

# May 2023 Board Highlights

## School of Business and Computer Sciences (BUCS)

- The BUCS Dept. cheered on the men's baseball team on Tuesday, April 25, as their last belonging event of the year. They supported the team and wanted to make sure our student-athletes know they care about them.



- In Fall 2022, the Yavapai College chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Collegiate was reactivated to enhance the upcoming Bachelor of Science in Business degree opportunities by developing skills, expanding networks, and advancing career prospects. The YC FBLA Collegiate chapter was last active in 2009 – then named Phi Beta Lambda (PBL).

The 2022-2023 FBLA Collegiate Officer Team comprised of **Lukas Solano**, **Guadalupe Gonzalez**, and **Marlin Gonzalez** proudly represented Yavapai College at the FBLA State Leadership Conference held April 7 and 8, 2023 at Embry Riddle University. They competed in the Social Media Marketing team event and took 1<sup>st</sup> place to qualify for the National Leadership Conference.

FBLA Collegiate provides students with a platform to develop essential business skills and practical experience through various activities, such as case study competitions, community service projects, leadership conferences, and networking events.



- Students from the Beta Gamma Pi Chapter received 10 awards at the Arizona Regional Spring Convention. The chapter was also ranked as the top chapter in the Arizona Region.  
Awards Included:  
Distinguished Chapter Officer Team  
Distinguished Officer – Olivia Tiwari  
Distinguished Chapter Member – Eliana Oberlander  
Paragon Award for New Advisors – Sarah Southwick  
Distinguished Chapter Advisor – Denise Woolsey  
Distinguished Advisor Team – Denise Woolsey, Sara Cooper, Sarah Southwick  
Distinguished College Project  
Honorable Mention – Honors in Action Project.  
Honorable Mention Chapter Officer – Aidan Skoch  
Outstanding Research – Theme 4



- Phi Theta Kappa Spring Induction took place on April 5, 2023. The Beta Gamma Pi chapter hosted the 22-23 Induction Ceremony. Fifty students participated in the spring event that drew over 90 family and friends to celebrate and congratulate YC's high achieving students.



## School of Social Sciences

- **Jerald Monahan**, Program Director Administration of Justice (AJS), reports that on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Global Start by Believing Day, the AJS and ART departments teamed up for a joint activity for YC students.

ART students studied the SBB Campaign materials at [www.startbybelieving.org](http://www.startbybelieving.org)

They created works of ART based on how this campaign impacted them.

Click on Start by Believing to view the art currently on display at the Prescott Boyd Tenney Library.

AJS students viewed the works of ART also after having studied the campaign materials and then prepared a paper on how the project impacted them.

At the opening of the display, **Detective Megyn Felton** of the Yavapai College Campus Safety Department, made comments about how YC supports the SBC campaign each year, those in attendance then were given the opportunity to take the SBB pledge.



- The Yavapai College Respect Campaign and the Yavapai College Justice Institute hosted the Holocaust Remembrance Day Event with over 140 guests in attendance. Pictured below, Holocaust Survivor Esther Basch, is shown sitting in the middle with her daughter and granddaughter sitting on either side. She received a standing ovation from the attendees at the close of the event!!



## School of Arts and Humanities

- **Chris Tenney**, Director of Instrumental Music, reports the YC Rhythm Riders Jazz Combo and Vocal Ensemble are happy to be in full recruiting mode! Over the past month, these small performing ensembles have been touring the county, visiting high schools to raise awareness about the music department offerings for Yavapai College. Along with their directors, Dr. **Joshua Harper** and **Chris Tenney**, the groups are scheduled to perform for almost 500 students this semester alone. Last week's stop was Mingus Union High School in Cottonwood, where the groups performed and gave an informational presentation, and the week before they performed locally for both Chino Valley High School and Prescott High School's band and choir students, answering questions about classes, enrollment, scholarships, and more. The high schoolers were incredibly receptive to the groups, and a fantastic time was had by all.



- **Joshua Harper**, Orchestra Conductor, says it was a pleasure to conduct **Dr. Craig Ralston's** production of *Jane Eyre: The Musical*, along with a fine cast comprised of mostly traditional students. He was so impressed with the quality of the production which featured student work from the scene shop, technical certificate program, and costume department. The 22-piece orchestra was a highlight for him personally for this production. Not only is YC one of the only departments in the state providing such a talented and large live orchestra (necessary for student training and success for the real world), but we were able to feature so many of our YC teaching faculty and their students. Collaborating alongside our studio teachers for Oboe, Cello, Violin, and Flute, as well as five of our current students on trombone, piano, double bass, and clarinet was so enjoyable to lead. To know that our teaching faculty and students can provide such high-quality music making for our live productions is something he is proud to help lead here at YC. He appreciates Dr. Ralston's vision for providing this experience for our community, featuring so many of "our own."



- **Nathaniel Patterson**, Technical Director, said the YC Performing Arts Department Stagecraft Class was an integral part of creating the look of *Jane Eyre: The Musical*. Students worked tirelessly on painting the set pieces, building hundreds of stone facings, designing, and programming the projected images, and working backstage as stagehands. Each individual student was necessary to create the final elegant picture for the stage and the audience.



## Division of Lifelong Learning



- OLLI Summer 2023 classes begin June 12. OLLI is offering a wide range of classes from Zen Meditation to the Mexican War of 1848 to Native American Flute.



- OLLI at Yavapai College in Prescott is getting back on the bus! After a hiatus, OLLI has resumed cultural bus trips to Phoenix. The May OLLI members will be touring the Musical Instrument Museum in Scottsdale.



- **OLLI Tribute Lecture** May 3 featured longtime OLLI member and facilitator Jayana Clerk concluding the Spring Term. Her presentation reflected over twenty years participating in OLLI and Lifelong Learning.

 **OLLI at Yavapai College** 

## Tribute Lecture with Jayana Clerk

at the Sedona Center, room 34  
4215 Village Arts Drive Sedona 86336


**Wed. May 3, 2023**  
**2:30–3:45pm**

Info: 928.649.4275 ollisv@yc.edu

**PROGRAM:**  
**“Footsteps to Sedona and Beyond”**

Everyone welcome; free event!  
Come and honor long time OLLI facilitator Dr. Jayana Clerk

Light refreshments served



- Prescott OLLI’s class **“Concrete: Driver of Progress of Environmental Nemesis?”** was welcomed by **Chino Valley Associate Dean Max Bledsoe** to tour the 3D printing facilities. This photo was taken by one of the OLLI students who specializes in drone photography.

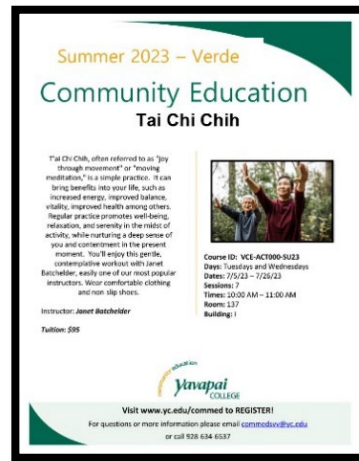
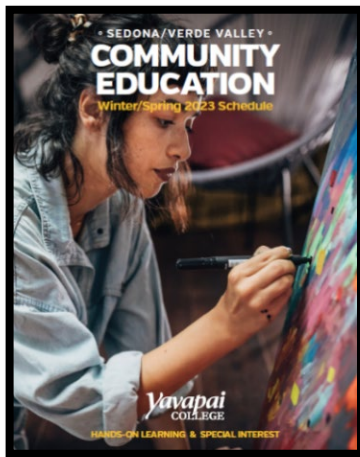






### Verde/Sedona Community Education – Spring ‘23

- Twenty-three classes ran under Community Education – Verde / Sedona for the Winter/Spring terms with art classes being reintroduced at the Sedona Center in the Spring term.
- Enrollment for the Summer ‘23 term opened on April 22



### College for Kids (C4K):

- Cottonwood Oak Creek and Beaver Creek School Districts signed the MOUs to continue their partnership with the College for Kids program.
- Cottonwood Oak Creek School District has requested to send 24 additional students to the program this year, increasing the total to 90 students attending from the school districts.
- C4K has 33 enrichment and academic courses it will be offering.
- C4K is collaborating with the YC Visual Arts Department to include a Ceramics class.



Basic Schedule Planner: College for Kids 2023 at Yavapai College – Verde Valle

<p><b>Monday/Wednesday (June 5 – 28)</b> 8:20am to 9:50am <i>Grades K-2:</i> -You Put the ART in HEART -Free to Be Me Drum Circle -Japanese Language and Culture <i>Grades 3-5:</i> -“Out of This World” Exploring Space -Reading Rangers -Garden Kids <i>Grades 6-8:</i> -Mountain Biking -Dance for 6-8 Graders</p>	<p><b>Tuesday/Thursday (June 6 – 29)</b> 8:20am to 9:50am <i>Grades K-2:</i> -Dance for K-2 Graders -Bookworm Buddies -Garden Art <i>Grades 3-5:</i> -Mountain Biking -Clay and Watercolor Exploration -Japanese Language and Culture <i>Grades 6-8:</i> -“Energized” Exploring Energy in its Many Forms -Free to Be Me Drum Circle</p>
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\*Detailed class descriptions will be available at [TINYURL.COM/4YSFTKJV](https://tinyurl.com/4YSFTKJV) on 4/21/23\*

- CommEd attended the Sedona Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Roundtable on March 28.
- CommEd attended the YC – Verde Art Gallery Reception on March 30 with students and instructors.
- CommEd and College for Kids shared a booth with OLLI at the YC-Verde Open House on April 22.
- CommEd will attend the West Sedona School Summer Fair on May 12.



## Prescott Community Education, College for Kids and EDventures – **SU23 Registration is Open!**

- Prescott Adult CommEd has 32 courses to choose from this summer!
  - Topics include Arts & Crafts, Computer/Technology Skills, Turkish Folk Dance, Finance and Investments, Food & Gardening, Health & Wellness, History & Culture, Photography and Writing & Publishing.
  - Call to Apply the 50% YC Employee Discount.
  - Browse the Summer catalog at [www.yc.edu.commed](http://www.yc.edu.commed) or call 928-717-7755.

- EDventures summer trips are scheduled through September and are limited to 10 passengers per van.
  - Browse the Summer catalog at [www.yc.edu/edv](http://www.yc.edu/edv)
  - Call 928-717-7755 for more information and to register.



- Registration for the Prescott SU23 College for Kids (C4K) program is Open and Classes are Filling Up!
  - C4K Scholarships are available through the generous donation from the JW Kieckhefer Foundation
  - Visit [www.yc.edu/collegeforkids](http://www.yc.edu/collegeforkids) for the C4K class flyer and the scholarship application form.
    - Deadline to submit scholarship application is May 21!



- Prescott Community Education Offers Non-credit Workshops and Trainings, Supporting our YC Programs and the Community!
  - STOP THE BLEED – Multiple Sections and Locations to Choose From:

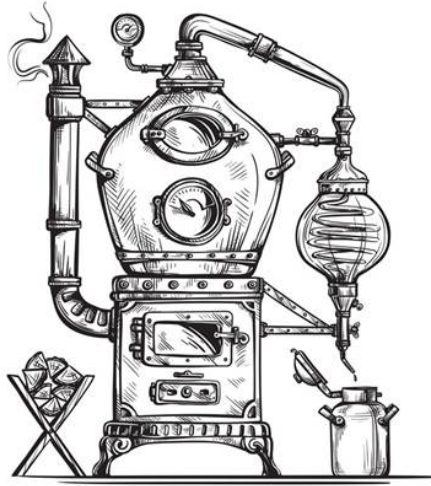
- 3/23/23 on the Prescott Campus
- 4/20/23 at the Career and Technical Ed Center
- 5/18/23 on the Verde Valley Campus
- 6/22/23 at the Prescott Valley Center
- 7/27/23 at the Sedona Center
- 8/17/23 at the Chino Valley Center
- Tactical Drone Deployment for Fire Fighters
- Thermography Use for UAS Drone Operations
- Advanced Gunsmithing Practicum

## Verde Valley Campus

- The Southwest Wine Center hosted the Emerging Winemakers Symposium great on April 15th. Sixty-two people attended in person, and another 7 attended via Zoom. **Kelley Foy** served lunch from the Verde YCGC.



- A summer non-credit distillation series is open for registration. The classes will take place in G-111 and will feature YC instructors plus visiting guest speakers. This series is a follow-up to the distillation course the college offered last December. More information and a link to register are available at [southwestwinecenter.com/spirits](https://southwestwinecenter.com/spirits)



## **DISTILLED SPIRITS AT YAVAPAI COLLEGE**

- Budbreak has begun in all thirteen varieties on campus. Grapevines are about five to seven days behind the historical dates this typically occurs. The cold and wet winter kept the vines dormant a few days longer this year. So far, no severe frost threats have emerged. We will continue to watch the morning low temperatures until about mid-May closely.





- The vineyard received a new sprayer to start the season. The “Pak-Blast” is a top-of-the-market sprayer used in the wine industry. Students calibrated the spray heads and calculated the tractor speed based on the flow rate for various products. Fundraising from the Friends of the Southwest Wine Center helped make this equipment purchase possible.



- The YC Mini Class Construction class completed a doghouse. For the 2nd year, the doghouse was donated to the Verde Valley Humane Society. This program is a partnership with Cottonwood Oak Creek School District middle school students and promotes the exploration of careers in various CTE programs.



- The Horticulture students are back to harvesting once a week. This week, the class grew and harvested 3 varieties of lettuce, 3 varieties of radishes, cilantro and cut flowers for the café. They harvested so much spinach that fresh salads were available for sale in the café. The class is busy transplanting tomatoes, cucumbers and flowers to the outside beds and looking forward to putting up the new greenhouse arches.





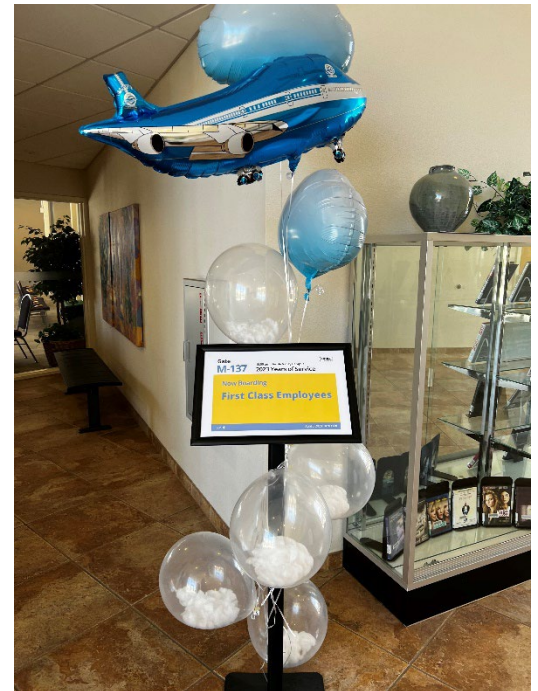
- The Culinary Arts students created the dessert bar for the Verde Evening of Recognition. Everyone enjoyed cupcakes, savory items, and chocolate mousse parfaits. Deepest appreciation went out to **Chef Carl Miller** and the effort he has put in as a first-year teacher to ensure that all students participate in real world culinary experiences as a part of their 1-year certificate program.



- The Culinary Arts Dine Around event was an enormous success! More than 125 guests enjoyed a variety of 10 culinary stations including duck ravioli with a cream mushroom sauce, potstickers and an Oreo churro. Pictured here, is Gerardo from Gerardo's Restaurant in Sedona enjoying the smores station with students. Congratulations **Chef Carl Miller** and to our Culinary students on an event so well done!



- The 2023 Years of Service – Verde Valley Campus event acknowledged YC employees for their dedicated service to Yavapai College. This year we included part-time adjunct and staff. This year's theme: "First Class Employees," incorporating aviation décor.



We thank all our dedicated First-Class employee's including this year's Verde Valley Campus' employees:

- Kelly Risko (5 years)
- Jefferey Sparks (10 years)
- Todd Miranda (10 years)
- Karissa Lockard (10 years)
- Timothy Hudnall (10 years)
- John Reilly (15 years)
- Gino Romero (15 years)
- Katherine LaTorcca (25 years)
- Gina Hammond (25 years)
- Jon Freriks (30 years).

- At the 2023 Evening of Recognition Verde Valley Campus, Yavapai College administration, faculty, and staff congratulate our students for their achievements and honors. The annual events recognize students who, as **YC President Dr. Lisa Rhine** put it in her remarks at the Prescott campus event, “had to reach in deep, sacrifice and commit to excellence in their work. Individually and collectively, the students we honor today embody our college’s mission—to make the world a better place through our ideas, our innovations, and our engagement with one another.”



Taidyme Mae – Winner, President’s Award for Excellence  
 Pam Gonzales – Nominee, President’s Award for Excellence  
 Staci Fowler – Nominee, President’s Award for Excellence  
 Carolann Chambers – Winner, VP Award for Academic Accomplishment  
 Matthew Rickman-Jones – Nominee, VP Award for Academic Accomplishment  
 Outstanding Students:  
 Hannah Pierce – School of Health & Wellness, Nursing  
 Jared Hawley – Career & Technical Education, Construction Building Trades  
 Arabella Licher - Career & Technical Education, Culinary Arts  
 Joseph Monks - Career & Technical Education, Viticulture & Enology  
 Hector Mario Zapata Sanchez - Career & Technical Education, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning  
 Brian Jackson – School of Social Sciences, Communications  
 Travis McIntire - School of Social Sciences, Psychology  
 Faith New - School of Social Sciences, Sociology  
 Shane Danielson – School of Arts & Humanities, English & Humanities  
 Nicholas Jackson – School of Arts & Humanities, Visual Arts - Ceramics



- Verde Valley Fitness Center  
Membership success:  
40 Spring 2023 memberships for the Verde Valley Campus, YTD  
07/01-12/05 = 61 memberships  
12/01 – 01/25 = 19 memberships  
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120 memberships since last July!

The Verde Valley Campus Fitness Center now has business cards. The back of the card is a QR code to easily purchase a membership. Also added to the card is the link to YC Alerts for campus closure notifications. These cards are accessible at the entrance to the Fitness Center.

