

District Governing Board Highlights April 2024

Financial Aid

The John Medley Financial Aid Advocacy Award was first established by AASFAA in 1991 as the Member of the Year Award. This award is given to a member who is a strong advocate for students and works to provide opportunities for education through the financial aid process.

This year, Kelly O'Brien won this prestigious award. Ray Ceo, Director of Financial Aid won the Lifetime of Financial Aid Leadership, Mentorship and Service to Students, Families and Colleagues Award.

Ray stated he was honored and humbled to receive the AASFAA Lifetime membership award, and also proud of Kelly O'Brien for winning the Financial Aid Advocacy Award. Ray gives credit to the entire Yavapai College Financial Aid team.

“Yavapai College has a long, proud history of volunteerism and Financial Aid industry leadership. I thank the YC Executive Leadership team for their support and allowing me to ‘pay it forward’ to the current YC team. On behalf of the students we serve and the Financial Aid office, Thank You!”



Kelly O'Brien and Ray Ceo



YC Financial Aid Team: left to right – (back) Adrienne Carlos, Katy Francis, (front) Leah Sussman, Kelly O'Brien, Ray Ceo, (back) Ashley Harlan, Anne Lucero, (front) Gwen Payne

Alcohol and Drug Prevention

Yavapalooza

The Health and Wellness Club had a great time serving our community at Yavapalooza this year!

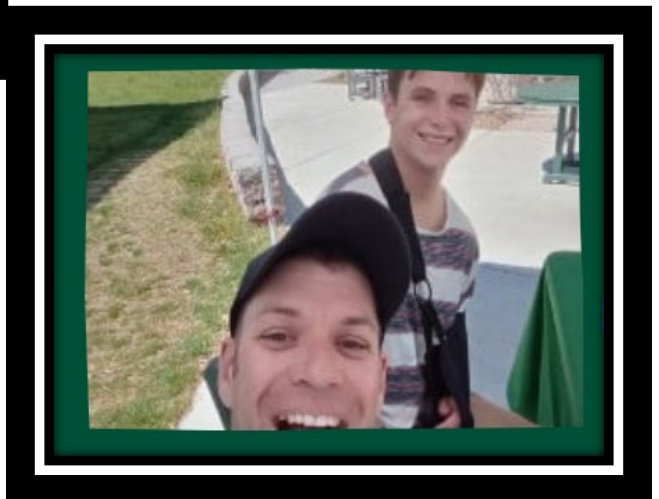
Our awesome Student Peer Educators Eric and Barrett, along with club member Ellie, “held down the fort” and ran our booth on Drunk Driving Awareness.

Participants experienced a drunk driving simulation in which they wore “drunk goggles” and drove a remote-control car on a map on the ground. The experience helped create awareness regarding the impact of driving under the influence.

We had several hundred visitors to our booth and enjoyed handing out gift bags with YC swag and tips on healthy habits!



Students using the drunk driving simulator.



Students Eric and Barrett having fun at Yavapalooza!

Pots & Plants: Cannabis Education Event



On April 15th, we hosted our very first “Pots and Plants” event. This fun event was intentionally timed to offer marijuana education to our students. A guest speaker from MatForce provided about 40 students with information regarding the impacts of THC and vaping marijuana. The students in attendance were given a small white pot to paint and a cute little succulent to take back to their residence hall room!



Basic Needs

Spring Health Fair

On March 30th, the YC basic needs program partnered with several local nonprofit organizations to bring a Spring Health Fair to YC students and local community members. Over 30 health and basic needs organizations participated, and approximately 200 people attended the event. Manzanita outreach distributed food boxes, and there were four healthcare mobile units on site. We had a face painter, raffle, and as always, the emotional support dogs were a big hit with our students!

Resources provided for students and community members included physical and mental health, food, transportation, domestic violence, child and family support, substance use treatment and prevention, and housing services.



30 vendors filled the Community Room.



Therapy dogs are always a hit!



Manzanita Outreach brought 100 boxes of non-perishable items as well as fresh vegetables for community members and students.

Basic Needs at Yavapalooza!

On April 18, the YC basic needs program participated in the Yavapalooza event at YC. Resource information and food was distributed to YC students. Great fun was had by all!



Theresa Scott, Manager Student Support & Social Services.



Student, Jadyn Ferris working the YC Food Pantry table at Yavapalooza.

YC Food Pantry

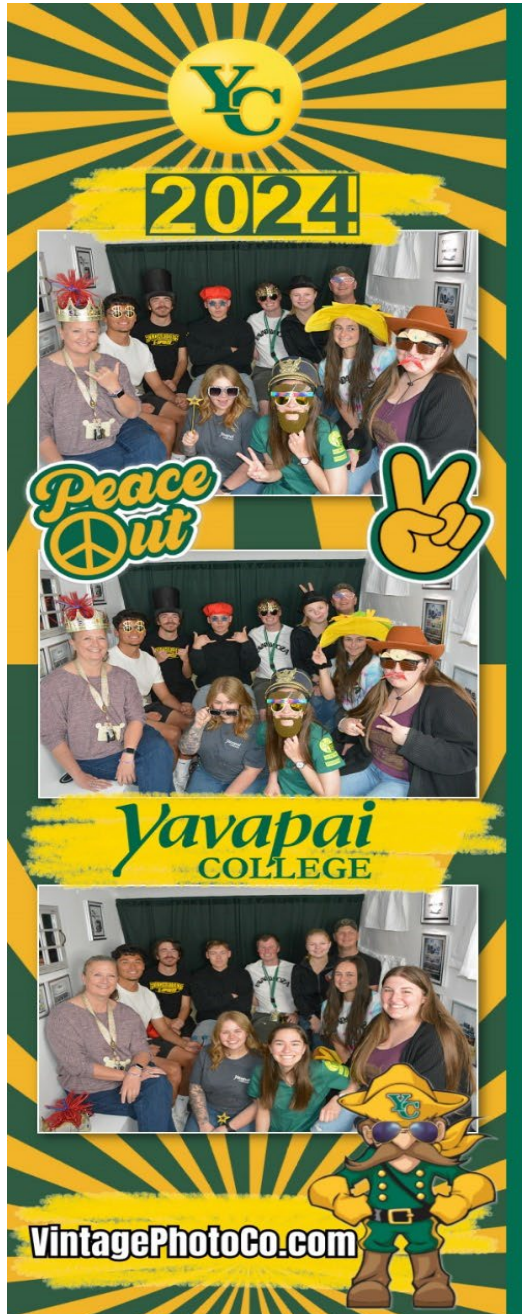
The Yavapai College Food Pantry held its annual interdepartmental food drive to benefit our students who are experiencing food insecurity. The real winners are the students, but the team who brings in the most food wins the coveted Golden Chicken.

For the second year in a row, the golden chicken goes to...**Enrollment Management!**

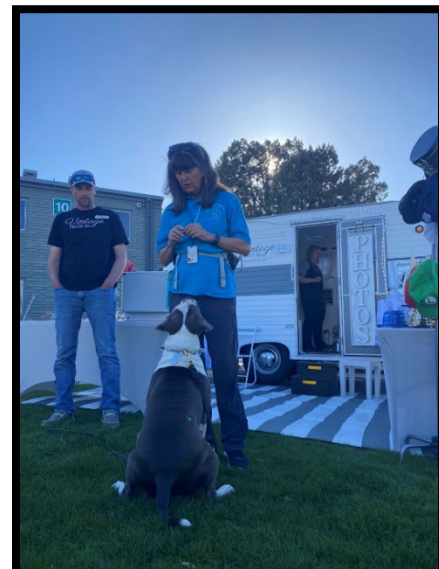


Residence Life

Residence Life celebrated our 2023-2024 Residents, with an end of year celebration. Dining Services and Drug & Alcohol Prevention partnered with us for this event.



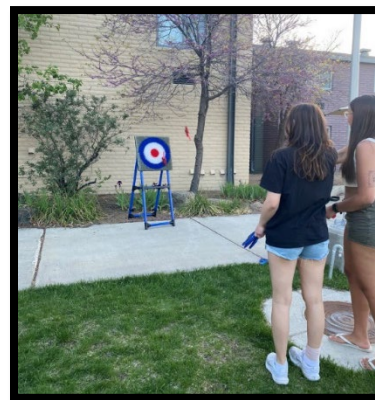
The dunk tank was wildly successful!



Everyone loves Grunt, the therapy dog.



Yard games were lots of fun at the Residence Life end-of-year celebration.



The photo booth and axe throwing contest were a hit with the residents.



Bringing in the inflatables was the biggest hit of the entire event! This ended up being such a great way for students to blow off some steam right around finals!