

### **President's Outstanding Alumni-Prescott: Michael Taylor, R.A., Class of 1985, Architecture and Construction**

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**Years Attended:** 1985

**Area of Study:** Architecture/Construction

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Michael Taylor was nominated for the President's Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award by Chuck Walker, a past President of the Yavapai College Foundation. "While Michael does not seek the bright lights, he is an excellent candidate for the nomination of Yavapai College Graduate who has made an outstanding commitment to our community. He has architecturally designed landmarks that will live in Prescott for many decades to come. He gives back to our community in a quiet way, not seeking publicity or fanfare by doing many non-profit projects. He is an ideal candidate for what I believe the award recognizes."

Michael attended Yavapai College and was trained in architecture and construction, receiving his AAS Degree in 1985. For twenty-four years, he has served our community by designing and overseeing construction for public and private buildings that visually and functionally impact our area. You will undoubtedly recognize some of his more notable projects. He designed Yavapai College's Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center, and is tickled that his twin granddaughters, Alexis and Brookelyn, were in the schools' first class. Tim's Toyota, the new 41,000 square foot dealership, Summit Plaza, and Founders Bank are also his projects. He has constructed several area churches and a number of new Central Yavapai Fire District facilities. The above are just a few of his many projects in our area.

He is a generous man in volunteering his time for community activities. Because of his strong interest in education, he served on the JTED committee that spearheaded the passing of that initiative in our last elections. He is proud of his involvement in the Greater Prescott Area Prayer Breakfast. He also currently serves on the Prescott City Manager's Committee for reform of the development process within the city. Other

organizations benefiting from his time were the Central Arizona Partnership, The APS Growth Forum, and the Prescott Preservation commission, to name a few.

For almost fourteen years Michael has organized off road rally races that take place on the Prescott area service roads. He loves the outdoors - camps, and explores the Southwest backcountry by jeep, often with his family. Michael grew up jeeping and is keeping the family tradition alive. One of their favorite family destinations is Colorado.