

January 2020 College Highlights

School of Arts and Humanities

- **Bryan Robertson**, Associate Professor of 2-D Visual Arts, travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee in October and presented research into Early Modern tempera painting at the SECAC National Conference in Visual Arts. In September he travelled to the University of Michigan and presented on digital map making at an international conference on New Media titled “Border Control.”
- In collaboration with the RESPECT Campaign, the YC Police Department and the National Center for the Prevention of Community Violence hosted a community conversation on October 15, “Dismantling Hate – Building Respect and Civility.” This event entailed a panel of YC and wider community members who facilitated a discussion with the audience regarding the issues and potential solutions surrounding violence, mental health and replacing hate with respect and civility. The event was well attended by community members and YC students.

A video link to this meaningful conversation:

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[Dismantling Hate - Building Respect and Civility](https://youtu.be/Kba79hfYSV8)

This event was a community conversation sponsored by the Yavapai College Police Department and the college Respect Committee, held on October 15th, 2019 on t...

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School of Business and Computer Systems (BUCS)

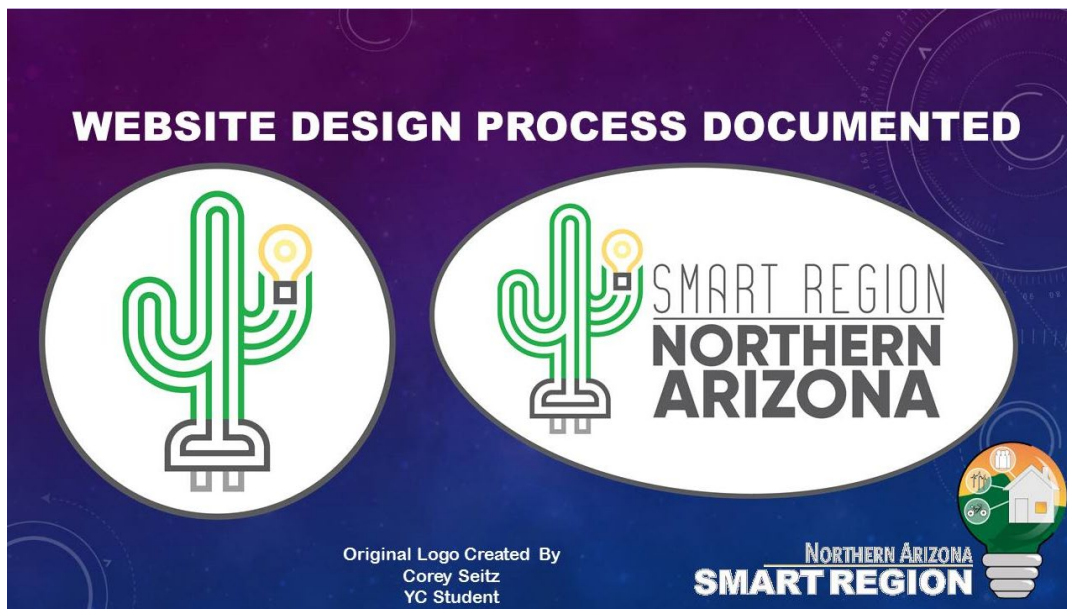
- **Matthew Sanderlin**, Professor of Business and Computer Systems worked with the Yavapai College dual enrollment CNT students at Bradshaw Mountain High School to compete in Embry Riddle's ethical hacking "CyberAreo" competition on Saturday, Nov 23rd. Other competitors included Prescott and Basis High School. BMHS took first place, displaying their skills in areas of cryptography, cyber forensics, lock picking, and password cracking. Congratulations to **Roland Pursell, Adam Mosby, Sam Prevo, Jayden Jeffery, Angela Salazar, Savannah Mertes, Joseph Winner, and Ricardo Garcia** for their combined effort and dedication. Special thanks to the event sponsor Embry Riddle, Lockheed Martin, and Boeing.



- **Philip Reid**, Adjunct Professor, Computer Science: The CSA 110 – Introduction to Information Systems course is designed to expose the student to business information systems from a business intelligence perspective. It includes the uses of application software with emphasis on database and spreadsheet packages for efficient and effective problem solving. As part of the coursework this semester the students were challenged to apply their knowledge of Information Systems and answer these questions: 1. What is a Smart City? 2. What will it take for the municipalities in the Quad Cities to become a Smart City? Divided into 4 groups, with each having a municipality they conducted extensive research on the components of a smart city, cities that have already been designated as using smart technology and engaged with other researchers to learn more about emerging technologies for smart cities. A notable event was being invited to and participating in ASU's smart region summit by Dr. Diana M. Bowman, Co-Director, Center for Smart Cities and Regions, School for the Future of Innovation in Society. Dr Bowman and her team were excited that this topic was being researched in the context of a rural region. "Let us continue the discussion. Not much has been done with regards to smart cities in rural areas and it is refreshing to see students seeking to explore that area." - Dr Bowman.

As a collective they determined that a Smart City is a municipality that incorporates information and communication technologies to enhance the quality and performance of urban services. The point is to develop, deploy and promote sustainable development practices to address growing urbanization challenges. They identified 5 basic requirements for smart cities: Community engagement, reliable and accessibility of internet connections, focus on energy conservation, safety and security of information, and commitment to continually improving internal processes with technology.

In presenting their findings they worked with library services to present the first ever forum on smart cities in Northern Arizona. The event was focused on the City of Prescott and included a panel of experts to discuss the topic. Panelists included Mayor Mengarelli, **Yavapai College CIO Patrick Burns**, City of Prescott Economic Development Consultant Jim Robb and students **Kourtney Tilley** and **Tyler Newton**. A few of the proposed initiatives included a smart app to allow residents quick access to city resources as well as ease of disseminating information from the city to its residents, the use of solar energy to collect, consume and distribute energy across the city. Finally, the use of geo fencing and analytics to improve the efficiency of trash collection as well as effective seasonal snow removal from roadways. Web 130 student **Clearance Lei** was instrumental in the design of the website that is used to showcase the research of the students.





- **Denise Woolsey**, Business and Computer Systems Faculty: On November 22, College Honors hosted the ASU Humphrey Fellows. The Humphrey Fellows Program is housed in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and includes students from around the world that are accomplished mid-career professionals. The day included an academic forum and discussion on immigration and featured a presentation from Vanessa Ruiz director of Cronkite News Borderlands. YC students were then given the opportunity to interact one on one with various fellows. The day ended with a joint service project at the new Stepping Stones facility in Prescott Valley.





School of Health and Wellness

- **Lauren Kooken**, Allied Health Instructor and Advisor for the Yavapai College Allied Health Club, says her students challenged their peers to fill the YC Food Pantry during the month of October. The students of four different Allied Health classes competed to collect the most food items. It was a spirited competition and together, the students gathered a whopping 728 food items in one month! Well done!



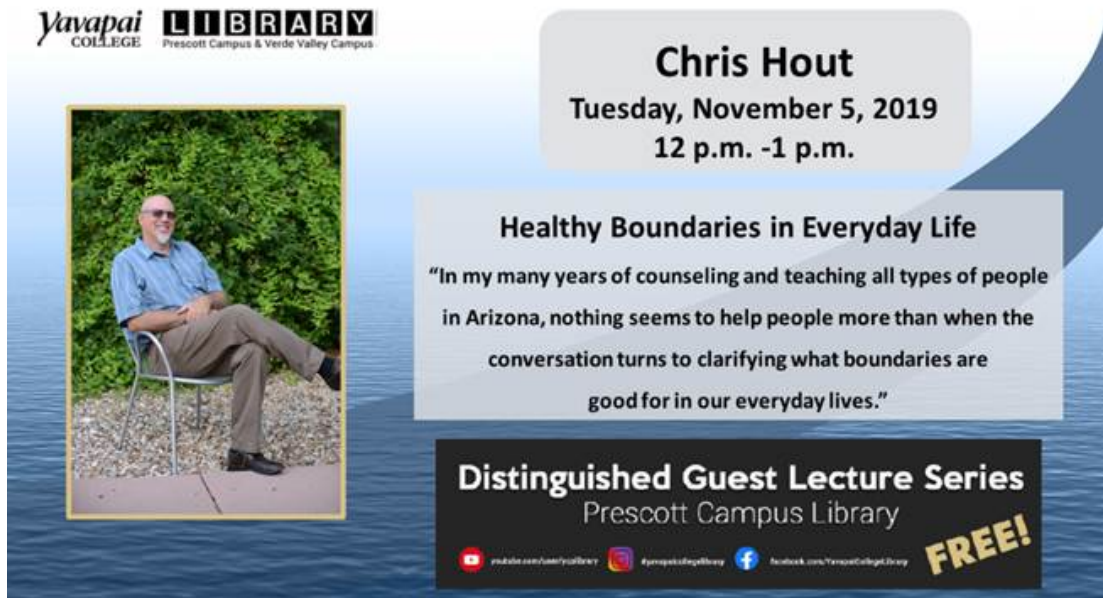
School of Social Sciences

- **Dr. Michael Davis**, Professor and Program Director of Administration of Justice and Paralegal Studies, conducted a webinar on Memory and Eyewitness Identification, sponsored by AZ Supreme Court services. Over 50 participants attended the webinar, including judges, lawyers and court staff. Dr. Davis has also been invited to present at the National Phi Theta Kappa Conference in Chicago June 2020!

Office of Instructional Support

Library

- The Prescott Library presented Chris Hout's "Healthy Boundaries in Everyday Life" as part of our Distinguished Guest Lecture Series on Tuesday, November 5th.



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Chris Hout
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Healthy Boundaries in Everyday Life
"In my many years of counseling and teaching all types of people in Arizona, nothing seems to help people more than when the conversation turns to clarifying what boundaries are good for in our everyday lives."

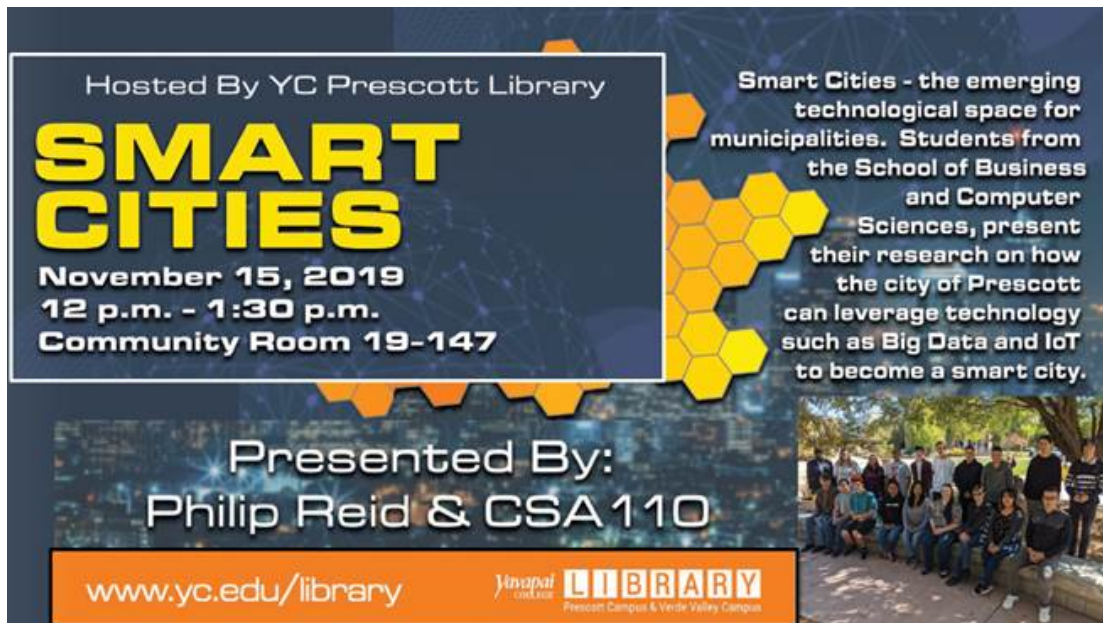
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The poster features a photograph of Chris Hout, a man in a blue shirt and khaki pants, sitting on a chair outdoors. The background is a blue gradient with a white wave-like shape on the right side.

- Prescott Library also hosted Smart Cities.



Hosted By YC Prescott Library

SMART CITIES
November 15, 2019
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Community Room 19-147

Smart Cities - the emerging technological space for municipalities. Students from the School of Business and Computer Sciences, present their research on how the city of Prescott can leverage technology such as Big Data and IoT to become a smart city.

Presented By:
Philip Reid & CSA 110

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The poster features a dark blue background with orange and yellow hexagonal patterns. A photograph of a group of people sitting on a bench is visible in the bottom right corner.

- November 9th was **Walk on Main** in Cottonwood. Library staff participated in promoting the college, library, and other programs.



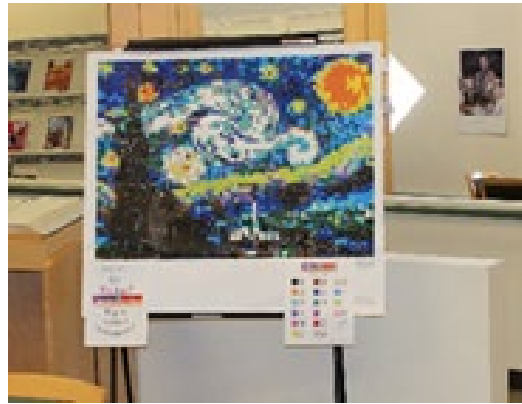
- Verde Valley Campus Library won second place in the scarecrow contest which took place at the **Fall Festival** at the Verde Valley Fair Grounds. YC had a tent and many departments came to promote the college. Thank you to all staff who worked on getting Hermione ready!



- This week Iris Yang, author of *The Wings of a Flying Tiger*, visited the library. She spoke about her writing process, the conflicts and fighting in China during the 1930's, and the Flying Tigers. It was a wonderful and enlightening presentation, and we hope to have her back soon.



- The Verde Students finally finished their masterpiece. If you guessed Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh. You were right!



- The Northern Arizona Watercolor Society will be displaying paintings throughout the month of November.



- The library celebrated Veterans with this nice display.



- RIDERS READ The library hosted three book discussions for the *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* this month.
 - **Dr. Karly Way**-Ethics: Then and Now
 - **Joanne Oellers & Teresa Schwickerath**-Science, Ethics & Research
 - **Cindy Schroeder**- Health Care & Ethics
- Verde Staff finished the series of Basic Computer Skills this month to OLLI members, entitled File Management and WORD.

Student Development

Enrollment Management

- The enrollment management team, led a week long LEAN process with college wide representation, where they mapped out the prospective to enrolled student process to be able to remove barriers for students and streamline processes. The Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management will be unveiling our new processes to all departments.

Promise

- Cohort 1: There are 204 students in cohort 1 that started this summer or fall (2019). We already had one graduate in summer and two more graduate this fall from the Promise Program! We currently have 83% of the Promise Students are registered for Spring 2020 semester.
- Cohort 2: Students began opting in to cohort 2 on November 1, 2019 and we already have 164 students! The Early College and Promise Teams have held several, “Say Yes to Promise” days.



Early College

- The Early College department has hosted over 142 students on an Early College Day in the Fall 2019 semester. These students applied for admission, completed the Accuplacer testing and participated in a campus tour to prepare them for registration.



Registrar's Office

- Congratulations to **Nate Cloyd**, who defended his dissertation in October, earning his PhD in English from Old Dominion University. Nate is the first PhD in Student Development! He started in the Learning Center in 2010 and is currently a Credentials Evaluator/Enrollment Services Analyst in the Office of the Registrar.

“**Dr. Nate Cloyd**” is a valued member of our Registrar Team!



- **Sheila Jarrell**, Registrar, attended the regional PACRAO Conference in November, mentoring a first-time attendee from Stanford University. She was joined by the Registrar's Office staff – **Marianne Doyle, Lee Ann Walker & Nate Cloyd** - for Monday's sessions. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Neal Lester, Professor and Founding Director of Project Humanities at Arizona State University, and the Plenary Speaker was Jo Schaeffer from the Arbinger Institute, presenting on the Outward Mindset! It's a small world...□
- Planning for the 2020 Commencement ceremonies is underway, with the initial Commencement Committee meeting scheduled for November 26. Verde Valley Campus ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 8 at 10am and 2pm. The Prescott Ceremony will be held at the Findlay Toyota Center in Prescott Valley on Saturday, May 9 at 10am.
- Staying with the Commencement theme, students are now offered an online graduation application via their portal access. This has been on our wish list for several years, and the Registrar very much appreciates the Tech Team for making it happen!