

April 08 Board Report – Verde Valley Campus – Sedona Center for Arts & Technology – Camp Verde School Complex

Verde Valley Campus

New Leadership

Following an extensive interview process with internal candidates we are pleased to announce that Connie Gilmore and Rebecca Chavez were selected as new Division Deans for the Verde Valley Campus.

Connie began her career on the Verde Valley Campus in 2001 as the Learning Center Manager and English faculty before moving into a full-time faculty position teaching English, Humanities, Liberal Studies, and Education classes. Most recently Connie served as interim Division Dean for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Please offer your congratulations to Connie for her new permanent position as Division Dean for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences on the Verde Valley Campus.

Rebecca began her career as a faculty member in 2004 teaching Computer Applications and Business courses. She has served on the college's Curriculum Committee and using her skills in technology Rebecca has also offered her services as a facilitator for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Her professional interests include workforce development and curriculum design. Please welcome Rebecca as the new Division Dean for Science and Professional Studies on the Verde Valley Campus.

Division of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

English Faculty Dr. Shanti Weiland is a prolific writer and poet. This year her literary work has appeared in the following:

Coe Review, - "I Know Why Buck Rogers Got Fat"

The Cherry Blossom Review - "The Absence Of Elk" and "Learning To Be Dead"

SLAB - "Order"

Verde Art Gallery

Wonderful World of Watercolor is the current show (closes Saturday) in the Verde Art Gallery and is a group show sponsored by The Northern Arizona Watercolor Society. It features 65 paintings by local water media artists, many of which have sold. The artist's reception, held on Friday, March 7, was the highest in attendance of any reception the gallery has ever hosted. The Northern Arizona Watercolor Society is gifting the gallery \$100.00 and expresses interest in future affiliations with the college gallery.

The Annual Student Art Exhibit will open on April 15. The artists' reception will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. on April 18 and will also include the student recognition awards ceremony exclusive for the Art Department. Media exhibited will include ceramics, jewelry, photography, drawing, watercolor, acrylic and oil painting, digital media, wood-working, and stained glass. All students who completed artwork in a YC class this academic year are eligible to enter this exhibit. Annually these students learn the skills needed to enter their work in a professional art show such as matting and framing work for display, filling out the show prospectus, getting work to the gallery during tight take-in parameters, signing their work, pricing their work, and accepting praise or criticism from the public. It is a big part of the experience of becoming an artist. Join us for the reception and see the great student artwork being created on the Verde Valley Campus.

Sedona Center for Arts & Technology

Under the leadership of Verde Valley Campus Executive Dean Tom Schumacher and Administrative Liaison Alexandra Helm the Sedona Center for Arts & Technology has resurrected the Shakespeare Sedona Institute June 8 – 28. The institute offers a three-week intensive training program focusing on classical techniques used in voice, movement, speech, text, combat, improvisation and acting. The faculty hails from the finest institutions around the United States including NYU, the Yale School of Drama, Shakespeare & Co., American Conservatory Theatre, The Juilliard School, Boston University, Emerson College and others.

Camp Verde School Complex

Forum Follow-up

On Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Camp Verde School Complex, Tom Schumacher, Verde Valley Campus Executive Dean, presented information to invited guests in response to feedback received from stakeholders during the October 07 Public Forum also held in Camp Verde. PLT members provided additional information to audience members during an informal question and answer period. A copy of the evening's presentation points is available.

New Non-Credit Course for those with Disabilities

Linda Buchanan, coordinator of the Camp Verde School Complex recently facilitated a partnership with Rainbow Acres, a ranch-style community for adults with developmental disabilities, to offer a non-credit class in Creative Writing, with enrollment limited to Rainbow Acres Ranchers – 15 are enrolled.

The class meets every Tuesday from April 1 - 29. Volunteers from Cottonwood "Writing for Fun" group provide mentoring to the students enrolled. Like any non-credit course, there will be no grades, attendance requirements, nor tests. Students may be encouraged to write between sessions, if they choose. Volunteer mentors will provide support, encouragement, and positive feedback during class meetings to all students.