

October 2019 College Highlights

School of Arts and Humanities

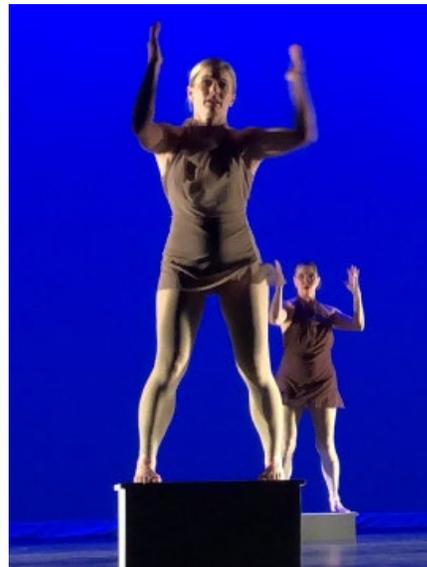
- **Andrew Winters**, Philosophy Professor, edited a special issue of the journal *American Association of Philosophy Teachers Studies in Pedagogy* on experiential learning. Please enjoy the following annotated bibliography and introduction:



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- **Mary Heller**, Dance Adjunct Instructor, reports YC hosted the Arizona Dance Festival in Central/Northern Arizona for the first time in its 19-year history. Five master dance classes were taught by state and regional professionals FREE to department students and accessible to the entire community.



School of Business and Computer Systems (BUCs)

- **Laura Cline**, English Professor, had two pieces of creative nonfiction published over the summer. One in the magazine *Motherwell* and another in the journal *Entropy*.
- **Sandi Van Lieu**, English Associate Professor, published a Young Adult piece under the pen name Sandi Greene, called *The Truth about Secrets*.

- **Vikki Bentz**, Accounting Professor, reports five of her accounting students are currently enrolled in the new ACC 240: IRS Enrolled Agent Review class this fall in preparation for careers as Enrolled Agents.

What is an Enrolled Agent (EA)? An EA is a federally authorized tax practitioner who has technical expertise in the field of taxation and who is empowered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to represent taxpayers before all administrative levels - examination, collection, and appeals -of the Internal Revenue Service.

EA tax professionals are highly recognized by the industry and consumers based on their high level of expertise and knowledge of tax law and regulations. Like attorneys and certified public accountants, enrolled agents are unrestricted in which taxpayers they can represent and what types of tax matters they can handle.

In addition to taxpayer representation, enrolled agents often provide tax consultation services and prepare a wide range of federal and state tax returns. Unlike CPAs and tax attorneys, Enrolled Agents are tested directly by the IRS, and enrolled agents focus exclusively on tax accounting.

Enrolled Agents are needed in small and large public accounting firms, law firms, corporate accounting departments, state departments of revenue, investment firms, banks and in private practice. Enrolled Agents hold a federal license and have an unrestricted right to represent any taxpayer in any state. Tax professionals generally can expect to earn \$30,000 to \$100,000 (depending on location). Projected increase in employment is 8 to 14% over the next ten years.

The YC Advanced Tax – IRS Enrolled Agent certificate is an expansion of the current "Basic Tax" certificate. For local students who want to prepare tax returns without taking all the additional courses required to become an attorney or a certified public accountant, earning this certificate and passing the three EA Exams administered by the IRS, satisfies that need. The ACC 240 course prepares students to sit for the exams, the certificate program gives students the business and tax foundation for direct employment or to open their own practice.

In addition, members of the current YC Accounting/EA Advisory Board have indicated that there is a critical need in the Yavapai County area due to a large number of EA's retiring in the near future.

Pictured below is **Prof. Bentz** and Cindy R. Nelson, President, Arizona Society of Enrolled Agents and local Chapter Secretary at Northern Arizona Chapter of Enrolled Agents meeting in August. **Prof. Bentz** and Ms. Nelson worked closely in getting this class, and new certificate program up and running. **Prof. Bentz** feels this is a great example of responding to community needs and working in partnership with local experts in the industry to fulfil a critical need, and it is certainly a great opportunity for YC students.



- In August, **Matthew Sanderlin**, Cisco Professor, received the APS Teachers Award. He was awarded \$500 for the Bradshaw Mountain High School (BMHS) Dual Enrollment program. The funds were put towards the development of a mobile cyber range (pictured below), as this year marks the beginning of the CNT DE cybersecurity initiative. **Professor Sanderlin** and his Dual Enrollment students took a moment to proudly display their new classroom.





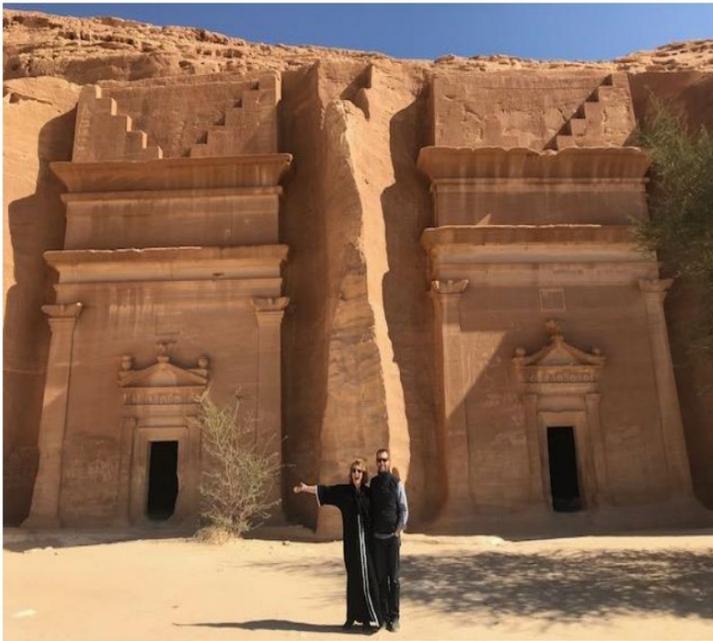
- As part of the services offered by Yavapai College, **Lauri Dreher** the Fast Track Management Program Director, conducted the following customized trainings for the Fast-Track Management Program and the Regional Economic Development Center. Several referrals have already been realized from the trainings.
 - **Customer Service Training**

The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau enlisted the services of YC Fast-Track Management Program personnel to aid in the fulfillment of two, 2-week intensive trainings for the Royal Commission for Al-Ula Tour Guides. Project Vision 2030 is underway to develop and transform Al-Ula into a world class tourist destinations that is very similar in topography and geography to that of Sedona, Arizona. The many untouched ruins are from an ancient area on the main spice trade route to Mecca.

The Royal Commission for Al-Ula (RCU) was established to protect and safeguard Al-Ula, a region of outstanding natural and cultural significance in North-West Saudi Arabia.

As part of the 2-week schedule a 5-hour customized customer service training was conducted for a total of 22 future Al-Ula tour guides that focused on providing a total customer experience, cross-cultural communication skills, and continuous improvement for managing and growing tourist/customer relationships.





- **Supervisory Skills Training**

Being a relatively young company, having just begun full-scale operations in early 2011, Drake Cement (located in Paulden, Arizona) contracted **Lauri Dreher**, the YC Fast-Track Management Program Director to provide analysis, develop, and deliver a training solution that strategically aligns with the business's objectives.

Beginning August 7, and running every Wednesday morning for 8 consecutive weeks, a customized Supervisory Skills training has been conducted at Drake Cement. A total of 26 plant Supervisors have come together in an engaging, participative, and experiential learning environment focused on application of concepts to provide Supervisors needed knowledge and skills for implementation of a company-wide soon-to-be introduced Performance Management Process.

School of Career and Technical Education

- **John Morgan**, Dean for School of Career and Technical Education, reports that students from Yavapai College's Construction program worked to install joists in the new Fab Lab being built on the CTEC Campus. The lab will house an expansion of 3-D printing, faculty offices, and the Unmanned Aircraft program, tripling the existing space, and allowing for larger 3-D printers. Construction students will build the lab as part of their YC program, in addition to working in a paid apprenticeship sponsored by CForth construction.



- **Karla Phillips**, Associate Dean at the YC Chino Valley Center, reports the Plant Biology students are planting and studying tree varieties to see which grow best over a 3-year period. Pictured below are YC students in action during planting night.



- **Rose**, the YC Horse at the Chino Valley Center, received her first student rider this fall in the Riding Methods I course. Over the summer Rose received the additional safety training needed for beginning students to ride her. Rose continues her participation in ground skills training and grooming courses.



- The Corn Maze is going to be a-mazing for the Fall Harvest Festival! See details on vendors, activities and craft show on the Harvest Festival flyer below.

Fall Into The... **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
OCTOBER 12TH

Hay Rides!	Saturday,
Tractor Show!	October 12th
Pumpkin Patch!	10:00am-2:00pm
Corn Maze!	YC Chino Valley
Kid Zone <small>(pony rides, bouncy house, fun games, face painting, etc.)</small>	Agribusiness Cntr.
Beer Garden & Food Trucks!	2275 Old Home Manor Dr.,
Virtual Haunted House!	Chino Valley, Az.
Craft Show!	

Brought to you by:





**Vendors
 YC Program Demos
 Crafts
 And More!**

Free Parking & Admission!

School of Social Sciences

- **Leanne Lawhead**, Early Childhood Education (ECE) Faculty and Program Director, shared details about **Miranda Moore**, (pictured below) graduate of Yavapai College ECE department, who was recently recognized by the Children's Action Alliance, and highlighted by Expect More Arizona; an advocacy organization designed to identify and celebrate successes in education!

To read more about Miranda's great work, click on:

<https://www.expectmorearizona.org/excellence-tour/stories/kids-in-cottonwood-getting-a-headstart-at-moore-smiles-home-childcare/>



Student Success

- **Craig Lefever**, YC Adult Basic Education Program Director, received the Executive Director's Award from NACOG Director Teri Drew for his work in crafting an Inter-Governmental Funding Agreement (IFA) between Title II (Adult Education) and Title I (DES/NACOG) to share costs and services. This is the first agreement of its kind in the nation!



Student Development

- **Learning Center**

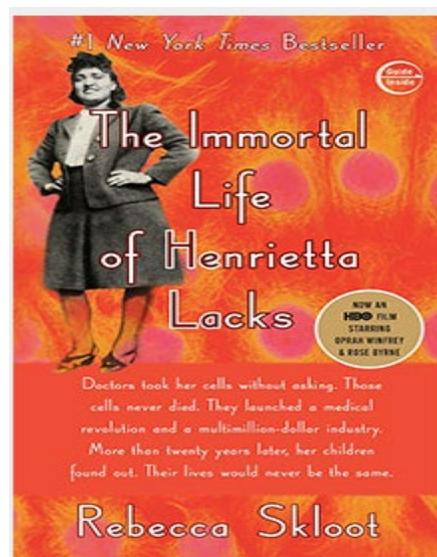
The learning center staff has been visiting classrooms to highlight their services and their work has paid off. Our learning centers are filled with students! Weeks 3 and 4:

Prescott Campus Learning Center saw a 17.6% increase in students over last year. Verde Campus Learning Center served 15.75% more students this year over last year.



- **Residence Life**

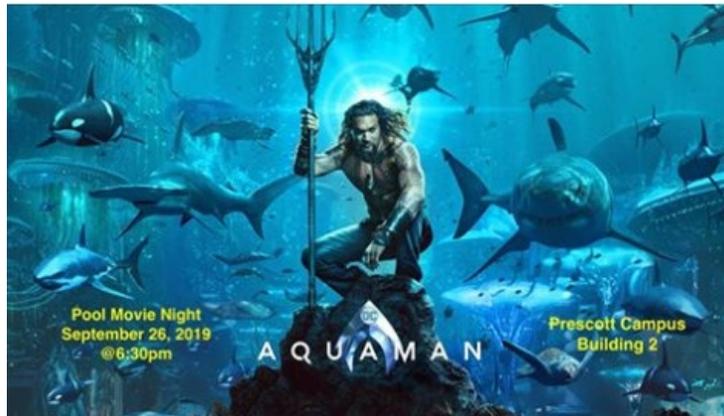
Residence Life will host a Riders Read book discussion in Marapai Hall on September 30th.



- **Student Engagement**

Open Gym night continues to be a big hit with students, every Monday and Wednesday nights from 9PM to 11PM. Students play volleyball, basketball, knocker balls, etc. hosting an average 50 students a night.

- September 26, Movie night at the Pool, appropriately showed Aquaman:



- September 27 – 29 everyone was welcomed to the 5th Annual Juggling Festival:

Save-the-Date for the 5th Annual

Yavapai
Juggling Festival

September 27th, 28th, & 29th

In the Walraven Gym at Yavapai College 1100 E Sheldon St Prescott, AZ 86301

Games Free Performances

Learn & share many styles of juggling
Make new friends & enjoy exhilarating fun

For more information contact Frankie Cardanone in The Learning Center or at Frank.Cardanone@yc.edu

Workshops

Friday September 27, 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Saturday September 28, 11:00 am – 11:00 pm
Saturday September 28, Free Performance 7:00 pm
Sunday September 29, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Call Frankie at 928.717.1760 or 928.776.2085 for more information.

- **Ruff**
On September 14th, Ruff led the march to end Alzheimer's in downtown Prescott.

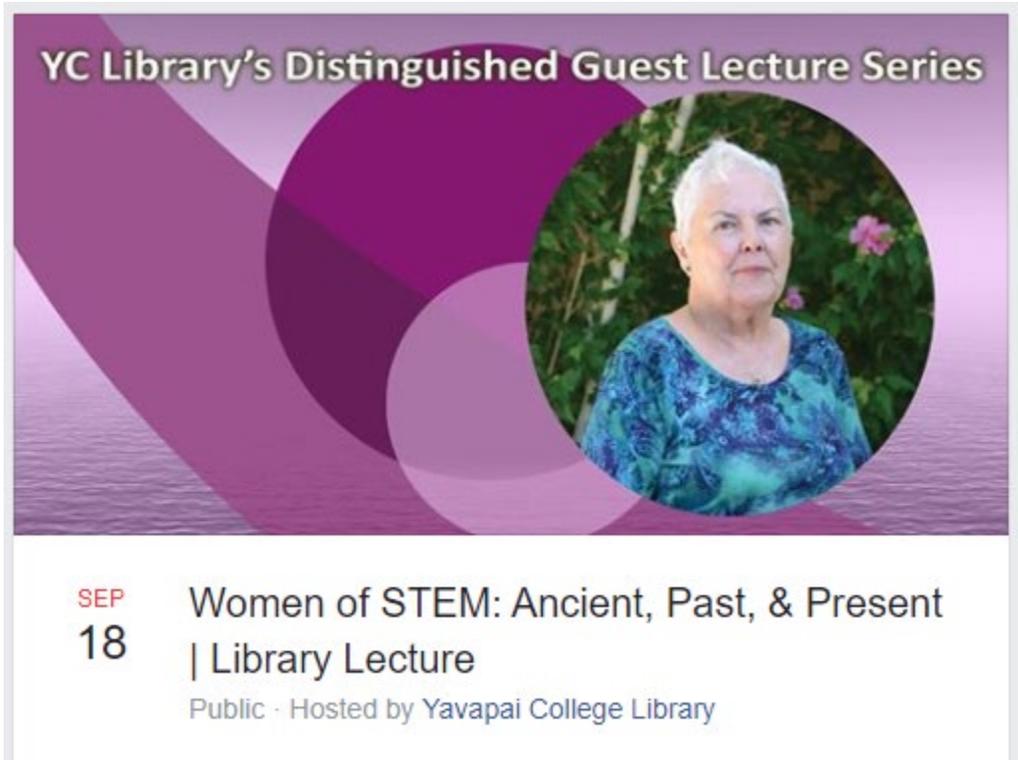


Instructional Support

- The Office of Instructional Support and Institutional Effectiveness and Research (IER) facilitated another successful annual Assessment Day on September 6th. Over one hundred faculty, staff and administrators attended. The focus this year was the Program Review process, which is in its third year of implementation. Occupational programs and academic departments/disciplines participated in sessions designed to provide professional development in the following areas:
 - Planning Year (Review and revise curriculum and create a 3-year assessment plan)
 - Comprehensive Review (Analyze IER data to identify strengths and areas in need of improvement and create a 3-Year action plan for improvement that includes data-based budget requests)
 - Annual Review (Programs who completed their comprehensive review last year will report progress toward goals and assessment results)
- Yavapai College's renewal application for the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) was approved by the Arizona SARA Council at its September 9, 2019 Council meeting. The AZ SARA Council provides oversight and guidance to postsecondary institutions in the State of Arizona that elect to follow the national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. The purpose of SARA is to make it easier for institutions in Arizona to provide online and distance education options in other states and to provide basic protections for the students engaged in those activities. SARA is overseen by a National Council and administered by four higher education association regional compacts. <http://azsara.arizona.edu/>

Library:

- On Wednesday, Sept 18th, Dr. Barbara Mace presented *Women of STEM: Ancient, Past, & Present* as part of the Library's Distinguished Guest Lecture Series:



- To Celebrate Constitution Day, we had a colorful display and free Pocket Constitutions!



- The Verde Library hosted its first ever book discussion. The chosen title was *The Emerald Mile* by Kevin Fedarko. It was well attended, and the group enjoyed themselves! Verde book discussion “The Emerald Mile” was held this week. We had great discussions about the Grand Canyon, Colorado River, dories, Kenton Grua, Glen Canyon Dam, and speed runs..... We highly encourage everyone to read the book.
- Verde Valley Library staff gave three library instruction classes this month to educate students in library resources.



- We honored our soldiers deployed.



- August's info-graphic for the Library:

