February 2020 **College Highlights**

School of Arts and Humanities

Nicole Dean, Professor of English, spoke at the American Associations of University Women's literary luncheon recently at Yavapai College. The theme of the event was "books that inspire girls," and the title of Nicole's presentation was "The Intergenerational Appeal of L.M. Alcott's Little Women."

Nicole also attended the 2019 College Reading and Learning Conference in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Amy Stein, Professor of History, has two articles published in the winter volume of the Journal of Arizona History, cover pictured below. "Cultural Artifact and Work of Art: Grand Canyon Landscape Painting" and "An Interview with the Great Unconformity: Howie Usher, Scientist and River Guide."

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School of Career and Technical Education

 Dean John Morgan poses with the new virtual robot that Electronics Professor Richard Peters is using to teach his labs while he resides in Oregon. Professor Peters can roam around his lab with the robot, talk to students in real time, and teach them one on one at each individual lab station. The robot can be manipulated to see any work that the students are doing in lab, with no latency for the student or the instructor. Welcome to the new world of education!



• Karla Phillips, Associate Dean for Career and Technical Education, reports the Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) license requirement for Line workers, plus the high demand for CDL Class A truck drivers in Yavapai County led YC to begin teaching a commercial driving prep class in summer of 2018. By leasing a tractor/trailer rig, YC created a 17-hour certificate program that guided students to completion of a Class A license. Each semester, we were able to complete approximately 15 students. This past fall we received certification as a branch of the MVD for ADOT at the Chino Valley Agribusiness Center to administer CDL road examinations to the public. YC purchased a tractor/trailer rig to complete our autonomy as a CDL Truck Driving school and branch examination center. Local employers, such as FANN Construction, Donaldson Trucking, Ace Hardware, CTI Concrete hire our CDL graduates immediately upon completion. Diesel Tech students take the CDL program to become more hirable. Pictured below is the College-owned tractor trailer used in YC Commercial Drivers' License training classes.



School of Health and Wellness

Yavapai College Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program certified nine new paramedics. Nine Yavapai County first-responders successfully completed skills to the next level, earning paramedic certification from the Yavapai College Emergency Medical Services program. The newly certified paramedics celebrated the achievement with their classmates and family members during a Paramedic Completion Ceremony Jan. 17 at YC's Prescott campus. The new paramedics currently work for a variety of fire departments, ambulance services and hospitals across Yavapai County. All are expected to also earn Associate of Applied Science degrees in paramedicine from YC at the end of the current semester. YC Lead Paramedic Instructor, Bryan Smith, said the Paramedic Class 11 "crushed" the National Registry Exam, earning a 100-percent, first-time pass rate. Dr. Chris Lampe, medical director for YC's EMS program, congratulated the new paramedics via video, telling them to revel in their accomplishments. "Don't ever forget what an honor it is and how hard you've worked to get here."

Multiple area first-response agencies and hospitals provided real world training and clinics for the YC paramedic students.

For information about the YC's EMS program offerings, visit www.yc.edu/ems.

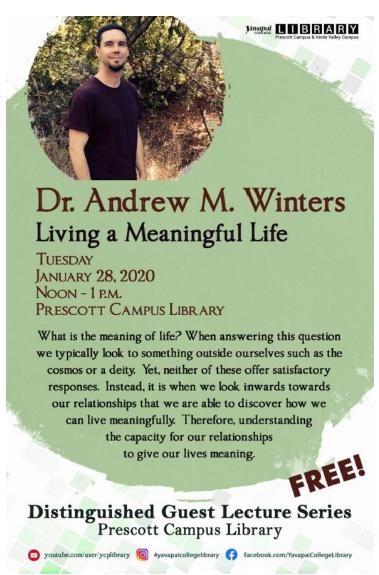


• The Student Nurse Association (SNA), Professors Cynthia Schroder, Dr. Stephanie Scovill, and Program Director, Dr. Marylou Mercado, participated in the 2019 Cottonwood Parade. The Student Nurses carried their SNA Club Banner, which is not pictured here, but was seen in the community video. The crowd showed their enthusiasm for the student nurses and cheered "We love nurses! Thank you!" The students handed out candy and YC swag. They truly enjoyed themselves during the parade and look forward to doing it again next year.



Office of Instructional Support

• **Dr. Andrew Winters**, Philosophy Instructor, was the first Distinguished Guest lecturer for Spring 2020 on January 28th. He presented, *Living a Meaningful Life* in the Prescott Campus Library.



Dr. Winters had a very busy fall and winter. Here are just some of his accomplishments:

Presented at International Conference on the Meaning of Life (Tokyo, Japan) in October 2019--photos of audience members were not permitted due to cultural customs.

Published Stranger Things and Philosophy with Open Court Press in November 2019.

Facilitated Socrates Cafe at Peregrine Bookstore in December 2019.

https://www.peregrinebookcompany.com/event/socrates-cafe-12-6-19

Advised Philosophy Club students with hosting and discussing Film "The Examined Life" in January 2020.

https://www.instagram.com/ycphilosophy/