**Academic Excellence Workshops in MESA**

**When are AEW Coordinators available?** Academic excellence workshops are a series of workshops offered for a specific class at a prescribed date and time. Please check the AEW schedule for more details.

**Who are the MESA tutors?** Most are current MC students who have completed and done well in core math, science of engineering courses. They have also gotten a recommendation from a faculty member to be a MESA AEW Coordinator. They applied for the position and were selected. Prior to beginning as an AEW Coordinator they completed a course on tutoring, and attended a MESA AEW training session.

All MESA AEW Coordinators want to help you. Still, they are novice instructors, and may not have all the knowledge, strategies, skills and experience that they would like to have. Like you, they are developing a deeper understanding of the material, and as facilitator, are developing teaching skills, which is a great opportunity for them.

**How can AEW Coordinators help me learn?** AEWs are composed of a small community of students working collaboratively to master course material with the guidance of a facilitator.Students are actively challenged to work as a group to solve problem sets. This is an excellent way to build your academic community, while obtaining the personalized assistance you need to be successful in your course. Specifically AEWs,

* Enhance and reinforce learning experience
* Provide students with community and sense of belonging
* Help create a positive mindset toward learning and solving problems
* Are an enhancement and not a supplement to the instructor’s lecture
* Not a lecture or tutoring session