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YCSA *update*



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YCSA President's Welcome

Happy New Year Everyone!

Welcome back to another fabulous year at Yavapai College. I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and have come back rejuvenated and ready to make 2016 the best year yet! Before addressing the New Year though, I would like to thank everyone that helped, participated, or brought food for our Annual Holiday Potluck. It was truly fantastic. Looking ahead, we are beginning the process for hiring the new VP of Instruction and Student Development; something I believe we are all excited about.

I would also like to thank everyone that attended the YCSA General Meeting during Convocation Day. It is wonderful to see so many people excited about our organization. Be sure to follow up with the committees if you have an idea or would like to volunteer for one of their events.

Looking forward to a great year with all of you,

James Elphick, Trio Veterans Upward Bound

Calendar Reminders



- 2/5 [First Friday trainings](#): “Professional Development: Leadership;” “Preparing your family for a disaster;” and “Relax and Revitalize with Essential Oils”
- 2/9 Sciences Talk: Fossiling in 19th Century England (4-102)
- 2/11 [YCT Wellness](#) Spin class
- 2/17 [YCT Wellness](#) Stress Management Class
- 3/1 Deadline for May Graduation application

For more information, click on the links above or visit ycsablog.wordpress.com.

For information on Student Success Workshop dates, please visit yc.edu/v5content/learning-center/successworkshops.htm.

Did You Know?

Celebrating Our Employees

by Gina Hutchison

There are so many exceptional people that work at Yavapai College. Some may have just started working here and others have put in many years of service. I wanted to highlight some of the employees who have worked at YC for 15 years and longer by sharing some fun facts about them.

Did you know that...

- ◆ **Stacey Hilton** started her employment at YC on October 20, 2000, **15 years ago**, as an Instructional Designer in the Distributed Learning Department. While attending college, she was homecoming queen for her sophomore class. Although Stacey lives in Arizona and enjoys working at YC, her happy place is at the beach, collecting sea shells and soaking up the sun.
- ◆ **Billie Norris** began her employment at YC on August 30, 1999, **16 years ago**, in Residence Life and loved being the “Campus Mom” to the students living in the Residence Halls. Billie loves to bake, garden, and spend time with her cat “Lil” and her dog “Mickey.”
- ◆ **Patrick Burns** started his full-time employment at YC on July 1, 1998, **17 years ago**. Prior to that, he worked part-time in the Computer Lab and the ITS Department. Patrick lived by the shore of Lake Ontario while attending SUNY Oswego. He welcomes the annual snowfall of 13 inches in Prescott over the 12 feet annual snowfall of Oswego, New York.

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- ◆ **Alexandra Helm-Correa** began her employment at YC on July 6, 1998, **17 years ago**, and has worked in the Dean's Office on the Verde Valley Campus for the entire duration. Alex's first summer job was working as a mate on a deep sea fishing party boat on the eastern seaboard. That work entailed setting up fishing poles, cutting bait, cleaning the boat, helping customers catch fish, filleting the catch and selling beverages.
- ◆ **Alice Burroughs** started her employment at YC on September 16, 1996, **19 years ago**, part-time on the Verde Valley Campus. She spent nine years in facilities before transferring to the Sedona Center in 2004. She was the Instructional Specialist for the Digital Media Arts Program, Zaki Gordon Film School and instructional support (there were over 50 adjuncts in Sedona at that time). Funny story! In January, one wing of Sedona Center was flooded. All the film people and a business instructor had to relocate their offices to one classroom. The business instructor was very particular about his desk and bookcase; he didn't want film students touching any of his "stuff." One weekend it was time for students to go out and shoot their films. They needed props, so the students moved the bookcase off property, used it in their film, then relocated it back to its original spot. The business instructor had no idea his bookcase was used in a film. Alice says "I cherish the time I spent in Sedona. It was amazing to work with such creative, imaginative people!"
- ◆ **Thomas Schumacher** began his employment at YC on September 12, 1977, **38 years ago**, and is currently teaching ceramics in the Art department at the Verde Valley campus. Thomas had a small, non-speaking, part in a movie called, "Blood into Wine." This movie is a 2010 documentary about Northern Arizona wine.

These folks seem to have a lot in common: stability, great work ethics, passion, positive attitudes, and hard work. Thank you for your years of service and exemplary work!

Learning Center — More Than Just a Place to Study

The welcoming environment in the Learning Centers begins with an amazing staff with years of customer service experience. Your first contact is often Frankie Cardamone (alias Juggling Advisor) on the Prescott Campus and Kim Stuit (alias Yoga Instructor) on the Verde Campus. The Learning Center is where many successful students go for tutoring, meeting with classmates, using the computers or just studying on their own. The Prescott Campus is sponsoring Student Success workshops from January through April. Open this [flyer](#) for workshop details.

One service that many staff may not know about is Supplemental Instruction (SI). This academic assistance program utilizes peer assisted study sessions facilitated by students who have previously done well in the course. The SI Leader attends all class lectures, takes notes and acts as model students. The program has been in progress for a number of years in math classes. Currently, the Verde Campus utilizes SI for MAT 092 and 122. The Prescott Campus is now targeting courses that have traditionally had a high fail/withdraw rate. This semester, SI services are offered for CHM 151, BIO 201 and BIO 181. The U.S. Department of Education has validated the claim of effectiveness for the SI program including SI participants earning a higher mean final course grade than students who do not participate. And, SI participating students persist at the institution at higher rates than non-participants.

Another highly used service in the Learning Center is tutoring, helping our students become independent learners. Our tutors are recommended by instructors and go through a rigorous

training program to help them learn to be effective. This program leads to CRLA certification, a nationally recognized tutor certification credential.

Tutoring is free to Yavapai College students for classes they are currently enrolled in. This includes most general education courses like math, writing and science. Tutors do not do homework for students; they assist in gaining a better understanding of the material. For example, they may cover various stages in the writing process, pointing out recurring errors and helping students write more effectively. Tutors may go over exams and determine what areas the student needs to spend more time learning and how to prepare differently to do better on the next exam.

No appointment is necessary. Drop-in tutors rotate through all waiting students. To reduce the wait time, it is recommended to visit during slower hours, such as before 10:00am, after 3:00pm or on Fridays. Students can drop-in, skype, e-mail or use the online writing tutor. The Verde Campus also offers tele tutoring. The Schedule by Subject is available online by campus.

Questions? Call: Prescott 928-776-2085
Verde: 928-634-6562

Other services located within the Learning Center areas include: Disability Resources, SSS TRIO, Prescott Campus Adult Basic Education (GED/ESL) and Verde Campus computer lab.

NEW YEAR! NEW BEGINNINGS!

Welcome to our new employees and congratulations to those who transferred to new positions. Get inspired by their New Year Resolutions!

Brandon Biro, *Carpenter, Facilities*

Michael Burgoyne, *Stage Specialist, PAC*

Jesus Chavez, *Director, Residence Halls*

Daintry Donovan, *Testing Specialist, Testing Services*

Julia Ford, *Human Resources Technician*

Miguel Garza, *Financial Aid Specialist*

Shane Gibson, *Faculty, Mathematics*

Shelly Gilliam, *Interim Manager, Library*

Aaron King, *Custodian, Facilities*

Mandi Lopez, *Arts & Humanities Technician*

Killian Lord, *Teacher, FEC*

Francesca Mallamo, *Nursing Specialist*

Anthony Nixon, *Custodian, Facilities*

Erika Reese, *FEC Specialist*

Aaron Rizzieri, *Philosophy Faculty*

Nicole Rossi, *Grants & Development Coordinator*

Robert Schlegel, *Facilities*

Maurice Terrell, *Instrumental Faculty*

Kelly Trainor, *VV Campus Associate Dean*

Marty Zoeteman, *Accounting Tech, Foundation*

“Make this the year of me – to finally get out and do things for me – to actually get a life now that I’ve shaken off the monumental responsibility that burdened me back East!” — Julie Bartz, *Testing Services Coordinator*

“Reduce sugar consumption.” — Petra Bresee, *Assistant II, Center For Successful Aging*

“Develop positive lasting memories for each of our guests who visit the SWC. Focusing on our educational programs and the fun, interactive, events held here!” — Philip Brown, *Assistant II, Viticulture*

“Explore more nature on my mountain bike.” — Brandi Fabian, *Early College Program Specialist*

“Grow awesome grapes that become awesome wine...oh...and hike more too.”
— Theodore Ferring, *Vineyard Foreman, Viticulture*

“Make more healthy meals at home and use the takeout menus less.” — Cindy Heath, *Testing Specialist, Testing Services*

“STAY CALM & BREATHE DEEP J.” — Nanette Hofer, *Director of Musical Theater*

“Find better balance in my life. To find more time for myself, while still enjoying my job, helping and spending time with family and friends, focusing on my health and continuing my education.”
— Shannon Johns, *Answer Center Representative Lead*

“Be more intentional with my time – living on purpose so that my time, energies and activities reflect my core values and goals in life.” — Keryn Lafferty, *Administrative Assistant, Nursing*

“To go on a trip to Europe with my friends.” — Meghan Paquette, *Academic Advisor*

“Learn how to use my camera, using more than the ‘auto’ button now that I have moved to beautiful Prescott. Attend one of YC’s fabulous classes...and try to keep my mouth shut as my daughter plans her wedding.”
— Clare Peckham, *Purchasing Specialist*

“Decrease screen time and increase outdoor time! Hard to achieve but progress, not perfection!”
— Stephanie Scovill-Bronsky, *Nursing Faculty*

“Organize and simplify.” — Barbara Stencel, *Nursing Specialist*

“Don’t be afraid to stand for what I believe in, even if that means standing alone.” – Andy Biersack”
— Danyl Tomerlin, *Assistant III, Center For Successful Aging*

YCSA Committee Updates

Social Events Committee: Holiday Potluck

The annual Employee Holiday Potluck was such a festive and delightful event, and a huge success. About 140 faculty and staff were greeted with “aloha” and leis, and many graciously brought a dish or dessert platter to share with others. And, in keeping with the holiday spirit, faculty and staff donated nonperishable food items or a toy (or both) to the Prescott Food Bank. Many thanks to all for your generous donations!

Also, a big “mahalo” goes out to Sodexo for providing the food, beverages, paper products, and tablecloths, Facilities for helping set-up/take down the holiday decorations, the Sand Fleas Ukulele Band for their awesome performance and adding to the Hawaiian Luau theme, Thatcher Bohrman for doing a great job as our Master of Ceremonies, Santa Claus for making us all laugh, and for the committee who put a lot of love into organizing this event.



Update — The Food Bank was able to adopt 66 families and gave toys to over 400 children. This is the first year the Food Bank did not have to buy any of the toys that were distributed due to the amount of generous donations received. In addition to the toys, the food bank distributed 13,000 food boxes to individuals and families on December 23 and 24 for the holidays.



Community Service Committee: Earth Day

This will be the first of our Community Service Events, and we would like to have a strong showing!



Celebrating Earth Day

Friday, April 22, 2016 – National (traditional) Earth Day

Prescott and Verde Campuses

Lunch hour(s) 11:00am – 1:00pm

Educate and Inform

Make a poster, give a demonstration, write an exposé or entertain with a poem or song or dance celebrating Earth Day. Students, faculty, and staff can participate...anyone can attend. Share what you know with the community! Volunteer! Participate!

International Earth Day

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Clean-Up and Restore

Many hands will make light work! Lots of different jobs with all different skill and physical levels will be required to demonstrate to the community that the Yavapai College Staff Community cares about the Earth. Civic organizations are being contacted to determine where we could best serve the Prescott and Verde communities...a park, waterway system, trail system, lake shore...as soon as we know we will get the word out.

Be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

Contact wendy.weiland@yc.edu if you have suggestions or want to participate in any capacity. We need your involvement!