Phoenix College Creative Writing Program

Mission and Goals Statement

Mission

The Phoenix College Creative Writing Program welcomes traditional and non-traditional students to a writers' community that provides encouragement, inspiration, professional feedback and guidance. As a center for the literary arts in the Valley, it hopes to inspire and facilitate diversity and originality in American Letters.

Goals

1. Maintain a varied and flexible schedule of classes, workshops, and other activities that allows for participation of working adults, single parents, seniors, and other non-traditional students. (PC Goals 1 and 4)

2. Recruit and involve minority students by using multicultural reading assignments and an ethnically and culturally diverse faculty, and by inviting diverse writers to give workshops or readings and participate on panels and in other activities. (PC Goals 1, 2, and 4)

3. Demonstrate our commitment to community service by offering workshops, readings, and other activities that are free and open to the public, on and off the Phoenix College campus. (PC Goals 1, 3, 4, and 5)

4. Continue to develop new courses and workshops that reflect the needs and interests of the community we serve. (PC Goal 1, 3, 4, and 6)

5. Encourage freshness and originality in the literary arts by recognizing that writing, whether a vocation or avocation, must be developed according to a student's individual learning style and creative talent. (PC Goals 1 and 4)
6. Individualize and personalize instruction and guidance through mentoring, small class size, and easy student access to the program director, faculty, and other participants.
(PC Goals 1, 3, and 4)

7. Encourage and enhance appreciation of the literary arts through contests, readings, and other activities that involve a diverse population from throughout the Valley.
(PC Goals 1, 3, and 5)

8. Develop partnerships with other institutions, organizations, and agencies to increase awareness of, access to, and participation in the literary arts throughout the state of Arizona.
(PC Goals 1, 3, 5, and 6)

9. Provide support for continued professional development of our faculty and program participants
(PC Goals 1, 2, 3, and 7)

10. Serve as a model for the development of creative writing programs in two-year schools.
(PC Goals 1-7)