



### **Our Mission**

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

**MCC** Mohave  
Community  
College

IMPROVING LIVES. IMPROVING COMMUNITIES.

# ***STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM***

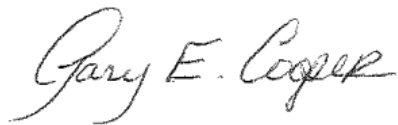
***April 27, 2023***

***Bullhead City Campus***

*STUDENT RECOGNITION  
AWARDS PROGRAM  
2022 – 2023*

**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.



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Bullhead City Campus

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**Anthony Dominguez**  
**Student Leader**  
**of the**  
**Year Award**

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**

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# 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**

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## **Pinnacle Award**

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

*Recipients:*

**Aileen Martinez Lopez**

**Emma Morrison**

**Ian Fleming**

## *Outstanding Achievement*

### *Mathematics*

Nominated & Presented by: Melinda Sobraske

*Recipients:*

**Gina Palacios**

**Rebecca Merritt**

## *Outstanding Achievement*

### *Business*

Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Erik Jones

*Recipients:*

**Alexis Esser**

**Kris Patel**

**Samantha Ochoa**

## *Outstanding Achievement*

### *English*

Nominated & Presented by: Beau Rogers

*Recipients:*

**Elizabeth Labor**

**Melody Lucas**

Nominated & Presented by: Joe Ketchum

*Recipients:*

**Bat Lilith Kingsley**

**Taylor Lapoint**

*Outstanding Achievement*

*Social & Behavioral Sciences*

Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Cole Stewart

*Recipients:*

**Emma Morrison**

**Mikayla Dillon-Wilkie**

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*Outstanding Achievement*

*Spanish*

Nominated & Presented by: Susanlee Martino

*Recipients:*

**Clementine Fritz**

**Jake Samaan**

**Samantha Guenther**

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*Outstanding Achievement*

*Computer Science*

Nominated & Presented by: Dr. Fay Cover

*Recipient:*

**Ian Young**

Nominated by: Gerald Gridiron

Presented by: Dr. Fay Cover

*Recipients:*

**Alexander Vela**

**James Dougal**

*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)**

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*Student Nurses' Organization (SNO)*

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

*Recipient:*

**Julia Camacho (President)**

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*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**

## *Outstanding Achievement*

### *Dental Hygiene*

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

Presented by: Dani Walker, RDH, Med.

#### *Recipient:*

**Karli Moline**

Nominated & Presented by: Ryne Melstrom

#### *Recipient:*

**Caryn Bargerhuff**

***Outstanding Achievement***

***Nursing***

Nominated & Presented by: Valerie Warner, RN, MSN

***Recipient:***

**Addison Custer**

***Outstanding Achievement***

***Welding***

Nominated & Presented by: Zach Drew

***Recipients:***

**Aidan Frazier**

**Clint Kemnitz**

**Jaden Winegardner**

***Outstanding Achievement***

***HVAC/R***

Nominated & Presented by: Darrell Pohlman

***Recipients:***

**Enrique Castro**

**Matthew Panduro**

**Thomas Nunn**

***Outstanding Achievement***

***English Language Acquisition***

Nominated by: Aga Cook

Presented by: Mariam Yesayan

***Recipient:***

**Rene Diaz-Elias**

Nominated & Presented by: Mariam Yesayan, Faculty

***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**