

# November 2023 Board Highlights

## School of Career and Technical Education

- **Chief Matt Gore**, Fire Science Instructor and the Prescott National Forest (PNF) firefighters allowed the Yavapai College (YC) FSC 155 wild-land firefighter class to participate in the recent wildfire fuel reduction project south of Prescott. This is typically unheard of to allow firefighters in training on a wild-land fire project.

A special thank you to **Chief Matt Gore** for his efforts and collaboration with PNF team members.







### Academic Division Three

- **Jerald Monahan**, Program Director, Administration of Justice Studies recently traveled to Blacksburg, Virginia with YC Student and AmeriCorps Intern, **Nigel Sandefer**, to study the Actively Caring for People (AC4P) movement developed by Dr. Scott Geller, Professor of Psychology at Virginia Tech. The retreat they attended was held at the Make-A-Difference ranch in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. In addition to the study sessions, Dr. Geller hosted their annual faculty/student Christmas party at the lodge where they stayed. Nigel received a drum lesson from Dr. Geller.





**Nigel** was a solid contributor to the discussion and strategic planning on how those attending the retreat could help spread this movement across the nation with single acts of kindness. **Nigel** will continue his work with the AC4P principles and assist in bringing the program to Yavapai College and the community.

- **Jerald Monahan** and the Yavapai College Law and Justice Club visited the FBI Headquarters in Phoenix on November 7th. Special Agent Erin Gibbs provided a wonderful tour and commentary on the activities of the FBI as well as intern and job opportunities the agency offers. Lunch at P.F. Chang's was cool too!

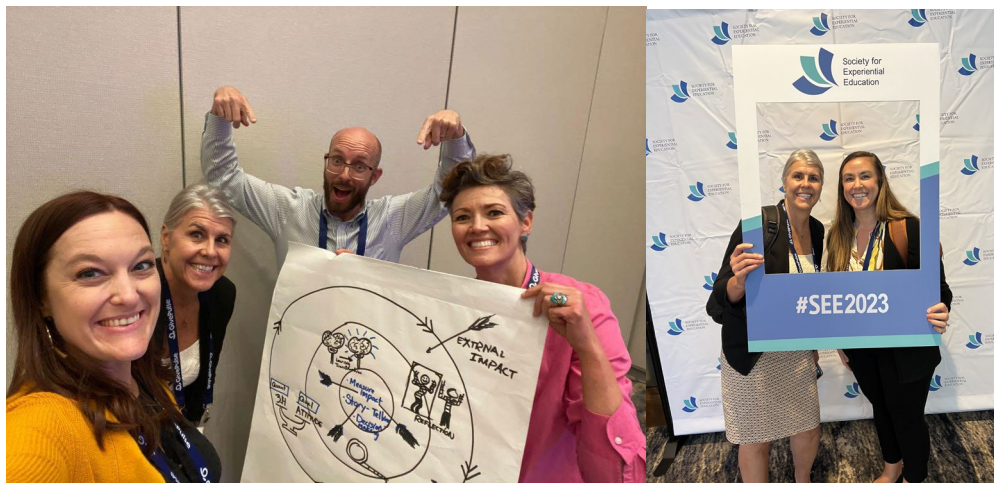




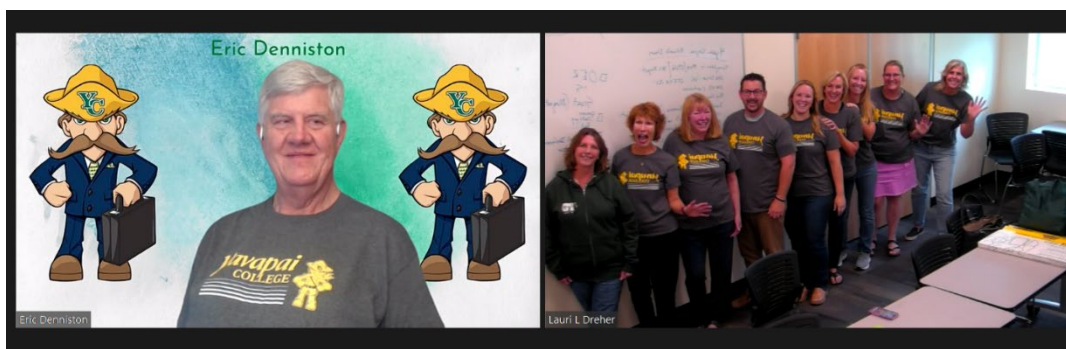


- The Business Department reports **Tabitha Fedina**, Division 3 Internship Coordinator, and **Lauri Dreher**, Bachelor of Science Business Program Director and Department Chair, recently attended the SEE (Society for Experiential Education) Conference. They learned the 8 principles of experiential learning, how to implement a variety of reflective practices to further student learning and growth, and strategies to strengthen experiential learning institution wide.

Experiential learning plays a pivotal role in shaping career development and significantly impacts educational outcomes. Experiential learning is a dynamic approach to education and can include internships, project-based learning, community engaged learning, and campus employment. These experiences allow students career exploration, an environment to directly apply theoretical knowledge, and discover their professional values. Experiential learning opportunities also foster critical thinking, problem solving, self-reflection and many other career skills employers are seeking in candidates while enabling students to make informed career decisions. Experiential learning bridges the gap between classroom learning and real-world application, equipping students with the skills and confidence needed for a fulfilling and prosperous career.



- The Business Department held its semi-annual adjunct faculty retreat on September 9, 2023. Topics included the Bachelor of Science in Business Degree, AI use in Business classes, enrollment comparisons, biggest accomplishments, and where we are heading in the future.







## Division of Lifelong Learning

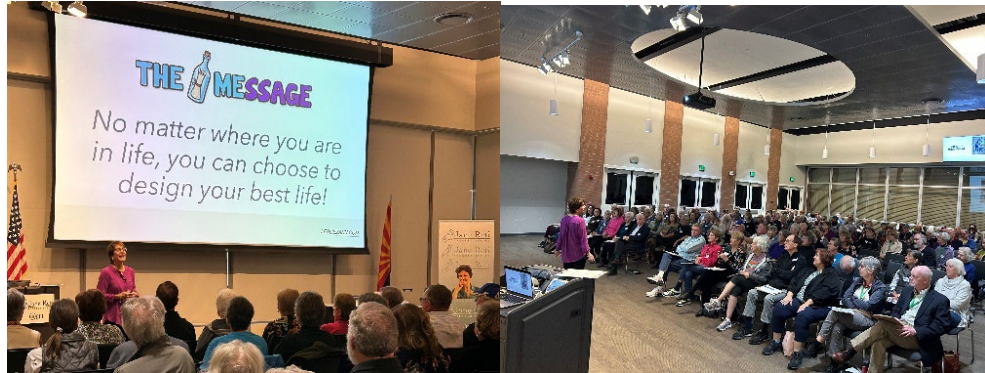


OLLI at Yavapai College in Prescott, Sedona, and the Verde Valley

- **Fall 2 2023** – Classes are in session in Prescott, Verde Valley, and Sedona.



- For the inaugural Jane Reti Speaker Series, in memory of Jane Reti, Prescott OLLI welcomed 150 community and OLLI members to hear renowned motivational speaker (and OLLI member) **Leslie Zann** speak about Living with Courage, and making the most as one moves into retirement and beyond.

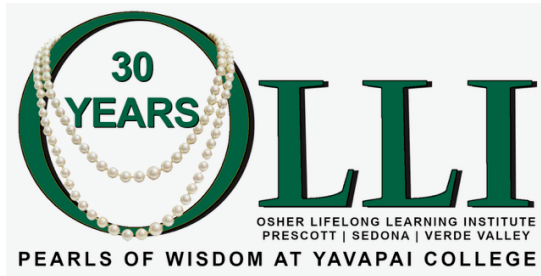


- OLLI in Sedona said farewell to Borks. After almost 20 years of teaching for OLLI, **Kay and Ken Bork** are returning to Granville, Ohio.



- OLLI across the county is celebrating our upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, starting with the kick-off in Sedona. More celebrations are planned for the spring.





- OLLI at YC Partnered with Arizona Humanities and Natural History Institute. ASU Professor and Yavapai County native Maurice Crandall presented a special lecture “We Are This Place: An Indigenous Natural History of Central Arizona.” This event was a partnership with the Natural History Institute, paid for by a grant from the Arizona Humanities Foundation. A full house at the Verde Valley Campus plus many folks on Zoom participated.





## Community Education in Prescott, Sedona, and Verde Valley

- Verde/Sedona Community Education Fall '23 offered 26 courses under the following categories:
  - Active Mind a Body
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Visual & Performing Arts
  - Computer & Technology
  - New Family-Friendly Courses
  - Finance, Economics, & Law
  - Nature & the Outdoors
  - Philosophy & Religion
  - Self-Enrichment & Lifestyle
  - Community Ed – Verde/Sedona course offerings can be found [www.yc.edu.commed](http://www.yc.edu.commed)

Fall 2023 – Verde/Sedona  
**Community Education**  
**Health & Fitness Classes**

Join Community Education at Yavapai College – Verde/Sedona for our Fall 2023 course offerings. See below for an example of health and fitness classes being offered:

- Tai Chi Chih®
- Bootcamp Blast
- NIA (Neuromuscular Integrative Action) - demonstration class September 12
- Beginner Breathing & Meditation
- Traditional Tai Chi Chuan
- Power Barre Fitness
- Broadway Musical Theater Dance
- Jazz Funk

Fall Classes Start the Week of September 25  
\*Registration opens August 7\*

Visit [www.yc.edu/cevs](http://www.yc.edu/cevs) to REGISTER!  
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Fall 2023 – Verde Valley  
**Community Education**  
**Art Classes**

Join Community Education at Yavapai College – Verde/Sedona for our Fall 2023 course offerings. See below for an example of art classes being offered:

- Watercolor for Beginners
- Watercolor Pencils
- Figure Drawing
- Fauna & Flora: Capturing Nature's Intricacies
- Portraits Using Colored Pencils
- Landscapes with Acrylics
- Learn to Draw Sacred Geometry Level 1 & 2

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- Prescott Adult Community Ed offered 52 courses with new courses in all categories.
  - Call to Apply for the 50% YC Employee Discount.
  - Browse the Fall catalog at [www.yc.edu.commed](http://www.yc.edu.commed)





## EDventures Fall Trips

- Browse the Fall catalog at [www.yc.edu/edv](http://www.yc.edu/edv)
- Two trips took place to Canyon de Chelly in October. Join upcoming overnight Edventures.



- Edventures International Trip to Holland will take place in Spring 2024!





## Performing Arts Department

- The Performing Arts Department recently concluded an 8-performance run of the musical, *Singin' in the Rain*, which was attended by over 5,100 appreciative patrons of the Jim & Linda Lee Performing Arts Center. The production, which began choreography rehearsals in June and staging rehearsals in August, was comprised of a cast of 30 (including a mix of traditional YC students, local high schoolers, and community members); a 20-member pit orchestra comprised of a mix of student, faculty, and professional instrumentalists, which was expertly conducted by **Professor Chris Tenney**; and a skilled production team of dozens lead by **Kate Howell** as Director and **Dr. Craig John Ralston** as Production Director. With production values and performances to rival those of the best theatres in the state, *Singin' in the Rain* demonstrates that Yavapai College continues to provide exceptional, invaluable opportunities for those who wish to further their education and gain practical experience in the Performing Arts.







## Instructional Support and Library Services

- The library organized numerous Virtual (VR) Demos at both the Prescott and CTEC campuses. Some of these demonstrations were designed for staff, aiming to aid recruitment and familiarize them with VR platforms integrated into our college's curriculum. Others were tailored for faculty, equipping them with the necessary skills to integrate VR activities into their classes before the fall semester concludes. To enhance the experience the avatars were personalized, ensuring they closely matched the participants' appearances and assigned them corresponding names. This personalization contributed to a smoother and more individualized experience for all involved.






## Verde Valley Campus

- Culinary Arts Chef, **Carl Miller** & the VACTE students participated in the Southwest Wine Center fundraising event, Wine & Dine Gala by providing the following menu:
  - ☞ Moroccan Vegetable Tagine with Grilled Flat bread
  - ☞ Caesar Salad in a Nori cone with Grisini Stix
  - ☞ Tartlet of Grill peaches, goat cheese scented with golden syrup, Fragipan with a Lavendar Mesquite Honey spritz



- The Verde Café continues to get positive reviews while working through a season where staff are hard to find! We so appreciate having **Kelley Foy** and **Shea Day** on our Culinary team. The work they do to create a wonderful lunch experience with fresh sourdough bread and specials that showcase products from our greenhouse.

Messages	
Yesterday	 Customer Service, Environment, Quality, Wait Time Love this place!
8/31/23	 Customer Service, Environment, Quality, Wait Time Chef is fantastic!
8/30/23	 Customer Service, Environment, Quality, Wait Time Greatest green chile cheeseburgers of ALL TIME! Staff is always a delight. The YC Cafe is a treasure.





- Culinary students assisted in the first Fall, non-credit class for the Sedona School of Culinary. Some students were personal assistants to the registered participants, while other students ran the dishwashing room. The Culinary Advisory board recommended increasing the amount of time students work with the public to improve their soft skills as they enter the workforce. This group of culinary students are incredibly professional, dressed properly, helpful and sought out ways to work. They made us very proud! This is only possible because we have an excellent teacher in **Carl Miller** leading the program. He has turned the program around in one year and continues to do a phenomenal job.



Sedona School of Culinary added Cheese Making classes. Guest Chef Kathy Levine from Making the Cheese (PHX area) had her first appearance at the Sedona School of Culinary in October. She taught a beginner class, where students learned to make cheese curds and take them home. She also taught a mozzarella and burrata class that was very well received by participants.

Culinary graduate, **Indigo Griffin Barnes**, was recently promoted to the manager position at Rocky Road Ice Cream Company in Sedona.





- The Verde Horticulture students stocked The Market at the Verde Greenhouse Café with specialty pumpkins, gourds and chrysanthemums for sale. More than 50 pumpkins and 200 mums were sold for the holiday season. Now, the students are busy planting tulips for spring sales and amaryllis for the Christmas season. The Verde Horticulture Students are forcing the amaryllis bulbs. These bulbs will flower and become centerpieces for the Sedona School of Culinary December classes.





- This fall semester at Yavapai College's Viticulture and Enology (VEN) program has some significant accomplishments. The 13-acre vineyard on the Verde campus successfully harvested 55.52 tons, a testament to the hard work of our students and the vital support from community members. We are grateful to the volunteers who make these large crops possible.



In our winemaking endeavors, students are nearing the completion of the largest wine vintage since the Southwest Wine Center's establishment. A cool spring and delayed start to summer push the harvest two weeks later than our historical average. However, the quality was high due to the extra hang time on the vines.





The tasting room has expanded the Educational Wine Tasting Experiences. These sessions, featuring instruction on wine history and sensory evaluation, aim to attract and educate potential students about wine and our program.

“We are preparing to attend the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium in Sacramento. Ten students and I will participate in this major industry event this January, marking our first attendance since the pandemic. The symposium will expose students to new technologies and educational insights relevant to vineyards and wineries.” ~**Michael Pierce, Director**

The VEN program continues progressing with robust harvests, significant wine production, and enriched educational experiences. Participation in key industry events further enhances our students' learning and networking opportunities. On horizon is the





2024 Emerging Winemakers Symposium on April 13<sup>th</sup> on the Verde Valley campus. further enhances our students' learning and networking opportunities.

- The Verde Valley Campus celebrated **Tina Luffman**, English faculty and mentor, who retired after 21 years at Yavapai College.
- First Generation College Students celebrated on the Verde Valley Campus with fun games, snacks, prizes and a presentation panel discussed the challenges of being a first generation student.



- The YC Wellness and Resources Fair was an opportunity for students as well as the community to gather, access and share local resources and information for well-being. The Fair included vendor booths, information tables, refreshments, a raffle and free food boxes with fresh produce, provided by Manzanita Outreach.



- Friends of the Verde River community presented Verde River Stories: Celebrating Our Connection with the Verde River.” This open mic event was part of the criteria to receive an annual grant. Included in the event was the unveiling and book reading and signing of their first-ever children’s book, “On the Verde River” by author Phoebe Fox.

**Verde River Stories: Celebrating Our Connection with the Verde River**



Join us for an unforgettable evening of connection and celebration as we present **Verde River Stories**, a captivating event that’s part of our humanities program. This live event is a pivotal segment of the “Listening to the Verde” series, a creative collaboration between Friends of the Verde River and Yavapai Broadcasting.

Verde River Stories is our platform to spotlight community voices through various forms of expression such as acting, singing, dancing, and storytelling. These performances offer insights into our unique connections with the Verde River and its surrounding watershed. From educational narratives to heartwarming anecdotes, each presentation adds a distinct hue to our collective experience.

[Click here for more info.](#)



**Friends  
of the  
VERDE  
RIVER**

**Thurs., Sept. 7th  
4:30pm - 6:00pm**

*at*

**Yavapai  
COLLEGE**

**Verde Valley Campus  
M-137 Community Room**



- The Patty McMullen-Mikles Art Gallery Fall Student Exhibit Reception will take place November 9<sup>th</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>. All forms of visual arts on display are for sale and are created by our Verde Valley campus students.







- The Verde Valley Campus Fitness Center is promoting library services! Patrons may access free audio books while working out. All that is needed is a library membership and the “Libby” app.

**Did you know?**  
You can borrow audiobooks on your phone or tablet to listen to while exercising for **FREE!**

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