

November 2024 Board Highlights

CTE Chino Valley, Division 1

On Saturday, October 5th, Yavapai College's Chino Valley campus hosted its 5th annual Harvest Fest. The event featured a variety of activities, including hayrides, a plant sale with student-grown plants, free pumpkins from the student-maintained pumpkin patch, a corn maze, a craft fair, and demonstrations by YC programs. Despite the warm weather, the event attracted nearly 1,500 attendees, celebrating the fall season.





- Students enrolled in Aquaculture Science (AGS261) this fall are gaining practical experience in fish handling procedures and health inspection techniques. This hands-on approach prepares students with essential skills for careers in aquaculture and environmental science, enhancing their understanding of sustainable fish farming practices.



CTE Verde Valley, Division 1

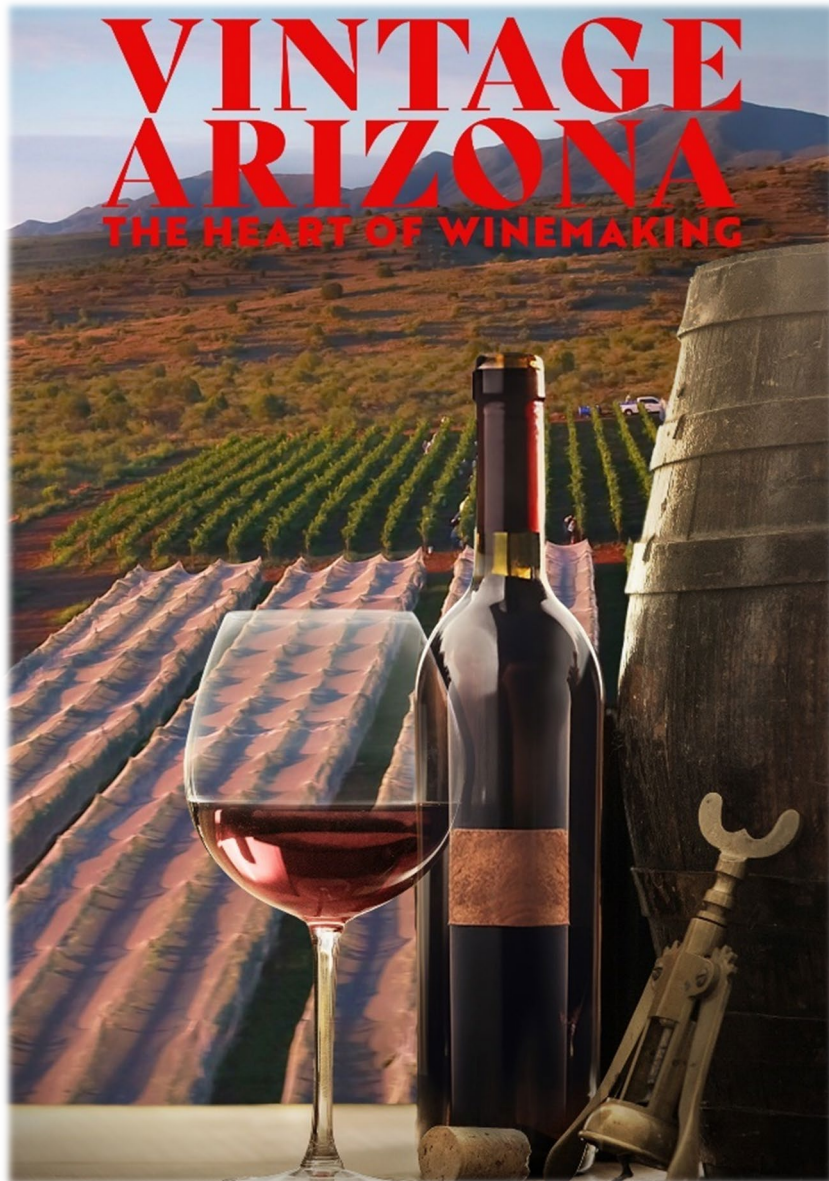
- On October 15, 2024, the YC Verde Valley Skilled Trades Center hosted a successful Pella Window & Door Installation Workshop. The event, led by John Mueller, a Pella Installation Training Specialist, and his expert team, provided hands-on training in two sold-out sessions. The workshop attracted 30 attendees, including both students and industry professionals, eager to enhance their skills. The comprehensive sessions covered best practices for installing Pella products, ensuring participants gained valuable, practical insights into the trade. The event's success highlights the growing demand for skilled trade education in the region.



- The Southwest Wine Center (SWC) celebrated another successful Wine and Dine event on October 19th. Tickets to this popular event continue to be in high demand and sold out in July. The SWC extends a big THANK YOU to the Friends of the Southwest Wine Center for their essential contributions to the event's success.

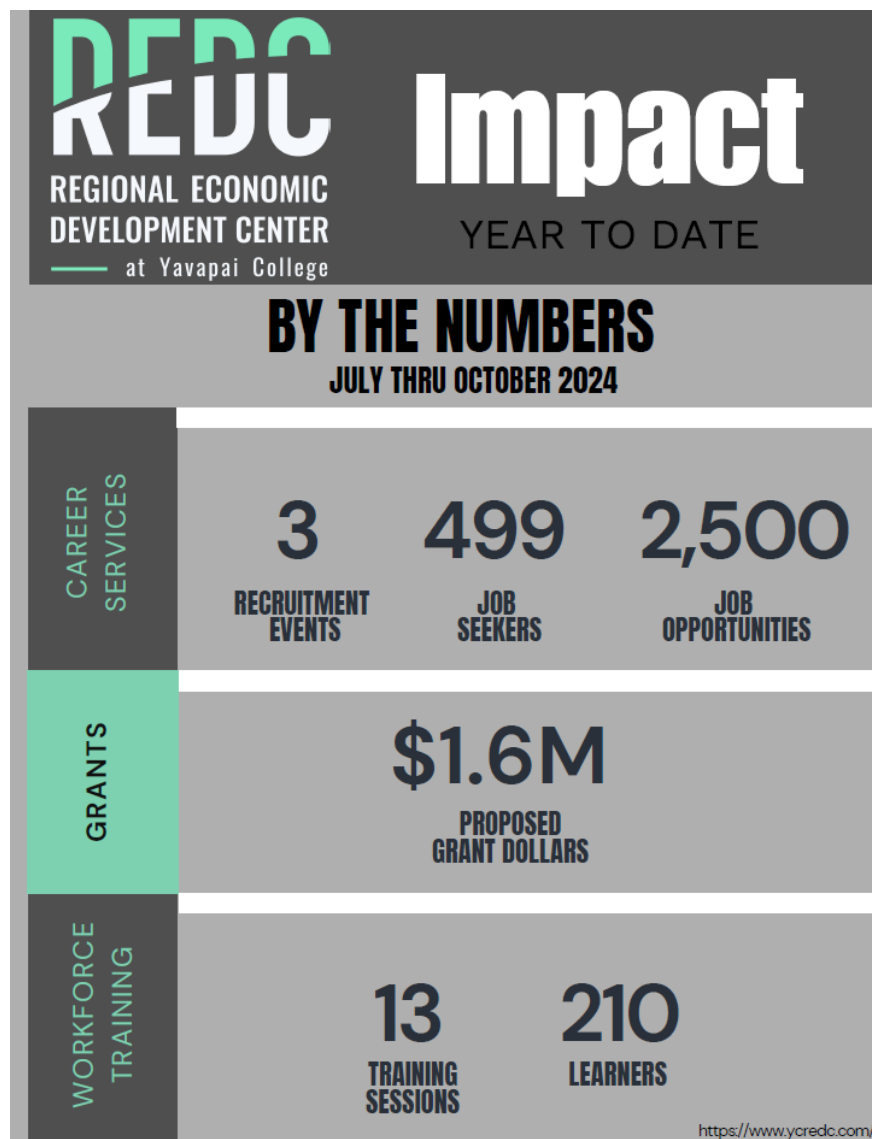


- In November, the Viticulture and Enology (VEN) program is leading a field trip for students to the prominent grape-growing regions in Southern Arizona. The trip includes a visit to Motzz Laboratories, which processes soil, water, and plant tissue samples for various agricultural industries, and meetings with alumni vineyard owners in the Sonoita and Willcox American Viticulture Areas (AVA). This excursion is designed to bridge classroom learning with real-world applications and industry networking.
- Graduates from the VEN program are being highlighted in the forthcoming documentary Vintage Arizona, which chronicles the careers of four distinguished winemakers, including three Yavapai College alumni. The Southwest Wine Center and our college vineyard served as key filming locations. The film's premiere is November 16th. The movie will further elevate the visibility of our program and its impact on the wine industry.



Regional Economic Development Center (REDC)

- This year, REDC has made substantial strides in supporting workforce readiness and career advancement. Key areas of focus include:
 - **Career Services** – Delivering tailored resources and coaching to equip individuals for career success.
 - **Grant Applications** – Leveraging grant funding to enhance training programs and workforce initiatives.
 - **Workforce Training** – Expanding training opportunities to meet the evolving needs of our local industries.



REDC Impact 2024

- The newly redesigned Career Services web page provides an accessible and organized resource for career assistance. Available to serve both Yavapai College students and community members, the page offers support across:
 - Career Exploration
 - Career Coaching
 - Job Searching
 - Resume & Cover Letter Writing
 - Interviewing
 - LinkedIn Profile and Networking
 - Career Fair Preparation

Visit the new page here: [Career Services](#).

REDC is committed to providing the information, resources, and tools needed to navigate a professional development journey. These efforts reflect the dedication to empowering career development and aligning with community needs.

REDC
REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CENTER
at Yavapai College

NEW CAREER SERVICES WEBSITE!

**TOOLS & ADVICE TO
ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER GOALS**

- Career Pathways
- Job Opportunities
- Resume and Interview Assistance
- Workshops and Events

<https://www.ycredc.com/career-services>

REDC New Career Services Website

- The recent Verde Valley Job Fair brought together 113 registered job seekers and 32 employers, offering over 800 employment opportunities. The event resulted in 25 scheduled interviews, 80 resumes collected, and more than 20 applications submitted, marking a productive day for both job seekers and local employers.



Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

- Yavapai College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) celebrated entrepreneurship at the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Business Plan and Pitch competition, where Desert Ohana Plumbing emerged as the winner!

This inspiring event, hosted by the NAU Center for American Indian Economic Development (CAIED), featured nine passionate pitches from aspiring entrepreneurs, each showcasing their unique business ideas and visions for the future.

The YC SBDC played a vital role in supporting this competition, offering a comprehensive workshop series over the summer at the Tunlii Community Center. Thirteen participants benefited from one-on-one consulting, helping them refine their pitches and develop solid business plans. Workshops included topics to build a business plan, financial forecasting, and marketing and sales planning. The series wrapped up with pitch deck preparation and presentation practice.

YC SBDC is excited to continue our partnership with all participants as they grow and expand their enterprises.



Administration of Justice (AJS), Public Services, Division 2

- Law & Justice Club members, along with YCSGA students and AmeriCorps interns, recently visited the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab. This hands-on experience provided students with unique insights into forensic science and criminal investigations, supporting their education and interest in the field of law and justice.



Fire Science, Public Services, Division 2

- The current fire academy is over halfway complete with 18 students set to graduate this fall.
- Our graduates continue to see high employment rates with local fire departments.
- Prescott and CAFMA hired eight Yavapai College Fire Academy graduates (September 2024), underscoring the academy's strong reputation and successful job placement outcomes.



- Students recently completed their wildland firefighting class and earned certification. YC Instructors collaborated with Prescott National Forest Fire Teams to create a realistic, scenario-based training day, providing students with invaluable hands-on experience in wildfire response.



- Several YC Adjunct Fire Academy Instructors recently completed an intensive 5-day program, earning NFPA Live Fire Instructor certifications. This advanced certification exceeds national standards in fire service training, further enhancing the expertise and quality of instruction within our academy.



Lifelong Learning/OLLI/Community Education, Division 4

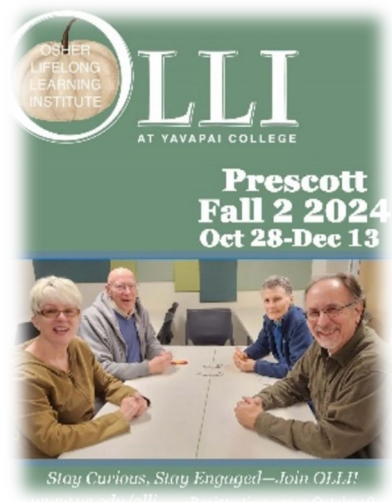
- Janet Reti Lecture Series Returns on November 2 – free and open to the public.

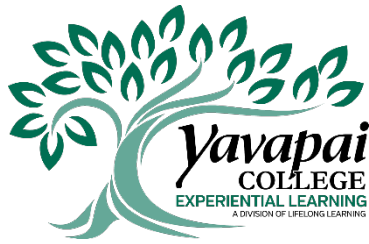


- OLLI in Prescott discussed the Water program on October 11 – an important topic for our region.



- Fall Term 2 Term 2024 – Registration opened October 9 and classes started Oct. 28 in Prescott, Sedona, and the Verde Valley. OLLI membership allows students to enjoy classes at all locations without paying an additional fee.





Community Education & Experiential Learning in Prescott, Sedona, and Verde Valley

- Community Education - Verde/Sedona
 - Community Ed – Verde Valley & Sedona fall class wrapping up and the winter/spring 2025 catalog being finalized.
 - **Online registration for Winter / Spring '25 opens December 4**
 - Prescott and Verde Community Ed/ Experiential Learning cross advertising courses



Experiential Learning

- Experiential Learning
 - Successful trips with wait lists in Fall '24 offerings
 - Experiential Learning Trips beginning Winter Spring '25 will be included in the Verde/Sedona catalog
 - Winter/Spring '25 trips include pick-up locations in the Verde Valley, when possible
 - Exploring future trips for the active demographic



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- College for Kids announcing the annual summer program to parents and instructors.



- **Linda Shook**, Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning, joined a strong contingent of Yavapai College leaders at the Arizona Community College Administrators (ACCA) conference held in Lake Havasu. Shook presented a session about lifelong learning programs, "Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Community Engagement through Lifelong Learning Non-Credit Programs"



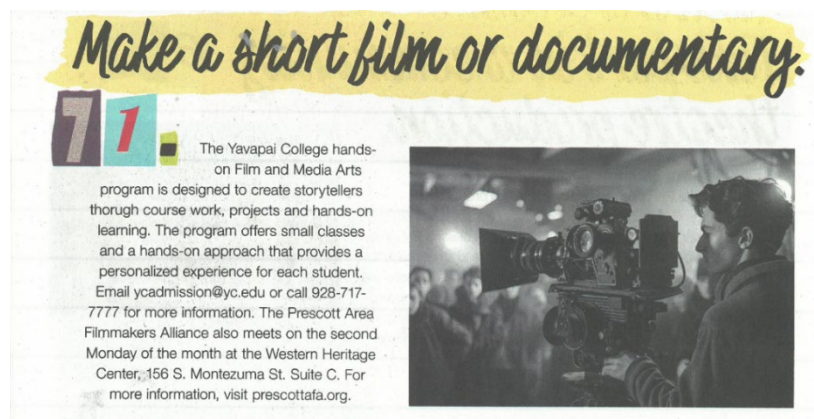
Business and Computer Systems, Division 5

- Congratulations to our YC Future Business Leaders Association (FBLA) Collegiate Chapter on their first appearance at the AZ FBLA Fall Leadership Conference. When Yavapai College says, “Be More,” the YC FBLA chapter takes it to heart. On Saturday, October 19th, they attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Phoenix, AZ, and the results were amazing! Students from across the state competed in written tests that allowed them to demonstrate their understanding of specific business concepts, and students also competed in a variety of competition events based on different business scenarios.



Film and Media Arts

- The Film and Media Arts (FMA) Program was included in the Prescott Courier feature, “101 things to do before you die” for making a short film or documentary.



Verde Valley Campus

- CUES (Curtain Up Education Series) – Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch



The performance of *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* is part of the Jim and Linda Lee Performing Arts Center's Curtain Up Education Series (CUES), which brings enriching educational programming to elementary students throughout Yavapai County. This event marks the inaugural production held in the newly upgraded Pavilion, with the PAC technical team managing all aspects of the production seamlessly.



- The *Wine & Dine in the Vines* annual fundraising event, hosted by the Yavapai College Foundation and Friends of the Southwest Wine Center, directly supports the Southwest Wine Center, Yavapai College's teaching winery. Event proceeds benefit students through viticulture scholarships, student activities, and funding for key program initiatives. The event featured a silent auction, gourmet appetizers from local restaurants and our own YC Culinary Arts students and a selection of fine Arizona wines.



- The Yavapai Student Resource Fair is an exciting annual event designed to connect students with a wide range of campus and community resources that support both their academic journey and personal well-being. This event is an excellent opportunity for students to explore valuable services and programs, ranging from academic support, career counseling, and student organizations to crucial community resources that address basic needs such as housing, food security, healthcare, and personal wellness.

In addition to these informative booths, the fair is packed with engaging activities to make the experience fun and interactive. Students can participate in a raffle with exciting prizes, enjoy artistic face painting, and indulge in a variety of refreshments.



Free food boxes from Manzanita Outreach will also be available.

This event offers new and returning students a chance to meet peers, discover new resources, and enhance their college experience in a supportive environment. All students are welcome to attend, and the fair serves as a great introduction to services that can help them thrive both academically and personally.



- The Third Party Rental Yavapai Hustle (a weekend event) featured both a cross-country mountain bike race and a trail running event. Proceeds from this race will benefit Chain Reaction, a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing bicycles to youth in our community and promoting their engagement in the sport of cycling.

(Photo credits: Tim Allen, Realty One – Cottonwood and Verde Valley Cyclist Coalition)



- Following the Yavapai Hustle Mountain Bike Race, Yavapai College, in collaboration with the Astronomers of the Verde Valley Club, hosted a stargazing event at the Southwest Wine Center. Despite cloudy conditions earlier in the day, the skies cleared beautifully for an evening of celestial observation. Participants were treated to views of various galaxies, including a stunning glimpse of Saturn and the Andromeda constellation.

The event featured seven telescopes and high-powered binoculars, attracting 25 to 30 attendees throughout the night. Guests enjoyed complimentary hot apple cider and donuts as they marveled at the night sky.



Visual and Performing Arts

- The Prescott Plein Air Festival Gala took place on October 13th and was awarded a Prescott City Council tourism grant. The Gala reception was catered by El Gato Azul, and 19 paintings sold for a total sales count of over \$12,000.



- **Laura Bloomenstein**, Visual Arts Professor, collaborated with the FEC to create a ceramic tile mural to celebrate the graduating Preschool class of 2024. Teachers and administrators of the FEC worked with Laura to add art, pose for pictures, and approve the final artwork along with YC Art Department Acquisition Committee. Laura received a Research Grant from the Arizona Commission on the Arts that supported her use of the technology of printing ceramic pigment to create this mural. Laura photographed, designed and printed the image, fired the tiles, and installed the mural. Thank you to the YC Facilities department that installed the steel backing! The FEC hopes to have a celebration for the parents and children in the Spring 2025.

