



### **Mary Talosi, Executive Director**

Mary was named Executive Director for the Yavapai College Foundation on May 12, 2021. Mary joined the Foundation in 2016. She spent almost a decade as the operations director for Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, leading a high-paced office of more than 40 volunteers managing marketing, budgeting, human resources, special events and customer service activities. In addition, Mary spent 18 years in the health-care industry as a marketing and sales leader. She and her family moved to Prescott in 2015 to be closer to family. Mary graduated from Western Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and holds numerous professional certifications.

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### **Ashley Hust**

Ashley is the Major Gifts Officer, Corporate & Academic Affairs. Her primary role is to develop and implement strategies for corporate donors and cultivate sponsorships. Before joining the Foundation in 2017, she worked for Prescott College, starting a general marketing and public relations, and eventually shifting her focus to fundraising. She finished her time there as Director for Advancement Communication and Major Gifts. Ashley has a BA in Communications, Emphasis Public Relations from California State University, Fullerton, and an MA in Advertising and Graphic Design from Prescott College. She moved to the Prescott area in 2006. In recent years, Ashley managed to convince her parents and sister to join her in beautify Yavapai County. She and her husband Jonathon live in Prescott.

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### **Kammie Kobyleski**

Kammie brings an eclectic work experience (broadcasting, event marketing, college instructor, corporate recruiter and business & career coach) to her current role as the Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at the Foundation. As the former Director of Special Programs in the Center for Entrepreneurship at the W.P. Carey School of Business, she focused on building donor, alumni and community relationships to support student innovation challenges, as well as building the Entrepreneurship Expert mentor program and Advisory Board. In 2018, Kammie joined Yavapai College as the Director of Alumni Relations. She will continue to focus on cultivating rich relationships within the YC community, current and former students, and the region to help build bridges for scholarship opportunities, job creation, economic development and support.

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## Shaun McDonald

Shaun McDonald is the Major Gifts Officer for Athletics. Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, Shaun comes to Yavapai College with a distinguished career as a former NFL wide-receiver, drafted in the fourth-round, and played for the St. Louis Rams, Detroit Lions, and Pittsburgh Steelers from 2003-2009. Once retired from the NFL, he owned and operated a small business franchise, while also working with professional athletes to guide their business and charitable interests. Shaun then dedicated his efforts to coaching at various levels, including his former high school, Shadow Mountain. He holds a Bachelor's degree of Interdisciplinary Studies from Arizona State .with an emphasis in education and family studies. Shaun is excited to contribute his knowledge and experience to serve the athletic programs at Yavapai and collaborate with staff, faculty, and the community.

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## Phillip Peek

Phillip Peek joined the team in July 2023, as the Foundation Coordinator, and is enthusiastic about the journey ahead. Phillip has a background in client relations, fiduciary work, and management, and is currently studying for his Master's degree in management and leadership at Western Governors University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in visual arts from California Baptist University, a certificate in organizational management and a post-degree paralegal certificate from Yavapai College, and is licensed as a Fiduciary in the State of Arizona (not currently practicing). Phillip and his wife Emily live in Prescott with their pup, and both have multiple generations of family members who also live in Prescott and Prescott Valley. Phillip is grateful to live in such a wonderful community and is thrilled to be a part of the Yavapai College Foundation!

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## Laura Warne

Laura is the Specialist for Donor Relations and Annual Giving. She is a Yavapai College alum and an Arizona native with extensive experience working in our Yavapai County communities. For over ten years, she has been directly involved in successfully implementing numerous community-wide events and has served as a collaborative team member on multiple planning committees. She has observed first-hand that Yavapai College continues to be a pillar of leadership in our community and provides opportunities for our residents to improve their quality of life. Laura is excited to demonstrate genuine care for our community, as well as the students and staff at Yavapai College.

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## **Jeanne Welch**

Jeanne Welch is the Director of Finance and Operations for the Yavapai College Foundation. She holds a B.S. in Accounting from Arizona State University. She started her career as a tax CPA for Arthur Andersen & Co. in Phoenix and has been with the Foundation since December 2006. Jeanne and her husband Jim reside in Chino Valley.

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