

District Governing Board Highlights

December 2025

Student Engagement and Leadership

Thankful Tree



As part of SEL, students created a Thankful Tree engagement activity that turned out beautifully. A bare tree was displayed, and students wrote down what they were thankful for on paper then taped them onto the branches. Watching the tree filled with gratitude was a powerful and positive experience, creating a visual reminder of

appreciation, reflection, and community. The activity encouraged meaningful conversations and helped foster a warm, supportive atmosphere among students.



Popcorn with the Provost: Dr Berry



Popcorn with the Provost was a successful and engaging opportunity for students to connect with leadership in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Dr. Berry met with students from both the Prescott and Verde Valley campuses, creating space for open conversation, questions, and shared ideas. The informal atmosphere helped students feel comfortable sharing their experiences and perspectives, while also strengthening the

sense of connection between students and administration. Overall, the event fostered community, encouraged student voice, and reinforced the college's commitment to listening to and supporting its students.



Green -n- Gold Mondays



The Ambassadors will be promoting a new Spirit Day Mondays initiative called “Green -n- Gold”. It is an exciting way to build school pride and bring the Yavapai College community together. By encouraging students, staff, and faculty to wear green and gold every Monday, this tradition creates a visible sense of unity and shared identity across campus. Spirit Day Mondays are about more than colors, they are about connection, belonging, and celebrating what it means to be part of YC.

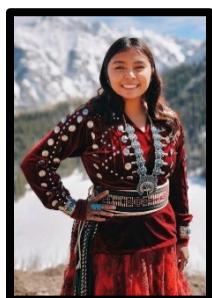


Yavapai College Student Government Association (SGA)

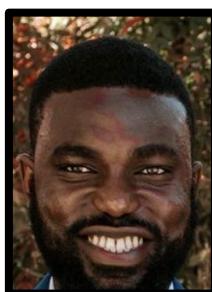
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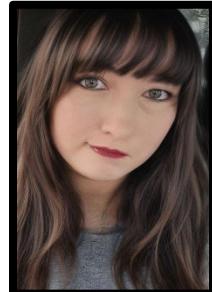
The Student Government Association has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring an SGA podcast to life. From brainstorming topics and planning episodes to learning the technical aspects of recording and production, students have demonstrated strong dedication and teamwork throughout the process. This initiative reflects SGA's commitment to creating new and engaging ways to share information and connect with students where they are. The podcast will be a valuable addition to the college community and to SGA as a whole. SGA is also excited to welcome Erika Weaver as the new Secretary, whose leadership and organizational support will play an important role in advancing student initiatives and communication efforts.



President
Talia Yazzie



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Secretary
Erika Weaver



Treasurer
Alyssa Bullock

Students of Leadership (SOL)

End of Semester Celebration - 78 Letters from SOL!

Students of Leadership came together with purpose and compassion to write heartfelt cards for seniors in assisted living facilities throughout Yavapai County. During this activity, students embraced their role as servant leaders by creating handwritten messages filled with kindness, encouragement, and creativity. These cards were designed to bring joy and human connection to seniors who often experience isolation and loneliness, a challenge that has grown and affects both mental and physical well-being. Through this meaningful act of service, SOL students demonstrated empathy, leadership, and a genuine commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others, reminding seniors that they are valued, remembered, and cared for.



The Unheard 22

The Unheard 22 event is a powerful moment of remembrance and awareness honoring veterans who have lost their lives to suicide.



This gathering brings attention to the reality that 22 veterans die a day by suicide and creates space for reflection, support, and community connection. By coming together at the flagpole, participants stand in solidarity with veterans, acknowledge those who feel unheard, and reinforce the importance of mental health awareness, compassion, and continued advocacy. The event serves as a meaningful reminder that every life matters and that no veteran should feel alone.



Ruff's House: Student Resource Hub

Ruff's House recently received a thoughtful remodel designed to enhance both usability and accessibility for students.

The updates include a refreshed look with a new roof graphic added to the Canvas page, along with reorganized content placed into clear drop-down menus to make information easier to navigate. Alt text was added throughout the page to improve accessibility and ensure accommodation for all students. In addition, two new buttons were incorporated to allow students to add Ruff's House quickly and easily to their Canvas portal.

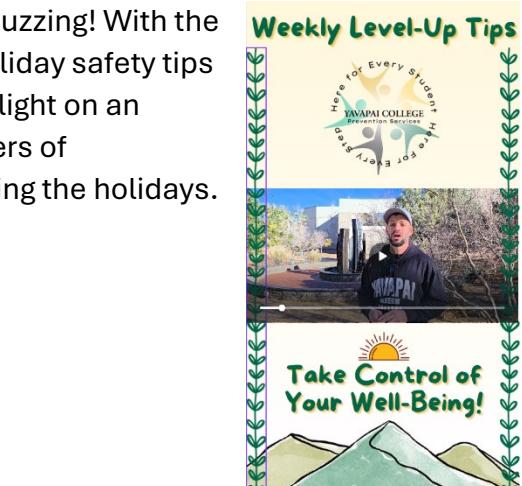


Promotion at the top of Canvas encouraged students to join, and as a result, there was a noticeable increase in students adding Ruff's House to their Canvas. Social media support has also taken off, with engaging promo videos and posts helping spread awareness and drive interest, further contributing to increased visibility and student engagement with Ruff's House.

Basic Needs/Social Services

Eric Barnes kept the Level-Up social media campaign buzzing! With the season in mind, he whipped up engaging content on holiday safety tips and the serious risks of drunk driving. He also shined a light on an important topic for college students—the hidden dangers of loneliness—reminding everyone to stay connected during the holidays.

A yellow graphic titled 'Level-Up with Eric' featuring a man holding a gift. The text 'Coping & Connection During the Holidays' and 'Here are the Facts' is displayed. A list of facts includes: It's okay to have mixed emotions during the holidays, Keep in touch with friends and family, Create new traditions with new friends, Don't use substances to cope, and Organize fun community events. The Yavapai College logo is in the bottom right corner. Source: grownandfown.com



A yellow graphic titled 'Level-Up with Eric' featuring a man. The text 'How Loneliness Affects Your Health' and 'Here are the Facts' is displayed. A QR code is in the top right. The Yavapai College logo is in the bottom left. Source: EAB.com resource blog

YC Food Pantry

December was a busy and meaningful month at the YC Food Pantry. Before winter break on December 19, the pantry supported 39 student pantry visits, helping ensure students and their families had access to nutritious food during a critical time of year.

In partnership with YCSA and OLLI, the pantry distributed **45** holiday food boxes, each accompanied by a \$25 grocery store gift card, providing both immediate support and flexibility for families.

YCSA, FBLA, and Student Development staff wrapped the holiday food boxes, while Financial Aid staff and student pantry workers wrapped gifts for 37 children of YC students, helping bring a little extra joy to the season.



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