



Once an Estrella Mountain Lion, Always Part of the Pride!

Fall Events 2017

First Annual Mariachi Festival Coming to EMCC!

Saturday, Nov. 4

7:00 p.m.

EMCC Performing Arts Center

Music! Dance! Fiesta! Celebrate the rich history of Mariachi at the First Annual West Valley Noche de Mariachi at EMCC on Saturday, Nov. 4, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. A full night of live musical and dance performances by local, regional and national artists will benefit EMCC student scholarships. General admission tickets are only \$10, with additional sponsorships available including a \$50 Community Support sponsor ticket that includes a pre-event reception and swag bag!

Proceeds support our student scholarship fund!

Visit our website for more info: <https://www.estrellamountain.edu/mariachi>

Click Here to
Purchase
Tickets
today!





4th Annual Veterans Day Celebration & Fun Run

Saturday, Nov. 11

7:00 a.m.

Estrella Mountain Community College

Click Here to
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Join EMCC and the City of Avondale for a family-friendly 5K fun run with bootcamp-like obstacles between each mile mark that is held here at Estrella Mountain Community College, Avondale Campus. Bootcamp stations include timed sit-ups and push-ups, ammo can lifts, tire flipping and more, all concluding with an awesome grenade toss! (Don't worry, they're only dummy grenades.)

Visit our website for more info: <https://www.estrellamountain.edu/vetfunrun>

Commemorative T-Shirt • Swag Bag • Warrior's Breakfast • Veterans Day Ceremony • & MORE!

*****Registration is FREE for all Veterans and Military (Must Register)*****

Alumni Highlight: Adalberto Hurtado

Adalberto Hurtado is an Estrella Mountain Alum who received his Associates in Business in 2015. Most recently, an Arizona State University graduate, who received his Bachelor's Degree in Global Leadership. His story shows the true triumphs of facing language barriers, unable to speak English until starting third grade when his parents moved to the U.S. from Mexico. Hurtado is an example of EMCC's legacy of success as he graduated from EMCC with a 4.0 GPA and continued to pursue his Bachelor's Degree while facing many obstacles and maintaining a full-time job throughout his educational career. Adalberto not only graduated, but also received countless scholarships to help him get through college without incurring any out-of-pocket expenses! Watch his interview below as he is an inspiration to all EMCC past, present and future students.

Story on College Success Arizona website:

<http://collegesuccessarizona.org/story/adalberto-hurtado/>

Interview on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BDncCOWgn4>

**if you have a success story you would like to share, please send them to EMCC's Alumni Association: alumni@estrellamountain.edu

Estrella Mountain Celebrates 25 years with a Time Capsule!



As a closing to Estrella Mountain's 25th Anniversary year and to recognize this special occasion; employees, faculty and staff are coming together to commemorate years of serving students and the community with a Time Capsule Ceremony on December 15th. The campus will be collecting memorabilia to highlight the different areas/departments around campus that will be preserved for the next 25 years! A monument sign will also showcase the Time Capsule location, coming soon near you... in the Image Zone!

Details of ceremony to follow!



Campus Spotlight: EMCC receives Aspen Prize

Estrella Mountain Community College, part of the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) was named one of the top 150 community colleges in the United States. As a nominee, EMCC is eligible to compete for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges.

The top 150 schools were selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide and can compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize. Since the inception of the Aspen Prize in 2011, EMCC is one of two Arizona colleges and the only college in Maricopa County to be selected in every nomination cycle.

"Each time, Estrella Mountain's inclusion is an honor," said EMCC college president, Dr. Ernest Lara. "The recognition attests to the hard work and dedication of our entire campus team. Every employee strives to embody our service strategy - your success is our success - and provide students with opportunities to reach their academic and career goals."

Awarded every two years, the Aspen Prize recognizes institutions with outstanding achievements in four areas: learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students. In 2011 and 2013, 120 institutions were nominated each year; in 2015, 2017, and for the upcoming 2019 award, 150 institutions were nominated. Nominees can apply to move forward into the next round of competition and compete for the \$1M prize. The application process consists of a rigorous evaluation, from which the Aspen Institute will select ten finalists, collect additional quantitative data, and conduct on-site visits. Finalists will be announced in May 2018 and the grand prizewinner, finalist(s) with distinction, and rising star(s) will be named in spring 2019.

Learn more about the Aspen Institute [here](#).

Save the Dates: Upcoming Events

- Alumni & Friends Holiday Ballet Performance: Thursday, Dec. 14 (Performing Arts Center)
- Time Capsule Ceremony, Friday, Dec. 15 (Image Zone)

For more upcoming events at EMCC, visit our calendar.



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The mission of the Estrella Mountain Community College Alumni Association is to honor the heritage of Estrella Mountain and the legacy of its students and graduates. By fostering lifelong connections among alumni, students, faculty, staff, and the community, EMCCAA encourages meaningful involvement and leadership to benefit all. EMCCAA strives to cultivate goodwill and support for the college by sponsoring social, educational, philanthropic, and service-oriented programs.

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