

# District Governing Board Highlights

## March 2026

### Student Engagement and Leadership (SEL)

#### **Ambassadors in Action: Driving Spirit and Community**



Our Yavapai College Ambassadors have been busy this semester, taking the lead on initiatives that build campus pride and bring the community together. From high-energy campaigns to festive family events, the Ambassadors are the face of the Roughrider spirit.



#### **Green -n- Gold Mondays**

The campus is looking a lot brighter thanks to the Green -n- Gold Mondays campaign. Led by the Janice Soutee & the Ambassadors, this initiative encourages students, faculty, and staff to rock our school colors every Monday to kick off the week with a unified front. It is more than just a dress code; it is a movement to boost campus morale and show everyone what it means to be a Roughrider. Keep an eye out for Ambassador-led pop-ups and spirit giveaways every Monday.



#### **Prescott Campus Easter Egg Hunt**



The Ambassadors recently hosted the Prescott Campus Easter Egg Hunt (over 300 eggs), bringing a burst of springtime energy to our local community. The team transformed the campus grounds into a festive scavenger hunt for students and their families, complete with hidden treasures and plenty of photo ops. It was a perfect example of how our student leaders go above and beyond to make the Prescott Campus a welcoming, fun environment for everyone.

Whether they are rallying the crowd in green and gold or organizing large-scale community events, the YC Ambassadors are constantly finding new ways to elevate the student experience. Their YC pride and leadership ensures that life at Yavapai College is vibrant, engaging, and always moving forward.

## **CLI Grand Opening**



The grand opening of the Center for Learning and Innovation (CLI) was anything but a traditional ceremony. Following the official ribbon cutting, the atmosphere shifted from formal to electric as the YC Ambassadors and Amanda Zahn surprised the crowd with a high-energy flash mob. In a secret collaboration, the team had spent time teaching the Lady Roughriders Soccer team the choreography, and the perfectly synchronized performance left everyone in attendance stunned and cheering. Once the music stopped, the energy stayed high as the Ambassadors stepped into their roles as expert guides, leading interactive tours of the new facility. By showcasing the cutting-edge technology and collaborative spaces through

hands-on demonstrations, the Ambassadors helped turn the grand opening into a true celebration of the future of learning at Yavapai College.

## **Yavapai College Student Government Association**

### **Introduction Announcement!**

### **Executive Leadership for 2025-2026**

#### **Samuel Ogunrinu | President**

Serving as the President for the upcoming academic year, Samuel Ogunrinu brings a dedicated vision for student advocacy and community building at Yavapai College. As the primary voice for the student body, Samuel is committed to fostering an inclusive campus environment and ensuring that every student has the resources they need to succeed.

#### **Angela Rogel | Vice President**

In her role as Vice President, Angela Rogel focuses on supporting the internal operations of the SGA and strengthening the connection between students and administration. With a passion for leadership and engagement, Angela is instrumental in coordinating student initiatives and ensuring that YCSGA programs run smoothly and effectively.

#### **Victoria Adams | Secretary**

Victoria Adams serves as the Secretary, where she maintains the vital communications and records that keep the Student Government Association organized. Her attention to detail and commitment to transparency ensures that student meetings, legislative actions, and board decisions are clearly documented and accessible to the entire college community.

#### **Tonisha Primuse | Treasurer**

As the board's Treasurer, Tonisha "Toni" Primuse manages the student activity funds with precision and integrity. She is responsible for the financial oversight of YCSGA, working to ensure that student fees are allocated to the clubs, events, and resources that provide the greatest benefit to the Yavapai College student body.



Together, this executive board is dedicated to serving the entire Yavapai College community, bridging the gap between our physical campuses and our robust

online student body. By leveraging digital platforms and hosting on site initiatives, the team is committed to ensuring that every student regardless of where they attend class feels connected, heard, and supported. Through collaborative leadership and a unified vision, the 2026–2027 YCSGA board looks forward to a year of advocacy, innovation, and growth for all Roughriders.

## **Students of Leadership (SOL)**



### **SOL Year in Review: A Legacy of Leadership**

The **Students of Leadership (SOL)** program just wrapped a landmark year defined by growth, grit, and genuine connection. What started as a simple Meet and Greet quickly evolved into a year of major milestones, beginning with the President’s Retreat. That experience did more than just offer a view; it set a foundation of trust and purpose that carried us through the following semesters.



### **Skills That Matter**



We did not just talk about leadership; we built it. Our members leveled up their resumes, knowledge, and skills by earning micro-credentials, gaining the hands-on mentoring and communication skills needed to lead in the real world. From mastering the Outward Mindset workshop to giving back at the Community Food Gathering and sending "Letters from SOL" to encourage our peers, our impact was felt far beyond the YC classroom.

## **Making Our Mark**

The **SOL Bricks Pathway** continues to grow, with new engravings added around a tree this year to permanently honor the student leaders who stepped up and made a difference. These bricks serve as a lasting reminder of the footprint this group has left on our campus.



## **Recruitment**

YC's Recruitment Team participated in the Ridgeline Academy College Fair.



Summer Hawk  
Ridgeline Academy

## **YC Tours and Visits**

The Recruitment Team coordinated and supported campus tours across all six YC campuses and centers, serving **253 prospective students** in March 2026.

Tour formats included:

- Individual and family visits
- Early College Tours
- Organized high school group tours

### Mountain View Preparatory



### Bagdad Middle School Group Tour



Linda Brannock - YC Tour Guide

**YC Internal and External Community Events:** Recruitment staff delivered presentations and outreach at several internal and local community events, including:

- City of Cottonwood Rec Center
- Verde Valley Stand Down
- PTK Conference at Cochise County
- Experience the Art Prescott Campus

- Camp Verde Pecan & Wine Fest
- Veterans Town Hall
- PTK Conference in Baltimore, MD
- VA Dorm presentations

City of Cottonwood Rec Center  
Amanda Oswald & Kathleen Freed

Camp Verde Pecan & Wine Fest  
Amanda Oswald & Summer Hawk





**Verde Valley Stand Down -  
Cliff Castle Casino  
Amanda Oswald, Tim**



**Veterans Town Hall  
Tim Ptarra**



**Wendy Present represented  
YC at the PTK Conference at  
Cochise College.**



### **PTK Catalyst Conference**

Cal Peterson represented YC at the PTK Catalyst Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, highlighting PTK scholarship opportunities and YC's bachelor's degree programs.

## Experience the Art – Prescott Campus

Participating schools included Bradshaw High School, Prescott High School, and Northpoint High School.



## YC Food Pantry

The Yavapai College Food Pantry hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> Mobile Food Distribution on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The distribution served 132 vehicles picking up for 161 households that fed 534 community members. In total, these distributions have supported over 2,000 individuals in the local community.

The next mobile distribution will be in Fall.



## Drug and Alcohol Prevention Programs

In March, Eric Barnes hosted a second Therapy Dogs & Friendship Bracelets event following the strong response in February, drawing the largest turnout to date.

Ten therapy dog teams participated, engaging with 125 students and staff throughout the day. In addition to the activity, prevention information on alcohol, cannabis, and vaping was shared, along with self-care and safety tips in advance of Spring Break.



Eric maintained the weekly posting schedule for the Level-Up Tip social media campaign. This month's content focused on the influence of positive peer relationships, the risks of Zyn nicotine pouches, and tips for sobriety and safety over Spring Break.

