# March 2021 Board Highlights

#### School of Arts and Humanities

- Robert Church, Adjunct Professor of Administration of Justice received the Faculty of the Month Award from the Arizona Foundation of Legal Services. They wrote, "It is always a joy to collaborate with Robert Church for our Legal Related Education academies. His enthusiasm is contagious and he is genuinely interested in the topics he is assigned to research and develop into interactive lessons, whether they are implemented online or in person." Congratulations Robert!
- Gerald (Scott) Rispin, Adjunct Professor of 2D/3D Art, accepted an invitation to be an exhibiting and working artist at the Arizona Fine Art Expo in Scottsdale. There are over 100 juried artists and studio/exhibition spaces. Scott is exhibiting oil and mixed-media paintings. The Expo has been running every year since 2005. To check out their website, please go to their website at arizonafineartexpo.com.

### **School of Business & Computer Systems**

 Lauri L Dreher, Fast-Track Management Program Director/Professor and Tara O'Neill, Education/Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator/Professor, attended <u>The</u> <u>Chair Academy</u>'s Foundation Academy Program February 1-5, 2021.

This week was the first week of a year-long commitment focused on preparing leaders for the demands of complex and multidimensional higher education organizations through a journey of discovery, development, and growth.

Over the next year, leaders are mentored and coached as part of a systems approach to transformational leadership resulting in positive change throughout the organization. For 30 years The Chair Academy has been designing and providing world-class training programs and services to advance academic and administrative leadership for higher education and organizational leadership roles across the globe.



#### School of Social Sciences

• Laraine Herring, Psychology Professor, completed the second module, Artist as Innovator, in the University of North Carolina Creative Catalyst Certificate program; she was the featured guest for the Massachusetts based group, Women



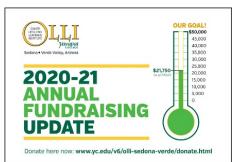
Reading Aloud; she hosted a conversation with author Christine Shields Corrigan through Book Passage in which they discussed both Chris' book and Laraine's book, *The Grief Forest;* she presented a workshop to Jennifer Louden's Writer's Oasis group on *Your Grief Inheritance*; she took Vanessa Martir's class, *Writing Your Grief Inheritance*, and she gave a reading and workshop at Peregrine Book Company to celebrate the release of *The Grief Forest: a book about what we don't talk about.* 

## **Lifelong Learning/OLLI/Community Education Highlights**

- OLLI Winter Convocation Program Former YC Division of Lifelong Dean Dennis Garvey kicked off the OLLISVV Winter Term with the special presentation "Sex, Drugs and Growing Old." This interactive, age-appropriate presentation was presented via Zoom. Garvey shared essential statistics about the graying of America, Arizona, and Yavapai County. Garvey praised Yavapai College for its partnering with the Bernard Osher Foundation to host an OLLI Institute in Prescott and Sedona and Verde Valley.
- Sedona and Verde Valley OLLI Workshops are promoted via flyers and all classes are recorded and posted on the OLLISV YouTube Channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuskpc8ULuwEy">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuskpc8ULuwEy</a> 7XyjHoB8g

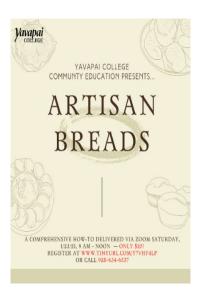
The OLLI Development Committee Raised \$10,000 to establish the OLLI Sedona/Verde

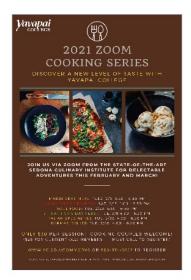
Valley Endowment, and set a goal to raise \$50,000. Thus far, \$21,750 has been received with plans for a matching gift program to start in March.



• The Division of Lifelong Learning in Sedona/Verde Valley partnered with Sedona Culinary Institute to offer more enrichment cooking classes offered via Zoom. Taught by our Sedona Culinary Institute Instructor Chef and local culinary experts and entrepreneurs, these courses "are like being part of a live cooking show!" We continue to refine the courses, making the best use of the technology and beautiful facilities at the Sedona Center.









• Community Education classes continue through the winter months, and new classes are added throughout the term. A second community education session begins mid-March.



 The Division of Lifelong Learning continues to work with Freeport McMoRan in Bagdad, AZ to provide enrichment courses for their community. In March, Bagdad residents will also participate in YC Cooking classes.
 Plans are underway for a computer course. All classes are presented via zoom.





 Meetings are underway with prospective teachers that complement the Sedona Center plans for offering wellness programs. These areas of interest include therapeutic/sensory gardening, orienteering for the emerging professional, plant-based eating, and art for happy living.



 The Prescott Winter/Spring CommEd term is underway, and new classes start almost every week. Check out the list of spring classes by visiting <a href="www.yc.edu/ll">www.yc.edu/ll</a>. We are offering a 25% discount for YC faculty and staff! Please call 928-717-7755 to apply for the discount at registration.



- Prescott CommEd is working with YC departments to offer non-credit offerings. We have scheduled the following courses this spring for the EMS program:
  - 1. Basic EMT 24-hour State Accredited Refresher Course.
  - 2. Verde campus, section #30521, will be held Friday night, March 5th for 4 hours on online didactics, and will meet in person for two 10-hour days on Saturday/Sunday March 6th & March 7th for lecture, skills, ending with a written exam.
  - 3. **Prescott campus, section #32621**, will be held on Friday March 26th through Sunday, March 28th following the same schedule noted above.
  - Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) is scheduled for Mon/Tue, May 24 & 25.
  - 5. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), on Wed/Thu, May 26 & 27.







- Prescott CommEd is working with YC Campus Police Sgt. James Tobin to offer a new course, *Introduction to Law Enforcement* that will explain the practical aspects to prepare for a law enforcement career. This non-credit class will feed into the AJS degree and the NARTA program.
- Prescott CommEd will soon partner with SHRM Education Partner program to offer HR
  professional course that will prepare students to pass the HR certification exam. Our goal
  is to offer the 10-week prep course in September 2021. Students will have the
  opportunity to study and take the HR exam during the testing window, December 2021February 2022.
- Prescott CommEd is now accepting course proposals to teach for the summer College for Kids program. They are looking for STEAM instructors! If you are interested in teaching kids, please contact Nancy Ostapuk at <a href="Nancy.ostapuk@yc.edu">Nancy.ostapuk@yc.edu</a>.







 Prescott OLLI volunteer leadership has begun to shift from responding to the immediate crisis of operating in a pandemic to planning for recovery and looking at long-term goals.

## These goals include:

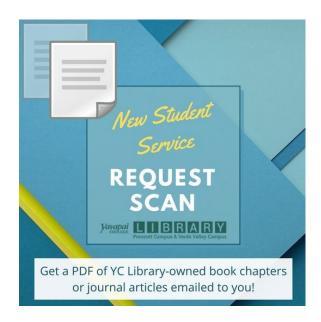
- 1. Expanding offerings to the Prescott Valley campus,
- 2. Maintaining a permanent online presence of offerings, and
- 3. Collaborating closely with the Sedona/Verde Valley OLLI.
- The spring session, which starts April 4, includes 40 classes and 18 workshops, and based on our winter session, robust enrollments are expected for spring. Prescott CommEd continues efforts to attract new members through a special membership drive, 'Bring a Friend.' Offerings include talks hosted by Tim Wiederaenders of the Prescott Courier, guest speakers from across the country on topics like the training of scent detection dogs, and a hands-on drawing class.



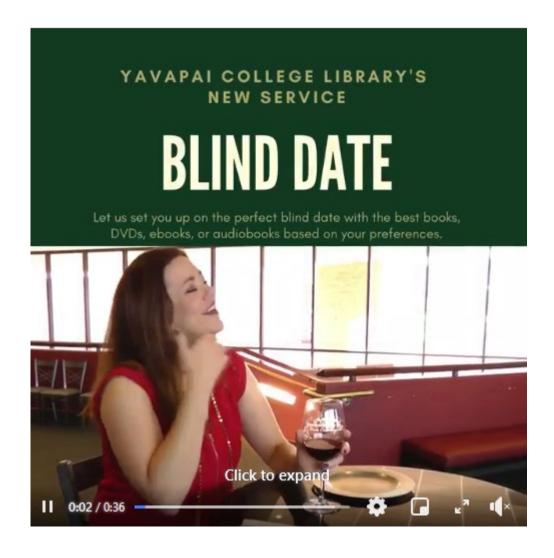


## Office of Instructional Support

 The YC Libraries are now offering "Request Scan" services. Students may request a PDF of YC Library-owned book chapters or journal articles emailed to them.







• The Verde Valley Campus Library hosted its monthly book discussion on Tuesday, Feb 16th with the title, *Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker*.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 2 PM MST - 3 PM MST

YC Library's Book Buzz: Virtual Book Discussion
Online Event



### **YC Performing Arts Center**

• The PAC continues to engage the community by creating Zoom Radio Theatre plays, as the YC Radio Players. Over 80 actors from across the community who have volunteered to perform as part of our troupe. These are free and stream the first and third weekend each month. Each episode begins with a big thank you to our Season Presenting Sponsor, Findley Toyota of Prescott. The March stream is:

#### THE THINKING MACHINE: THE PROBLEM OF CELL 13

Debut stream: Friday, March 5 at 5:30 PM through Sunday, March 7 at 8:00 PM Encore stream: Friday, March 19 at 5:30 PM through Sunday, March 21 at 8:00 PM

A brilliant professor, locked up on Death Row as a dare, has only his wits to free him. Dramatized for radio by Neville Teller and performed with his permission. Directed by Helen Stephenson. Audio engineering by Mitchell Pietz. Casting by Kate Howell.

CAST (in order of appearance): Jonathan Perpich as Ransome; Brad Newman as Van Dusen; Sean Jeralds as Fielding; Karen Murphy as Martha; Chris Verrill as Warden; Michael Grady as Scott; Marissa Ellis as Eleanor Hatch.



