

Lindsey Jastrzab - 1997-98, Associates Business



photo left: Lindsey Jastrzab at far left

I played volleyball as a Roughrider during my two-year stay at Yavapai. I continued on to play at the University of Portland as a Pilot. I received my Bachelors in Arts in 2002. I moved back to Scottsdale to take prerequisite classes for California State - Dominguez Hill's Prosthetics program. I graduated from CSUDH in 2005. Most recently I attended Northwestern to earn my Orthotics education. I am currently working as a certified Prosthetist in South Scottsdale at Prosthetic Orthotic Associates while completing my orthotics residency.

Fay Matsumoto definitely impacted me positively while I was at YC. She was our assistant VB coach and always pushed each individual girl to get the most out of us. She was very dedicated and always a ton of fun to be around. I must mention Dalton Overstreet (our head Coach) because he was wonderful too. He put a great team together. These two people will always be held in high regard in my mind.

We had a great time together and there are many people I have lost contact with but would love to hear from. :) I hope everyone is doing well.

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Donzell McDonald



Donzell McDonald signed with the Yankees as a 22nd-round pick out of Yavapai College in 1995. He had been drafted by Montreal in the 25th round out of Cherry Creek in 1993, then by Houston in the 17th round out of YC in 1994. Donzell played in 15 major league games – five with the Yankees in 2001 and 10 with Kansas in 2002. He was with Monclova last year in the Mexican League, where he hit .293 with 11 home runs and 26 stolen bases.

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Bill Monroe - News Reporter, KPPV/KQNA



"On the Air"

"I had originally planned to study at Arizona State University, but after one of my high school teachers told me I would "get swallowed up," I started looking at schools of smaller size. YC's small class sizes allowed me to get individual attention. For example, when I was in a Creative Writing class with only a few people, it presented the opportunity to have my work reviewed more frequently.

Being involved with the college paper served as a springboard to the job I am currently doing. In fact, the editor of the paper at the time suggested I go for an interview when the radio station called looking for someone. Twelve years later, here I am.

Yavapai College is a good school that allows individual attention to be paid to its ever-growing population. And it's more affordable than going to a university!"

Bill Monroe, Yavapai College Journalism/Telecommunications graduate

Senior Correspondent

KPPV/KQNA Arizona's Hometown Radio Group

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Jorja Nackard, Volleyball Team, 1996-1998



Jorja writes: "After Yavapai, I returned to Flagstaff and attended Northern Arizona University. While studying at NAU, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Mexico and Spain. I completed my education in 2002 with a BA in Spanish and a BS in Health Promotion. I have been coordinating the Maternal and Child Health programs at North Country HealthCare the past five years. I also coach high school and club volleyball.

I have so many wonderful memories about Yavapai. It seems like yesterday we were there going to school. At the time, I had no idea how much that experience would impact my life. Yavapai is where I learned to be independent, adventurous, and responsible. I made some of my best friends there and still keep in touch with many of them. I have a lot of memories related to driving around Prescott.

My experience at Yavapai would be insignificant if it weren't for my volleyball teammates. I learned something special from every one of them. Also, our coaches Dalton Overstreet and Fay Matsumoto taught us so much about volleyball, but more importantly they taught us about life. I am nobody's wife or mother. I own a house and live in Flagstaff. Life is great! Hope everyone is doing well."

Thanks to Jorja and the [YC Alumni Network](#) for this entry.

Kisha Spellman-White



The American Basketball Association announced two new expansion teams for the 2008 season with one right here in Prescott Valley. The ownership group includes Kisha Spellman-White. Kisha played guard/small forward for the Yavapai College Roughriders in 1996, then with the Arizona Sun Devils before embarking on a professional career in Cairns, Australia. For the last six years, she and her mother, Rita White, have been running a successful charter school in Phoenix. A successful businesswoman, she is also the owner of a new behavioral health residential care facility that houses foster children between the ages of 5 and 12 in a home-like setting. Kisha is dedicated to helping others to improve their lives.

Thanks to Kisha and the [YC Alumni Network](#) for this entry.

Jana Whittington – Graduate, Class of 1991



I recently attended the Yavapai College Alumni Art Show with great enthusiasm, not only for the opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues, but also because YC has proven to be stellar college! When I first started at YC, the art department had just purchased two computers and an early version of a pixel image program. The enthusiasm of the faculty to grow with the available technology was exhilarating and contagious. The campus' progress while attending YC was exceptional, but upon my return visit I see that the campus, and specifically the art department, still has a future focus approach to art education.

None of this would be possible without the great faculty and staff at the YC art department. The professional support, encouragement and motivation I received from the YC faculty and staff in the art department helped to consolidate and launch my academic and artistic endeavors to new career directions. The education and support that went beyond the YC classroom provided me with the experience and knowledge to pursue lifelong learning. My time at YC included opportunities for exhibition, funding to develop an online course when web course delivery was at its infancy, developing, experimenting and expanding on teaching and learning endeavors, and experiential employment.

Since my time at YC I have had the chance to explore academia in other universities, and also to participate in graphic and artistic national organizations. The education I received at YC has provided a solid foundation for my career since leaving YC. Recently I have had the opportunity to participate in the development of a new bachelors degree computer graphics program, as well as three undergraduate certificates in web, design and animation. The YC college-acquired skill of learning how to learn helped me when developing and teaching more than thirteen different courses over a five year growth period for the new degree. After visiting YC in Jan. 2008, I am confident that the quality which made my YC experiences so valuable still hold true and will provide a solid foundation of knowledge for its future graduates.

Since leaving YC, I have gone on to become an Associate Professor of Computer Graphics Technology at a regional campus of a large and well-known state university. During my career since leaving YC, I have taught a wide variety of courses in graphics, Art, and Humanities. Specifically, I have had the opportunity to teach digital video, digital audio, motion graphics, web design, multimedia production, drawing, painting, sculpture, art history and specialized humanities art history courses. My research and publication areas relate to computer graphics,

critique and assessments, curriculum development and online delivery. I have also exhibited and juried international exhibitions. My time at YC has made it possible for me to continue my academic studies, and I am currently completing my PhD studies in Educational Psychology with an emphasis on Instructional Design for Online Learning. I appreciate the opportunities YC gave me to continue lifelong learning and develop as an educator and an artist.

My current artistic endeavors include digital video art productions, which include movement and sound. I am also interested in global digital collaborations within the global artistic and educational community. My scholarly activities include research in to interactive multimedia learning theory, visualization and technologies.

Thanks to Jana and the [YC Alumni Network](#) for this entry.

Mike and Christina Wombacher

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Meet Mike and Christina (Thrasher) Wombacher and catch up on their life since Yavapai College!

Yavapai College was a very special place to Mike. He attended specifically for the baseball program and met some of the best people in his life. "I have met and made some of the most special relationships and friendships at Yavapai and the most important is the one I share with my beautiful wife Christina Wombacher (Thrasher). We met at Yavapai and started dating the last semester there and have been married for more than five years."

Mike and Christina reside in Chandler, Ariz., and Mike is currently a senior manager at Costco Wholesale. He started working there in 2002 when he was released from professional baseball. He played for two and a half years in the New York

Yankees and Chicago Cubs organizations. During his time at Costco he finished his schooling at NAU and earned his bachelor's degree.

After graduating and playing basketball at YC in 1998, Christina went on to play another 2 years of basketball at Boise State University, where she earned her B.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Exercise Science. In 2000, she moved back to her home state of Arizona and earned an M.Ed. in Higher Education at ASU while also working in the athletic department as the director of operations with the women's basketball team. She married Mike in 2001, and they are now the proud parents of Ella Marie Wombacher, born May 25, 2006 and are expecting their second child in May of 2008.

Thanks to Mike, Christina and the [YC Alumni Network](#) for this entry.