

# February 2024 Board Highlights

## Academic Division One - School of Career and Technical Education

- **John Morgan**, Associate Vice President, Division One, says students in the Horticulture program are busy growing garlic as part of their restaurant production of produce for 5 local restaurants. Students raise and sell tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, lettuce, herbs and garlic to the restaurants which includes El Paraiso and Essence, among others. The restaurants provide marketing of the YC program on their menus. It is win/win for YC and the restaurants.



- **John Morgan** reports the construction program at CTEC is busy completing two tiny homes for students at the Chino Center enrolled in the Line working program. The program is preparing to go to a one semester, 40 hours per week program beginning in the fall of 2024. The housing will be desperately needed to ensure that these students have a place to stay, which is compounded by the difficulties finding rentals for only one semester. The 300 square foot homes will feature a murphy bed, kitchen, living room, bathroom and closet. YC plans to build 30 of these tiny homes at the Chino Center, 15 of which will be stick built, and 15 3D printed.



## Academic Division Three – Visual Arts, Education, Early Childhood Education, Administration of Justice, Paralegal, BUCS

- **Dr. Tiffany Kragnes**, Associate Professor of Law, was published in the Journal of Colorado Policing as co-author to *Carrying Handguns: Permit or Not to Permit is the Question*. Dr. John Reese and Dr. Kragnes discussed the various states' laws regarding "right to carry" and "shall issue" concealed carry permits for handgun, addressing the 2022 United States Supreme Court ruling issued in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc., v. Bruen*.

## Academic Division Four – English, Humanities, and Social Sciences

- **Andrea Pope**, Spanish Instructor at Prescott High School and Yavapai College Dual Enrollment, states her Spanish Student's fluidity of speech when reading aloud has improved significantly since the beginning of Spanish 101 and Spanish 201 in August 2023. Andrea informally measures this by how many times the students laugh or pause as they read, and how many times she corrects their pronunciation. Additionally, she hears fewer groans from the students when asking them to read aloud.

## Division of Lifelong Learning



- Winter 2024 classes began January 22 in Prescott, Verde Valley, and Sedona.





- More than 130 students enrolled in the Winter term OLLI Yavapai College Winter Kickoff talk on Aging in Reverse with **Dr. Perry Baker** and Melinda Baker, hosted on the Verde Valley Campus and zoomed to the Prescott Campus. OLLI members asked insightful questions, and lots of positive feedback was received on the talk.



**OLLI WINTER TERM 2024 KICKOFF**

**Aging in Reverse: Discoveries from Longevity Science and Mind Body Medicine**

with Dr. Perry Baker & Belinda Baker, M.Ed.,

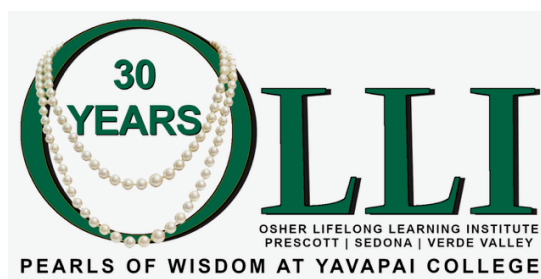
Wednesday, January 17  
10:00am - 11:30am  
Verde Valley Campus, M-137

Register online: V-OPEN802-W24  
[www.yc.edu/ollisvregister](http://www.yc.edu/ollisvregister)  
or call 928 649 4275  
Registration is required.  
Free and Open to the Public.

This informative educational presentation reviews recent discoveries from Longevity Science and Mind Body Medicine that are being investigated by longevity seekers to increase youthfulness, promote health and slow aging.



- Nationally, OLLI is celebrating their upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The OLLI Winter term kickoff began the local celebration, and Prescott took the celebration to classrooms the week of Feb 19th. They will be fundraising, with the goal of \$60,000, and they are over halfway there.



**30 YEARS OLLI**

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE  
PRESCOTT | SEDONA | VERDE VALLEY

PEARLS OF WISDOM AT YAVAPAI COLLEGE

- Prescott hosted the second annual Chili Cook Off, and now has a 2-year undefeated champion, Cheri S. There was a great turn out, and the entries were all delicious.



- **Linda Shook**, Associate Dean, and **Patricia Berlowe**, Coordinator, presented an OLLI overview to the YC Foundation Board meeting in January.



The National Resource Center for Older Lifelong Learning Institutes

**The Bernard Osher Foundation**

- For adults 50 years and beyond
- 170,000 members nationwide
- Affiliated with a college or university
- YC OLLI is one of only 5 Community Colleges
- \$2 million dollar endowment



- Verde/Sedona Community Education Winter/Spring '24 classes are filling for Winter term. Enrollments and revenue are up over 50% compared to this time last year in the 41 courses offered.

◊ SEDONA / VERDE VALLEY ◊

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Winter/Spring 2024

WS 2024  
Classes start  
**JANUARY 29TH**

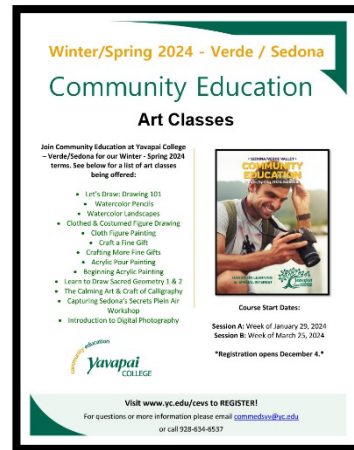
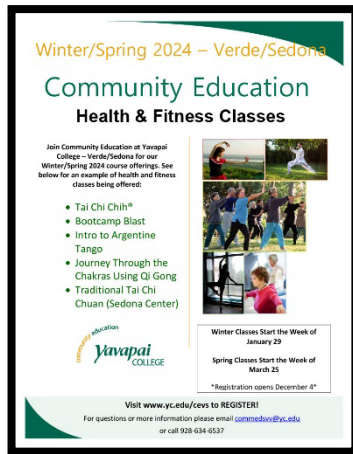
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**Yavapai**  
COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF LIFELONG LEARNING

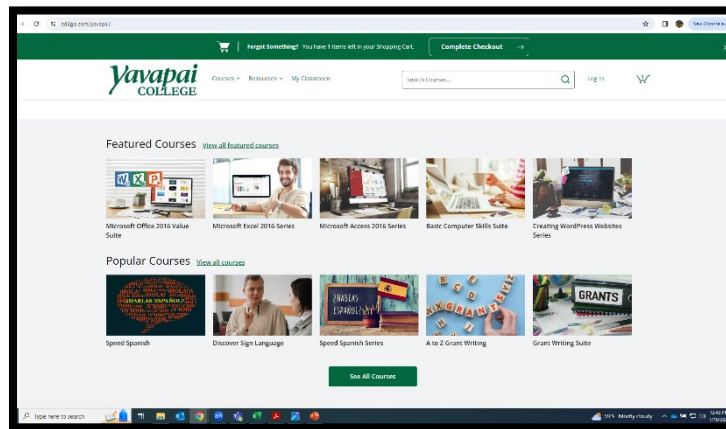
HANDS-ON LEARNING & SPECIAL INTEREST



- Community Ed Verde/Sedona course offerings may be found at: [www.yc.edu/cevs](http://www.yc.edu/cevs)

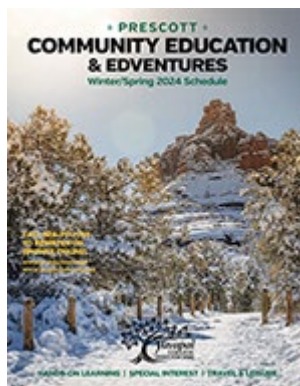


- Community Education worked with IT and Ed2Go to create a subdomain to draw more students to the online learning platform.
  - Enrollment is up 37% in the first quarter for personal & professional enrichment courses
  - Enrollment is up 75% in the first quarter compared to last year for career training Courses.



## Prescott Community Education and EDventures – WS24 Classes and Field trips

- Prescott Adult CommEd courses are open for registration. Eighty-five courses are available, and classes began January 29 with new sections beginning every week.





- EDventures Winter/Spring/Summer Trips may be viewed at [www.yc.edu/edv](http://www.yc.edu/edv) There are 20 Edventure trips to choose from through June 2023, and 7 virtual Edventures to explore places that a van cannot go. Students may select their activity level and sign up today. Virtual trips are priced at \$15-25 per video.



- EDventures International Trip to Holland April 2024 has twenty extremely excited travelers enrolled and ready to experience Holland and Belgium this spring. “Meet and Greet Sessions” are underway for students to get to know each other, share travel tips and educational reading opportunities.



## Instructional Support and Library Services

- TeLS instructional designer **Dr. Lori Couture** worked with **Dr. Barbara Durham** and nursing faculty throughout 2023 to develop the first courses in the Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Program. Lori's dedication to excellence and collaboration paves the way for a successful launch of the college's BSN in spring 2024, with additional courses in development for summer and fall 2024.
- The Prescott Library Distinguished Guest Lecture Series presents Dr. Brian Lenzkes, MD, on February 22, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, in the Susan N. Webb Community Room, 19-147. Dr. Lenzkes' presentation is entitled, "Rest Assured: Optimizing Metabolic Health Through Lifestyle," and is free and open to the public.

## Verde Valley Campus

- The Sedona School of Culinary December's French class sold out. The group really enjoyed making crepes and ice cream on the marble slab table. In this class, students learned classical French preparation and cooking techniques to create an old-school French dinner. After the lesson, the group sat down to enjoy what they made along with a complimentary glass of wine from the Southwest Wine Center.





- The Sedona School of Culinary private class for Manzanita Outreach was a huge success! Students outperformed expectations, the food was wonderful, the lobby was decorated beautifully! Thank you to the entire Culinary Team: **Carl Miller, Kristin Varon-Burkart, Bobbi Evans** and our students for pulling off a fantastic evening!





- The YC Horticulture students propagated, seeded and transplanted before the fall term ended. Students were forcing tulips, propagating burros' tail and transplanting stock and snapdragons in the outdoor beds. Only in AZ, can we grow beautiful cut flowers outside in December! These items will be sold or on display in the Verde Cafe.





- Twelve YC Viticulture and Enology (VEN) students will attend the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium in Sacramento. This event is the largest gathering of wine industry professionals in North America, offering a comprehensive insight into the latest trends and research in grape growing and winemaking. The symposium features an extensive trade show and educational sessions. This experience is invaluable for our students, allowing them to network with industry experts and gain new knowledge. In addition to the symposium, students will take a short side trip to NovaVine which is the nursery that supplied the plant material for our vineyard.

VEN students have begun blending trials for the 2023 wines. This complex process includes conducting tasting trials, assessing our current inventory, and determining the appropriate number of cases for each blend. Next, the students will be involved in label design, wine naming, and creating detailed sell sheets that include vital wine statistics. This year, they will complete this process for over 25 distinct wines. An essential aspect of this exercise is considering the most suitable sales channels for these wines, which include our tasting room, wine club, and various wholesale accounts.





- Vineyard Management and Pruning is underway in our vineyard. The task of long pruning is the first step in removing last year's old growth. Once this step is complete, students and staff plan the final pruning to coincide with the expected date of bud break. Over the next three months, they will prepare the vines for the new growing season. VEN students are also pleased to report that this off-season has benefited our vineyard. The rain and snow provide excellent conditions for soil nourishment and vine health.
- "Grateful for you" is a program of giving thanks to our students, faculty and staff. Pies purchased during the pie sale were baked by our Culinary Arts students. Attendees played a Thanksgiving themed game of "What's on your phone," and the winner received a free pumpkin pie and a jug of fresh cider

**GRATEFUL FOR YOU**

JOIN US FOR  
HOT CIDER  
PUMPKIN & APPLE PIE  
(Made by our Culinary Arts Students)

PLAY A GAME!

VERDE VALLEY CAMPUS  
BLDG. F PATIO  
MONDAY, NOV. 20TH - 2-3:30PM

BRING YOUR PHONE TO PLAY THE GAME!

Yavapai COLLEGE  
Be More

**Thanksgiving WHAT'S ON YOUR PHONE?**  
SEARCH YOUR PHONE FOR THE ITEMS BELOW. WHOEVER HAS THE MOST POINTS WINS!

**1 POINT**

- Each contact that starts with "T"
- This event saved in your phone
- A Thanksgiving meme
- An alarm set before 7:00 a.m.
- Text from someone here

**2 POINTS**

- A recent picture of Fall colors/streets
- Each app with an orange icon
- Each email about a Black Friday sale
- A text that contains "Thanksgiving"
- A pumpkin recipe saved on Pinterest

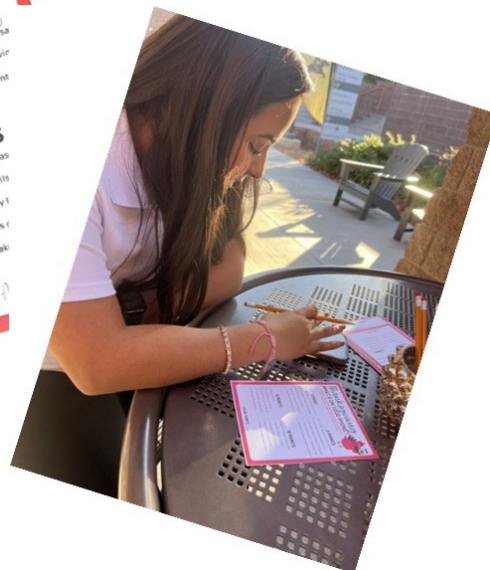
**5 POINTS**

- Cracked Screen
- A Christmas list started
- A phone that isn't an iPhone
- No Facebook App installed
- More than 10,000 photos

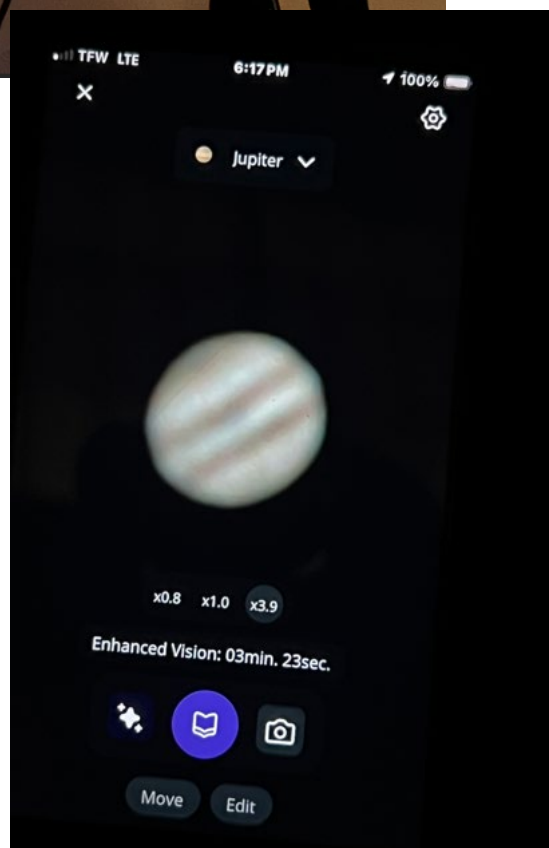
**10 POINTS**

- Brown or orange phone case
- Less than 5 unread emails
- More than 60% battery life
- Phone that is 5+ years old
- No photos/videos taken

TOTAL POINTS: 436

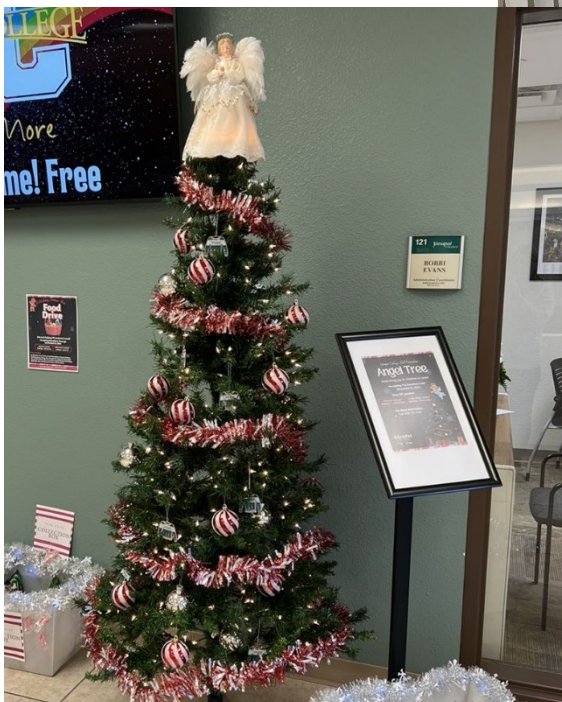


- At the recent Stargazing Night event Astronomers of Verde Valley organization brought out their high-powered telescopes (some connected to cell phones) to view the constellations. They were determined to hold this event regardless of the weather. Luckily, the clouds finally parted for them to see the “Three Sisters,” Jupiter and many more. The Astronomers of Verde Valley organization agreed to hold an annual event here at Yavapai College Verde Valley campus (but during the warmer months). They look forward to the opportunity to share the science of astronomy.





- The Verde Valley Campus and Sedona Center held their YCSA sponsored Winter Celebration at a local eatery, Strada @Bocce in Old Town Cottonwood. In addition to fun and games, the Verde Valley campus/Sedona Center provided holiday meal boxes to 3 Yavapai College student families, including for a single mom of 6 children, and collected holiday gifts for 13 children in the Clarkdale-Jerome School District.





## Visual and Performing Arts

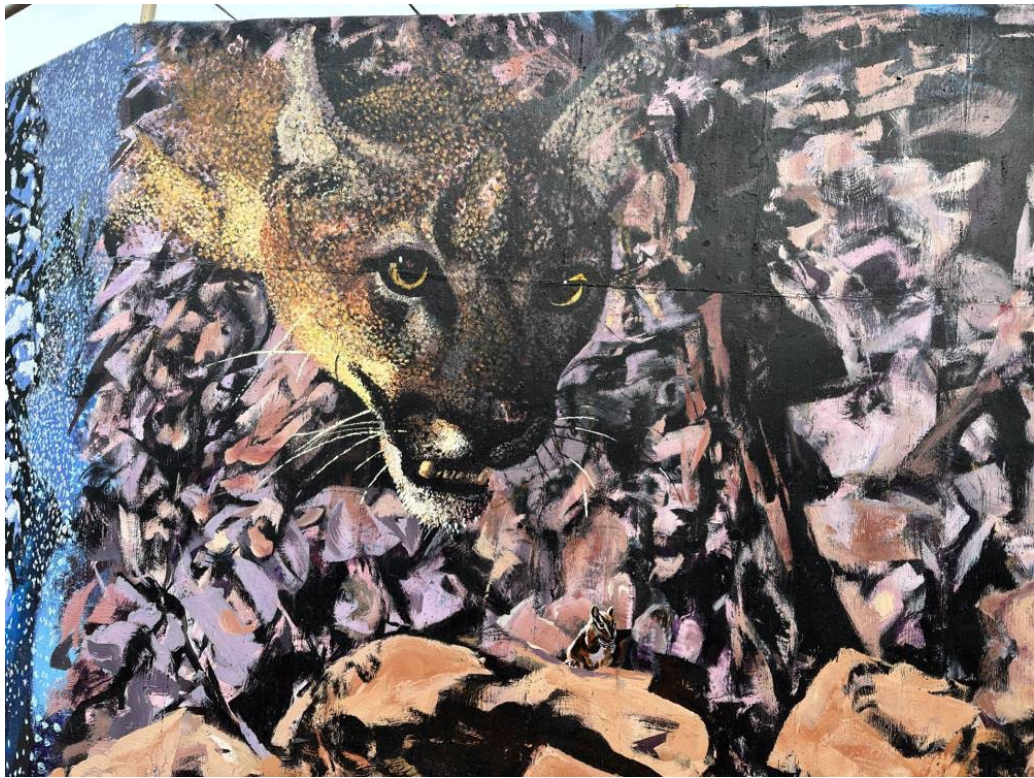
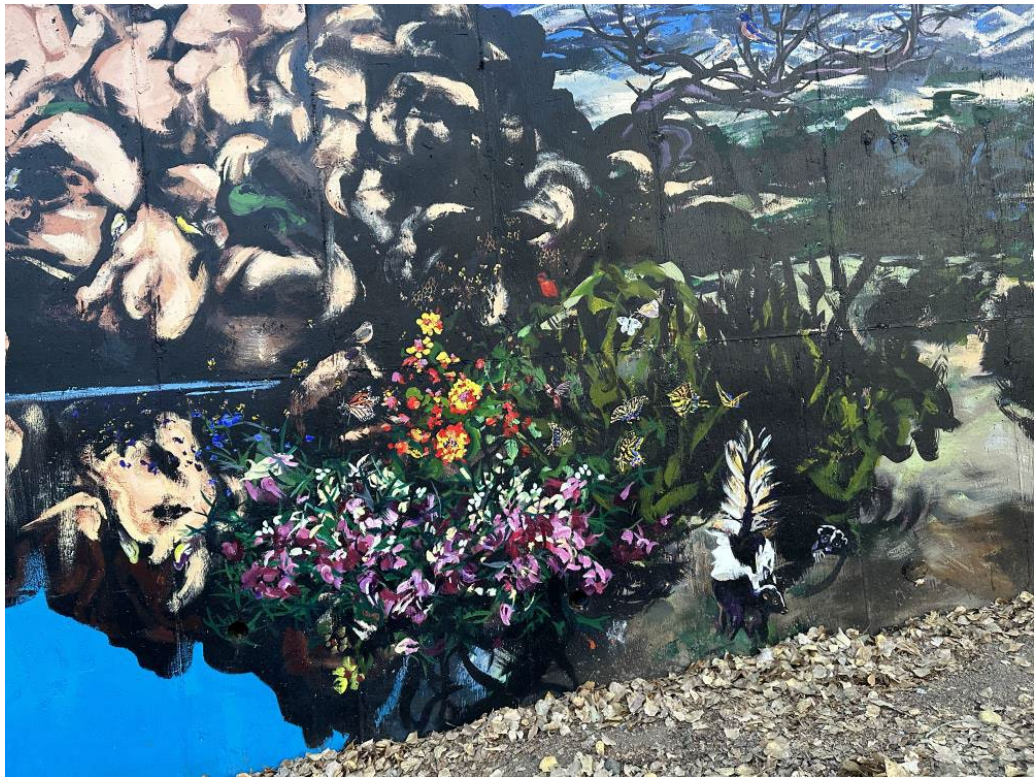
- **Dana Cohn**, Visual Arts Adjunct Faculty, completed a 410-foot mural in Granite Creek this year. It is on the retaining wall of Chase Bank in downtown Prescott. Pictures of the mural follow:















- **Bryan Robertson**, Visual Arts Professor and Department Chair, co-authored *Creative Convergence: The AI Renaissance in Art and Design*, published through Springer Publishing. Here is an excerpt from the forward of the book, “Embark on a journey that transcends the boundaries of art and technology in the groundbreaking realm of Creative Convergence: The AI Renaissance in Art and Design. This isn’t just another book on art and technology – it’s a journey that sparks curiosity, fuels innovation, and challenges traditional artistic boundaries.

Discover the power of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it melds with human expression, propelling artistry into uncharted territories and redefining traditional notions of both originality and creativity. The text is not just about art or AI; it is about the fusion of both, catalyzing a creative revolution that challenges previous assumptions about human-machine collaboration and how ideation, conceptualization, process and execution are radically rethought.

Have you ever wondered how/will AI revolutionize training, education and execution in art and design? Delve into this captivating treatment that contextualizes the disruptions we are experiencing today in the technological innovations and artistic responses and integrations of the past five hundred years. Human creativity has always struggled against technological advances but ultimately integrated and redefined what "art" is in each era. As such, you will see how AI can be incorporated in various artistic disciplines in this study. Explore real-world case studies that highlight AI's practical impact on 3D design, drawing, digital art, and even web design.

The book also addresses the controversial question: Can AI be a co-creator in the creative and artistic process, even assisting in creating an original, signature style? Brace yourself for revelations that will challenge your perceptions of traditional artistry.”