

## **Teresa Schwickerath, Associate of Science - 2003**

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(Left) with son Tyler (r.) and daughter Lindsey

Many of our alumni find that Yavapai College offers a wonderful employment opportunity. Teresa Schwickerath now works on the Verde Valley Campus as Administrative Assistant for Liberal Arts/Social Sciences. Teresa earned her second degree from Yavapai College, an Associate of Science in

December 2003, after deciding to pursue a Bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University. She had previously attended Mesa Community College after graduating from an Iowa high school and making the move to Arizona, but didn't complete the associate's degree at that time.

"I was no different than most young adults fresh out of high school. I knew I wanted to continue my education but wasn't sure of my major." After working at the college several years and taking computer classes to upgrade her skills, she realized that the desire to further her education was still a priority. "Taking a couple of classes a semester was all I could manage while raising children and working full-time. I was also able to encourage many other students, just like me, to continue working on their education, even with a busy schedule like mine."

She has since graduated from Old Dominion University with a Bachelor's in Communication and is now pursuing a Master's degree in English so she can continue supporting the educational process as an instructor. Teresa's son Tyler has also earned

his degree in computers from YC and her daughter Lindsey will soon complete her Associate of Fine Arts degree through the college.

“My children have been coming to the college for the “College for Kids” program since they were young and have seen me working diligently on my education. I think that has been an excellent influence on them and made them see the value of higher education as well as the many possibilities that would open up to them.”