

## District Governing Board Highlights January 2022

### YC Food Pantry

After winter break, the YC Food Pantry was moved from Building 3 down to Building 1.

4 giant bins and lots of hands-on help made for a smooth transition to its new home. Since the beginning of the year, there have been 14 student requests for food.

The pantry received a generous gift of \$10,000 from the JW Kieckhefer Foundation to purchase backpacks and totes for our students who use the YC Food Pantry.



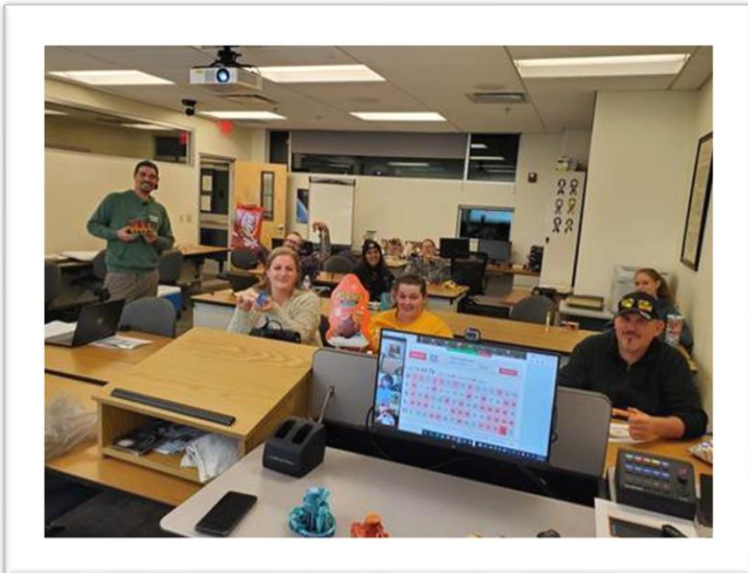
Student Workers filling the shelves back up in Building 1.





### **TRIO Student Support Services (SSS TRIO)**

December 8, 2021: Students celebrate the end of the semester with a relaxing SSS TRIO Bingo night. 3D prizes were printed by our SSS TRIO students, Bingo master Michael Swyers and his brother Will Swyers.





3-D printed Bingo prizes included a colorful slug and a castle that a bb (from a bb gun) can be rolled through.

November 5, 2021: Eight (8) SSS TRIO students participated in an ASU campus visit, followed by a web/self-guided tour of the Phoenix Japanese Friendship Garden (PJFG). As a bonus, an outside guest gave an impromptu and enthusiastic discussion about the wonders of PJFG



October 22, 2021: SSS TRIO students and their guests were introduced to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) programs and facilities at the Prescott campus. Students were shown exoplanets through the observatory and learned about the various experimental labs and what students research at ERAU.



January 14, 2022: SSS TRIO grant aid funds, totaling \$21,000, were awarded to 36 students for Spring 2022 based on financial need, grade point average, credit load, and level of participation in the SSS TRIO program. Applicants write essays describing their goals and how the grant aid award will help them through academic and financial obstacles.

## **Student Engagement and Leadership (SEL)**

### **First 2 Ride**

#### **Mission:**

*Provide first-generation college students at Yavapai College with the ability to master the pressures & anxieties of higher education.*

NATIONAL FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE  
STUDENT CELEBRATION on November 8<sup>th</sup> in the PAC.





\*This program will be piloted this spring semester with 79 YC First-Generation students and kick-off in fall of 2022.

## Roughrider Ambassadors

### Halloween Party



## National Native American Month

*Opening Celebration* with Arvel Birds from Cottonwood, AZ, an inspiring session of music and storytelling  
"Every child matters" is the slogan for the day.



*Outdoor Movie Night* featuring  
"Smoke Signals" in honor of Native American History Month



## Christmas Tree Findley

Give the gift of an EDUCATION @ YC! Just scan the QR Code.

The Roughrider Ambassadors partnered with the YC Marketing team to promote and recruit for YC. The tree was in place over the holidays (over 60 days).

Thanks Findley for the opportunity!



## Welcome Back Roughriders

Centers were set up on the campuses to Welcome YC Students for the spring semester. Passed out not only directions and help, but also YC SWAG, snacks, event info and connections.



## YCSGA

### Hygiene Product Roll-out

YC Student Government implemented a program to ensure that all have access to menstrual products. In all female and unisex restrooms on all YC campuses as of 1.18.22.



**NO COINS  
REQUIRED**



## Students of Leadership (SOL)

### Leadership Workshop



The journey of Transforming or Forming your leadership potential into reality is just that a journey.

Lauri Dreher took the SOL student on a 90-minute journey to design their personal mission statement for Leadership.





## Letters from SOL

The Students of Leadership connected to self-isolating seniors with a project called "Letters from SOL". Since the pandemic, many of our senior citizens have had to hunker down in their residence. Through this project each SOL student wrote a handwritten note/message to an isolated senior to spread some JOY! Over 100 cards were delivered this past holiday season to the Good Samaritan.



## Certified Peer Educator (CPE) Training

Students of Leadership, College Honors, PTK, SSS TRIO, Residence Hall Assistance, Roughrider Ambassadors and YCSGA gathered for a two day 10 plus hour training from NASPA on Peer to Peer Mentoring. This event was co-sponsored by Student Engagement and Leadership and The Office of Alcohol and Drug Preventions. The facilitators were represented the Student Development Staff.

35 students will utilize First 2 Ride students, along with staffing YCSGA/Club Room this spring. The plan is to design YC's owe peer to peer mentoring program with CPE being the training tool/resource.



## Office of the Registrar

As of this week, 504 awards were earned by 403 students (168 Degrees/336 Certificates). Most of these students had access to a digital copy of their award before Winter Break!

(These numbers will increase as incomplete grades are finalized, grade changes are processed, and transfer-back courses are evaluated. We expect over 550 total.)

## Financial Aid

Through December 31, 2021, the Financial Aid Office, (in addition to administering over \$16.0 Million in regular Federal, State and Institutional Financial Aid), made 11,157 CARES act payments to 5,557 individual students throughout the Yavapai College district

That is a total of **\$6,571,018**, for an average of **\$1,182** per student!

## Tech Team

Three new elements have been added to the YC Ruff chatbot to assist our Spanish speaking population. We have added in the following components:

- 1.) Relabeling of the initial contact form so that it now ask for "Name/Nombre"
- 2.) Created a button and prompts to help the user know how to switch the chatbot so it can converse with them in Spanish
- 3.) A series of Spanish language prompts to help our non-Spanish speaking agents be able to either transfer a live chat over to a Spanish speaking agent or send a contact follow-up form labeled in Spanish that collects their information and questions so that a Spanish speaking person can get back to them with an answer.



These added features will enable our Spanish speaking population to obtain detailed answers about our services, deadlines, and resources in their preferred language on a 24/7 basis.