THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

It is fall, and that means two things: it’s back to school time and we survived the hot summer! It is almost always a very exciting time at Arizona College. Over the summer, we celebrated graduation with hundreds of graduates and thousands of their families and friends on July 18th! It was a wonderful ceremony, and reminded us of why we do what we do!

Speaking of why we do what we do, the College’s executive team recently spent time defining Arizona College’s purpose. Our purpose is “to provide opportunity to enrich lives through education.” This means that in everything we do, we aim to provide the opportunity for our students to better their lives, their families, and our community by preparing our students for rewarding careers. It was important to define it because our purpose will guide our decisions in the future. I appreciate the team’s work. They did a great job!

Few careers provide opportunities as rewarding as nursing. We were recently approved to start a nursing program in Las Vegas, and we are now enrolling students! As in Arizona, we are offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing to anyone interested in a pursuing that particular field. Dr. Patricia Alpert has joined us a Dean of Nursing (please see the article inside for more details). She is full of energy and we’re lucky to have her on our team. Our students are in very, very good hands with Dr. Alpert! If you know anyone in the Las Vegas who is interested in nursing, please send them our way.

Our next graduation will be on December 12th! All of our graduations are special to us, and this one will include our very first Nursing graduates. Hopefully, I’ll see you there!

Best wishes,

NICK MANSOUR
President
Have you ever noticed when a plant becomes too big for the pot it occupies? You realize, its environment needs to change in order for it to continue to grow. It’s the same for you. If you wish to grow, you are going to have to get out of your small flower pot and start thinking big, allow your roots to stretch and give yourself room to expand. Realize, just like plants, we need to be planted in soil that is rich with sustenance and encouragement.

If we take time to observe the wondrous process of nature, we begin to recognize that we too are undergoing a similar process when we begin to embrace change. Just like life giving soil, when you are exposed to the right environment and the right influences, these create a catalyst that triggers hidden levels of potential that up to now have remained dormant, sleeping in the depth of your very being.

Just as the young plant emerges from the dark earth, you too can break free from limitation, you can begin to grow a bigger vision of the world and your own potential within it. You can help friends and family to understand your new direction and encourage them to grow with you. Like the plant that seeks the light, you can seek to become enlightened, doing so shifts your mind in the direction of your intention. The seed of your success will grow when you feed it with the ingredients of determination, focus, motivation and perseverance, and most importantly a positive attitude.

When you experience the momentum of growth, you realize you can become anything that you set your mind on, the acorn decides to become a great oak tree because within it, lies the intention to achieve, the belief of success, it is dedicated to its task. It realizes that positive expectation determines its successful outcome. Just like the acorn, what you chose to see is what you believe. Practice seeing only what you wish to achieve, become dedicated to living a life that you choose to create and begin to make a living out of your dream.

Remember each day, focus on developing the practice of encouraging excellence in your chosen field through consistently escalating your commitment towards success.

MICHAEL MOYLAN RYAN
Massage Therapy Program Director

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**NEWS FROM THE NURSING DEPARTMENT**

The nursing department has been busy this summer. Ten new students started upper division courses in May. A dozen more are expected to begin in the fall semester. Nearly 30 new students enrolled in lower division this summer to begin their journey towards their goal of becoming a registered nurse.

Members of the Student Nurse Association of Arizona College (SNAAZC) have been participating in service projects in the community. They volunteered to assist the March of Dimes to prepare for the annual auction and Nurse of the Year event which was held at the JW Marriott Resort on August 29. Students assembled many of the items that were auctioned that night. Many members participated in a regional disaster drill co-sponsored by the Department of Public Health in Nevada and the Center for Disease Control in September.

Last, but not least, the department of nursing is excited to welcome Dr. Pat Alpert who has been appointed as the Dean of the nursing program at our new Las Vegas campus. Dr. Alpert and Dr. Rose Saunders, Dean of Nursing at the Mesa campus, plan several collaborative activities between the two campuses.

DR. ROSE SAUNDERS
Dean of Nursing
Arizona College extends a very warm welcome to Dr. Patricia Alpert who has joined our team as the new Dean of Nursing for our Las Vegas campus.

Patricia T. Alpert was born and raised in Hawaii where she completed her baccalaureate in nursing and earned two master degrees from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She completed her doctorate degree in Public Health with an emphasis in preventive care from Loma Linda University in California. Being a believer in dance as a sustaining form of exercise, Patricia continues to dance as a hobby. In her spare time she enjoys ballroom dance, photography, reading, traveling, sailing and cooking.

Dr. Alpert is a fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and holds ANCC national certification as both a pediatric and family nurse practitioner. She is also an NLN certified nurse educator and a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) in maternal-child nursing. While at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas she taught courses in both the MSN and Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNPI) programs and she was actively involved in her own research on obesity, alternative exercise and balance in older adults. She has received both intramural and extramural grant funds to support research in these areas. Her published research reports and clinical articles have appeared in nursing, pediatric medicine and physical therapy journals.

From Dr. Alpert: “I’m happy to be here at Arizona College working with a group of very talented professionals to continue to accomplish major educational achievements on the Las Vegas campus. My vision is to cultivate the best academic programs, scholarship and service activities while supporting faculty, staff and students to maximize their potential. I also believe in order to be successful in this ever changing health care environment we must maintain a strong working relationship with our community partners.”

ARIZONA PHARMACY ASSOCIATION MENTOR CONNECTION PROGRAM

Arizona Pharmacy Association (AZPA) is a regional association available to pharmacy professionals in the state of Arizona. This association benefits everyone from pharmacists, to pharmacy technicians, to students. On August 4, 2015, Kalani, from AZPA came to visit us and speak with our students regarding a new opportunity available to pharmacy technician students. Starting this year, they are beginning to add a mentor program to be available to the students.

AZPA’s mentor program is meant to create a partnership between the student and a professional in the field currently working as a pharmacy technician. The professional will have a quality meeting with the student once per month and discuss their career and any goals they may have. This mentor opportunity is also meant to teach the student to start networking with individuals already in the field and build those connections early on.

In order for a student to be involved in the mentor program, he/she must first go online to azpharmacy.org and become a pharmacy technician member. Upon becoming a member, the student will fill out a form to request to be involved in the mentor program. AZPA will then work to pair the student with an individual working as a pharmacy technician that would best suit them. The mentor connection will last a majority of the program, which will enhance the entire learning experience for the student involved.

Overall, AZPA's goal is to provide the student with resources and begin the networking connections early. This connection should help to provide the student with a better understanding of how working in the field really is, as well as potentially open up more job opportunities in the future. Having this partnership with AZPA helps Arizona College provide a different type of exposure to the field than what has been offered in the past.

LACEY HOOPES
Pharmacy Technician Program Director
GOOD LUCK EXTERNALS!

*Please note: Due to limited space, the students below are only a sample of students that have been placed on externship.

BIANCA KARINA AVIL
Medical Assisting

CYNTHIA ORTIZ
Dental Assisting

JACK DRYBURGH
Medical Assistant

HAITHAM ELNAHAS
Dental Assisting

HEATHER RAIMONDE
Health Information Specialist

JENNIFER GILMER
Health Information Technician

JOHN HENCY
Medical Assisting

NOVA GOODMAN
Health Information Specialist

STACEY TAYLOR
Medical Assisting
CONGRATULATIONS
PLACED GRADS!

*Please note: Due to limited space, the graduates listed below are only a sample of graduates that have been placed in their related field for employment and does not include every placed graduate.

ALEXIS BERRY
Medical Assisting – Banner Health

AMANDA NAVARRO
Pharmacy Technician – APAC

CARINA JIMENEZ
Dental Assisting – Gentle Dental

JERRI ELIZARRAREZ
Medical Assisting – Sonoran Medical Center

JESENIA SETURINO
Massage Therapy – Massage Envy

JOCELYN OSIF
Medical Assistant – Mckellips Family Medicine

JOLENE WILSON
Medical Assisting – Choice Medical Walk-in

KEVIN ANDERT
Pharmacy Technician – CVS

MELISSA CADENA
Health Information Specialist – Phoenix Medical Group

MICHELLE MORRISON
Medical Assistant – Express Urgent Care

SANCHITA MOHITE
Health Information Specialist – Phoenician Medical Center

SUNDRA BEGAY
Health Information Technician – REVMD

ZER VANG
Medical Assisting – Pediatrics of Queen Creek
THE RESULTS ARE IN FROM OUR GLENDALE BLOOD DRIVE

- 37 donors registered
- 6 donors were deferred
- 4 donors were not able to finish their donations

A total of 28 units were collected! This will potentially help over 80 people in need! AMAZING! Thank you everyone for your support!

COOLER WEATHER IS COMING!

Don’t be left out in the cold without a sweater! Arizona College sweatshirts for sale for $30. See the front desk for details.

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Gathering prior to final exams

National Donut Day

Smores Day

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Spirit Week – Super Hero Day
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