

District Governing Board Highlights September - October 2022

Hispanic Engagement

Yavapai College launched its first annual Latin American festival this past Saturday, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

The event was hosted by Yavapai College and its community partners:

Prescott United Methodist Church

Prescott College

Prescott Chamber of Commerce

The Prescott-Caborca Sister Cities Association

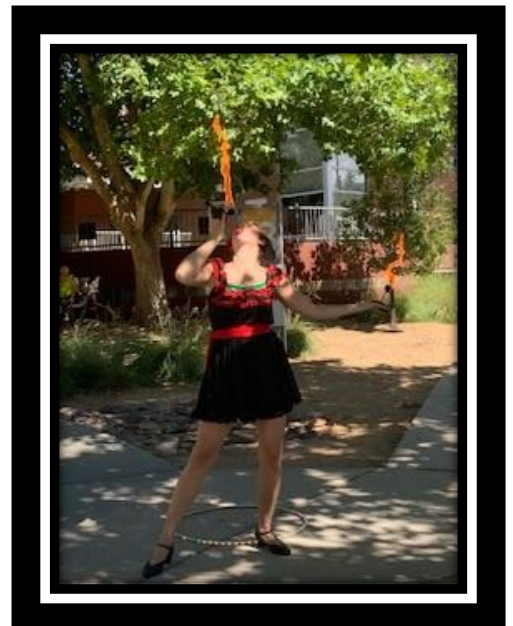
Veterans Affairs

The Porch Coffee Shop

The event schedule consisted of a dance performance by Ballet Folklorico Itzamatul del Valley del Sol, a walk-through Mexican history with Zarko Mask, Serene Isabelo and many more.



Fire
Dance
by Serene
Isabelo





Folklorico Dancers



Ruff joins in on the dancing!

Early College

With the completion of registration, the Early College Team is beginning to visit all the Dual Enrollment and CTED classes as well as attending various back to school night and senior night events at the various HS's. The EC team has also been working closely with the PHS Early College Academy cohort at the Prescott Campus.



Cristina Poeppel presenting to BMHS seniors and parents



EC Academy students on campus and at the learning center



Enrollment and Early College Advisors are attending CTE Company Tours with John Morgan and Jim Voska to learn more about the in-demand careers and what local businesses are looking for in employees for training and education.



Promise Program

Final Graduates with the Fall 2020 cohort graduated this spring and summer. The total number of graduates from PS20 was 124 students. This is an increase from the previous cohorts 100 graduates.

Financial Aid

Kelly O'Brien, Senior Financial Aid Advisor has recently started her term as President of the Arizona Association of Student Financial Aid Association (AASFAA) for the 22-23 fiscal year. AASFAA has an institutional membership that represents over 110 Colleges, Universities and other Postsecondary Institutions in Arizona.

Kelly is a critical part of the Financial Aid team and has been with Yavapai College for over 10 years. She is following in the footsteps of Diana Dowling, Assistant Vice President of Student Development, and Ray Ceo, Financial Aid Director who both served as Presidents of AASFAA in previous years.

Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs

Yavapai County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Symposium

In May, PFS staff attended eight-hour mentor training symposium facilitated by Yavapai Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Yavapai County (YBBBS).

PFS Director James Tobin also presented a one-hour training at the symposium entitled “What’s Out There? Alcohol/Drugs and Youth...and the Value of Mentoring.” Fifteen community members attended the 1-hour presentation. The symposium was held at Yavapai College in Prescott.



THE POWER OF MENTORING SYMPOSIUM

Yavapai College, Prescott
Saturday, May 7, 2022

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My Ascension

In May, PFS staff worked with community partners Polara Health, MATFORCE, and DEA Operation Engage to host a showing of the Oscar-nominated documentary film “My Ascension” at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center in Prescott. The life-affirming film tells the story of Emma Benoit, a Louisiana high-school student who was paralyzed due to a failed suicide attempt. Emma survived and made the film to share her story of resilience and overcoming the challenges of being a teenager. The film was followed by a live-stream Q & A with Emma and Director, Greg Dicharry.

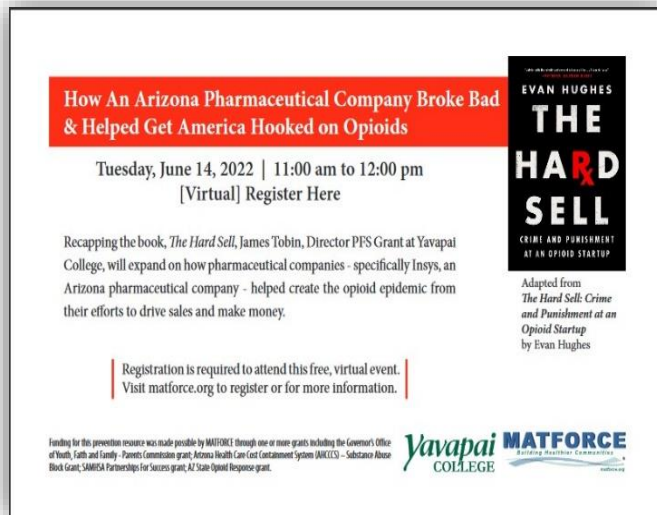


Approximately 250 YC students, staff and community members attended the presentation. In June, PFS staff and personnel from Polara Health, facilitated a showing of the film “My Ascension”, at the Yavapai County Juvenile Detention High School (YCIDHS) in Prescott. The film was followed by a robust discussion with students on the topics of self-harm, bullying, and withstanding peer pressure. 20 YCIDHS students attended the presentation.



The Hard Sell Webinar

In June, the Program Director presented a MATFORCE Lunch-and-Learn webinar on the Arizona pharmaceutical company INSYS, and the role the company played in fueling America's opioid addiction. The webinar was attended by 32 community members. The webinar also emphasized the value of community partnerships and collaboration in combatting drug misuse. The webinar was also featured in a front-page article in the Prescott Daily Courier on June 15th



How An Arizona Pharmaceutical Company Broke Bad & Helped Get America Hooked on Opioids

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 | 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
[Virtual] Register Here

Recapping the book, *The Hard Sell*, James Tobin, Director PFS Grant at Yavapai College, will expand on how pharmaceutical companies - specifically Insys, an Arizona pharmaceutical company - helped create the opioid epidemic from their efforts to drive sales and make money.

Registration is required to attend this free, virtual event.
Visit matforce.org to register or for more information.

Funding for this prevention measure was made possible by MATFORCE through one or more grants including the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family - Parents Connection grant, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) - Substance Abuse Block Grant, SAMHSA Partnerships for Success grant, AZ State Opioid Response grant.

Yavapai COLLEGE **MATFORCE**
Building Healthy Communities

EVAN HUGHES
THE HARD SELL
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT AT AN OPIOID STARTUP
Adapted from *The Hard Sell: Crime and Punishment at an Opioid Startup* by Evan Hughes



LEAP Program

In May the PFS Program Director James Tobin presented to nine youth in the Yavapai County Juvenile Probation "LEAP" diversion program on the topics of being an active bystander, harm reduction, and making safe and healthy choices.

Arizona Institutes of Higher Education (AZIHE) Meeting

In August YC PFS personnel hosted the quarterly meeting of the Arizona Institutions of Higher Education (AZIHE). AZIHE is a collaborative work group of alcohol and drug prevention specialists from colleges and universities throughout Arizona.

The guest speaker for the event was Prescott Valley Police Chief Bob Ticer. Chief Ticer gave an excellent presentation at the YC Prescott Valley campus for the AZIHE group on the ramifications of legalized marijuana (which he experienced 1st hand as a police chief in two different communities in Colorado between 2010 and 2022).



Resident Assistant Training, Residence Hall Move-In Day and Student Orientation Training

On Wednesday, August 10, PFS personnel presented alcohol/drug and bystander awareness training to 8 YC dorm Resident Assistants (RA's) and Residence Life staff.

On Sunday, August 14, PFS personnel including Program Coordinator Monica Belknap assisted Residence Life staff with YC dorm move-in day on the Prescott campus, including a presentation on campus conduct and alcohol and drug awareness at resident student orientation training.



YC Food Pantry

In September, the United Methodist Church in Prescott had a food drive for the YC Food Pantry. 6 large boxes of donated food helped to feed our students who are experiencing food insecurity.



Student worker, Aryana Petrillo-Lara helps put the donations away.

Residence Life



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Updates in Residence Life:

- The Fall 2022 Resident Mixer was a huge success! Over 50 residents came to hang out and celebrate the return of Fall semester with the Res Life community. A handful of our residents who joined the fun are pictured above, including RA Chyleah and RA Ryan.
- RA Jennifer hosted a Mario Kart competition where a dozen residents competed for gold (t-shirts)! Our 2022 Mario Kart champions are pictured to the right.



Residence Life Staff Updates:

- Residence Life Staff became certified in "SafeTALK Suicide Prevention" through a training hosted by MATFORCE.
- Residence Life Managers, Hannah & Kari, attended a train-the-trainer training to assist our residents with "Navigating Healthy Relationships" & Alcohol and Drug harm reduction through the nationally-renowned training, "The Buzz."