

October 2024 Board Highlights

CTE Chino Valley, Division 1

- **Justin Brereton**, Agribusiness Professor, shared the exciting preparations for the Harvest Fest at the YC Chino Valley Center, October 5th. Over the past three semesters, the Horticulture students engaged in firsthand learning experiences that culminated in this exciting event. The students cultivated a variety of plants for sale, including our specially designed combo hardy fall containers. Additionally, the pumpkin patch, corn patch and maze were planted during the summer and were ready for community enjoyment. A unique feature this year is the colorful popcorn, which visitors picked directly from the corn maze. This event not only highlights the hard work and dedication of our Agriculture students but also serves as an opportunity to promote the Agriculture and Horticulture programs at YC. Any plant sale proceeds from the festival will support future projects, ensuring that we can keep purchasing consumable supplies that continue to increase in cost and quantity as this program grows!





- Agricultural Sciences have been collaborating with the leadership of the YC Eatery to enhance the students' experiences with production and delivery processes. Their ongoing efforts focus on identifying how they can best support their needs while applying the knowledge gained through their agriculture classes. Additionally, the students are transforming all the green kitchen scraps into compost at the AG Center. This initiative relies on a dedicated team of students who manage the timely delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables to the Eatery and return with compost for future use. They are exploring the possibility of composting biodegradable cups, plates and containers to expand the project further.





- Plant Biology Students celebrated their 8th year of tree planting at the Chino Valley Center. Each year these dedicated students researched and planted 6 new trees, contributing to a total of 48 trees over the past eight years.

Key Achievements include the following:

- Growth Rate Evaluations: Students analyze growth rates and collect valuable data, leading to insightful discoveries.
- Data Repository: YC is becoming a key resource for plant information, fostering a legacy of knowledge.
- Plans: We aim to enhance access to our trees and install permanent signage for better educational outreach.
- Cross-curricular: Plant Biology, Soils, Horticulture, and Water Management students all have an educational, maintenance, and oversight role in this great project

Through their hard work, students are leaving a lasting legacy at YC, nurturing the next generation of researchers!

The first pictures are planting in 2024, the last two pictures are some students measuring height and width and collecting data.



- **Building Her Destiny in Chino Valley** – Article from Prescott Woman Magazine, October/November 2024, by **Michael Grady**, YC Marketing and Communications Specialist.

YC's **Marnee Zazueta** is now Dean of the campus she helped create.

*Some people find their niche in this life. Some carve their own. It's accurate to say **Marnee Zazueta**, Yavapai College's Chino Valley Campus Dean, climbed to the top of the academic ladder. But she built the ladder first.*

*"I am a Chino Valley girl," she says. "Grew up here from Kindergarten, went to Chino Valley High School." There, her monster work ethic caught the attention of Agriculture Teacher **John Morgan**. "John has been telling me, since I was 13, that I would be a teacher someday." Marnee was at U of A, pursuing a communications degree when Morgan tracked her down with a plan. "He'd joined Yavapai College, was starting an Agricultural program in Chino, and wanted me to do that with him." It was a vast, monumental task. But Marnee skipped her mid-terms, drove to Chino for an interview, and caught on as an Administrative Assistant.*

Today's Chino Valley Campus – eighty acres of classrooms, laboratories, greenhouses, and farmland – was a distant dream when she arrived in 1999. "It was just open land, then. We had to find the property, build the curriculum, and hire teachers for the classes." From a lonely modular building, out between the antelopes, twenty-year-old Marnee got busy.

"We were holding classes while constructing the greenhouse. The early students helped us build the infrastructure from the ground-up." Marnee directed construction while finishing her bachelor's degree, then earned her master's from Oklahoma State University online. For her thesis project, she designed and taught her own course. "AGS 280: Zoo & Domestic Animal Care. It's still taught today, though it has evolved since then."

So has she. Over the next two decades, Marnee and the Chino Campus schooled one another. She became a senior administrator; then faculty, teaching a host of courses as more facilities, programs and opportunities popped up between the antelopes.

"Agriculture is such a wide-ranging field." The versatility required to raise crops or livestock requires an awareness and energy she finds invigorating. "When [students] come here, it's hands-on in all our programs." The philosophy applies to YC's Line worker and Commercial Driver training courses, too. "We have a saying over the door: The mind cannot forget what the hands have learned."

It's a spirit she shares at home with her husband, Rob, a Battalion Chief with Central Arizona Fire & Medical Authority, and her daughters Cora, 15, and eleven-year-old Sabreena. "I'm a mother of girls, raising future women. And I've always made it a point to show them [how to] work within our society, work within our community and contribute to a home."



- Making Yavapai College "*Hispanic*" student-ready is a plan **Lisa Raygoza**, Manager of Hispanic Initiatives and Outreach, is proud to be a part of. Lisa met a student who shared his lifelong dream of becoming a truck driver. He worked in construction all his life and often saw big rigs drive by his worksite and "wished that one day [he] could drive one of those big trucks," but he did not think he would ever get the opportunity to do so. With the support of Yavapai College's Commercial Driver's License CDL team, today, this student is on his 2nd day of work at a new job driving a dump truck with his recently earned CDL. The student stays connected and reports that his income has more than doubled. He is home every night with his family and is committed to supporting other Latinos to earn their commercial driver's licenses at Yavapai College. This student also helped with the redesign our CDL Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) manual to better support our Spanish speaking students. He appeared in the first promotional video sharing his experience with Yavapai College. After receiving his CDL, his text message read: "Thanks to God and to you all [YC]. You are a great team." Lisa and her student are pictured below.

Lisa genuinely appreciates the work of **Alex Barber**, YC's CDL VESL Instructor, for the organization and effective marketing plan of the CDL VESL program. Together, we have increased his student enrollment by 120%!



CTE Prescott, Division 1

- The first group of Culinary 101 students is off to a great start on the Prescott College Campus! These excited high school students started their foray into college culture by completing a campus-wide scavenger hunt to familiarize themselves with the location of key departments. They had a great time exploring the campus.



- Students had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Jacobelli, a Yavapai County Health Inspector. Students will be taking the ServSafe Food Manager's National certification, and our guest speaker provided lots of insight into the relevance and benefits of earning that certification. The students had many great questions for him!



- Knife safety and skills are key learning outcomes for CUL 101. The students are practicing and looking forward to taking their new skills into the commercial kitchen soon.



CTE Verde Valley, Division 1

- In September, the Verde Valley CTE Department partnered with Rural Water Association of Arizona (RWAAZ) to bring Prep Class for the Operator Level 1 & 2 exams. Nineteen people attended the training with instructor Dr. Marti Blad. Special Thank you to Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Camp Verde and Clarkdale for sending current employees in for the training. We plan to host another industry training course in partnership with RWAAZ, in February 2025.
- On September 26, 2024, the 3rd Pathways to Careers Exploratory Day was a resounding success, drawing a sold-out crowd of 250 attendees to the Verde Valley Campus. Hosted by the Arizona Community Foundation in partnership with Yavapai College and VACTE, the event connected students and families with local scholarship providers. Attendees enjoyed a complimentary lunch while exploring career pathways in fields such as Allied Health, Culinary Arts, Fire Science, Law Enforcement, Nursing, and various Skilled Trades. The event highlighted Career & Technology Education programs, potential earnings, and scholarship opportunities, empowering students to take meaningful steps toward their future careers in CTE. The next Pathways to Careers event will take place in February 2025.

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Yavapai College VACTE



Pathways to Careers Exploratory Day



**Thursday September 26, 2024
9am - 12:30pm**

Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus
Building D - Skilled Trades Center
601 Black Hills Drive
Clarkdale, AZ. 86324

Hosted by the Arizona Community Foundation in partnership with Yavapai College and VACTE, we invite students in Middle School, High School, and Adults to this free event where local scholarship providers are connected with students and families.

Attendees will enjoy a provided lunch and learn about:

- Opportunities in career and technical programs
- How much you can earn
- Scholarship Opportunities

Register* to attend @
yc.edu/pathways2024



SOLD OUT

*Registration Required.
Limited Seating: 250

Highlighted Programs

- Allied Health - Phlebotomy
- Cosmetology (VACTE ONLY)
- Culinary Arts
- Educator Professions (VACTE ONLY)
- Fire Science
- Law Enforcement
- Nursing
- Residential Construction
- Residential Electrician
- Residential HVAC
- Residential Plumbing
- Viticulture & Enology (aged 21+)

All students attending will be entered to win a variety of electronics!



EVENT SPONSORS



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Lisa Schatz Glinsky & Martin Glinsky





- **Lee Canning**, Adjunct Construction Instructor, took his CBT 101-Plan Reading, Drawings, and Codes class out the job site to meet with Superintendent, Brian Holling of the Estates at Mountain Gate. During this walk about, students visited a series of houses in sequential benchmarks of the construction process. Students also visited the Kindra Heights subdivision in Old Town Cottonwood where they observed a walk out basement being poured.



- **Kristin Varon- Burkhart**, Verde Valley CTE Coordinator, creatively manages the Sedona School of Culinary (SSC) front of house operations from behind the computer screen. This past year, she implemented MailChimp which provides data for our team to use as they implement new marketing strategies. The SSC team added a new benefit for the 500+ subscribers this year. Each month, the Chefs and students will offer a “Meals To-Go” option for those that want to enjoy a regional menu but don’t want to cook it!

SEDONA SCHOOL OF CULINARY PRESENTS

Monthly Meals To-Go

an exclusive offer, just for our subscribers

Each month, we'll offer a delicious, chef-crafted meal for 4 people, ready for you to pick up and serve. Order now and make your mealtime extraordinary!

October's Featured Meal - Indian Cuisine

only \$50 + tax

- Starter: Samosas
- Main Course: Curried Chicken, Vegetable Biryani, Aloo Gobi, Chutney
- Bread: Naan
- Dessert: Kulfi

Pick Up Details:

- Date: Thursday, 10/3/24
- Time: 3pm - 4pm
- Location: Sedona School of Culinary
4215 Arts Village Drive
Sedona, AZ. 86356



Limited Availability
Only 20 Meals To-Go available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

- The Sedona School of Culinary offers not only recreational cooking classes but professional services classes like the ServSafe Manager Certification Training and Exam. In September, the ServSafe class was offered with 20 industry professionals attending and 11 passing the ServSafe Certification Exam. The ServSafe Manager Certification Training & Exam is essential for anyone in a managerial or supervisory role in food service, providing the knowledge and certification necessary to uphold food safety standards and protect public health.



REDC & SBDC 1

- The Regional Economic Development Center (REDC) hosted the Prescott Valley Job Fair on September 17th with 382 attendees, the largest number since 2016. A total of 55 exhibitors participated, offering over 1,800 job opportunities. During the event, 13 on-site interviews were conducted, and 206 resumes were submitted. Additionally, over 226 connections were made between job seekers and employers.

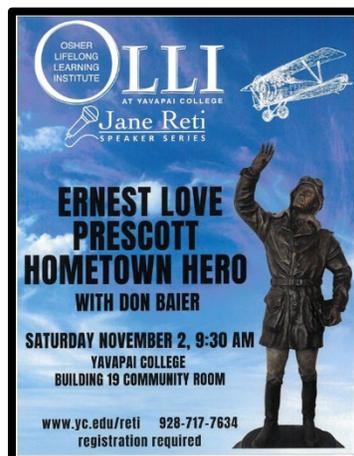


- The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) conducted the Small Business Summit, an event in conjunction with the YC Alumni Reunion Weekend. It was a successful educational opportunity for students, business owners, Alumni, and members of the public. The event included powerful sessions on Access to Capital, AI for Business, and information from the trenches, Real Experiences from Alumni Business Owners.



Lifelong Learning/OLLI/Community Education, Division 4

- OLLI at Yavapai College is proud to share the Janet Reti Lecture Series Returns on November 2 – free and open to the public.

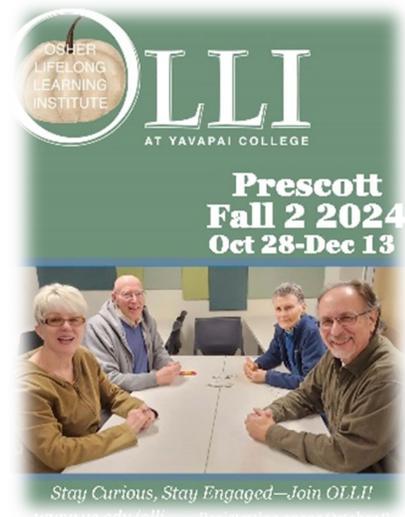




- OLLI in Prescott Water program on October 11 – an important topic for our region!



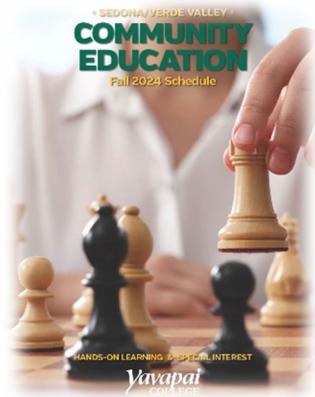
- Registration for Fall Term 2 opens October 9 and classes begin Oct. 28 in Prescott, Sedona, and the Verde Valley. OLLI membership allows students to enjoy classes at all locations without paying an additional fee.





Community Education/Experiential Learning in Prescott, Sedona, and Verde Valley

- Verde/Sedona Community Education / Experiential Learning
 - Fall '24 courses started September 30 and registration is still open!
 - Community Ed is transitioning to Experiential Learning with several full classes, including American Sign Language | Yoga and Meditation | Luminous Watercolor Painting



Fall 2024 - Sedona Center Community Education ASL for Adventurous Adults

Dive into American Sign Language (ASL) with our engaging, hands-on course! Whether you're a total newbie or just a bit rusty, we'll have you signing like a pro in no time. You'll learn to sign so you can enjoy fun and interactive sessions. Whether for career growth, communication with Deaf friends, or exploring a new language, our course offers practical practice and insights from Deaf community members. No prior experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn! Students will be tested on their signing and understanding ability in this course.



Course ID: SCE WR1550-FA24
Day: Monday & Wednesday
Dates: 09/30/24-11/20/24
Sessions: 15
Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm
Building: Sedona Center
Room: 29

Instructor: Angela Emerson
Tuition: \$198.00

Visit www.yv.edu/ce to REGISTER!
For questions or more information, please email community@yv.edu or call 928-644-6637



- New Class for YC faculty and Staff. Bootcamp Fitness started October 8!

Community Education - Fall 2024

CALL US:
928.649.5476

BOOTCAMP BLAST FOR FACULTY AND STAFF!

PREL: DEMO CLASS
TUES, OCT. 1
REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED

Course ID: VCE: ACT006-FA24
Day: Tuesday | 10/08/24-11/12/24
Sessions: 6
Time: 6:30pm - 6:55pm
Building: Verde Campus | 1-157
Instructor: Alma Rodoni | **Tuition:** \$49

Visit www.yv.edu/ce for the course description!
For questions or to register, call: 928-649-5476.

- Enrollments and revenue have doubled since 2023 for ED2Go Online Courses:



Fundamental Courses

Convenient online courses for personal and professional development. (Spanish, grant writing, etc.)

[Learn more about these courses](#)



Advanced Noncredit Career Training

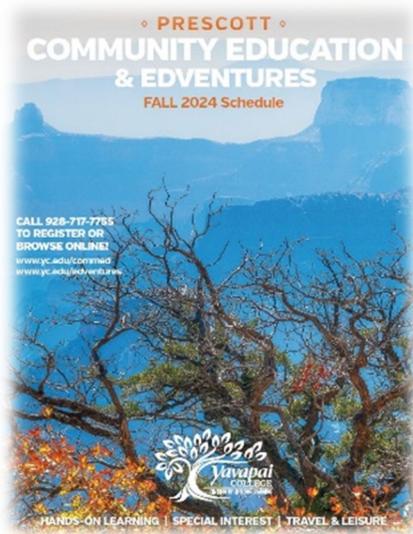
Online programs designed to enhance your professional skills (health, business, computers, legal, etc.)

[Learn more about these courses](#)

- **Fall '24 EDventure/Experiential Learning trips Filling Up!**
 - Popular Trips: Drive to the Bottom of the Grand Canyon, Between Two Canyons



- Prescott Adult CommEd course started September 30!
 - 32 classes were offered this fall!
 - Categories include Arts & Crafts, Dance, Finance, Food & Gardening, Health & Wellness, History & Culture, Kids Classes, Language, Philosophy, Religion & Spirituality, Recreation
 - Faculty and Staff receive a **50% discount** on tuition*



- **FREE** Stop The Bleed training continues.



- Division of Lifelong Learning has a new Community Education Coordinator in Prescott! Welcome (back) to **Haley Green**. She comes with a long background in adult education and human resources. Haley earned her BA in Business Admin & Marketing and her MA in Adult Learning & Organization Development.



- OLLI Director, **Tricia Berlowe**, was featured in Prescott Woman Magazine.



- Lifelong Learners participated in the Verde Valley Pathways to Careers Event on September 26



- Chino Valley Harvest Festival on October 4 – Lifelong Learning was represented by **Colin Evans**, Prescott OLLI staff, who had a blast.



Business and Computer Systems, Division 5

- On September 25th and 26th, the Bachelor of Science Degree – Business attended the Yavapai College Transfer Fair. On hand were **Deanna Mooney** (Coordinator for the BSB) and **Cal Peterson** (Advisor for the BSB) to answer any questions students had regarding the degree and its four concentrations.



- On September 27th, the YC Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) volunteered their time to help hand out food at Yavapai College's drive-through food distribution event they hosted in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank.





Instructional Support

- The Learning Center, under Academic Affairs has been awarded recertification as a Level 1 certified tutor training program by the internationally recognized College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). The Learning Center is certified through July 31, 2028. For more than thirty years CRLA has been a leader in learning assistance, reading, and academic support programs with almost 1,300 members and over 2,000 certified training programs worldwide. The Learning Center has worked hard to develop a tutor training program that meets CRLA's rigorous standards and has successfully completed the International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC) peer review process. Achieving certification means that the Learning Center has met CRLA's high standards for tutor selection, training, direct service, and evaluation as an integral part of their overall tutoring program.
- Yavapai College's annual renewal application was approved by the AZ State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (AZ SARA) Council on Thursday, September 5th, 2024. The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. This means that Yavapai College has approval for offering distance education courses to students that live outside of Arizona in other SARA approved states.

- Assessment Day 2024 was held on Friday, September 13th for all full-time faculty and cocurricular staff at Yavapai College. Yavapai College supports the assessment process by supporting an annual Assessment Day in September hosted by the Office of Instructional Support and the following faculty committees: Student Learning Outcomes Assessment, Curriculum, and General Education. Activities during assessment day are designed as both professional development in the areas of course and program assessment and a work session for faculty to engage in dialogue that allow them to discuss assessment results, complete reports, and to make assessment plans for the coming academic year. There were 139 participants, including 87 faculty and 52 staff and leadership members. The day offered four tracks (Assessment Foundations, General Education Assessment, AI in Assessment, and Assessment Processes) and separate cocurricular assessment session for Student Affairs and Library Services.
- The Center for Learning and Innovation hosted an entire class for a Skin lab, where students were able to label parts of a chunk of skin. And some discovered how to make their own post it notes! Big thanks to **Robyn Bryce, Lynn Durkee, Ustadza White, James Rider and Roy Sandoval** for helping **Kathleen Tallman's** Biology class have a successful experience in VR.



- On September 4, **Carol Beard** presented as part of the Library's Distinguished Guest Lecture series. Her presentation was *Leaders Eat Last? How Servant Leadership Changed My Life*. Carol explored Servant Leadership and shared a pivotal life story from the time she served in the US Navy. Carol's journey of how the "Bad Chief Petty Officer" turned into the "Good Chief Petty Officer" taught her what leadership should be. **Carol Beard** is an Academic Advisor and Success Coach in YC's TRIO Student Support Services. Before her current role, she worked in the Veteran Services department and TRIO Veteran Upward Bound at

YC helping her fellow veterans access their educational benefits. Carol obtained her Associate of Arts at YC. She went on to complete her Bachelor of Arts: Interdisciplinary Studies; Community Development and Sustainability at NAU, and her Master of Science in Leadership at GCU.



- On Friday, October 4, the Library collaborated with the Riders Read program and the Prescott Art Gallery to present An Evening with Jenn Northington. Jenn is one of the co-editors of the book, *Fit For the Gods*. Her book is an anthology of gender-bent, queered, race-bent, and inclusive retellings from the enchanting and eternally popular world of Greek myth. Zeus, Athena, Apollo, Aphrodite, and the other denizens of Mount Olympus feel as present and larger than life today as they did when they were worshipped as gods. Humanity has been telling and retelling stories about the characters from Greek and Roman myth for centuries—heck, the Romans liked the Hellenic originals so much, they remade them faster than Marvel remakes Spider-Man movies. And from Virgil’s *Aeneid* to *Xena: Warrior Princess* to Percy Jackson to *The Song of Achilles*, the obsession has never waned.

Yet *Fit for the Gods* shows how these stories still have a power of metamorphosis that would impress Ovid. Brave, bold, and groundbreaking, the stories in *Fit for the Gods* will be like ambrosia for those craving fresh interpretations of their favorite myths and give long-time fans a chance to finally see themselves in these beloved legends.

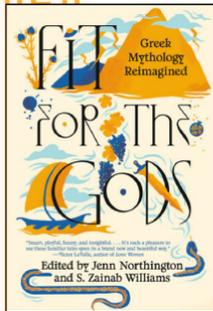
AN EVENING WITH JENN NORTHINGTON

OCTOBER 4, 2024

Reception 6:00 PM

Yavapai College Art Gallery (Prescott Campus)

Author Talk 7:00PM



The Literary Southwest will host a book talk and signing with Jenn Northington in collaboration with the Yavapai College's Riders Read program, the Boyd Tenney Library, and the Prescott Art Gallery.

Jenn Northington is the co-editor of two retelling anthologies, **Sword Stone Table: Old Legends, New Voices** (with Swapna Krishna) and **Fit for the Gods: Greek Mythology Reimagined** (with S. Zainab Williams).

She is a former bookseller and current reviewer, podcaster, and editor. She has been published in various places, including *Selfish Magazine* and *Book Riot*.

The Fall 2024 **Literary Southwest** will be held in person, and a recording of the event will be available for two weeks, starting on Monday, October 7, at www.yc.edu/literarysw.
Event times are Arizona time.



Verde Valley Campus

- The Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona, in collaboration with Yavapai College Verde Valley Campus and VACTE, hosted a free Pathways to Career event for middle school, high school, and adult students from the Verde Valley area. Local scholarship donors related to students and their school representatives. Due to the event's growing popularity,



now in its second year, reservations are required to attend. We are also increasing the event's frequency to twice a year. In September's session alone, 214 students participated, not including the interest we received from adults.

These scholarships are open to students pursuing Career and Technical Education. The programs highlighted during the tour included:

- Allied Health - Phlebotomy
- Nursing
- Residential Construction
- Residential HVAC



- EMS
- Fire Science
- Law Enforcement
- Culinary
- Viticulture & Enology (age 21+)

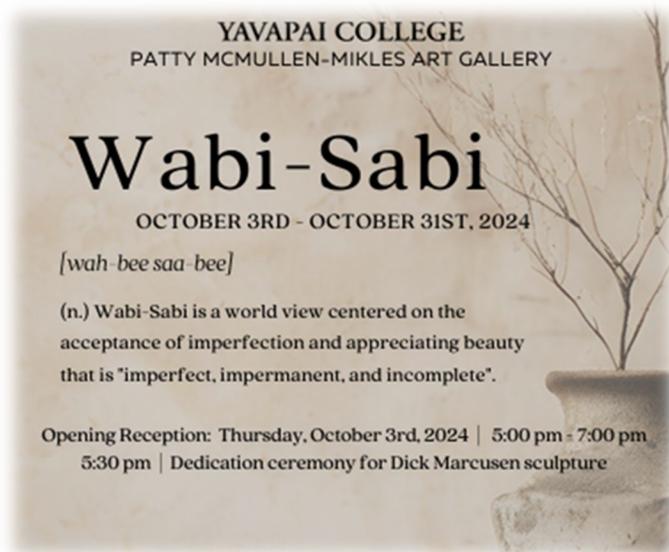


- During the First Year Faculty tour of the Center for Learning and Innovation at the Verde Valley Campus, Biology faculty **Kathleen Tallman** showcased the newly acquired Anatomage table. Anatomage is a leading company in advanced 3D medical visualization technology, specializing in transforming real human bodies into interactive, fully functional digital models known as Anatomage Bodies. This technology is revolutionizing the way human anatomy is visualized, understood and studied.



- Wabi-Sai is an exhibition displaying artwork that embraces imperfection, irregularity, and asymmetry.

The opening reception included a dedication ceremony for the **Dick Marcusen** sculpture, Tallman 6.



The new sculpture installed adjacent to the Patty McMullen Mikles Art Gallery on the Yavapai College Verde Valley Campus is an early work created by **Dick Marcusen**.

Al Kaminski donated the work. Al was an adjunct science professor at Yavapai College who also enrolled in and enjoyed the college art classes. When Al moved from his home, he and his daughter offered the donation to Yavapai College because they wanted to honor Dick's impact on the College Community.

Dick Marcusen was one of the founding members of the Yavapai College Art Department. He began teaching at the college in 1971. Over the course of Dick's 30 years at Yavapai College he taught Jewelry, Sculpture, Three-Dimensional Design, Welded Metal Sculpture, and Woodworking. He served in the Faculty Association Senate, as a Senator and the Association President. During his last eight years with the college, he was the Department Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department.

Although Dick preferred to create physical sculpture and fought to maintain and build the foundation of a fine arts program, he welcomed and encouraged the new developments and technologies of digital media into the art program.

Dick Marcusen's artwork can also be seen on the Prescott Campus in the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden. Dick was instrumental in creating the Sculpture Garden while collaborating with the Friends of Yavapai College Art. He considered the Sculpture Garden to be a vital component of the community providing a much-needed quiet, contemplative space where visitors can enjoy fine examples of contemporary sculpture. This new sculpture on the Verde Valley Campus extends that sentiment throughout the district.

