

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP GROUP

DR. GINA KRANITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ABOUT DR. GINA KRANITZ

Dr. Gina Kranitz began her 34 years of service to the Maricopa Community College District in 1969 as a temporary employee at Glendale Community College. Her first permanent position was as a clerk in the Library at Glendale. During this time she became involved in District employee groups and the Arizona Women Political Caucus advocating for women's rights and opportunities. She accepted a one-year-only assignment dealing with district-wide purchasing and then was offered a position at the District Office where she stayed until she became one of the foundation administrators at South Mountain. She remained there for approximately 12 years before moving to Paradise Valley in October 1992. She served at PVCC as a dean, then acting President until her appointment as President in early 2001.

Dr. Rufus Glasper, Chancellor of the Maricopa Community Colleges remembered Gina as "a remarkable individual and a passionate advocate for access to higher education for all. Her record of personal service and dedication to our colleges and our students is truly a model for every one of us."

Gina was active as member of the Women's Leadership Group (WLG) serving as mentor in the mentoring program and as the Executive Council Liaison to the Chancellor's Executive Council. Through her values of education, community, and diversity, and through her own career progression, Gina served as an inspiration and role model to the women of Maricopa. Gina encouraged women to expand their horizons through education and special work projects. Her legacy of encouragement continues with her funding of the WLG Dr. Gina Kranitz Memorial Scholarship.



"Always look forward.

Always look to

where you want to go."

-Dr. Gina Kranitz

ABOUT WLG

The mission of the Maricopa Community Colleges WLG is to provide for the continuous development of a strong and supportive work environment for the diverse women of the Maricopa Community Colleges. WLG has adopted a set of goals that include advocacy, communication, networking, partnership, recognition, and personal and professional development. Core values of WLG include leadership, service, innovation, and diversity. Detailed information about WLG goals and activities can be obtained from our website at www.maricopa.edu/wlg. WLG membership is open to all district employees.



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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The WLG Dr. Gina Kranitz Memorial Scholarship award amount will be established annually by the WLG Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship will be presented at the annual WLG Recognition Luncheon on April 15th, 2009. The award will be applied toward tuition the semester following selection.

THE WLG SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Linnea Sarkis, Scholarship Chair, Maricopa Colleges District Office

Melanie Abts, Past Co-Chair President, Rio Salado College

Inhye Peterson, Communication Coordinator, Rio Salado College

DeeDee Tapson, Walk Coordinator, Maricopa Colleges District Office

Mr. Mike Kranitz, Husband of Gina Kranitz

Ms. Jacque Bage, Sister of Gina Kranitz

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship will be awarded to a Maricopa WLG member who is working on a Bachelor, Master, or Doctoral degree. The applicant must be a WLG member at the time of application and during the semester the scholarship is used.

SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The due date for submitting a scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year is 5:00pm, Friday, February 27, 2008.

Applications and questions related to the scholarship, qualification, or application should be submitted to:

Linnea Sarkis Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, District Office 480.731.8404

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants should submit an application packet consisting of:

1. An academic portfolio including copies of past transcripts, plan of study, and proposed courses to be taken the following year. Proposed courses must be 300 level or above. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher.
2. Two letters of reference:
 - One from a Maricopa mentor or supervisor.
 - One from someone who can attest to your academic ability (professor, faculty, academic mentor, etc).
3. A Personal and professional development statement including the following:
 - Your name, college, position, and phone number.
 - Your involvement in campus and/or community activities; such as volunteering for campus activities and/or non-profit agencies.
 - Your contributions to the professional lives of Maricopa women.
 - The impact this scholarship will have on your future career goals within Maricopa Community Colleges.
 - The core values of WLG are innovation, leadership, service and diversity. Describe how you have exemplified these values in the past or how your education will provide you with opportunities to demonstrate these in the future