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YCSA President's Welcome

Happy holidays to all Yavapai College employees! I'd like to encourage everyone to take the time to attend one of the YC holiday luncheons, either on the Verde Campus (Friday 12/1, 12:00pm, M-137) or on the Prescott Campus (Friday 12/8, 11:00am, 19-147). It's always rewarding to relax with colleagues that you don't see every day (and the one's that you DO see every day), and eat good food!

Have you experienced great service from one of your colleagues here at YC? Would you like to recognize someone TODAY for their positive attitude or strong work ethic or just for being helpful? You can do that RIGHT NOW! The YCSA Service Excellence Recognition program was started by our own Andrea Annibale and is still going strong. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the online form and it can even be anonymous ([click here](#)). The recipient will receive a hand-delivered certificate plus a treat.

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, the YCSA Board has revised the YCSA Constitution and By-Laws. These changes will be emailed to you all very shortly so that you have time to review them prior to our next YCSA meeting on Convocation Day, January 10, 2018. We will vote on these changes at that meeting, so please plan to attend.

Thanks for all you do, each and every one of you, to make Yavapai College a great place to work!

Make it a great day,

Lisa Schlegel
Coordinator, Community Relations

Happy
Holidays!

Meet Rodney Jenkins

YCSA: Do you have pets?

RJ: NO, not interested unless they can pay rent.

YCSA: What is your favorite sport?

RJ: Baseball...Cleveland Indians, lifelong lover of Indians and all Ohio teams (exception of Cincinnati which should be part of N. Kentucky!)

YCSA: What is your favorite book?

RJ: Other than my own book ("Don't Waste Your Mad"), "Lifestyles of the Rich and Faithful" by Betty Price.

YCSA: What is your favorite electronic device?

RJ: None! I truly appreciate and respect the ability to have dialog in person between people.

YCSA: Do you prefer to go to the theater or a movie?

RJ: I enjoy live theater and movies with historic themes.

YCSA: Hike or bike?

RJ: I prefer to drive in my car.

YCSA: Have a Margarita or Pina Colada?

RJ: Have a nice, ice cold, tall Mountain Dew.

YCSA: Travel by plane, train, or automobile?

RJ: Travel by plane for the convenience.

YCSA: Swim in a pool, lake or the ocean?

RJ: I prefer the bathtub...no chlorine!

YCSA: What does your perfect day look like?

RJ: Ohio State, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Indians, Cavaliers all win!!

YCSA: What is your favorite season and why?

RJ: Summer because I hate cold...I won't ever shovel snow.



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Meet Rodney Jenkins Continued...

YCSA: What is your favorite home cooked meal?

RJ: My wife makes hash brown casserole and I could eat the whole pan!

YCSA: What is your favorite sandwich?

RJ: One with meat in it.

YCSA: If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go?

RJ: A pilgrimage to mecca to explore my deeper inner religion.

YCSA: Where is the furthest you have ever traveled to?

RJ: I have only travelled in the continental US, never abroad.

YCSA: If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?

RJ: 1983...year I graduated from high school. I had the whole world in my hands and thought that I would become the first black President (darn Obama!).

YCSA: If you could have a drink with someone from history, who would it be?

RJ: Richard Nixon...I want to ask him, "What were you thinking?"

YCSA: What is your biggest success up until now?

RJ: Raising three healthy, well-rounded boys...so far.

YCSA: What do you miss most from your childhood?

RJ: My parents, they both passed away within the last five years.

YCSA: What is something you have always wanted to do but have not?

RJ: Take a summer off and follow the Cleveland Indians from stadium to stadium.

Celebrating Our Employees

Welcome to our new employees!
(through November 20, 2017)

Name	Department	Campus
Ceo, Raymond	Financial Aid	Prescott
Dimitrievski, Nenad	Custodial	CTEC
Schenck, Teri	Allied Health	Prescott

Yavapai College Food Pantry by Sarah Ireland

The Yavapai College Food Pantry (YCFP) is a program dedicated to students and their families facing food insecurity. Food insecurity is when one does not have reliable and consistent access to nutritious or affordable food. We are currently a pilot program on the Prescott Campus, but we hope to expand to other campuses in the spring. We are open Monday through Friday, and offer bags of food with enough for 12 nutritionally balanced meals for each person in the applicant's family. Students can apply online and receive same day service for their request. The YCFP is run and operated by the community of student clubs and organizations here on campus. We have volunteers from the Student Leadership Council, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Ambassadors, Rotaract, the College Honors Program, and I AM YC. We have received support from multiple divisions on campus that have pledged to tackle a food category. Student Development, the Executive Leadership team, and the Library have all pitched in.



The YCFP was started by the student philanthropy club I AM YC, which focuses on helping their fellow students succeed. I AM YC has an emergency grant called the Students Success Grant, which helps students experiencing immediate financial crisis. In the past two years, the majority of the student requests for this grant were for food or gas money. By starting the YCFP, I AM YC believed they could directly address the food insecurity they witnessed among the students. Since the YCFP opening on October 11, 2017 we have filled 11 applications, aided 19 individuals, received over 1,000 food donations, and have over 20 volunteers.

If you are interested in supporting the YCFP, you can donate online at yc.edu/iamyc or drop off food at one of the designated bins. There are bins on the Prescott Campus in building 1 (1st floor), building 3, building 4, building 19 (library), and building 32. There are also bins on the Chino Valley, Verde Valley, and Prescott Valley campuses. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of YCFP resources, you can go to yc.edu/iamyc and fill out an application.

Calendar Reminders

Dec. 8	Fall regular semester ends/Nursing Pinning ceremony
Dec. 8	Prescott Annual Holiday Celebration
Dec. 9	Residence Halls close for Winter Break
Dec. 12	Winter Institute
Dec. 13	Final grades due to Registrar
Dec. 14	NARTA completion ceremony
Dec 14-16	Musical: White Christmas
Dec. 19-Jan. 1	Winter Break (campuses closed)
Dec. 20	Prescott Pops Symphony
Jan 10	Convocation
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Jr. day (campuses closed)
Jan. 16	First day of classes for spring semester
Jan 18	Last day to add classes
Jan. 21	Last day to drop classes



Yavapai College Police Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

Crimes such as robberies, burglaries, and thefts typically increase during the holiday season. With holiday travel, shopping, and preparations, more people are out and about and tend to carry more money and valuables than other times of the year. It's important to be mindful of safety during these busy times and to take steps to make ourselves less vulnerable to crime.

Precautions can be taken to increase personal safety such as walking with others whenever possible, being aware of your surroundings at all times, traveling in well-lit and populated areas, refraining from texting or talking on the phone while walking, keeping cash and valuables hidden while on the street, refraining from using ear buds or headphones, and trusting your instincts. These precautions--while always important and highly recommended--become even more critical when there are fewer people on campus (i.e., holiday recess). Campus Safety personnel can notify faculty and students of the services that will remain available during the recess to assist individuals in making safe plans. Those who are leaving for the winter recess should lock their rooms, offices and windows and either take computers/electronics with them or secure these devices in their rooms prior to leaving.

The Yavapai College Police Department has compiled holiday safety tips to assist students, faculty and staff in safeguarding their property and keeping themselves safe, whether traveling or remaining on campus throughout the recess period. Please consider following these safety tips.

For Your Room, Office and Home When You're Away

- Be sure all of your windows and doors are locked before you leave.
- Valuables and displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors.
- When possible, take valuables with you, or lock them up.
- Give your home an occupied appearance by leaving the lights on or using an automatic timer to turn inside and outside lights on and off.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your house or apartment and to park in your driveway or parking space from time to time. YCPD will be on patrol over the break to ensure the security of YC Property.
- Stop your mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Arrange to have snow shoveled (if necessary) while you are gone.



While Driving and in Parking Areas

- Contact people at your destination and let them know when you are leaving and when you expect to arrive.
- If your car breaks down, stay with the car and do not accept rides. If someone stops to help, ask him or her to call the police. Use your own cell phone if signal range allows.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended.

- Fuel your vehicle during daylight hours when possible and maintain at least ½ tank of gas.
- Never leave valuables on the seat of your vehicle in plain view as this creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in your vehicle, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Always lock your vehicle and keep the windows closed even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes.
- Park in a highly visible well-lit space. It may be daylight when you arrive at your location, but dark when you come out.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows where people can hide.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked. You don't want to spend unnecessary time walking around the parking lot.
- When returning to your vehicle, carry your keys in your hand and be ready to unlock the door and enter as quickly as possible.
- Avoid texting or talking on the phone while walking so that you can see where you're going and who is around you.
- Know your surroundings. Look around the parking lot and your vehicle for suspicious people. If you notice odd behavior, inform security or the police immediately.
- Look into your vehicle's windows and under the body before entering to ensure no one is waiting for you.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- When you get in your vehicle, lock the doors and start the engine immediately.
- Use the "panic" or "alarm" button on your key chain if you feel fearful or suspicious.

At the ATM

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a bank, mall, or well-lit location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings when you use an ATM.
- If you notice anything unusual, cancel your transaction, pocket your card and leave immediately. Go to a safe place and call police.
- Have everything ready (deposit slips, card) when you arrive at the ATM. When you have completed your transaction, pocket your cash and card immediately.
- When using a drive-up ATM keep the car running, your car doors locked and all windows except for the driver's side window rolled up.

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Safety Tips Continued...

- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.
- Treat your ATM card like cash and guard it carefully. Never write your pin number on the card or give account numbers or card information over the phone, unless you know exactly to whom you are speaking.

While You're Out or Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of everything around you. Take a minute to observe who may be watching you. Criminals often target people who are distracted.
- Don't use short cuts through alleys or walkways; stay in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- When possible shop with friends or relatives — there is safety in numbers.
- As you shop, be alert in crowded places. Among pick-pockets' favorites are jammed aisles, elevators, and public transportation stops, especially at rush hour.
- If you must take a wallet or purse, carry it close to your body with the clasp nearest you and be alert. They are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit. Never leave your wallet or purse unattended in a shopping cart or on a counter.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash — use a debit card, credit card or check.
- Cash should be carried in a front pocket. Do not display large sums of cash.
- Make a list of all your credit/debit cards and their numbers and keep this list at home. This will assist you and the police if they are stolen. Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Be alert for suspicious persons loitering in parking lots.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- If you feel unsafe, ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.



the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.

- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.
- Only donate to recognizable charitable organizations. Criminals sometimes work in teams — while one distracts you at the front door, another enters your residence via a back door to steal.

Have safe and Happy Holidays!
From the YC Police Department



2017 Student Grown Poinsettias

by Justin Brereton

Students in the Horticulture Science Class AGS 250 at the Chino and Verde locations are growing poinsettias as part of class learning outcomes. We have a schedule down that we can grow a successful crop in a 6.5" pot in 16 weeks, which aligns nicely with the semester. We added some twists this year by growing them in hanging baskets, trying different colors (red, white, speckled pink), and propagating some late for small plants.

There are many things a student learns while growing poinsettias. We focus on propagation, soil, nutrients, pinching, lighting, pests and marketability. Students also graphically track the growth and manipulate the growing conditions in our climate controlled facility. The poinsettia growth tracking is being led by Dokie Jones and Kelli Balensky. As they see our plan unfolding they make recommendations about speeding the growth or slowing down the production. Each year (if we get it right) students volunteer to sell the poinsettias at various markets.

We have retained three poinsettias from 2010 that are about 6' tall that make a great display. People are always amazed to find out they make a great tropical houseplant, and don't have to be thrown away in January! We typically sell the poinsettias for \$5, and the money goes back into the program so we can buy more supplies to teach a new group of students the following year!

*****See Page 6 for Poinsettia Pictures*****



When There's a Stranger at Your Door

- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of



YCSA is adopting the Stepping Stones Agencies this holiday season. Please see details below on how you can give.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR THE
ANNUAL YC HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

DECEMBER 8, 2017
11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM
***FEC KIDS WILL BE SINGING
AT 11:00 AM SHARP!***

**Suggested Donation
of \$5/Guest**

PRESCOTT CAMPUS
BUILDING 19-147
HOSTED BY YCSA

RSVP: CONNIE, CONNIE.DELCASTILLO@YC.EDU OR EXT. 7607

BY DECEMBER 4TH

YCSA Committee Updates

Social/Community Service

The Social/Community Service Committee is currently planning the YC Holiday “Oh What Fun” Party scheduled for December 8 from 11:00am to 12:30pm in the Community Room Building 19 on the Prescott Campus. We will kick-off the event with the children from the FEC Angel Choir, then while we eat we will enjoy two performances by Jazz Quartet. Don’t forget our Ugly Sweater contest with winners winning a free soda from Sodexo.



In addition to the fun, on the day of the party we have chosen Stepping Stones Shelter as our Service Project this year. Please see the News Flash announcement that lists items Stepping Stones has suggested for this great project. Collection points are: Chino Campus

— Karen Smith; CTEC Campus — Heather Narvesen; Prescott Campus — Katherine Anderson Building, 29 or Linda Brannock, Building 1; Prescott Valley Campus — Sandy Carney;

Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee is looking for members from all the YC campuses. You do not need to attend our meetings in person to be part of this committee. Members can attend via telephone or Zoom. Our committee would like to feature stories and events that are happening all over YC, and know the best way to do this, is to have employees from every campus be our eyes and ears. No reporting or journalism skills are necessary. We meet five/six times a year; all other communication is done electronically. Interested? Please email katherine.anderson@yc.edu.

Our next newsletter will be published in February. If you have any suggestions for articles or topics you would like to see covered by the YCSA Newsletter, please let us know!



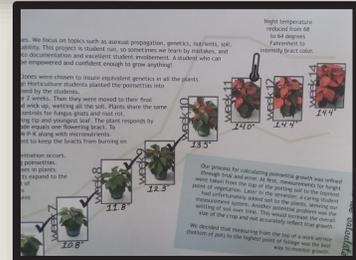
Hanging baskets for the first time



Close up of coloring after initiation occurs in first week of October



Overview of all the baby poinsettias



Student created poster from past production, shows the growth trend, treatments, and coloring over the last few weeks shown. The coloring happens rapidly.

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