

## Activities at Estrella Mountain Community College

Students, faculty and staff at Estrella Mountain Community College (EMCC) enjoy a variety of activities, courses and programs during each academic year.

### Diversity-Related Activities

From 1999 up to May, 2001, the following activities were presented to the EMCC college community: Cinco De Mayo celebration, Black History Month, Diversity Awareness Day, Intercultural Awareness Day, Women's History Month Activities, EMCC Women of the Year Awards Luncheon, Quality Service Initiative's Creative and Continuous Learning Day, Honors Forum Speakers, Faculty Luncheon Series, Problem-Based Learning Day and Graduation Ceremonies.

### Diversity-Infusion Projects

Six instructors have formally diversified their curriculum to include diversity components in three sections of Critical Reading, two sections of Biology, Eight sections of Communication classes, four sections of Humanities classes and two sections of Mathematics classes. This diversification was made possible through Diversity Grant applications.

### Ethnicity/Cultural-Related Courses

EMCC currently offers the following courses which reflect the ethnicity of the student population. The courses include African-American History, African-American Literature, Asian Literature and Chicano Literature. Other related courses include Introduction to Multiculturalism, Cultural Diversity in Education and courses offered in the English as a Second Language Program.

### ***AMAS Program***

Estrella Mountain has been designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HIS), and has received a National Science Foundation Grant which makes the Achievements in Mathematics and Science (AMAS) Program possible. One of the goals of the program is to try innovative approaches which address the need to reduce student access/retention problems created by the time it takes for students to progress through the sequence of courses which lead to higher mathematics courses including Calculus. The AMAS Program enhances teaching and learning in science courses through the acquisition of equipment that results in more hands-on and inquiry-based opportunities for students. The target population is Hispanic students who are currently enrolled in a math or science course at the college. A Summer Bridge Program will be offered during summer, 2001.

### English as a Second language Program

The English as a Second Language Program holds an annual celebratory event for its students. At these events, awards are presented to English as a Second Language (ESL) students who have successfully completed Level four of the ESL Program. This event also serves as a recruitment/retention activity for continuing and prospective students.