

September 2019 College Highlights

School of Career and Technical Education

- **Karla Phillips**, Associate Dean, reports the Casa Grande FFA Chapter came to the Chino Valley Center for a tour of the Agribusiness Center. Pictured below, **Karen Smith**, Instructional Support Specialist, is conducting the tour and the students are learning about the tilapia fish farm in the greenhouse.



- YC summer Horticulture students were very busy planting the corn maze and pumpkins for Harvest Festival, grafting apple trees, setting up straw bale gardens, and harvesting all the tomatoes from the greenhouse.



School of Health and Wellness

- **Marie Hardman**, Allied Health Instructor, reports seven students from this years' Spring Medical Assisting program completed the Registered Medical Assisting (RMA) national certification exam. All seven students passed! More students tested in July after completion of the summer internship, and all 12 students passed. Our accomplished spring graduates are pictured below with their proud instructor.



- **Rich Leclair**, Director of Radiology, reports:
 - On July 24th Radiologic Technology graduated its 9th cohort with 100% PCR (program completion rate).
 - 100% of this cohort have passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national certification exam on the first attempt.
 - As of this date, 90% of the graduates have obtained employment in the field.
- **Marylou Mercado**, Director of Nursing, states that according to Arizona Board of Nursing there are 94,936 RN's practicing in Arizona. An increased demand for RN's in Arizona's future to be 28,000 more needed by 2025*. YC Nursing Program is preparing graduates for our communities in meeting the needs of RN's throughout Yavapai County.

Currently, there are 197 enrolled nursing program students. There are program nursing students at Prescott and Verde Valley locations, including a new cohort of 48 first semester students! Yavapai College (YC) Nursing graduates continue to be successful on the Arizona NCLEX-RN Licensure with a pass rate of 97% in the first quarter of 2019, and 90% in the second quarter of 2019*. The YC NCLEX – RN national pass rate for 2019 is 90% * surpassing the national pass rate of 86%.

- **Nancy Bowers**, Director of Allied Health, reports 100% of the Medical Assistant students who took the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) certification exam passed the test and earned their RMA credential. Medical Assistants are in high demand in Yavapai County, and many of our graduates are offered jobs before completing their internships.

According to American Medical Technologists (AMT), employees who are certified earn a higher salary and have better opportunities for promotion and to advance in their careers than those that don't have this credential. More and more healthcare practices are looking to hire medical assistants with a certification credential. The RMA credential indicates to an employer that you meet the standards of performance required to be successful in the role, and this can be verified by a nationally recognized third party professional organization. It also demonstrates that you are dedicated to maintaining quality, competency and professionalism in your work.

School of Social Sciences

- This June and August, six continuing education students earned their Yoga Alliance-approved 200-hour teaching certificates, allowing them to enter the workforce as yoga instructors. Taught by Yavapai College's own **Karly Way** at the Sedona Center, the 20-day program is the first of its kind for YC. We hope to offer it again next summer with an even more robust roster. If all goes well, we may begin to market it to a nationwide audience, creating a true "destination program" at the Sedona Center.



School of Science and Engineering

- A letter of appreciation to the District Governing Board:

*Hello, my name is **Julian De La Hoz** and I am a former student of Yavapai College who recently transferred to the University of Arizona. I conducted undergraduate research at Yavapai for two years, and I wanted to thank you for the funding and support I received. It is due to my research that I have had the opportunity to join many other scientific programs. I wanted to write a letter thanking you as I would not be in this position if I had not had the ability to conduct undergraduate research at Yavapai. Once again, thank you and have a good day.*

Student Development

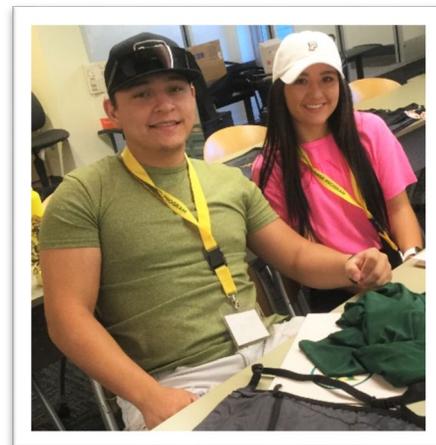
- Move in weekend Fall 2019 took place August 17-18. 205 YC students successfully moved into the Residence Halls. **Dr. Ron Liss, Tania Sheldahl, Jerald Monahan, Monica Belknap** and **Diana Dowling** held an orientation for parents, and had approximately 30 in attendance. Parents may opt into our new "Remind App" and we will text them important information such as upcoming dates and deadlines.



- Residence Life held a mandatory orientation to review important information for living in the residence halls. This was a joint effort with our campus police department as they are an integral part of our team.



- Yavapai College welcomed their first class of Promise students and had over 150 parents and students attend orientations at the Verde and Prescott campuses. We are so excited to welcome the class of 2021 to our campuses as Rising Riders this fall! For Additional information on the YC Promise program please go to the YC Promise website:



Instructional Support

- The Office of Instructional Support kicked off the fall 2019 semester by hosting the **First Year Faculty @YC Orientation** on August 8th and 9th. This two-day event was packed with important information useful for navigating the first year as a full-time faculty member at Yavapai College. Presentations were offered by members of the President's Office, Instructional Support, Peer Faculty Mentor Committee, Teaching & eLearning Support, Schools @ YC, Faculty Senate, Human Resources, Student Engagement, Student Development, the Registrar's Office, Disability Resources, the Learning Center, and the Library.



- The **New Adjunct Faculty Orientation**, held on August 12, was also hosted by the Office of Instructional Support. Presenters from various YC departments welcomed new adjunct faculty members and shared tools and resources available to ensure a successful instructional experience. Topics covered included: Student Development Overview; Course Outlines, Faculty Portal & Syllabus Requirements; Expectations of New Faculty; Class Rosters, FERPA & FTSE; Best Practices in Teaching & Learning; Title IX Compliance, Student Code of Conduct & CARE Team; and Campus Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

Library

- The Library helped kick off the semester at the Welcome Back Bash!



- For Welcome Week, the library organized a scavenger hunt designed by library technician, **Amy Heiling**, to help students discover the library resources.
- The Library's Distinguished Guest Lecture Series continues on Sept. 4th with Dr. Winters' presentation, *An Ethical Approach to Science and Medicine*. This lecture is presented in conjunction with the Fall 2019 YC RESPECT Campaign's Riders Read Program: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.



Dr. Andrew M. Winters

September 4, 2019
 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

An Ethical Approach to Science and Medicine



"How should we live? This is the central question of ethics. In trying to learn how to live well, we must also take into consideration developments from both science and medicine. Yet, it is unclear as to what counts as either ethical science or ethical medicine."

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Distinguished Guest Lecture Series
Prescott Campus Library

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- The Verde Valley Campus Library will also be hosting WaterSim Arizona from August 26th through September 7th. WaterSim is a computer simulation game to teach managing water sustainably, as part of the Verde Valley Water Ways Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit.



25Live

- Alice Burroughs, 25Live Specialist attended the 2019 CollegeNET User Conference in Portland, Oregon. The theme for this year was Harmonizing The Individual & Collective Interest. Alice attended a Pre Workshop on Building Event Calendars Using 25Live Publisher. The information learned assisted in the implementation and design of the new YC Event Calendar. CollegeNET has had a busy year revamping 25Live to 25Live/Pro. The 25Live Committee has been conducting training sessions in the new 25Live/Pro and 25Live/Scheduling platforms. The conference had several great tips and tricks maneuvering around these new platforms. Shortly, a new Event Wizard will be implemented to make inputting an event into 25Live much easier on the user.

TeLS

- Faculty and staff attended the Teaching and Learning Mini-Institute during faculty activities week, Wednesday, August 14th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Twelve different workshops were offered, including Canvas Course Design, Open Educational Resources, and How to Make Your Class Their Favorite. TeLS will continue to offer weekly trainings during the fall semester.
- The WebLIVE course modality, where students can join a live in-person classroom through video conferencing, officially kicked off this semester with 15 course offerings across multiple disciplines. TeLS and ITS provided in-person support for these courses, and we expect WebLIVE to see continued growth going forward.