

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Featuring the latest news from the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation
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We make post-secondary education accessible and affordable.



"First, I'd like to say thank you so much. I appreciate the financial support you have chosen to give me. I am a science major right now attending my 4th semester at South Mountain Community College (SMCC). This award will help me tremendously with staying focused on school. Last November I had a bad ACL knee tear and had to get surgery. I knew funding would be super tight this semester because I wouldn't be able to work as many hours because of recovery. Now I feel so much relief to be able to focus on school and my overall health. I am currently a student-athlete. I played beach volleyball and golf my freshman year. Then I played indoor women's volleyball my sophomore fall semester and I'll be joining the golf team

again this season. Although I won't be able to play any golf tournaments this year because of my recovery, I will be happy to cheer on my teammates. Being able to receive this award gives me all the more reason to proudly represent SMCC." ***Gracie, South Mountain Community College Student***

[Click here](#) to read more student letters.

Be a Student's Hero

Save The Date For Maricopa Day Of Giving

Once again, the entire Maricopa Community College District will be coming together in support of Be a Student's Hero, which will be celebrated on Thursday, **March 31, 2022**. On this day of giving, the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation and the ten Maricopa Community Colleges will share student stories, highlight college programs, increase awareness and raise money to support the needs of our students so that they can focus on their education.

Last year, during our inaugural event, we raised more than \$67,100 District-wide. This year, our goals are set even higher!

We plan on Be A Student's Hero day of giving raising \$100,000 for where our students need your help most, the **Greatest Needs Fund** - which allows the Foundation to help students in a variety of ways including: access to technology, laptops, wi-fi, textbooks and basic needs support for rent, electricity, food, transportation and more. It allows the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation to meet unforeseen needs, as they arise and **as an added bonus, generous donors have agreed to match donations up to \$10,000!**

Sponsorships are available! Please contact Judy Sanchez, Chief Development Officer, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation by [clicking here](#), or at 480.731.8739.





Fry's Food Stores Donates Additional \$25,500 to Help Feed College Students

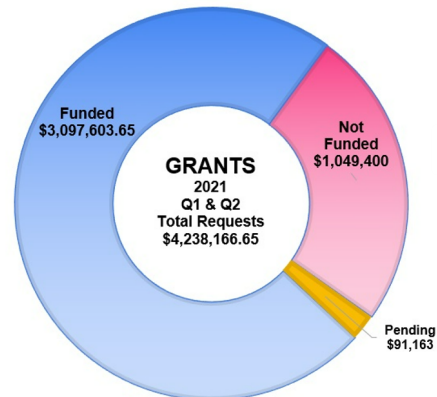
Longstanding partnership enables Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation to provide meals to students in need of food assistance across Maricopa Community Colleges.

The Kroger Co. Foundation in partnership with Fry's Food Stores recently awarded a \$25,500 grant to the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation (MCCCF) to support students struggling with food insecurity. The grant is part of Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste social impact plan to end hunger in communities and eliminate waste across the company by 2025. This is the third grant MCCCF has received as part of this program, bringing Fry's total contribution to \$95,000 in support of fighting hunger on campuses and to support food pantries during campus closures due to the pandemic.

"Fry's is excited to continue our partnership with the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation to help fight food insecurity on campuses across the Valley," said Monica Garnes, president of Fry's Food Stores. "We want students to focus their efforts on studying and achieving great results rather than wondering where their next meal will come from. This donation will help provide additional access to fresh, nutritious food for thousands of local students helping to ensure no student goes hungry."

The Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity founded in 2018, is focused on addressing a fundamental absurdity in our food system: [35% of the food produced in the U.S. is thrown away while 1 in 8 Americans struggle with hunger.](#)

The \$25,500 grant will provide more than 500 students with a \$50 grocery gift card, or fund 10,200 meals valued at \$2.50 each to students in need across all 10 of the Maricopa Community Colleges.



students "said Brian Spicker, President and CEO Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. "This grant, which exemplifies our longstanding partnership with Fry's Food Stores, will immediately and directly benefit struggling students to help keep food on the table so they can focus on their education."



Check out this Fox 10 News interview with our President and CEO Brian Spicker and Dr. Ray Ostos, District Director, Student Affairs, Maricopa Community Colleges, from the Mesa Market at Mesa Community College. Support for food insecurity, like the grant we received from The Kroger Co. Foundation in partnership with Fry's Food Stores, allows for our students to focus on their education and not their next meal.



Center For Entrepreneurial Innovation and Venture Cafe Bring Community Together

The Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation (CEI), a division of GateWay Community College, and Venture Cafe are partnering to bring people from all backgrounds together with the shared vision of building and sustaining an inclusive community that champions innovation in Arizona.

CEI will curate weekly events to connect, inspire, and encourage participants to take positive action and support one another's goals. They will create an inclusive space for "collisions" that lead to personal, professional, and communal growth. Entrepreneurs, researchers,

opportunity to find commonalities, learn from one another, and share resources.

Venture Café is a global learning and innovation community powered by an environment where curious minds and novel technology can tackle the world's biggest challenges and build a better world for all. Venture café's gather over 100,000 visionaries and lifelong learners each year to build strong, inclusive, equitable innovation ecosystems in cities throughout the world.

The Thursday gatherings at CEI located in the new Wexford Science & Technology building in downtown Phoenix will be a community-driven movement to unleash local and state-wide potential and make Arizona stand out even more as a leader in innovation.

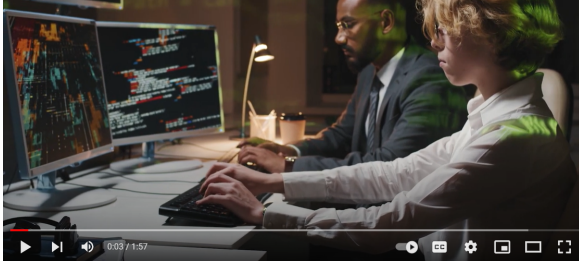
How can you or your organization get involved? Please join CEI and the Foundation's efforts to spread the word, secure sponsorships, program support, ambassadors, and more for this exciting new innovation ecosystem. To learn more, please contact Carly Figman, Community Engagement Coordinator, CEI at Carly.Figman@ceigateway.com or Nilam Patel, Workforce & Industry Development Officer Senior, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation at nilam.patel@domail.maricopa.edu.

Event Gives Dignitaries Chance To View Exciting Business Development Opportunities

On January 31st, the Foundation along with the Maricopa Community College District, hosted a reception for Arizona's legislative representatives at one of the District's newest and exciting assets, the Phoenix Forge Makerspace. Guests had the opportunity to tour and view demonstrations using the cutting-edge tools available for students and the community to create, innovate, and use for their business development needs.

Members of the District's Governing Board, Foundation Board, the Chancellor, College Presidents, faculty, staff and students were all in attendance and had the opportunity to thank the legislators for their commitment to STEM programming and the newly adopted statute allowing baccalaureate degrees at community colleges.





an entire field! Known by CISA as the art of protecting networks, devices, and data, now more than ever we need experts across the field to protect our data.

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Cybersecurity is designed to focus on the necessary skills required to secure, protect and identify vulnerabilities in a network,

including various operating systems and network devices. Emphasis is placed on developing the theoretical, legal, ethical and practical skills needed to maintain security on mission-critical networking and server systems.

[Check out this video](#) to learn more or [click here](#) for program information.

MCCCD Secures Award from Largest U.S. Foundation in Support of Innovative and Affordable Student Success Technology

The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) has received \$499,987 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which will help fund Maricopa's development and implementation of a student success technology suite called ASSIST. ASSIST is an acronym that stands for Academic and Student Success Integrated Support Technology and is designed to empower advisors and other student service professionals with user-friendly access to holistic student data. At the core of Maricopa's solution is an inexpensive, fast, and scalable cloud-based data layer that ingests student data from many disparate systems. The front-end includes a web application layer that presents a single pane of glass experience that advisors and other student support staff need to effectively and efficiently support students.



Buying expensive commercial products and hiring consultants and staff to implement those investments is out of reach for many community colleges. This challenge, coupled with complex data integration and migration issues at scale, inspired the core ideas behind ASSIST, which stands to be an alternative, lower-cost approach.

"We are so excited to share the news about ASSIST, a platform that will provide advisors and student support staff with insights and key information to help students during service experiences," said Mr. Joseph Licata, the technology lead for ASSIST and Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology. "The tools in this suite span several product categories from traditional CRM capabilities to early alert and case management. Not only do we plan to help many of our students across our ten colleges with this technology, but we hope to find ways to share our work with other institutions facing similar challenges."

New Tool For Maricopa Community College Students Applying For Fall 2022 Scholarships

The Foundation is excited to announce the launch of NextGen: a new scholarship platform that combines both College and Foundation scholarships into one, easy-to-use system. Starting March 1st, applicants will find a streamlined system via a new portal where they can submit one Maricopa Community College Foundation General Scholarship Application and be eligible for Foundation, District, and College scholarship opportunities.

"So many were instrumental in bringing this venture to fruition," said Karley Mellberg, Scholarship Fund Administrator, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. "I appreciate their commitment to helping more students have easier access to higher education."

Students wishing to apply for Fall 2022 scholarships can visit mcccd.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com on March 1, 2022 to apply for hundreds of scholarships with just one application.

Apply now for Fall 2022 Scholarships!
Application Deadline April 30, 2022

- Step 1** Navigate to: <https://mcccd.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com>
- Step 2** Select Student Login
- Step 3** Sign in with your MCCI and Password. If you do not know or need to reset your MCCI or Password visit <https://help.maricopa.edu/ID/ResetUser>
- Step 4** Navigate to the Maricopa Community College Foundation General Scholarship Application located in your tasks list
- Step 5** Sign in weekly to complete follow-ups if prompted.
- Step 6** Award notifications will be sent to your student Gmail account.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- Any Maricopa Community College student is encouraged to apply, including dual and credit hour students, as well as students applying out-of-state tuition.
- If you do not have a GPA with a Maricopa College yet, list your High School GPA.
- Hundreds of scholarships, one application! Applications are applied to scholarships based on student answers.
- The FAFSA is not required to be considered for scholarships.

ESSAY WRITING TIPS:

- Be positive, be realistic- Be descriptive.
- Reflect on your life goals and career aspirations.
- Share your unique story.
- Use Word to check for spelling errors.
- Have a friend or family member proofread your paragraph for grammatical errors.
- Take advantage of your College writing center.

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For more information, contact the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation at foundation.scholarships@webmail.maricopa.edu



Judy Sanchez Named 2021-2022 League Excellence Award Recipient

Congratulations to Judy Sanchez, Chief Development Officer, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, who has been named as a League Excellence Award Recipient by the League for Innovation in the Community College, an international nonprofit organization with a mission to cultivate innovation in the community college environment. The League of Excellence Award recognizes leaders in the community college field who have made a significant difference in the lives of students and the communities they serve.

Over the course of her tenure with the Maricopa Community Colleges, Judy has introduced numerous initiatives and ideas to facilitate positive change, exceed philanthropic revenue goals, improve organizational efficiency and productivity, and build meaningful relationships with internal and external constituents. Highlights include her leadership in creating a fundraising strategy resulting in colleges exceeding their revenue goals during the 5-year *Campaign For Student Success*, which raised a total of \$50,678,167 to benefit our students and colleges and spearheading the Foundation's response to the 11,000% increase

development and alumni relations program at Glendale Community College, transforming and aligning it to meet national higher education fundraising standards.

Judy has a passion for making education possible for anyone who has a desire to achieve a college education. As a first-generation college student, she knows firsthand the impact education can have on an entire family and the financial struggle associated with obtaining post-secondary education. She has personally mentored numerous students and employees across the District through the Latino Leadership Academy, Women's Leadership Group and College mentorship programs and also teaches various Communication classes at Maricopa including Intercultural Communication and Public Speaking.

"Judy has made a difference in our District, exemplifies the mission of the Foundation, and positively impacts students in Maricopa County," said Brian Spicker, President and CEO, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. "Her skills, knowledge, innovative ideas, willingness to help others, and dedication to Maricopa Community Colleges all make her an outstanding recipient for this award and I thank the committee for their recognition."

Charitable Bequests Make It Easy To Support The Foundaiton

Have you thought about leaving a gift to the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation? Designating the Foundation in your will or living trust helps ensure that we continue our vision that everyone has the opportunity to improve their lives through education, for years to come. [Click here](#) to watch a video that explains how easy it is to make a chartable bequest.



There are many opportunities for including the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation in your estate plan that provide high-quality, affordable options for higher education and workforce training. To uncover an option that works best with your goals, visit our planned giving site at mcccdf.planmylegacy.org.

Have you signed up to support the Foundation through a loyalty program?

When you shop using [AmazonSmile](#) and designate the Foundation, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases back to the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation.

[Fry's Community Rewards](#) is another program that can support our students as well with every eligible purchase you make with your Fry's VIP card. Simply log-in to your Fry's account and search for the Maricopa Community College District Foundation either by name or LV566 and click ENROLL.



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