

Student Development
Monthly Board Highlights
January Edition

Student Engagement and Leadership

Meet the Yavapai College Student Government Association Board-YCSGA!



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Listen to..... Speak for..... Stand with..... YC STUDENT BODY!

To empower the student body
to use their voice to create a positive
environment for the Yavapai College community.

Adopt a Highway – Students of Leadership Highway

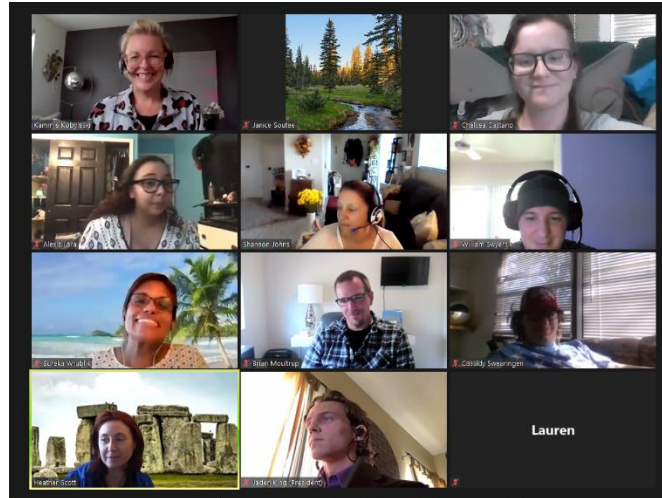
Students of Leadership (SOL) adopted a section of highway 89 east of Prescott Valley, mile marker 285 to 286. This "civic" leadership project is part of the SOL program each academic year. Look for the SOL sign on the highway 89!



Students of Leadership Bi-weekly Journaling with Scottie and Kammie

The following journal prompts are shared every other Monday for a discussion every other Friday via ZOOM:

- Gratitude
- Reflection
- Visioning



Letters From SOL:

The Students of Leadership connected to self-isolating seniors with a project called "Letters from SOL". Since the Pandemic, many of our senior citizens have had to hunker down in their residence. Through this project each SOL student wrote a handwritten note/message to an isolated senior to spread some JOY! This program will be expanded to all students, faculty and staff in spring 2021. Over 100 cards were delivered this past holiday season to the Good Samaritan.



Ruff Quest:

Art Ruff – Hour of drawing and creativity with Kammie & Ruff

Before:



After:



Join www.yc.edu/quest - Coming Spring 2021- Music Ruff, Ag Ruff, Science Ruff and Exercise Ruff



Financial Aid:

As we all try to do what we can to help our communities and students during this Pandemic this year the Financial Aid office has distributed 2,059 CARES emergency grants for a total of \$969,369 to our students since April! As of this writing, we hope that additional funds will be made available by Congress to help students continue their education and continue to support our education community to get through this together!

Here is just one of the student responses we have received;

"Thank you so much. I swear I saw this and almost started crying. I've been living pay check to pay check. I wasn't even sure if I was going to be able to afford school next semester but this is such a huge help. I can't even explain how much this means to me. I'm just so relieved. I was short on rent and my baby was born premature so I had to take time off as well and that was going to make things even harder. I can't even begin to explain. I'm so happy!"

The Pandemic has created new challenges for High School students in completing their Federal Student Aid applications for their upcoming college transition. With that in mind, the YC Financial Aid Office has been providing Financial Aid workshops for students regardless of their choice. Financial Aid has provided virtual workshops for Prescott High School, Bradshaw Mountain, Ashfork, and others during October and November. Below is an e-mail excerpt from one of the parents that attended the Prescott High School Workshop;

"Thank you so much for taking the time to set up the FAFSA/Financial Aid information night, conduct the presentation, and answer questions. Very helpful information."

There is no better job satisfaction then knowing you are making a difference. I am so proud of the Yavapai College Financial Aid team.....making a difference every day!"

Early College:

Early College conducted small Early College Day events before Thanksgiving to help high schools get their students ready for YC dual enrollment classes in the spring.



Early College also worked with Financial Aid this fall to conduct and present live and virtual FAFSA nights to the high school partners and families. Early College and Promise teams have been working to promote Cohort 3 for the YC Promise program, and so far, 178 students have opted in for next year.

Drug and Alcohol Prevention:

The Health & Prevention and RecoverSmart Clubs offered online virtual escape room to all students & staff on Friday November 13, 2020, 7:00pm (AZ).

The GAME: Crime Scene Investigators (CSI) Tommy Bennetti, a local crime boss, has hired you to discover the identity of two shooters who committed a mob hit at his club last Tuesday so he can get his own revenge before the police find them. You have 60 minutes to sort through the evidence!
We had a combination of staff and students, 17 people in total play the game.
Comments from the Trio team were they had lots of fun and hope they can do it again!

Ethan Fisher Presentation:



Ethan Fisher is a national speaker who presents to colleges, universities, high schools, and young people across the US about mental health and substance abuse issues.

After failing out of several colleges as a student-athlete due to his mental health and substance abuse issues and being imprisoned for DUI manslaughter, Ethan completed two Bachelor's degrees and a Master's degree. His life's purpose is to help other young people not follow his path.

Ethan presented "Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Promoting Onsite Awareness and Intervention (For administration, staff, and coaches.)" Ethan presented the NCAA statistics (National Collegiate Athletic Association) on depression, anxiety, suicide, and substance use issues amongst athletes across the nation.

Some important comments from the coaches were:

- "How open and honest he was and how he was able to help me understand how to better talk with an athlete."
- "awareness and watching for issues."

Life Consequences: A Tale of Redemption, Choices and Decisions and A College Life The 5 Keys to Student Success presentation:

Life Consequences uses Ethan's life story to illustrate the devastating consequences of mental health stigma and substance abuse while spreading his accountability and self-care message. Here are some of the student responses:

- "He definitely inspired me to change my ways because I do not want to live like he did."
- "The mindset and perspective shift of his mentality, and how he finally changed his ways after messing up multiple times."
- "He decided to change while he was still in prison and I think that was super powerful."

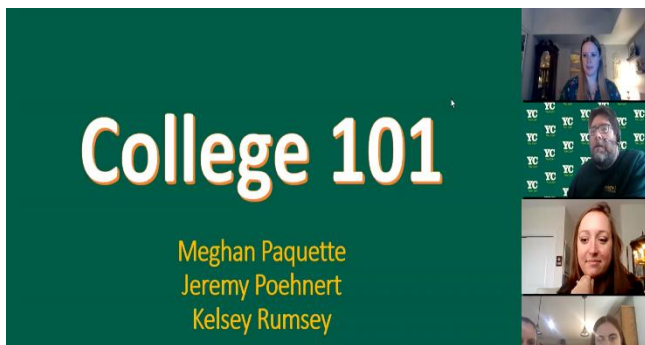
Admission:

A YC Live Virtual Open House was held on December 5, 2020. YC student David Henderson performed music as everyone was joining the event. Dr. Rhine welcomed students to the Open House with a presentation on "Why YC," with five reasons to attend, including the programs and support students will find at Yavapai College.

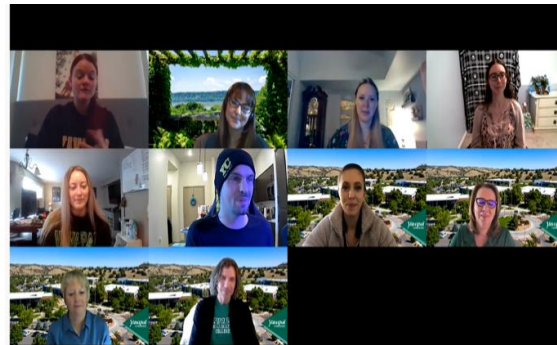
There were approximately 70 students registered for the Open House with faculty representation from many academic programs. During these presentations, faculty shared information with students about what is needed to complete a particular program, job prospects, and what it takes to succeed in the program.

Sessions included: College 101, Financial Aid, student panel, admission process, and advising resources.

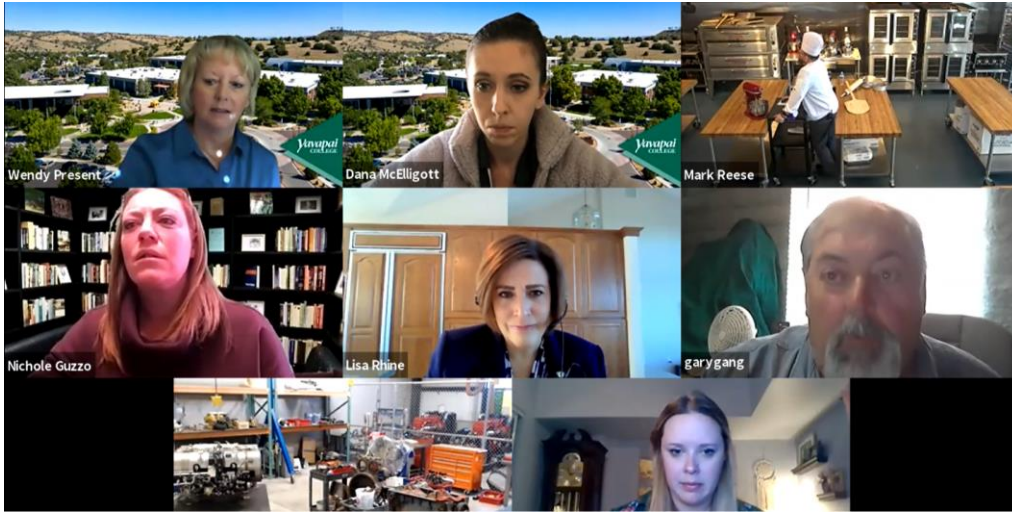
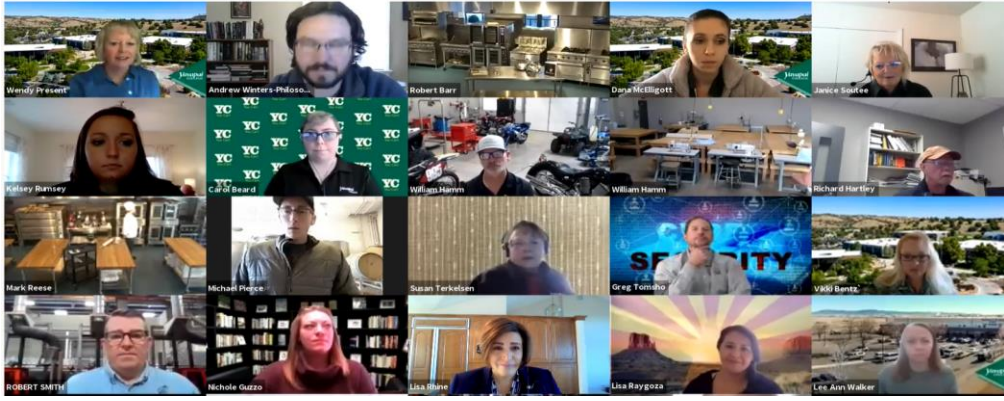
Samples of breakout rooms and presentations from the YC Live Virtual Open House:



College 101



Student Panel



CNT/ Cybersecurity

Allied Health



Performing Arts session

YC Music Student David Henderson



Residence Life:

The YC residential community is feeling those
Life on campus vibes

RA Kayla had a birthday this month, and her fellow residents throw her a super secret socially distancing surprise birthday party!



Meet Resident Sassy, the super sweet Emotional Support Animal!



Our amazing student staff is preparing to safely welcome our incoming spring residents with lots of project work, including updating all of our bulletin boards!



Trio/Vet Services:

Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO Program students gathered to discuss ability in response to Rosie King's TED Talk "How Autism Freed Me To Be Myself"



SSS TRIO Club Students began planning holiday service projects in November. This year, they delivered Christmas caroling to seniors at Glassford Place, virtually via Zoom. They also adopted a Stepping Stones Family for Christmas! The club donated a \$100 gift card, plus an additional \$200 in personal contributions, which will likely benefit more than one family.



SSS TRIO students, staff, friends, and family brought joyful tidings with songs, stories, and senior residents of Glassford Place (12/16)



SSS TRIO student Michael Swyers facilitated a break from finals with some virtual, old fashioned Bingo



SSS TRIO BINGO
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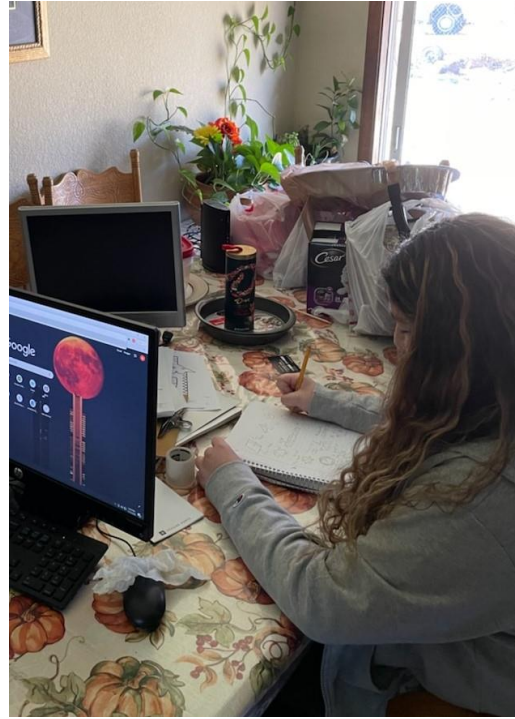
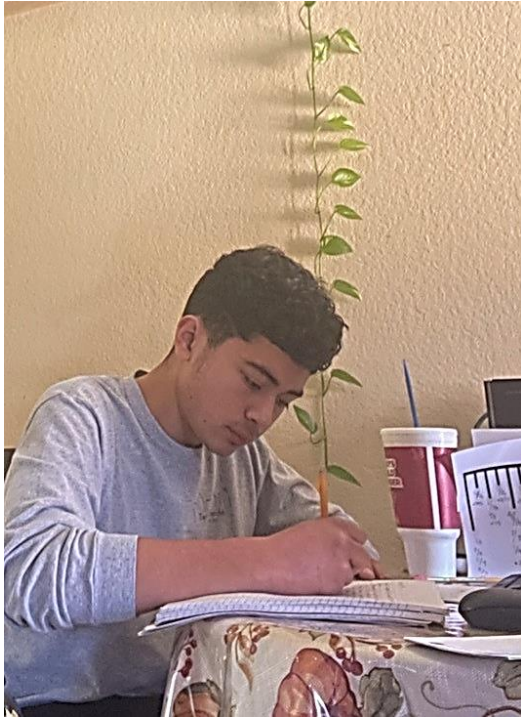
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Carol Beard of SSS TRIO presented the workshop "How to Create Success"



Educational Talent Search:

Educational Talent Search (ETS) TRIO and Student Council members of Chino Valley High School wrote 34 Christmas letters to the residents of Glassford Place Retirement Community and delivered them last Monday.



Veteran Services:

In honor of Veterans Day 2020, TRIO Programs (ETS & SSS), Veterans Education and Transition Services (V.E.T.S.), YC Veterans Club, and SSS TRIO Club sponsored a clothing drive to benefit Disabled Veterans of America (DAV.) The response from the community was overwhelming, and over 1,200 items were donated.

