

Yavapai College Alumni Profile:
Valerie Rettman, Data Processing, 1969-71

Years Attended: 14969-71

Area of Study: Data Processing

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