

Student Development - May Board Highlights

Spring 2021 Office of Student Engagement and Leadership



YC Family Game Night!

Last event for the semester House Party Game Night, 4.27.21. Nicole and Priscilla, Roughrider Ambassadors pulled together a fun night of games and prizes for the YC students and their families using the app House Party.

Tour de Hope!

The Roughrider Ambassadors and I AM YC will be Celebrating with Daniel Swartz as he completes his 3000-mile trek on May 22, 2021 @ the Peavine Trailhead. Daniel has been riding everyday since last May to raise funds for the I AM YC Emergency Fund.



Come join the fun, for \$10 and receive the first annual tee shirt for Tour de Hope! All \$ raised go to the I AM YC Emergency Funds!



Yavapai College Student Government Association (YCSGA)

YCSGA and Ruff celebrated the Roughrider Volleyball team's District championship and their trip to the NJCAA nationals. Ruff and Brian Moultrup, Secretary of the YCSGA presented the players and coaches with a token of appreciation for amazing season!

YOU ROCK ROUGHRIDERS!



YCSGA treated all the YC Athletes to a Celebration Pizza Party!
In recognition of a very challenging season of playing during a pandemic. The YCSGA leadership team, YCSGA Advisors and Ruff delivered 100 10" pizzas to all the athletes and members of the residence hall team.



Campaign and Election results for YCSGA Student Leadership Team for 2021-2022:

Over 630 voters elected:

Brian Moultrup, President

Andrew Tucker, Vice President

Genevieve Horn, Secretary

Hannah Lowe, Treasurer

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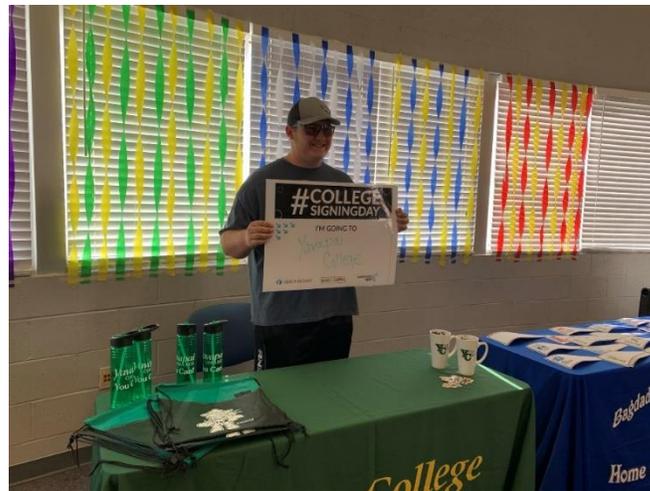


Promise and Early College

Early College:

The Early College has been visiting all the county high schools this month for registration, encouraging the high students to take advantage of the CARES grant funding and First Class Free this fall. The team has also completed the final Early College days for the spring semester having seen over 10 schools and 600 students. The team has also been attending College Signing Day events welcoming future Roughriders to the YC Family.

College Signing Day at Bagdad High School



Promise:

YC Promise is wrapping up the first cohort of students with about 100 students expected to graduate from the first cohort. The third cohort of students already had over 320 students signed up!

SSS/TRIO/ETS

Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO students are meeting in a number of ways for various purposes and learning opportunities; To Give Back, To Learn, and To Experience.



Giving Back at the Granite Creek Clean-Up

10 SSS students and 4 of their children joined forces with PTK and the Prescott Area Granite Creek Clean-up Project on April 17th at the south end of Willow Lake.

Learning at an SSS TRIO Workshop on Communication

Student ambassadors Zack Chamberlin and Autumn Re, present valuable information on Communication skills to SSS TRIO members via zoom on April 23rd.

The Evolution of Long Distance Communication

A cartoon titled "The Evolution of Long Distance Communication" showing four stages: 1. A man tapping a telegraph key with the sound "TA TAP TAP". 2. A man in a suit talking on a rotary phone with the sound "BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH". 3. A man in a suit talking on a mobile phone with the sound "TAP TAPPA TAP TAP". 4. A man in a plaid shirt talking on a smartphone with a video call window visible on the screen, showing a person in a blue shirt. Below the cartoon is a purple box with the text "Methods: Long-Distance Talking". To the right are two columns: "Common Pitfalls" and "Tips and Tricks".

Common Pitfalls	Tips and Tricks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background noise and distractions: 2 screens/ phone• Timing/scheduling• Silent arguing• Stay on purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure a proper environment and posture/tone• Active listening• Paraphrase and clarify



Experiencing the Arcosanti Community

On May 1st, SSS students and staff met in Cordes Junction for a guided tour of the Arcosanti community, built to combine the best of architecture and ecology.

Educational Talent Search (ETS) students from Mayer High School ask Jim Voska questions during a tour of the CTEC Campus on April 7th. The group learned about the many programs CTEC offers.



On April 16th, ETS students learned about therapeutic horsemanship and volunteer opportunities at Horses with Heart. A volunteer orientation included introduction to the horses and information on the services provided to assist people with disabilities. Two of the students volunteered the next day!



Tech Team

Ruff, the YC website chatbot is currently operating at a 96% accuracy rate without the need for live agent support. Over 337 messages were sent to the chatbot in the last 30 days including 55 interactions sent after 5pm. Recently added quick response tools with images help live agents quickly answer common questions. The notification header in the chatbot guides user to registration options in one click!

Salesforce records are now showing OneCard Transact photos where available, allowing staff to visualize and verify students as they provide customer service.



We have teamed up with Strata Information Group to create a more streamlined SAP (Student Academic Progress) process that provides better information to students.

In the Spring semester, over 50,000 bulk emails and over 10,000 bulk SMS notifications (texts) were sent to students.

Drug and Alcohol Prevention

The "Be the Difference" campaign engages students in promoting healthy behaviors to their peers, through connection and education.

We are working with the Student Athletic Leadership Council to create videos, and "Being the Difference" as role models for healthy behaviors.

Other campus groups (PTK & CHP) will partner in building this campaign across campuses, to promote mental health education and resources, and to reduce the stigma of addiction and mental health issues.



Financial Aid

Yavapai College's Financial Aid Advisor and Scholarship Coordinator, Kelly O'Brien has been elected as the President Elect for the Arizona Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA)!

AASFAA just celebrated its 53rd anniversary helping Financial Aid professionals from over 117 schools and organizations throughout the state better serve their students through Financial Aid education, trainings, networking and conferences. Acting in conjunction with the Regional Association (WASFAA), National Association (NASFAA), and the Department of Education, the presidency is a three-year commitment to the AASFAA Board of Directors and continues the Yavapai College personnel legacy of AASFAA presidents to now 5 within the 53 years of AASFA's existence.

We would like to congratulate Deborah Schumacher on her retirement from Yavapai College. Deb has been part of Yavapai College for 20 years, 15 of which was serving students in the Financial Aid Office at the Verde Campus. Thank you, on behalf of your colleagues and students for all your hard work and dedication. Enjoy a well-deserved retirement! You will be missed!

The Office of Residence Life

It is May madness down in the halls! Residents are powering through their last few weeks of classes and getting ready to hit finals hard! Packing has begun, studying is a priority, and so are post season games for our resident athletes. **Go Roughriders!** Everyone is busy, busy, busy and starting to feel the summer break around the corner. Residence Life Staff is offering to steam graduation gowns for our graduating residents to ensure they look their best at their upcoming ceremony. Additionally, we are looking forward to our student staff team celebration – in which we will thank our RA team for their dedication to halls, celebrate their accomplishments as they graduate, and reflect on the adventurous journey we have all been on during this crazy pandemic. Last but not least, the pro staff team is getting ready to interview the next crop of awesome student staff members as we look forward to the 21-22 academic year! Onward and upward in the Office of Residence Life!