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YCSA President's Welcome

Hello Yavapai College Staff!

I hope everyone has had a great start to the new year so far. I know it has been awfully cold and snowy, so I thank all of you for being here at **work** every day to serve our students. Hopefully the worst of winter is behind us.

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend Dr. Johnstone's presentation about pathways on Convocation Day. I know it really helped me to better understand the direction the college is headed. I am also really excited to hear more about all the great work that the Pathways Committee is doing.

I know there are many questions surrounding pathways and strategic enrollment that are coming out of these discussions and other questions about work at Yavapai College in the future. If you have any questions, please contact YCSA through the website. We will forward those questions on to Monica Belknap in HR and she will be providing thorough answers to your questions.

Finally, don't forget that elections for board positions will be happening this summer, so if you are interested, start thinking about it now. We need you to make this all work.

I hope to see you all around campus and the community.

James Elphick, TRIO Veterans Upward Bound

Thank You YC Staff

Thank you YC Staff for supporting the ROUGH RIDER Welcome Center the first week of class...it was cold! You truly make a difference in student's lives. Students loved, loved the free hot Chocolate!



Winter Break: Facilities

Management and ITS Projects

While many of us were relaxing at home over Winter Break, Facilities Management and ITS were busy resolving crises and making improvements. Facilities dealt with two major water repairs and lots of snow removal, as well as still moving forward on improvement projects. ITS was busy upgrading classrooms, and completing software projects to manage spam filtering and upgrades for the new tax year. Below is the list of major projects completed over Winter Break. If you see someone from Facilities or ITS in the next few weeks, say hello and thanks for all the great work they do to keep us running even when we are not here!

Information Technology Services projects:

- Over the winter break, PTSS removed all presentation technology from five spaces on the Sedona campus, and then completed the install of new technology in two Sedona classrooms while continuing with the design of the remaining instructional spaces in Sedona, along with design and coordination for the Prescott Valley expansions, plus the

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Calendar Reminders

- Feb. 15 United Blood Services Drive (Verde)
- Feb. 22 Employee Service Event (Prescott)
- Feb. 23- Mar. 3 Verde Valley Arizona SciTech Fair
- Feb. 24 YC REDC Career Fair (Chino Valley)
- Feb. 24 Literary SW Series guest author Geoff Dyer (Prescott)
- Late Feb. Art faculty offices move to Bldg. 3 (Prescott)
- Mar. 1 "Spare Parts" movie screening (Verde)
- Mar. 1 Employee Service Event (Verde)
- Mar. 12-18 Spring Break (all campuses closed)

For more information, visit ycsablog.wordpress.com.

Celebrating Our Employees

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

New Employees

Name	Department	Campus
Ian Brown	Custodial/ Facilities	Prescott
Scott Ellis	Facilities	Prescott
Anthony Zades	Student Development	CTEC
Martin Lode	Grounds/ Facilities	Prescott

New Positions/Status Changes

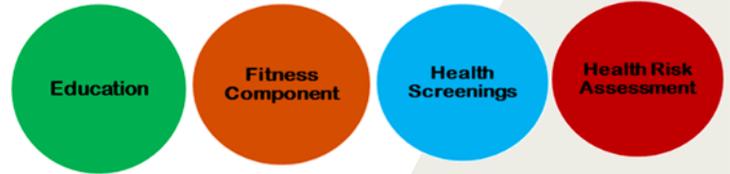
Name	Department	Campus
Jeremy Poehnert	Answer Center/ Student Dev.	Prescott
Michael Quinlan	IT	Prescott
Michael Boothe	Custodial Svcs/ Facilities	Prescott
Janice Souttee	Student Development	Prescott
Ivonne Zuniga	BESS	Prescott
Kyle Wise	Athletics	Prescott
Jennifer Stalter	Athletics	Prescott
Brandi Fabian	Student Development	Prescott
Guadalupe Mercado Martinez	FEC	Prescott
Jared Campbell	Athletics	Prescott
Hugh Bell	Athletics	Prescott
Zachary Wigle	PTSS	Prescott
Mary Talosi	Foundation	Prescott
Marty Zoeteman	Foundation	Prescott

Wellness Update



New for 2017

YCT Wellness Incentive Program



Complete all of the participation categories and be entered into the drawing for the Grand Prize — a trip for two to an Arizona destination resort! (TBD)

For more information, and to download the “Self Certification Form,” please visit: www.yctwellness.com

Did you know that as an employee of Yavapai College you are eligible for a discounted rate at our Pool and Fitness Center? For just \$12.50 a month for the pool or fitness center, you can have the convenience of working out where you work. Combo passes for the pool AND fitness center are only \$20 a month! For a current schedule of open hours for the pool and fitness center, stop by the foyer of Building 2, or visit: www.yc.edu/hper.

Make sure to like the Facebook page, “Yavapai Combined Trust Wellness Program” and receive updates on upcoming events, fun facts, motivational quotes and more.

For more information, please contact Paula Tomitz, 928-776-2238, paula.tomitz@yc.edu.



📅 FEBRUARY 11TH 2017 @ 9AM

📍 YAVAPAI COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$20 MORNING OF THE RUN: \$25

Lace up your running shoes and come join us for a frosty 3.5 mile run! 100% of proceeds will go directly to U.S.VETS – Prescott who house our vulnerable homeless veterans throughout the Quad-City and Northern Arizona! Food & drink will be provided after the run.

**TO PRE-REGISTER CALL 928-583-7204
OR SIGN UP THE MORNING OF THE RACE.
PROCESSING ALL PAYMENTS BEGINS AT 8:00AM**

Employee Years of Service Recognition Events

Please save the date! All employees are invited to come and celebrate.

Prescott Campus

Wednesday, February 22
2:30pm-4:00pm
Room 19-147 Community Room

Verde Valley Campus

Wednesday, March 1
3:00pm (before Spring Open Forum)
Room M-137

At the event we will recognize employees who have met a hallmark year of employment (5, 10, 15 years, etc.) with Yavapai College. This year we will be recognizing those employees who reached one of those anniversaries, January 1 – December 31, 2016.
Refreshments and treats will be served!

2017 Years of Service Honorees

5 Years of Service

Linda Chalcraft, Bill Dunn, Ely Ustadza, Sam Johnson, Jennifer Krier, Holly Molina, Heather Mulcaire, Sonny Rodriguez, Mark St. Laurent, Debra Wise, Penny Wills

10 Years of Service

Nancy Bowers, Leanne Burcham, Mike Byrnes, Sandy Carney, Burt Coffin, Joy D'Angelo, Jane Hersh, Jeff Jacobs, Helm Karstadt, Le Anne Lawhead, James Rider, Steve Rollin, Ken Ryder, Terra Schmidt, Cynthia Schroder, Robert Smith, Jeanne Welch, Ryan Winkelman, Jerry Zaryczyny

15 Years of Service

Thatcher Bohrman, Linda Buchanan, Milt David, Linda Evans, Jill Fitzgerald, Scott Nardo, Mike Ruddell, Steve Sparks, Greg Tomsho, Mark Warren

20 Years of Service

Alice Burroughs, Brad Clifford, Julie Garver, Linda Hoffman, Sheila Jarrell, Brent Sellstrom, Ike Whisenand

25 Years of Service

Lisa Simpson-Kyle

*“Next to excellence is the appreciation of it.”
— William Makepeace Thackeray*



Winter Break...Continued

Building's 1, 2, and 15 renovations.

- Over the course of the Fall Semester and into the winter break, PTSS also completed the five-year ERP update of all classrooms on the upper level of Building 3.
- The Application Development team put in the tax updates in Banner so Payroll could process W2s and 1098-Ts. In addition, the team also put in updates for the year-end processing related to the affordable care act.
- The systems and networking folks wrapped up work associated with our new spam filtering solution.

Facilities Management projects:

- Phase 1 Sedona Renovation East Wing Classrooms completed
- Prescott Valley Expansion Mechanical System Tie In completed
- Prescott Campus Building 2 Floor Replacement and Pool Repair
- Prescott Campus Building 3 Water Leak Remediation
- Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Snow Removal
- Kachina Hall Water Line Repair

Adopt-A-Cop/Vet Thank You

Special thanks to the Yavapai College staff and faculty that donated holiday gifts for the Adopt-A-Cop and Adopt-A-Vet programs. We were able to help five local veterans from the Prescott VA, as well as 27 veterans from around the county through Yavapai County Angels. The Yavapai County detention officer was overwhelmed with the wonderful gifts for his family. The generous support of our YC family is amazing.



Non-Profit Organization - 501-3C Status
P.O. Box 25851 - Prescott Valley, AZ 86312

January 8, 2017

Dear Karen- Students and Staff,

On behalf of Yavapai County Angels Organization, I would like to thank you for allowing our organization to place a Christmas Trees/Tags for our Adopt-A-Vet Christmas Program, in all the Yavapai College campuses this year. Your support enables us to continue our mission to honor our Veterans and families not only for Christmas but all year long. We also would like to pass along our thanks to your members who supported Yavapai County Angels, and made 2016 a great year for our Veterans along with others in our community.

The generous support of individuals like you and others makes it possible for Yavapai County Angels to exist and to make a greater place to live for everyone in our community.

We look forward to partnering with you again in the future on other community events Yavapai County Angels will be performing in 2017.

Sincerely,
Linda Tripp-Director
Yavapai County Angels
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Convocation



MATFORCE



SCS Coffee Walk

My New Zealand Vacation

— Kaitlan Gruber

The quote on my desktop resonates with me. It reads, “Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” I am reminded of this every day as I work, which is when I decided to plan a trip across the world over Winter Break. Travel has always been a passion of mine, and definitely, in combination with nature, is what makes me come alive. I am lucky enough to have been to over 50 countries in my mere 30 years on this planet, which has taught me so much about other people, culture, and how we are all connected.



After packing bags, dropping off our dogs, and travelling 27 hours on an airplane, my boyfriend and I reached the land of the Kiwis — New Zealand! We were worried about rain, since New Zealand translates to ‘land of the long white cloud,’ and is notorious for stormy weather, but we were greeted with summer sunshine! Many locals and tourists alike are outdoorsy and camping is their way of travel, so we rented a camper van, which is where we cooked, ate, slept and called home for three weeks. We fell asleep to dark skies full of new constellations, including the Southern Cross, and woke up to new scenery every morning, which we enjoyed with a strong cup of coffee.

New Zealand is truly an incredible country that offers so much. We hiked in the rainforest, up a volcano called Mount Taranaki, climbed 16 miles at Mount Cook (the highest mountain in NZ), covered in beautiful white snow. We explored and swam (in reality, showered) in a different waterfall every day, went caving and saw glowworms. We also hiked to three glaciers surrounded by beautiful wildflowers, kayaked in water full of icebergs, went in natural hot springs, saw geysers, and scalding hot boiling lakes in Rotorua with beautiful sunsets as the backdrop. Gorges, fjords, and sounds were full of crystal clear blue water, beaches were full of miles of sand (sometimes black, sometimes white), and our glasses were full of various wines from the Marlborough region, which is the Napa Valley of New Zealand.



We were lucky enough to see both islands, starting at the Northern part of the North island, in Auckland, and making our way to the South of the South island in Queenstown (via a ferry crossing), the adventure capitol of New Zealand, and the first place in the world to have commercial bungee jumping. We opted out of that, but *did* ride a luge down a mountain to ring in the New Year! Time flew by, as it always does, and as I sit here and reflect, it feels as though I never left home. Memories of the trip remind me of how important it is for all of us to be happy, relaxed, and *alive* for our students, and I encourage you to do what makes you come alive. For me, it was New Zealand.



YCSA Committee Updates

Social/Community Service

The SCS committee met on January 13 and discussed the following items:

- Recap of the 2016 events: September Pokemon Go Event; October Staff Volleyball Game; November TRiO Veteran Remembrance Event; December YC Jingle & Mingle Holiday Party
- Path for 2017 events: January Law Enforcement Appreciation Day; February Carnations for Caring; March Spirit Day/Wear Your YC Colors for Roughriders; April Earth Day; May through December TBD; Summer YC Family Fun Day
- Times and dates of SCS committee meeting dates will be posted on the YCSA web page
- All YCSA events will be added to the YC events calendar.



Employee Benefits

The Employee Benefits Committee met on Monday, February 6. If you are interested in attending these meetings, please contact Daintry Donovan. The Committee is currently exploring Mentorship Programs, Professional Development, Parental Leave, Designated Smoking Areas and a Quiet/Meditation Space on the Prescott Campus.

Newsletter

If you have any suggestions for articles or topics you would like to see covered by the YCSA Newsletter, please let us know! Or if you would like to volunteer to be on the YCSA Newsletter Committee, we would love to have you! Please email katherine.anderson@yc.edu.

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Employee Benefits & Professional Development

Social/Community Service (SCS)

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