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CGCC Innovation of the Year “Connecting Community & College: Teaching & Learning Sustainability & CGCC’s Sustainability Week Showcase”

CGCC’s cross-disciplinary sustainability team educates and engages students all year, culminating in a signature event in April. CGCC Sustainability Week features films and speakers. On Sustainability Day Biology, Humanities, Sustainability, Geology students showcase their projects to CGCC, the community, and Humphrey Elementary students through hands-on activities and student-led projects. This yearly event at CGCC is a brilliant example of collaboration, community outreach, and innovation on behalf of student success and a true model of embracing CGCC’s Mission and Values.

Diversity Advisory Council Award of Excellence Recognition Winner

Holocaust Railcar and “And Then They Came for Us” Exhibit and Related Events

The Coordinator of Service-Learning Alex Cannell, Communication Faculty Vanessa Sandoval, the East Valley Jewish Community Center, and the City of Chandler Diversity Office coordinated the powerful Holocaust Railcar and “Then They Came for Us....” Genocide Exhibit at CGCC.

Each day there was a speaker, author, or artist that linked their work to the history of the Holocaust. The railcar, which is same type that Nazi Germany used to transport Holocaust victims to labor and death camps during WWII, was on campus 3/30/2016. An estimated 300 people toured the railcar and displays and participated in discussions with
Holocaust survivor, George Kalman in that one-day event. An estimated 900 students, faculty, staff, and community members experienced the week-long events, and news stations on Channel 3, 5, and 10 brought this story to the broader community. Displays, like the rail car and the exhibits, provide an ability to see, touch and listen to information, which acknowledges and verifies the past events, history, and human experience in a tangible way. Student success is about providing opportunities like this for our students to be a part of, where they can connect what they are learning in the classroom to real world experiences. It was an emotional event where people cried as they read the stories and heard the voices in the exhibit. Many requests have been made to bring the railcar and exhibits back to campus.

CGCC received 13 nominations for the DAC Award this year - far more than any other college in the District. This demonstrates our dedication to diversity and inclusion at CGCC. Please join us in congratulating the other 12 nominees!

**DAC AWARD Honorable Nominees (in no particular order)**

Dr. Belinda Ramos, Faculty Psychology
Dr. David Munoz, Faculty Religious Studies
Hispanic Student Organization & Advisors
Mary Buscema, Career Center Specialist, Higley Unified School District
Community Day at Williams
Pedro Murillo, Custodial Services
DRS Connect
Dr. Enjolie Lafaurie, Faculty Psychology
Writing On Mentor Street
Dr. Bill Crawford, Vice President of Student Affairs
Mary Harris, Adjunct Faculty Library
Employee Picnic

**David Munoz - Alberto Rios Outstanding Literary/Arts Award by Victoria Foundation**

The Alberto Rios Outstanding Literacy/Art Award is named after renowned Arizona poet and long-time Arizona State University professor Alberto Rios. The award recognizes the contributions of local educators who have made a significant impact on literacy and art in education.
Dr. Fabio Correa, Awarded a sabbatical for Fall 2017 to create an electronic open-use manual for students registered in Health Care Spanish 1 & 2

The purpose of this Sabbatical is to create a free open-use electronic manual for any student registered in Health Care Spanish (SPA 117). The manual, which is supplemented by some Open Educational Resources, will also have a printable version at no cost to the students. This manual will be divided into thematic units to teach students expressions and vocabulary that they can easily apply in different medical settings. Students will have access to audio as well for proper pronunciation and to grammar structures to enhance their language knowledge.

By creating this manual, students not only will learn the necessary vocabulary and expressions to speak in basic Spanish but will also satisfy the demand of a more efficient communication between Spanish-speaking patients and medical personnel in the area. By the end of the project, any MCCD Spanish faculty interested in teaching this course will have access to its content for free use.

Julie McCarthy, Dr. Kimberly Burrola, Alexandra Burack, Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Members, MCCCD Adjunct Faculty Association

Julie McCarty – Because of the diversity of our student population at CGCC I like to encourage students to creatively engage with the story of the past and to make that story their own. One semester I offered extra credit to students who came to class in a historically appropriate costume and gave a 5 minute presentation regarding who it was they were portraying and his or her significance to the story of the past. One student came to class wrapped head to toe in aluminum foil. Who was he? He was “the shot heard round the world!” He gave a great presentation!

Dr. Kimberly Burrola – Kimberly Burrola was born and raised in Miliiani, Hawaii. Her experiences living in a multi-cultural environment as well as being a first-generation college student has shaped her educational journey, research interests, and teaching philosophy. Having the honor of teaching and mentoring a diverse set of students has resulted in a feeling of “coming full circle” as she now has the opportunity to encourage, care for, and inspire students. She believes that, just like our students,
educators must be life-long learners, set goals for themselves, and dream big!

Alexandra Burack – Prof. Alexandra Burack has taught Creative Writing, Composition, and Literature/Poetry since 1980. She created The Question Tree, an innovative writing/literature pedagogy, and Ekphrastica, a creative writing/art collaboration. Her awards include a Pushcart Prize nomination; a CT Commission on the Arts Fellowship in Poetry; Excellence in Teaching & Mentoring awards from CT’s The Learning Annex; a Commendation in the U.K.’s Poets-of-the-Year competition; and First Place in the Federal Community Health Promotion Grant Awards. An AZ Master Teacher, she serves CGCC through her active participation in the AFA, and the Textbook and Creative Arts Committees of the CCL Division.

Amy Ralston-Beike,
2017 Meritorious Service Award, Community College Counseling Association

Amy Ralston – Beike, adjunct counselor Williams Campus received the 2017 Meritorious Service Award by the American Counseling Association. This award is presented to an individual that has demonstrated service to the profession of college counseling and/or to ACCA; this award is offered in three categories: community/technical college setting; college or university population under 5,000; and college or university population over 5,000.

Amy took over a very challenging position in Fall 2015, as the sole counselor for CGCC’s Williams campus which is home to career & technical programs as well as academic divisions. Adding to the challenge of being the only counselor at Williams is that her position is part-time, so she only has 25 hours/week to serve the campus, and the Counseling Services program overall is newly re-established at this college (Fall 2014).

Dr. Kimberly Chuppa-Cornell and Dr. Frank Wilson,
CGCC 2016 John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award

Dr. Kim Chuppa-Cornell has been a dedicated and thoroughly involved and engaged member of the Chandler-Gilbert Community College faculty since 1994. Kim has taught classes in a variety of disciplines including English Composition, Women’s History, Banned Books and Critical Research to countless students in a variety of formats including Hybrid, online and Learning Communities.
Kim has been involved in Faculty Development, Service Learning, the Honors Program, and Network for Excellence and Peer Assistance programs for new faculty.

Kim has organized Banned Book and Poetry read-outs, participated in a variety of Oral History Projects including the Bracero Project and the Latino Americans Oral History Project. She has also collaborated with the Gilbert Historical Society and the City of Chandler on a variety of Oral History projects as well.

Kim has written and co-written MCLI grants that brought Chris Crutcher, Marge Piercy, Terry Tempest Williams, Martin Espada and Leslie Marmon Silko to Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

An exemplary faculty member, Kim is fully engaged in research and scholarship by publishing articles and presenting at conferences. Kim's number one concern though is our students. Everything she does is student centered and focused on their learning.

Dr. Frank Wilson is a master teacher whose students speak highly of him. He has collaborated with Math faculty to create a curriculum that makes real world applications central to math instruction. Frank maintains strong relationships as a leader of a division that routinely gets involved with the community and area high schools.

He assists and supports other academic divisions. He is always available to consult with fellow chairs and faculty members and actively supports a collaborative approach to problem solving. He has worked collaboratively to secure grants and responsibly delegate funds to the betterment of student success in multiple academic arenas.

Frank has served the college and district in leadership capacities. As chair of the college’s assessment committee, division chair, faculty senate president, and member of the district committee that negotiates working conditions and salary schedules, he has always sought creative solutions to problems in the name of equity and transparency. He negotiates logically and calmly in the face of adversity and emotionally sensitive situations. Frank communicates professionally and serves his college with humility and consistency.
Jennifer Peterson, Educator of the Year, Gilbert Excellence Award

Jennifer Peterson is an Early Childhood and Teacher Education faculty member at Chandler-Gilbert Community College and has built a successful career on being student-centric and a true champion of the art of teaching. Her depth of experience and knowledge in the areas of adult learning and faculty professional growth and development afford her a vast array of resources when working to educate, inspire and improve students and faculty alike. Furthermore, her commitment to personal and professional growth make her an effective leader, occasioning her to constantly improve and subsequently add more value to her programs and community.

For example, Jennifer took the lead in developing and expanding the Day of Learning into a conference-like experience with 30 workshops and 40 presenters spring 2016 and then expanded to a full fledge conference experience of 35 workshops and over 50 presenters in fall 2016. This leadership extends to every aspect of her work resulting in a remarkable trail of progress and advancement in her wake.

In all that Jennifer does, she contributes to CGCC’s mission and values both as CTL Liaison by facilitating the implementation of instructional innovations; and as a teacher, preparing students to teach with energy, passion and commitment. Jennifer is deserving of this Community Excellence Award and much more. Si Se Puede scholars on reading and writing. Through their work, many students are now learning what it takes to persevere and get admitted to college.

Iris Ishikawa, Staff Employee of the Year, Gilbert Excellence Award

Iris Ishikawa is the Administrative Secretary for the Performing Arts Department at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, and she is the living proof of the power of positive thinking. Regardless of the challenges she faces, her approach always begins with the phrase “we will figure it out”.

And “figure it out” she has for 21 years at CGCC, and continues to do so each day by supporting four busy performance programs with scheduling, administration and communications not to mention being constantly available to students to answer questions and to offer guidance. Ultimately, Iris is a professional problem solver, and she does so with excellence.
As the Performing Arts Department programs grow at a faster pace than budgets, Iris has shown this excellence in her unrelenting ability to stretch resources, plug holes, build bridges and to ensure that the show goes on. All of these qualities and much more make Iris a natural leader who embodies the qualities and spirit CGCC’s mission and values and as such could not be more deserving of this esteemed recognition.

Dr. Mary Zimmerer and Dr. Tricia Sindel-Arrington, Educator of the Year, Si Se Puede Foundation

Drs. Mary Zimmerer and Tricia Sindel-Arrington are a team that goes above and beyond to prepare students for their futures. Through powerful relationships with their colleagues and the community, the duo has designed a RDG 100 experience that not only strengthens students’ ability to critically read and analyze, but also integrates service learning projects that positively impacts the youth in the Chandler-Gilbert community. Their students engage in projects that span the spectrum of issues facing teens and communities, such as drug/alcohol abuse, depression, succeeding in school and beyond, and dropout prevention. Since instituting the service learning component to their curriculum in 2015, their students have logged in over 1700 hours of service to youth in the community.

Alison Travis, Academic Advisor “Making an Impact” Award

Thomas Hudson, Academic Advisor “Team Player” Award

District Academic Advisement Council

The “Making an Impact” and “Team Player” are peer-nominated awards, six in all, were established by this year’s conference planning committee at the recommendation of the District Academic Advisement Council, to recognize excellence in the profession of academic advising. These individuals support the success of our students through fostering positive student and professional relationships. In the day-to-day business of serving students, advisors may not consistently receive recognition for the impact they make. We hope this recognition will show the recipients they are truly appreciated and inspire them toward continued success.

Alexandra Cannell Wendt, 2016 CGCC WLG Woman of Distinction Award

Alexandra Cannell is an incredible leader, innovator and role model at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. As Coordinator of Service-Learning, she devotes her work to building and maintaining relationships with community organizations to provide unique service-learning opportunities
for students, faculty and staff at CGCC. Each semester she collaborates with these organizations which include Habitat for Humanity, Into the Streets, Chandler Christian Community Center, Matthew’s Crossing and more to meet classroom learning objectives and address real-world issues.

Alex is also a well-organized, team-oriented professional whose passion for service inspires the many faculty who benefit from her programs. Alex works with her fellow educators to share best practices of how service-learning is most effectively incorporated into classroom curriculum which brings more meaning to students’ experiences.

Every day Alex embraces the challenges of bringing faculty, staff, and community members together because she passionately believes in the importance of service-learning in our community for all members involved. It is through the connections she creates that service-learning is building a stronger community that serves our current and future students. CGCC is honored to have Alexandra Cannell as its service-learning leader, making the world a more beautiful place one project at a time.

**Tim Brown, Instructor & Recruit Training Officer for LETA**

Tim Brown has been a staff member for the past 5 years at our LETA program in addition to his full time position as a police officer at Gilbert PD. He was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. CGCC congratulates him and wishes him well in his new position.
2017 Employee Awards and Recognition

Special Honors

- **Dr. Carol Edwards (Adjunct Faculty),** - Board member of TODOS: Mathematics for All, a national affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, whose mission is to advocate for equity & high quality mathematics education for all students-in particular Latina/o students

- **Virgina Edwards,** Created Pop On Over/Campus Social-Faculty & staff meet with students to chat, share information, network, etc.

- **David Finley,** Elected as an “At-Large" Council Member to the National Learning Communities Assoc. (LCA)

- **Alice Hays,** (Adjunct Faculty) served as Secretary and recieved a Rising Star award for Leadership in the Arizona English Teachers Association. Founding President of the Conference of English Educators Graduate Strand Affiliate at ASU. Co-editor of the Growing Scholars Chronicle for the National CEE-GSA. Nominated for Outstanding Adjunct for CGCC.

- **Bernadette La Mazza,** Her one act play, “Cluelessly Automated” won at the 2016 Pandora Festival of Plays & was put on at Phoenix College and Appointed to the Board of Directors for AZ Chess Central, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to the development & promotion of scholastic chess

- **George Mulloy,** Selected as 1 of 10 individuals as American Family Insurance’s “Fearless Dreamers.”

- **Beverly Smith-Dawson (Adjunct Faculty),** Her screenplay “Retirement” was accepted as a Top Ten Short by the Cinequest Film Festival & Cinequest Mavericks Studio

- **Steven Phalen (Adjunct Faculty),** Appointed to my second 2-year term as a member of the American Library Assoc. Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)
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Publications and Presentations

- **Dr. Camille DiScala**, Completed a second edition of my Anatomy Lab Manual - used in BIO 160, Fall 2016 semester
- **Dr. David Munoz**, Wrote a book: Insanities, Soundness & Reality: A Collection of Short Stories Told Perhaps by the Same Person

- **Dr. Scott Adamson**, Co-authored a published article with Dr. Frank Wilson with the American Mathematical Society titled: “Inverse Functions: We’re Teaching It All Wrong.”
- **Dr. Fabio Correa**, Co-authored an article publication: “Moving Images: LGBTQ Films for A New Millennium.” Publication date: May 2017 - 2017 Boston Pride Guide
- **Virgina Edwards**, Created Pop On Over/Campus Social-Faculty & staff meet with students to chat, share information, network, etc.
- **Joshua Gottry**, **Leadership roles**: Chair of the Percussive Arts Society Composition Committee (2011-2016), Editor of Rhythm!Scene (Jan. 2017) 
  **Articles published**: An Interview with Escape 10 in Rhythm!Scene, The next Thing You Should Buy is a Cajon in Rhythm!Scene Compositions published: Framed for percussion quartet, Pipllets for percussion ensemble & Ups & Downs for percussion ensemble

- **Donna Thompson**, Co-authored an article publication: “Moving Images: LGBTQ Films for A New Millennium.” Publication date: May 2017 - 2017 Boston Pride Guide 
  : Co-authored with Paquita Garatea (former History faculty @ CGCC) an article publication: “Petticoats, Pumps, Pantyhose & Pxxx: Creating Student Success Through a Women’s Studies Learning Community.” It will be published in a forthcoming book “Theory & Praxis: Women’s & Gender Studies @ Community Colleges

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Degrees and Certificates

- **Cristine Cline**, Associate of Arts Degree, Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- **Heather Frengley**, Office Word 2013, Microsoft Office Word 2013 Expert 1 & 2
- **Alice Hays**, Ph.D., English Education, Arizona State University (adjunct faculty)
- **Joan Kraszewski**, Received “16 out of 16” National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) credentials for Financial Aid
- **Melissa (Missy) Romero**, Received “16 out of 16” National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) credentials for Financial Aid
- **Cristina Ruiz**, Bachelor of Science Education, Northern Arizona University
- **Michael Santaro**, Ph.D., Geography, Arizona State University
- **Scott Wickham**, Received his “CompTia Security+” certification for cybersecurity
- **Mary Zimmerer**, Ed.D., Sam Houston State University
Dr. Scott Adamson and Linda Meng, have re-enlisted with the Department of Defense Education Agency (DoDEA) to teach Mathematics to U.S. educators at military bases overseas.

For the second year in a row, Dr. Adamson and Professor Meng joined a cohort through the Charles A. Dana Center International Facilitation Fellow Program – a DoDEA Mathematics Professional Learning Initiative, to be trained in Austin, TX and subsequently deployed to their individually assigned bases. DoDEA serves over 75,000 military dependent students across the Pacific, U.S., and Europe. DoDEA is transitioning to the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (CCSSM) as its College and Career Ready Standards. This transition began with elementary schools in 2015-2016 and extended to secondary schools in 2016-2017. In 2015, Meng served at the U.S. Army Base in Daegu, South Korea and Adamson was at the U.S. Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan. This year Meng and Adamson were assigned to U.S. Army Garrison, Ansbach, Germany and U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan respectfully.

Dr. Monika Bilka, 2017 Samuel P. Hays Research Fellowship Award from the American Society for Environmental History Organization (ASEH), an international organization.

The Samuel P. Hays Research Fellowship is awarded to one scholar a year whose work advances the field of environmental history. This fellowship will support Monika’s archival research for her book manuscript titled “Remaking a People, Restoring a Watershed: Klamath Tribal Empowerment through Natural Resource Activism, 1960-2015.”
Emeritus Distinction

Dr. Rosemary Leary
Dr. Leary’s commitment to her student’s learning and success, passion for excellence in her work, and service to the profession at the national, state, district and college level represent a body of work leading us to recommend her for this honor. During Dr. Leary’s tenure with the Maricopa Community Colleges, her interest was and is on how students learn chemistry. Specifically she focused on how to structure chemistry content to engage her students while simultaneously facilitating the students’ efforts to link abstract concepts with real world problem solving.

Rosemary Leary has been an exceptional instructor, educational leader and innovator her entire career here at Maricopa. She has taught chemistry courses ranging from fundamental chemistry to biochemistry and everything in between. Before coming to CGCC Rosemary was one of the founding Faculty of EMCC in August of 1996. She served as the Faculty Senate President, MIL Fellow, and Maricopa Faculty China Fellow, as well as numerous college and district committees in her time there. Rosemary joined CGCC’s Faculty in the fall of 2008 and has served as a PAR Peer mentor, Chemistry Liaison to the Learning College, College Team Participant in the Learning Summit, Co-Chair of the Maricopa Priorities Steering Team, Faculty Advisor, member of the Program Review Task Force, and the Biotechnology Advisory Board. Rosemary has been a vital member of the Chemistry Team here at CGCC setting a standard of teaching excellence in the classroom and the laboratory. Rosemary has received numerous honors for innovation and has served as reviewer for science journals, for example the Journal of College Science Teaching and Science and Children, and national programs, the National Science Foundation’s Assessment of Student Achievement in Undergraduate Education and National Research Council.

Diane Travers Shipman
In 1987, Diane Travers Shipman was hired as CGCC’s first residential Communication faculty member. The following year she became the inaugural chair of the Communication and Fine Arts division, serving for three terms. Diane returned for an additional two terms as division chair near the end of her career. She was the founding advisor for one of CGCC’s community service organizations known as the HELP Club (Hands Enriching Lives Projects). The HELP club enthusiastically serves local agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, the Chandler/Gilbert Arc, Arizona PBS Channel 8 pledge drives, Chandler Christian Community Center, Paz de Cristo and Improving Chandler Area Neighborhoods. In
addition to these endeavors, Diane was faculty liaison to the Service-Learning and Honors programs, and served on a multitude of college committees. During her tenure, Diane completed a certificate in Women’s Studies and post-graduate work in higher education. Her first Maricopa Community College connection was as a Mesa Community College student from 1979-1981. Upon completing subsequent degrees at Northern Arizona University and West Virginia University, Diane returned to teach Communication classes as an adjunct at Rio Salado, Scottsdale, Mesa and Chandler-Gilbert. She also worked at District Office in 1985 as a Professional Staff member in Employee Development and Human Resources. Over the 31 years Diane dedicated to Maricopa Community Colleges, she has received many awards and recognitions including National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award, the MCCD Diversity Award, and the CGCC Service-Learning Award. Diane was an active participant in CGCC celebrations and events, and for many years dominated the blue ribbon category for her homemade salsa.

Sharon Fagan

After establishing herself as an outstanding classroom teacher in Mesa Public Schools, Sharon Fagan joined the English faculty at CGCC in 1995. Over the past 27 years her extraordinary contributions to her teaching disciplines, CGCC and the Maricopa District—as well as her positive impact on students—have been and will continue to be an inspiration to all of us. Sharon is a dedicated and visionary teacher and leader, and it is not an exaggeration to say she is the personification of the art of teaching and faculty professional development at CGCC. Her extensive background and experience in educational methods, curriculum, assessment, and classroom management have shaped the teaching philosophies of thousands of students and have served as the basis of numerous faculty development and mentoring programs enabling faculty at CGCC and throughout the District to hone their instructional skills while mastering the art of teaching. Sharon is a master teacher who has served in a wide range of leadership positions: As English faculty she chaired the Arizona English Teachers Association Statewide Conference for 4
years, the Teachers for Peace conference for 3 years, and she served as CGCC's First-year Composition Coordinator for 5 years; In 2000 Sharon co-founded CGCC's Teacher Education Program at the Pecos Campus and transitioned from English to Education faculty; she went on to serve as the Teacher Education Program Coordinator for 15 years and chaired the Maricopa District Teacher Education Instructional Council for 3 years; her involvement in the Instructional Council included organizing and presenting District-wide Teacher Education Dialog Days for 4 years; Sharon brought wide recognition to CGCC's Teacher Education Program by organizing and hosting many annual meetings of the San Tan Education Advisory Council and through longstanding service-learning projects at Humphrey Elementary, CGCC's adopted school; annual events for Humphrey students in which Sharon played a key role include Dr. Seuss's Birthday, Book Joy Jamboree, Celebration of Culture, and Diversity Day. As if all this program and discipline-related leadership were not enough, Sharon somehow made time for a central role in the following College activities: She served CGCC and the District as a Faculty Development Coordinator for 10 years; she established the College's new faculty orientation and mentorship program in 1996, and continued to improve the program by introducing and co-directing CGCC's professional learning community, the Network for Excellence, for 5 years, and through the recent addition of the Peer Assistance and Review Mentorship Program, which she coordinated for 3 years; Sharon helped establish the formal structure and processes for CGCC's assessment of student learning outcomes and chaired the Outcomes Committee for 3 years. When it comes to teaching, developing future teachers, and advancing the art and science of teaching, you could say that Sharon has done it all. Her commitment to excellence and continuous improvement is obvious to all who have known and worked with her. Her spirit of service and tireless dedication to students lives on in the classrooms and hallways of CGCC.

**Nancy Short**

In May 2016 Nancy Short retired after 22 years of exemplary teaching, service and leadership at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. In addition to teaching economics, Nancy participated in a wide variety of College and District initiatives, councils and committees, often serving in leadership roles. As she immersed herself in the many activities you are about to hear, Nancy became known for keen analytic skills, the ability to see the big picture, and above all she was guided by a relentless concern for the impact of policies and procedures on student success. She served on the Economics Instructional Council and the Articulation Task Force for 22 years and was the lead Economics ATF member from
2009-11; Nancy was chair of CGCC’s Social and Behavioral Sciences division, serving multiple terms from 1995-2001 and from 2013-16; she was chair of the CGCC Division Chair Council for two years and was the College’s Curriculum Design Facilitator and District Curriculum Committee representative for 14 years; Nancy was well known for her expert advice to faculty colleagues preparing sabbatical proposals, having served as CGCC’s Faculty Professional Growth Sabbatical and Salary Advancement representative for over 18 years; Nancy played a key role in CGCC’s initial and continuing grants of accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission; she as a member of the HLC Assessment Committee in 1995-96, and presented at the HLC Annual Meeting that year, Criterion One Committee Chair in 2005-06, Quality Initiative Steering Committee member in 2014-15; and Criterion Three Committee member in 2015-16; from 2012-14 Nancy was a member of the Maricopa Priorities Steering Committee at CGCC; while at the College she served two years as Honors Program Coordinator, chaired six faculty search committees and participated in numerous additional search committees; in addition to her many years on the District Curriculum Committee, Nancy was a member of the Maricopa District Minority Faculty Recruitment Committee and joined District colleagues for Global Engagement Faculty Development in the Czech Republic in 2008.

Sandra Stuebner

Sandra Stuebner completed 30 years of distinguished service to the Maricopa District and to Chandler-Gilbert Community College in May 2016. Her career encompassed a remarkable combination of leadership, innovation, expertise and collegiality that positively influenced the culture of Chandler-Gilbert and the academic success of generations of students. Sandra is a strong advocate for faculty, continually advancing the instructional experience and promoting excellence in teaching for which CGCC is widely known. Sandra’s extensive body of work is exemplified by the following accomplishments: She was CGCC’s first residential Counseling and Psychology faculty; she served as lead psychology faculty and was the College’s founding division chair for Social and Behavioral Sciences, serving a total of 14 years in this role; Sandra regularly participated on a variety of CGCC councils and committees including the curriculum committee, strategic planning committee, the budget committee, and the president’s advisory council, and she chaired the division chair council; she was the College’s Title IX coordinator and facilitated sexual harassment training, and she served multiple terms as honors coordinator and taught honors classes; Sandra was a founding organizer of the CGCC faculty senate, and served in a succession
of leadership roles including senator, senate treasurer, secretary, and president; she was also named president of the MCCD Faculty Executive Council. During her tenure Sandra was named CGCC’s woman of distinction and received an Innovation of the Year award for her involvement with service learning.
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Retirees

- Robert Everett
- Sharon Fagan
- Jackie Lucchi
- Diane Travers Shipman
- Cathy Urbanski
- Linda Watson
- Dianne Winslow
- Diane Yost