs in plumbing, framing, and electrical, starting Summer 2020.

Together, with SMCC team and leadership from other trades, Brewer and Baum are helping to develop a program that is efficient, relevant, and will prepare program graduates with the information and skill sets to hit the ground running.

"SMCC has designed programs around certificates in each of the three trades and have a vision for learning and support that is very innovative," Brewer said. "They are deeply committed to elevating the trades as a career and to producing highly-qualified future trades professionals."

For more information visit www.southmountaincc.edu.

Foundation News



Meet Our New Foundation Staff Members

Erin Fleischmann began in January as the Foundation's Network and Systems Administrator. Previously, Erin worked as an independent contractor and has over 10 years' experience in higher education.

Bahiyiyh Maloney joined the Foundation in February as the Fiscal Specialist. Bahiyiyh was an Administrative Specialist Sr at the Office of Development at Mesa Community College and is excited about her new position with our accounting department.

Diana Aguirre-Rosales joined the Foundation in March as the Fiscal Director. In her previous role, she was managing the finances of a \$25M research initiative at Arizona State University (ASU). Diana served in a research finance capacity at ASU for ten years. Diana earned her bachelor's in Business Administration and M.P.A. from Arizona State University.

2018-19 Annual Report

The Foundation's 2018-19 annual report, Partnering for Workforce Success, enthusiastically celebrates our accomplishments, the generosity of our supporters and the actualization of our vision that everyone has the opportunity to improve their lives through education.

Our achievements are apparent in numerous ways throughout the pages of this report, including the enormous success of our Heroes of Education event, the awarding of more than 4,700 scholarships totaling nearly \$3 million and the \$2 million in new funds that were disbursed in 2018-19.

[Click here](#) to read the report.



District News



District Workforce and Economic Development Office to Better Workforce and Industry Needs

Equipping job-seekers with skills needed to succeed in today's workforce is at the core of the mission of the Maricopa Community Colleges. There is an ever-increasing focus on the ability to respond quickly to the needs of the community and business partners to develop solutions for the workforce and to ensure students have opportunities in the most in-demand fields.

The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) Workforce and Economic Development Office assists students with obtaining optimal training and preparation for careers. As part of a new structure, the District has decided to consolidate its various workforce-development efforts under a single centralized office, led by Darcy Renfro as Chief Workforce and Economic Development Officer. This new approach is adapting to how the Colleges train students so that they are well prepared for today's and tomorrow's jobs.

Ms. Renfro most recently served as Chief of Staff to MCCCD Chancellor Maria Harper-Marinick. She has served as Governor Janet Napolitano's policy advisor for workforce, economic development, and higher education and worked at various education non-profits, helping to shape statewide efforts such as the Arizona Education Progress Meter and Achieve60AZ. Ms. Renfro serves on multiple business and community boards, including Achieve60AZ, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, and Phoenix IDA. [Read more.](#)

Community Information



2020 Census Shapes Arizona's Future

The majority of Arizona households have begun to receive their invitation to complete the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail.

The census will help shape the next decade in Arizona, guiding the distribution of more than \$675 billion dollars in federal funding to states that supports important infrastructure and programs that keep our communities safe and healthy. The 2020 Census will also determine Arizona's representation in Washington, D.C.

[Click here](#) to watch a video featuring leaders from across Arizona discussing the importance of the 2020 Census for our state's future. For more information visit www.azcensus2020.gov.

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