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YCSA President's Welcome

Greetings Yavapai College Staff!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I would first of all like to welcome our new YCSA Board Members: Janice Soutee was elected as Vice President and Jennifer Taylor was elected as our Secretary. I would also like to welcome Jerry Zaryczny who stepped up to be our Web Developer after Fernando's unexpected departure.

I would like to extend a thank you to everyone who came to our general meeting on Convocation Day. What a turn out! I feel that the staff association is really doing a great job when we can engage so many people. So please continue to participate and join committees and voice your opinions. If you have any issues you would like addressed, please visit the YCSA webpage at www.yc.edu/ycsa and fill out our form.

Finally, thank you to all staff who stepped out of their comfort zone and helped with the call campaign. By the looks of things, you all made a big difference in increasing our enrollment this semester.

James Elphick, TRIO Veterans Upward Bound

Welcome New Students

Members of the YCSA Social/Community Service Committee participated in the Welcome Riders event at the Residence Halls on the Prescott Campus.

They assisted students and their families with move-in and helped welcome them to the beginning of Fall 2016 semester.

Thanks for your help in letting our students know there are friendly staff and familiar faces around campus!



Fall Semester Kicks off With Convocation

Convocation Day kicked off the fall semester on August 15. Thank you to Dr. Ron Liss, Monica Belknap, Billie Norris, Connie del Castillo, the Marketing Department, Sodexo and everyone that helped present a great day.

At Yavapai College, Convocation Day is like a class reunion; it gives staff the opportunity to connect or reconnect with colleagues from all campuses. Here are some of the comments we received from attendees as they participated in the day's activities:

- Liked the lei's the new employees wore. Gave us all a chance to welcome them.
- Dr. Liss was funny and informative! It was great to learn more about him as many of us hadn't had the chance to get to know him.
- The administrators were very approachable.
- Breakout sessions offered good cross perspectives from staff, faculty, and students.
- Some breakout groups didn't have enough representation from faculty and students.
- Convocation Day helped me see the bigger picture of Yavapai College.
- Thanks to the administrators for serving lunch! After your retirement from YC, you have a new career opportunity.
- This day really helps staff and faculty connect.
- Steve Walker needs more questions.
- Being able to interact with staff and faculty that I don't normally work with.
- Chance to meet with people across departments: Fire Science, Nursing, Student Development, OLLI, Arts & Humanities, Facilities

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Celebrating Our Employees

Welcome to our new employees and congratulations to those who transferred to new positions.

New Employees

Name	Department	Campus
Jerald Monahan	Campus Police	Prescott
Jennifer Zwak	Police Department	Prescott
James Haile	Mail Center	Prescott
Michael Anderson	Custodial-Facilities/Campus Safety	CTEC
Lori McIntyre	Biology	Verde
Charlotte Dunnigan	Mail Center	Prescott
Mitchell Goldberg	Purchasing	Prescott
Ryan Gastonguay	PAC	Prescott
Giovani Donaldson	TRIO	Prescott

New Positions/Status Changes

Name	Department	Campus
Lisa Mauldin	Student Development	Verde
Harlee Welch	Financial Aid/Student Dev.	Prescott
Petra Bresee	Allied Health	Prescott
Cheryl Williams	Mail Center	Prescott
Barb Waak	Verde Valley Campus Dean	Verde
Kaitlin Gruber	Residence Life	Prescott

welcome!

Fall Semester Kicks off With Convocation *Continued*

- It was great to have a huge attendance at the YCSA meeting. YCSA participation is growing.
- Convocation days at my past jobs welcomed students; this was a new type of Convocation Day for me.
- It was interesting to hear different opinions on what is “student success.”
- It was wonderful to have students as part of the break out session conversations.

Wellness Update



What's new this month in the YCT Wellness Program?

On September 12 we are starting the Second Annual “I’m Totally Losing It!” Body Fat Loss Challenge. The challenge runs from September 12 through November 20. The object of the challenge is to lose as much body fat as possible while retaining, or even gaining, muscle mass. Every participant that loses at least 2% body fat (for example, starting at 35%, finishing at 33%) will be eligible for the grand prize drawing: a 4-week membership to Blue Apron!

Also coming in September are the Healthwaves Wellness Screenings and Flu Shot Clinics. YCT members can make an appointment to get various health screenings done, as well as their annual flu shot.

The POP (Prostate Onsite Project) cancer screenings are going to be held in Prescott on September 16 and 17. These screenings are available to all YCT benefit eligible employees and spouses.

For more information on the body fat challenge, Wellness Screenings, and the POP screenings, please visit www.yctwellness.com. Paula Tomitz, YCT Wellness Coordinator, can be reached by phone at 928-776-2238, or by email at paula.tomitz@yc.edu. Also, to be kept updated on all YCT Wellness events, please like us on Facebook: Yavapai Combined Trust Wellness Program.

There is no life I know to compare with the imagination. Living there you'll be free, if you truly wish to be.
— Willy Wonka

My Summer Vacation

How did you spend your summer? While not all of us were able to get away this summer and enjoy some time away from Arizona and the surrounding communities, some YC employees did get away and took a moment to share their vacations and photos with us. Please enjoy!

This was my second visit back to Oahu since moving here from there in 2009, and it was so amazing to see the development taking place in the downtown Honolulu and Waikiki areas. So many high rise buildings are being squeezed into such small spaces. On this trip, we survived driving through the torrential rains and flooded highways from Hurricane Darby on July 24, but it cleared the next morning and was beautiful for the remainder of our



visit. We were so happy to attend our niece's wedding and truly enjoyed our time with family and friends, swimming at the beach, talking story and eating lots of ono food!



Paige Ruggles-Kruger

I went to the beautiful island of Kaua'i for my summer vacation. Kaua'i is my second home and I always have a great time visiting my family and friends, kicking back on the gorgeous beaches, hiking my favorite trails with breathtaking views and eating the local cuisine.



For those who would like to visit, Kaua'i is the oldest island, and is called the Garden Island, because of the lush tropical vegetation and fragrant, exotic flowers. The beaches are gorgeous and never over-crowded. In the summer, the water and waves are perfect for boogie boarding, surfing, kayaking and many other water sports. There are also numerous hiking and mountain biking trails. And, the local residents are friendly and helpful.



Aloha!
Gina Hutchison



SUMMER Vacation



Kelli Jones, HR Specialist (and Geography Adjunct), took off to Montana this summer and made time to visit neighboring Wyoming and South Dakota. From hiking, biking, caving, camping and fishing to ghost hunting and road tripping, Kelli made sure to take in all of the natural, historic and tourist sites along the way!



Have You Heard of I AM YC?



We are a student run philanthropy club on your campus focused on student success. This is our second year and we are asking faculty and staff, full and part-time, to join us in the fight for student retention.

We know that finances are one of the main reasons students drop out of higher education. Partnering with you, we can help keep those students in school. I AM YC has started two funds to help students do just that. The first is a Scholarship Fund. Eventually, we hope to have an endowed scholarship for YC students. What does that mean? With a lump sum of \$10,000, we can have our scholarship invested. This investment then pays for at-risk YC students in the form of scholarships.

We have also started a YC Student Success Grant. That's just a fancy term for an emergency fund. We do not want our YC students dropping out for a short-term financial crisis. If we can help our students get over this financial bump, and continue in school, we have helped them stay on track for their educational goals. This last year we helped four families with a crisis. They needed food, medicine, tires and help on their electric bill. The need is real and as we move forward, it will grow. If we help them now, we have helped them succeed.

Please consider joining us in this fight. We would love to partner with you. Our goal is 100% participation at YC. We know we can reach this goal if everyone does a little bit. You can submit a payroll deduction form choosing either the scholarship or the success grant, or both. You choose. We are asking for a donation of at least \$5 a pay period, which totals \$120 a year as a tax-deductible gift.

Thank you sincerely, from the I AM YC students.

Hi Folks,

The Yavapai jugglers from Yavapai College, Prescott College and Embry-Riddle University are sponsoring our 2nd Annual Juggling Festival on the weekend of September 9, 10 and 11 in the YC Walraven Gym.

The workshops will include: introduction to learning to juggle all the way through to advanced passing pins patterns and learning numbers juggling. We are really fortunate to have great jugglers here in Arizona. There will also be games and we are working to be able to do giveaways for participants.

As a service project we hope to collect food donations for a local food bank and another project is collecting monetary donations to support the "I am YC Emergency Fund" to assist students who encounter unexpected emergencies that require quick funding.

The general hours will be:

Friday, September 9, 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday, September 10, 7:00am – 10:00pm

Sunday, September 11, 7:00am – 12:00noon

Saturday, September 10, Performance 7:00pm – 8:00pm

If there is some way you would like to assist in making the festival happen, we could use your help. Your support is, and would be, greatly appreciated. Contact Frankie at frank.cardamone@yc.edu or call 928-776-2085.

Set-up, welcoming folks, giving a workshop, soliciting gift cards from local vendors as donations to Yavapai College Juggling Club, sharing a juggling game, performing on Saturday evening, clean-up, provide housing for guests from out-of-town, advertise the event in your community.

In the meantime, juggling opportunities here in Prescott are:

Every other Monday at 5:30pm – 6:30pm on the south side of the Prescott Courthouse Square

Saturday's from 8:30ish to 10:30ish am at the Farmer's Market held at the Yavapai College parking area through October.



If you would like to share your juggling group information, please let me know and we'll get it out there. I've been meeting folks from Phoenix and Flagstaff at the Saturday juggling.

More to come, Frankie

Yavapai

Juggling Festival



September
9th, 10th, & 11th



In the
Walraven Gym
at
Yavapai College
1100 E Sheldon St
Prescott, AZ 86301



Games

Free

Performances

Learn & share many styles of juggling

Make new friends & enjoy exhilarating fun

For more information contact Frankie Cardamone in The Learning Center or at Frank.Cardamone@yc.edu



Workshops



YCSA Committee Updates

Employee Benefits & Professional Development

The Employee Benefits & Professional Development Committee will meet next on September 23, 2016 at 3:00 pm, in Building 1, Room 120 on the Prescott Campus. We can conference in a non-Prescott attendee if you let Karen Leja know you would like to attend so she can make arrangements. We are looking for members from all campuses in the District. If you have anything that you would like the Committee to address, please email Daintry.Donovan@yc.edu or send in your query via the YCSA website.

Executive Board

Would you like to recognize a peer for going above and beyond the call of duty? Please consider visiting our website www.yc.edu/ycsa to have a certificate of gratitude sent to them. It doesn't take long and a simple "I appreciate you!" is usually enough to brighten someone's day.

This is open to all staff members, full-time, part-time...it doesn't matter. Let's celebrate the hard work and dedication our staffers give every day!

We look forward to seeing your nominations!

Social/Community Service

Thanks to all that have joined the SCS Committee this academic year. Our first meeting will be September 9, 2016 at 10:00am in building 30 room 126, to discuss the direction the committee would like to take, along with nominating a Chairman. Come join us for great coffee and great conversation!

One event we will be supporting in September is the Pokemon Go Event on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10am to 2pm, Prescott Campus. This event will bring individuals from all over the state to show off our amazing college and various YC programs. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Kelli Jones at kelli.jones@yc.edu or ext. 2098.



Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee will meet next on October 4 at 12:00pm to discuss and plan the November issue which should come out the week of November 14. Meetings are usually held in Building 3, Room 125A on the Prescott Campus. If you have an article or an item you would like included in the next newsletter, please email katherine.anderson@yc.edu.

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