



**MARICOPA  
WRITING, REFLECTION  
AND RENEWAL PROJECT**

**Chandler-Gilbert Community College  
Room L226**

**May 19-23, 2008**

**Celebrating the Abundance of Summer**

**AND**

**August 11-15, 2008**

**Celebrating the Renewal of Autumn**

The participants last year were very positive about the two-week, two-part schedule. In May we wait until a week has passed following graduation, then come together for Part I. During the five days we explore who we are and how we are, both professionally and personally. We form a community of learners. Then we go away and pursue our individual summer plans—teaching summer school, working, traveling—while we ponder the questions we have posed for ourselves. We then convene for Part II in August before fall classes start, in a true learning community built on trust, and use writing to discover what and how we want to be in the coming year. It is a powerful experience.

In this project we:

- Use writing for personal exploration.
- Discover ways to connect with and motivate students in any course through writing.
- Experiment with different forms of writing, share stories, and create assignments that are meaningful for students and lead to deep learning.
- Interact with a series of guest speakers who represent the highest level of expertise in writing instruction.
- Reflect on who we are as teachers or other professionals, and how we might renew our commitment to the heart of our profession.

*The Maricopa Writing, Reflection and Renewal Project is open to all MCCCDC employees.*

Faculty can apply for a summer project for MWRRP, or if this program gains pre-approval for FPG non-academic advancement, faculty participants can apply for 42.5 clock hours.

To register see our website at:

**<http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/learnshops/writing/>**

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**past participant  
comments**

*“During our time, what I learned in the glory of this process is realizing the priceless beauty of words as we remake our lives through story.”*

*“The Maricopa Writing Program was a lot more than just professional or personal growth. It was the kind of bridge across disciplines and schools that always works in theory but rarely happens in reality.”*

*“The class was not what I expected, but it was what I needed.”*

*“No words can describe the amazing feelings I had in my group. Magic.”*

*“My students would look to me for inspiration in their writing, but I wasn't even inspired to write for myself. I had forgotten why I fell in love with writing in the first place...I don't think there has been an overnight change—but I can tell that transformation has begun. Each day I see the transformation take shape when I arrive in class...Something magical happens.”*

*“As I was driving home after class one day I was thinking about the question I ask the students and my response for the best learning was very clear—last summer's writing project. This MWRRP has allowed me to again tap into a place that is exciting and personally enhancing.”*