

# HR HAPPENINGS

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## Special issue

Meet the HR Team **P.1-2**

### HR Department Vision

YC is the Employer of Choice.

With a spirit of optimism, we create a workplace where people thrive, partnerships prevail, and performance excels.

### Who is my HR Business Partner?

We are so glad you asked! Now that we are fully staffed, we have some changes to Business Partner and Department matches. Check out page 2 for the complete list.

**Yavapai**  
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Left to right: Lisa Rhodes, Emily Weinacker, Sonya Liadis, Erica Alessi, Lisa Merrifield, Lisa Schlegel, Carmen Krawcheck

## Meet Our Two New Business Partners



Lisa Merrifield joined YC in November. Lisa most recently worked as the HR Manager at Drake Cement, and prior to that, in HR Generalist roles with two non-profit family and children's services organizations in Massachusetts. She has a Bachelor's degree in Business from Bryant University and a certification as an Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS).

Fun fact: Lisa is an Arizona transplant and prior to moving to this area, she was an active curler (yes, throwing stones and sweeping on ice), competing twice with her team at the US National Championships.



Sonya Liadis came to Yavapai College just this month from Northern Arizona Council of Governments where she was a Sr. Program Specialist where she worked for over four and a half years. Prior to that Sonya was the Personnel Coordinator for Humboldt Unified School District for five and a half years.

Fun fact: In her spare time, Sonya handcrafts sterling silver jewelry which has been displayed at Prescott Center for the Arts and currently in Sedona.



**Carmen Krawcheck, HR Technician**  
 Fun fact: Carmen has been a Trekkie for over 20 years.



**Erica Alessi, HR Assistant**  
 Fun fact: Erica met Andrew Luck, the Colts' quarterback while

working an outdoor concert. Not knowing who he was and that he was hosting the event, she tried to block him from entering the dressing rooms!



**Emily Weinacker, Chief HR Officer**  
 Fun fact: Emily is married to David Harder, who recently

won an AZ Author's Association award for his book Final Grains of Sand. She also has a border collie named Shiloh.



**Lisa Schlegel, HR Projects & Operations Manager**  
 Fun fact: Lisa's favorite book series is Harry

Potter, favorite hot drink is Starbucks chai, and favorite outdoor place is Lee's Ferry.



## Lisa Rhodes, HR Business Partner

Fun fact: Lisa has a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has been doing martial arts for about six years.

## Who is my Business Partner?

### Lisa Rhodes x2376

- Agribusiness and Science Tech (Karla Phillips)
- Allied Health (Nancy Bowers)
- Culinary Arts (Barr)
- Emergency Management/EMS (Michael Nelson)
- Film & Media Arts (Helen Haxton-Stephenson)
- Fire Science (Eric Dieffenbach)
- Nursing (Mary Lou Mercado)
- Radiology (Shellie Son)
- School of Arts and Humanities (Joan Fisher)
- School of Business/Computer Systems (Joan Fisher)
- School of Career and Tech Ed (John Morgan)
- School of Health and Wellness (Scott Farnsworth)
- School of Science/Engineering (Scott Farnsworth)
- School of Social Sciences (Joan Fisher)
- Verde Valley (Campus Dean)
- Viticulture/Enology (Michael Pierce)
- VP Instructional Services (Diane Ryan)

### Sonya Liadis x2254

- Athletics (Brad Clifford)
- AVP Strategic Initiatives (James Perey)
- Business Services (Frank D'Angelo)
- Campus Safety (Jerry Monahan, Ty Payne)
- Facilities (David Laurence, James Crockett, Bruce Hustedt, Jorge Alvarez, Linda Hoots, Scott Blevins)
- Family Enrichment Center (Jacqui Schlosser, Vicky Lamotte)
- Foundation (Paul Kirchgraber)
- Institutional Effectiveness and Research (Tom Hughes)
- IT (Patrick Burns)
- Library (Mike Byrnes)
- Lifelong Learning (Dennis Garvey, Patricia Berlowe, Linda Shook, Zach Jernigan, Nancy Ostapuk)
- Marketing (Tyler Rumsey)
- Office of Instruction (Stacey Hilton)
- REDC/SBDC (Richard Hernandez, Jeri Denniston)
- VP Finance & Administration (Clint Ewell)
- VP Community Relations (Rodney Jenkins)

### Lisa Merrifield x2251

- Adult Basic Education (Craig LeFever)
- AVP Enrollment Management (Diana Dowling downline)
- AVP Student Affairs (Tania Sheldahl downline)
- Director of Scheduling and Early College (Dean Holbrook)
- Performing Arts Center (Craig Ralston, Mitchell Pietz, Susan Youngblood)
- Performing Arts/Music (Craig Ralston)
- Student Development (Diana Dowling downline; Jeni Johnson; Sheila Jarrell)
- VP Student Development (Rodney Jenkins)