



# West Valley VIEW

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## College celebrates women's achievements

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Estrella Mountain Community College is celebrating Women's History Month with a variety of events and activities.

"Strengthen the Community through Sharing and Learning" is the theme of the celebration. Events are free and open to the public. The college is at 3000 N. Dysart Road in Avondale.

Photos of Women by Women are on display in the college's Plaza Gallery through March 31. Photos were submitted by community members and Estrella Mountain faculty, staff and students.

An exhibit of traditional Bedouin jewelry can be seen through Thursday in the college's art cases in Komatke Hall and in Estrella Hall. It will be the collection's final exhibition in the United States before it is acquired by a women's museum in Saudi Arabia. Community members can hear about the collection directly from Frances Meade, the owner/collector, on Thursday.

The reception will include a dessert service by the college's culinary students in the Plaza Gallery at 1 p.m. while a flute and guitar duo will perform. Then guests will tour the exhibition while hearing about the unique pieces in the collection. For information, call 623-935-8055.

Students are creating a poster display this week celebrating women in academic disciplines. The posters will be displayed in front of Estrella Hall Wednesday through Friday.

The Women's Expo will include student speakers and performances, a silent auction for the New Life Center, an arts and crafts sale, poster display, and information tables and more Wednesday. The Women's Expo will span the outdoor areas of the campus. For information, call 623-935-8454.

Hermanas: Diseña Tu Futuro (Sisters: Design Your Future) is a conference for female students to participate in professional and personal development workshops. Local high schoolers will participate in the workshops Wednesday free of charge. For information, call 623-935-8487.

Lori Girshick, faculty member at Chandler Gilbert Community College, will discuss her latest book, *Transgender Voices*, at 9 and 10 a.m. Friday in Estrella Mountain's Plaza Gallery. *Transgender Voices* examines the lives of transgender and gender-variant people through personal interviews. For information, call Olga Tsoudis at 623-935-8592.

Various films will be screened in the

Center for Teaching and Learning March 30 through April 2. Call 623-935-8472 for schedules and information.

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