

April 2020 College Highlights

School of Health and Wellness

- **Nancy Bowers**, Associate Dean for the Prescott Valley Center and Program Director for Allied Health, is pleased to announce that fourteen medical assistant students took the certification exam with American Medical Technologists in 2019. All the students passed the exam on their first attempts and earned the credential of RMA (Registered Medical Assistant). This is the eighth consecutive year that our first-time pass rate for this exam was 100 percent.

School of Social Sciences

- Western mystery writer Craig Johnson rode into town in a big way for his Valentine's Night appearance at The Literary Southwest. Johnson, the author of 15 novels on which the hit Netflix series *Longmire* is based, attracted an SRO audience of 350, a Literary Southwest record. Those attending came from many area communities, as well as Phoenix and Tucson, and from as far away as Las Vegas and Henderson, NV. Series partner Peregrine Books sold out of Johnson's works well before the event began, including *Land of Wolves*, the latest addition to his series. The Literary Southwest is now in its eleventh year of bringing diverse literary voices writing in a variety of genres to Yavapai College.





- **Laraine Herring**, Psychology & Creative Writing Professor, conducted a community workshop at the Prescott Library for the Central Arizona Writers called *The Shape of Your Story* on February 25.

An excerpt from her forthcoming memoir *A Constellation of Ghosts: A Speculative Memoir with Ravens* (Regal House 2021) appeared in *The New York Times* TIES column on March 6.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/06/well/family/Brooklyn-memories-mother-daughter.html?referringSource=articleShare>

- The "You Can" documentary series features personal stories of Yavapai College students and their college experiences, challenges and accomplishments, that transformed their lives and career paths. These inspiring students at YC are creating bright and meaningful career paths improving their lives and the lives of their families, every day. <https://www.yc.edu/v6/youcan/index.html>

- **Kelley Foy**, Verde Art Gallery Manager, said the Mingus Union High School Emerging Artist reception at Yavapai College Verde Valley Art Gallery was well attended on Friday, February 21st. Yavapai College awarded two Art Scholarships to the many high school students who participated in the exhibit. Faculty members and Gallery Staff gathered for a fun photo celebrating their students' success (**Jason Teague, Shea Day, Kelley E. Foy, Beth Courtright-Detwiler and Ouida Door**).



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- Teaching and eLearning Support Manager **Thatcher Bohrman** presented on the development and implementation of YC's WebLIVE modality at the Innovations in the Community College Conference in Seattle in early March. His presentation, "All-Access Course Delivery with Zoom Video Conferencing" drew nearly 50 attendees and garnered feedback that it was the "Highlight of the conference."

QUALITY MATTERS

- Arizona Quality Matters Consortium consists of universities and community colleges across Arizona that have adopted Quality Matters as their online course design tool. As a member of the Arizona Quality Matters Consortium, Yavapai College was asked to support Northland Pioneer College (NPC) as they integrate the quality assurance program into their online course design. QM@YC Director Professor **Lindsay Henning** was proud to

co-facilitate a day-long workshop for NPC faculty in late February, with an invitation to return in the fall.



TO: Yavapai College District Governing Board

FROM: Katherine Anderson
YCSA President

DATE: March 27, 2020

RE: YCSA Spring 2020 Update

YCSA Vision

We foster unity and a sense of identity among the YC staff, and advance college-wide collaboration and communication.

YCSA Mission

- We are the voice of the Yavapai College staff.
- We strive to enhance the work experience for YC staff.
- We promote professional development.

At this time, YCSA currently has 36 representatives, from across all divisions and employment levels. We currently have a 99% participation rate from our representatives. This is a very engaged group of individuals excited about Yavapai College and the support they can provide to one another. The YCSA Board and its representative committees have accomplished significant items this year. Below is a brief summary of the YCSA strategic priorities for FY 2019-2020.

- **Professional Development & Training and Funding**

Funding has been requested in the 2020-2021 budget for professional development and training for staff. Should NEOGOV Learn be approved in the budget, this platform would provide YC a valuable tool to provide staff training and development.

- **Bylaw Revision**

The bylaws were revised in 2019 and approved by staff in January 2020. The approved bylaws may be found on the YCSA webpage, www.yc.edu/yca.

- **Staff Engagement**

The Staff Engagement and Satisfaction survey was launched in January 2020 with a high completion rate of return. Dr. Client Ewell's division had the highest completion rate. At

this time, we are waiting for the results to filter down from ELT to the YCSA Executive Board.

- **Communication**

The webpage and newsletter were both redesigned to address the needs and requests for better staff communication. In addition, the YCSA Broadcast was created for pertinent information on critical issues related to Yavapai College staff through the YC email system.

The YCSA Board and representatives will continue to move forward to support YC staff in the year ahead. Below are the strategic priorities for FY2020-2021.

- Professional Development & Training (Career Path, Staff Development, Staff Conference Day)
- Staff Engagement (addressing issues as highlighted from the survey results)
- Communication
- Workplace priorities to address in partnership with Human Resources

The YCSA Board is available to answer any questions you have. Thank you for your time.

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