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The Chinese calendar is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. The lunar cycle is about 29.5 days. In order to "catch up" with the solar calendar the Chinese insert an extra month once every few years (seven years out of a 19-yearcycle). This is the same as adding an extra day on leap year. This is why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are celebrated as a family affair, a time of reunion and thanksgiving. The celebration was traditionally highlighted with a religious ceremony given in honor of Heaven and Earth, the gods of the household and the family ancestors.

The sacrifice to the ancestors, the most vital of all the rituals, united the living members with those who had passed away. Departed relatives are remembered with great respect because they were responsible for laying the foundations for the fortune and glory of the family.

The presence of the ancestors is acknowledged on New Year's Eve with a dinner arranged for them at the family banquet table. The spirits of the ancestors, together with the living, celebrate the onset of the New Year as one great community. The communal feast called "surrounding the stove" or weilu. It symbolizes family unity and honors the past and present generations.

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When you enter your last semester, you need to apply for graduation. As of the Summer 2002 graduation, all students who complete a degree are required to take the Academic Student Profile as part of the graduation process. Information about the Academic Student Profile requirement is available at College Assessment Testing Offices.

Before submitting the application for graduation, all students are urged to meet with an Advisor or Counselor for an unofficial review of their program requirements. Before graduating, you must meet the requirements of your educational program.

If you are applying for an associate degree or a certificate you must pay a $15.00 fee when you return the completed application form to Cashier's Office. If you are applying for more than one degree or certificate, you will need to submit a separate form and fee for each application. Degrees and certificates are awarded after each semester. Graduation ceremonies are only held in May.

Application forms are available online or at any College Admissions Office. To graduate, you must submit an application on or before the deadline.

Rodeo Vacation

All campuses at Pima Community College will be closed from Thursday, February 26, 2004 thru Sunday, February 29, 2004 for Rodeo Vacation. Classes resume Monday, March 1, 2004. Have a safe and enjoyable rodeo holiday!

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Submissions due by 3/7/04
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