

District Governing Board Highlights

April 2026

Student Engagement and Leadership (SEL)

Mortarboard Decorating with the Provost

This spring, the Ambassadors partnered with Dr. Berry to host a



special pancake breakfast for graduating students across both the Verde Campus and the Prescott Campus. The event brought together graduates for a festive morning filled with great food and a chance to personalize their mortarboards ahead of commencement. There was a great turnout at both the Prescott and Verde Valley campus!

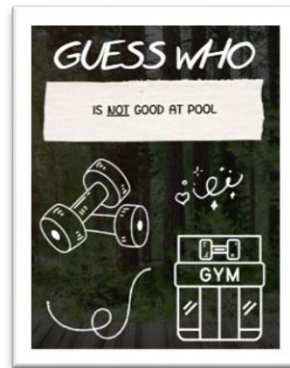


The Ambassadors worked hard to ensure the celebration felt special at both locations, creating a welcoming atmosphere that honored the hard work and dedication of our graduates. This event was especially meaningful as the Ambassador group celebrated with two of their very own members crossing the graduation stage this year.



Social Media Engagement

The Yavapai College SEL social media pages are quickly gaining traction by leaning into fun, student-led trend posts that resonate with the campus and community. Through creative "Match the Facts to the Face, Guess Who" interactive stories, the Instagram and Facebook accounts have become a go-to spot for student spotlights. By showcasing the unique personalities of campus ambassadors, like their favorite colors or lack of pool skills, the SEL Ambassador team is building a more personal, authentic connection that makes student life feel vibrant, relatable, and inclusive.



Interactive Workshops

The student ambassadors fully immersed themselves in the "Student Life in 2036" session, bringing high energy and forward-thinking creativity to the table. They had a blast collaborating on imaginative futuristic scenarios of a student in 2036, fueling an atmosphere of pure excitement and collective dreaming.

Their enthusiasm was contagious as they brainstormed everything from how the student's home was laid out with tech to how they were smart enough to invest and purchase the future college. It was a truly inspiring day filled with laughter and big ideas. The perfect workshop to do right before graduation as students are focusing on future endeavors.



Yavapai College Open Houses

In support of Yavapai College's Spring 2026 Open House events, student Ambassadors played a vital role by traveling to campuses across the college's service area to assist with event operations and create a welcoming experience for prospective students and their families. Ambassadors helped with swag and snack tables and connected guests with faculty and staff as



needed. By deploying Ambassadors across multiple campus locations, Yavapai College ensured that each Open House runs smoothly while also giving prospective students the opportunity to engage directly with current peers who can speak authentically about college experience.

Student Government Association (SGA)

Survive Finals and Thrive

The Student Government Association is helping students "thrive" this finals week by hosting a *multi-campus* giveaway on Wednesday, May 6. Students can stop by locations in Prescott, Prescott Valley, Verde Valley, Chino Valley, and CTEC to pick up a free goodie bag packed with snacks and essentials. This initiative aims to provide a much-needed boost, encouraging everyone to take a break and recharge as students power through their final exams.



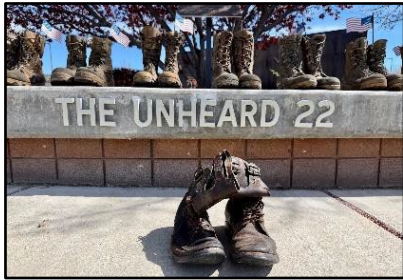
Virtual Student Townhall

The YCSGA Senate recently hosted a Virtual Town Hall to connect with the student body and address several important campus opportunities and resources. The session provided a comprehensive look at Ruff's House Resources and shared details on how students can attend free sports events. Beyond these resources, the meeting focused on the future of campus governance, highlighting opportunities for new leadership for the 26/27 academic year and ways to get involved in the coming terms. The event included an open discussion and the giveaway of various door prizes. This event served as a key moment for student voices to be heard as the academic year winds down.



Unheard 22

The Unheard 22 campaign recently gathered for a solemn moment of silence to honor and remember the soldiers who lost their lives to mental health struggles and suicide. This tribute served as a powerful reminder of the hidden battles many veterans face and the critical importance of fostering a supportive community. By coming together in quiet reflection, the group reaffirmed its commitment to raising awareness, reducing the stigma surrounding mental health, and ensuring that the sacrifices of these individuals are never forgotten.



Students of Leadership (SOL)



The presentation "Build Your Professional Brand," led by Katherine Anderson provided a learning experience for the Students of Leadership. This comprehensive session focused on the essential role LinkedIn plays in professional networking, brand building, and gaining industry insights. Students were guided through a practical checklist to enhance their digital presence, including strategies for creating compelling headlines, crafting impactful "About" sections that tell their unique career stories, and effectively showcasing badges and certifications. By exploring best practices for engaging with professional content and organizations, the event empowered these future leaders with digital tools to navigate the modern workforce with confidence and credibility.

Drug & Alcohol Prevention Programs

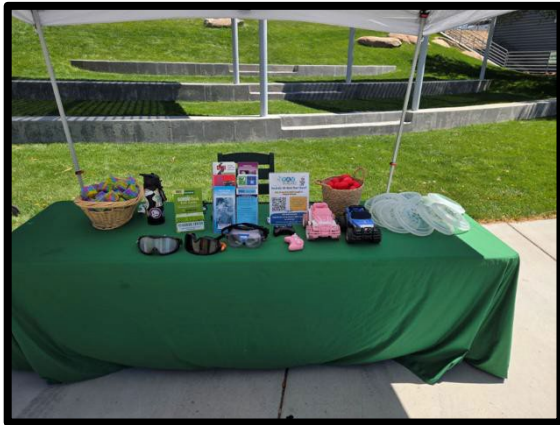
The YC Social Services Department had a busy and productive month in April. On April 9th, Eric and Theresa hosted a therapy dog event in partnership with Yavaline, a local transportation non-profit. During the event, Yavaline collected survey responses from students and distributed free ride vouchers, helping to support student transportation needs. A total of 124 students and staff participated.

In addition to the event, YC Social Services distributed the Yavaline Transportation Survey to students across Prescott, PV, CV, and CTEC. This effort aims to gather broader data on student transportation challenges. As an added incentive, all students who complete the survey receive a free ride voucher.



Alcohol Awareness Month

April was Alcohol Awareness Month, which YC Social Services recognized through two tabling events led by Eric on April 16th and 23rd. Together, these events engaged approximately 45 participants. During the activities, participants used intoxication simulation goggles while attempting to drive a remote-control car, offering a hands-on way to experience impaired coordination. This interactive exercise was designed to highlight the risks and dangers associated with drinking and driving. In addition to this, all the April Level-Up Tip Campaign videos focused on alcohol-related facts, statistics, and concepts.



Recruitment

High School Visits:

YC's Recruitment Team participated in the Grand Canyon High School college fair

Grand Canyon High School: Amanda Oswald





YC Tours and Visits: The Recruitment Team coordinated and supported campus tours across all six YC campuses and centers, serving **134 prospective students** in April 2026.

Tour formats included:

- Individual and family visits
- Early College Tours
- High school group tours

Prescott High School Group Tour: Linda Brannock



Bradshaw High School Group Tour: CTEC Campus



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

- Prescott Lakes Parkway High School
- AZ National Guard Family Day
- AZ National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

AZ National Guard Yellow Ribbon Cutting – Tim Petarra



The YC Recruitment Team held three Open Houses during April with amazing support from staff and faculty. All the Open Houses were well attended, and we connected with over 140 prospective students. Events like this are a vital way to showcase the opportunities available at YC.

- CTEC Open House
- Verde Valley Campus Open House
- Prescott Campus Open House

CTEC Open House – information tables throughout CTEC



Verde Open House – our fabulous check-in team and the information tables at the Verde Open House





Prescott Open House at the YC CLI



**These are a few pictures of our YC faculty meeting with students:
Psychology with Nichole Guzzo**



Computer Science with Philip Reid



Public Safety Administration with Tiffany Kragnes and Jerald Monahan



Early Childhood Education with Tara O'Neill



Open House Tours – the tour team conducted over 20 tours including tours of the residence hall, culinary, nursing, art, and more.



Robyn Bryce with Tim Petarra’s tour group



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