

Coca-Cola awards 2 scholarships to Estrella Mountain Community College students

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Estrella Mountain Community College students Joshua Hodges and Justin Decknick have received 2011 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Scholarships. Hodges, who earned a Silver Scholarship, will receive \$1,250. Decknick, who earned a Bronze Scholarship, will receive \$1,000.

The students became eligible for the national-level Coca-Cola scholarship competition in February when they were honored for their academic achievement as members of the All-Arizona Academic Team. Hodges and Decknick plan to transfer to Arizona State University. Hodges plans to pursue a Ph.D. and a career as a research psychologist; Decknick intends to pursue a J. D. degree and become an attorney.

Turn in unwanted medications

The Avondale Police Department, working with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will host a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30.

Police will be collecting potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, medications and supplements for destruction at Walgreens, 10705 W. McDowell Road in Avondale. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Medications that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to abuse. Medications should not be flushed down the toilet or thrown in the trash as both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The following items do not qualify as items that can be handed in: IV solutions, syringes, medical waste, glass containers, inhalers, injectable and illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine.

Details: Katrina Helm of the Avondale Police Department, 623-333-7217 or khelm@avondale.org.

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