Our Mission

“MCC serves our communities, empowering students to succeed through innovative pathways and quality education.”

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM

April 27, 2023
Bullhead City Campus
Welcome!

This is a day of celebration as we near the end of the semester. The students honored today demonstrated something special that caught the attention of Mohave Community College faculty and staff members. Whether it was diligence, work ethic, service, improvement, aptitude, achievement, or some combination of meritorious traits, we offer special recognition and our very best collective wishes to these outstanding individuals. Simultaneously, we acknowledge the fact that each of our students is worthy of recognition, many having overcome significant challenges. The recognition bestowed upon individuals at the annual Student Recognition Ceremony may be considered emblematic of the honor owed to many more students, and we hope that each award recipient accepts our congratulations on behalf of their deserving peers.

Dean of Student and Community Engagement
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The Anthony Dominguez Student Leader of the Year Award is named after a beloved student at Mohave Community College, Lake Havasu City campus. He was as a student leader and an energetic life force on campus and in his community; who embodied all of MCC’s values. He lived authentically, engaged fearlessly, and along with his peers, was building and creating a better future for our community.

Tragically we lost Anthony in a car accident on August 13, 2022, but just prior to his death he left us with these lasting words from the annual Student Leadership Retreat: To be read....

Nominated & Presented by: Gary E. Cooper,
Dean of Student and Community Engagement

Recipient: To Be Announced
All-Arizona Academic Team Awards

The All-Arizona Academic Team is part of a national All-USA recognition program co-sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, USA Today, and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

All-Arizona Academic Team members are those students who (by virtue of their Outstanding Academic Achievement, Outstanding Leadership and demonstrated Service to their Community) have won the highly competitive undergraduate tuition scholarship. These scholarships are offered to a select number of community college transfer students planning to attend one of the three state universities and pursue their first Bachelor degree.

Acknowledged by: Gary E. Cooper,
Dean of Student and Community Engagement

Recipients:
Christopher Hadley
Ian Fleming

Purpose
Student recognition is a campus event under the sponsorship of the office of the campus dean, student services, and instruction. The event gives faculty and staff an opportunity to recognize students for their outstanding accomplishments during the school year.

Awards

Outstanding Achievement Awards are given to students who are at all stages of their educational goals — from new students to students who are graduating. Students can be in transitional courses or sophomore-level courses. Some may have high GPAs, and some may not, but they have made great strides to accomplish a task or educational goal. Nominations are made by faculty, staff and program directors.

Outstanding Service Awards may be given to members of the Student Activities Council and to members of campus clubs or organizations for their leadership and service to the college and community.

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The Pinnacle Award was created to recognize students who are graduating from a degree program, who meet an established GPA, and who have contributed to the college or community through service, scholarship, and leadership endeavors. Nominations are made by faculty and staff.
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**Academic Awards**

**Outstanding Achievement**  
**Life Sciences (Microbiology)**
Nominated by: Eric Osborn  
Presented by: Alison Yee

*Recipients:*
Crisy Trowbridge  
Vanessa Fortin

**Outstanding Achievement**  
**Life Sciences (Biology)**
Nominated & Presented by: Alison Yee

*Recipient:*
Emma Morrison

Nominated by: Eric Osborn  
Presented by: Alison Yee

*Recipient:*
Trinity Riley

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**Campus Dean’s Award**

The “Campus Dean’s Award” is given in recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, citizenship and service.

Nominated & Presented by:  
Gary E. Cooper,  
Dean of Student and Community Engagement

*Recipient:*
To Be Announced
The “MCC Pinnacle Award” is given to students who have been approved as fall 2022 graduates or are candidates for graduation in spring 2023 from a degree program.

Other criteria for this award include proven academic achievement, scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to MCC, and potential for future achievement.

Nominated by: BHC Faculty & Staff
Presented by: Gar ychy E. Cooper,
Dean of Student and Community Engagement

Recipient:
Aileen Martinez Lopez
Emma Morrison
Ian Fleming

Outstanding Achievement Mathematics
Nominated & Presented by: Melinda Sobraske

Recipient:
Gina Palacios
Rebecca Merritt

Outstanding Achievement Business
Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Erik Jones

Recipient:
Alexis Esser
Kris Patel
Samantha Ochoa

Outstanding Achievement English
Nominated & Presented by: Beau Rogers

Recipient:
Elizabeth Labor
Melody Lucas
Nominated & Presented by: Joe Ketchum

Recipient:
Bat Lilith Kingsley
Taylor Lapoint
Outstanding Achievement
Social & Behavioral Sciences
Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Cole Stewart

Recipients:
Emma Morrison
Mikayla Dillon-Wilkie

Outstanding Achievement
Spanish
Nominated & Presented by: Susanlee Martino

Recipients:
Clementine Fritz
Jake Samaan
Samantha Guenther

Outstanding Achievement
Computer Science
Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Fay Cover

Recipient:
Ian Young
Nominated by: Gerald Gridiron
Presented by: Dr. Fay Cover

Recipient:
Vanessa Martinez (President)

Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association (SADHA)
Nominated by: Tracy Gift, Advisor
Presented by: Dani Walker, RDH, MEd.

Recipients:
Allison Blystone-Pemberton (President)
Amine Abuhadba (Vice President)
Brandi Baker (1st Yr. Representative)
Caryn Bargerhuff (1st Yr. Representative)
Justine Melendrez (Historian)
Karli Moline (Treasurer)
Taylor Sheets (Secretary)

Student Nurses’ Organization (SNO)
Nominated & Presented by: Valerie Warner, RN, MSN, Advisor

Recipient:
Julia Camacho (President)

Student Activities Council (SAC)
Nominated By: Gary E. Cooper, Advisor

Recipient:
Vanessa Martinez (President)
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Service Awards

**Arts Club**
Nominated & Presented by: Joseph Ketchum, Advisor

**Recipients:**
Emma Morrison (President)
Samantha Burkes (Secretary)

**Business Club**
Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Erik Jones, Advisor

**Recipients:**
Erin Lynch (President)
Vanessa Martinez (Vice President)

**Psychology Club ~ Psyched Out**
Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Cole Stewart, Advisor

**Recipient:**
Joseph Solis (President)

**Chess Club**
Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Cole Stewart, Advisor

**Recipient:**
Joseph Solis (Treasurer)

Outstanding Achievement

**Dental Assisting**
Nominated by: Tracy Gift, Director of Dental Programs & Ryne Melstrom
Presented by: Tonya Wade, CDA, BS

**Recipient:**
Claudia Aispuro

**Dental Hygiene**
Nominated by: Tracy Gift, Director of Dental Programs & Ryne Melstrom

**Recipient:**
Karli Moline

**Recipient:**
Caryn Bargerhuff
Outstanding Achievement

Nursing
Nominated & Presented by: Valerie Warner, RN, MSN

Recipient:
Addison Custer

Outstanding Achievement

HVAC/R
Nominated & Presented by: Darrell Pohlman

Recipients:
Enrique Castro
Matthew Panduro
Thomas Nunn

Outstanding Achievement

Welding
Nominated & Presented by: Zach Drew

Recipients:
Aidan Frazier
Clint Kemnitz
Jaden Winegardner

Outstanding Achievement

English Language Acquisition
Nominated by: Aga Cook
Presented by: Mariam Yesayan

Recipient:
Rene Diaz-Elias

Recipients:
Anastolia Polanco Estrada
Chun Yin
Juliza Salomon
Lorena Silva
Yu Aune
Nominated by: Aga Cook & Mariam Yesayan
Presented by: Mariam Yesayan

Recipient:
Rebecca Ordon'ez