

## 5 new faculty for EMCC

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Estrella Mountain Community College has hired five faculty members who will begin teaching classes this fall.

- Alex Pirehpour-Andrews, English, holds a master's degree in English with an emphasis on ethnic literature and a bachelor's degree in English, both from Arizona State University. He has taught for three years at Estrella Mountain as an adjunct instructor.
- Maria Barros, nursing, holds a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix, a bachelor's degree in nursing from Rush University in Chicago and a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. Barros taught nursing as an adjunct faculty member at Scottsdale Community College during the past year. He also taught at Arizona State University for three years.
- Erin Blomstrand, English, holds a postmaster's certificate in community college teaching from Cappella University, a master's degree in English literature from Mills College in Oakland and a bachelor's degree in English from California State University. She is working on a doctor of

education at Cappella University and has taught English courses at EMCC since 2004.

- Michael Boring, philosophy, holds a doctorate in philosophy from Fordham University in Bronx, N.Y., and master's and bachelor's degrees in philosophy from San Diego State University. Boring has 10 years of experience teaching philosophy at New York and Colorado community colleges and universities.
- Debra Storey, nursing, holds a master's degree in nursing administration from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant. She has more than 20 years of nursing experience and has taught for several of the Maricopa County Community Colleges during the last few years.

EMCC is at Thomas and Dysart roads in Avondale.

## McDonald on YMCA board

City Councilman Jim McDonald will be Avondale's representative on the Southwest Valley Regional YMCA board. He began his three-year term last week.

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