



Mission:

- We are the voice of the Yavapai College staff
- We strive to enhance the workplace for the YC staff
- We promote professional development

SUPPORT

COLLABORATION

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Message from the YCSA President

May arrived this past weekend. This means it is now time to plant our spring gardens (thank you YC Production Horticulture).

It also means,

- Spring graduation is right around the corner;
- This Friday is our last Friday “at the office” for the summer; and
- It is YCSA election time!

YCSA is now accepting nominations for various Board positions and applications for division representatives. With our new shared governance model structure, this is an exciting time to be part of YCSA. This is a great opportunity to participate in developing a structure and new framework for the college moving forward. Nominations will be accepted until the end of May. This July, will be the end of my two-year term as YCSA President. I enjoyed every minute, and am so thankful for the opportunity to represent this organization and work with everyone on the YCSA. Thank you for this opportunity!

Quick update from the last President's Update on my training for the Whiskey Row Marathon 5K. A year ago, I would not have been able to run outside for even one minute. Over the weekend, I was able to run outside for 12 minutes without stopping. I am feeling confident that by October, I should be ready to run the 5K, maybe not as fast as everyone else – but I will finish the race!

Whatever dreams you have, you can do it. Whether it be going back to school, a leadership position, or running in a marathon. It is never too late to conquer your dreams.

Katherine Anderson
YCSA President



Are You Ready for Summer?

Summer Fridays off starts the week of May 10 and runs through the week of August 2. Make sure you have discussed your work plan with your supervisor for the summer 36-hour work weeks.

Roger Runyan Employee Career Enhancement Award 2021-2022

The Yavapai College Foundation's Roger Runyan Employee Career Enhancement Award provides financial assistance to full-time staff of Yavapai College actively seeking increased professionalism and effectiveness through educational enrichment opportunities.

Applications may be for seminars, workshops, or related degree and certificate programs that will serve to enhance the staff member's work environment.

Applications for the fiscal year 2021-2022 are due by noon on **Monday, May 31st, 2021.**

[APPLY HERE](#)

Awards will be announced at our upcoming Professional Development Day!

You are invited to the inaugural Staff Professional Development Day on **June 17, 2021!**



For this virtual event, ELT has indicated that all YC services will be closed, so please mark your calendar for this great day.

Be on the watch for more details about the sessions coming out soon!!

We look forward to seeing you there,
YCSA Professional Development & Training Committee

YCSA Needs You!

[Apply Online Today!](#)

Four YCSA board positions are up for election this year:

- President
- Treasurer
- Part-Time All College Representative
- Student Employee All College Representative

You may self-nominate or nominate a colleague.



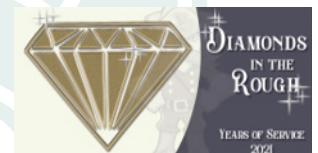
Participation as a YCSA officer allows you to: represent your peers providing input on what staff finds important; help brainstorm solutions to employee issues; work collaboratively with a creative and enthusiastic team; develop leadership skills; and most important — have fun.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Karen Leja, Elections Coordinator (Karen.leja@yc.edu; x7619).

Nomination forms are due to Karen Leja by **June 3**.

Online voting will take place **June 14** through **June 25**.

New officers will be notified **June 29** with a new officer and board orientation/retreat occurring in July.



Upcoming Events

May 8	Verde Graduation
May 14	Last Day of Spring Semester
May 15	Nursing Pinning Ceremony
May 15	Prescott Graduation
May 20	Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy Graduation
May 31	Memorial Day (Offices Closed)
June 7	First Day of Summer Semester
July 4	Independence Day
July 5	Independence Day Observed (Offices Closed)
July 29th	Last Day of Summer Semester

The Yavapai College Diamonds in the Rough 2021 Years of Service Awards were held virtually on March 25, 2021, with a total of 87 awards being presented.

75 Employees were presented awards for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service.

In addition to the years of service awardees, 12 employees were recognized for receiving certificates or degrees earned over the last year.

New this year is the placement of bricks on the Verde Valley Campus for employees who reach the milestone of 25 years of service here at Yavapai College. A total of 7 bricks were placed on the Prescott and Verde Valley campuses.

Prescott bricks were placed in the sculpture garden around the fountain at the lower end of the garden. Recipients include: Susan Godby, Michael Kervin, and Jennifer Taylor.

Verde Valley bricks were placed in the pavilion, northwest corner area.

Recipients include: Roy Sandoval, Amy Stein, Jon Freriks, and Lisa Simpson-Kyle

Congratulations to all the awardees!
You are truly Diamonds in the Ruff here at YC!