

September 2022 Board Highlights

Career and Technical Education

- **Professor Justin Brereton** from Agribusiness participated in a week-long internship learning advanced plant tissue culture and micropropagation techniques at Lea Fine Gardens in North Carolina in June. This internship opportunity allowed **Professor Brereton** to perfect his skills in propagation specifically targeted to plants that will aid in combating erosion. Through advanced cloning techniques, **Professor Brereton** can capitalize on the tissue culture equipment located at the Chino Center to conduct student centric research in cloning plants for erosion control.



- **Professor Justin Brereton** was awarded the Postsecondary CTE Educator of the year at the recent AZCTE Conference held in Tucson. **Professor Brereton** has done a stellar job in creating many enhancements to the Agriculture program at Yavapai College where he specializes in Horticulture and Viticulture classes. He has figured out ways to develop hybrid instruction which allows students greater flexibility in taking classes, while still be able to maintain jobs which keep them afloat. He also implemented a flex schedule for students to complete their lab work in the greenhouse, allowing them to attend labs around their work schedules. He has been engaged in research projects with students which include testing fruit varieties for cold weather tolerance in conjunction with the University of Arizona, as well as innovative greenhouse hydroponic fruit and vegetable production where the products are on sold contracts with local restaurants. This innovative model has allowed students to learn the entire process of fruit and vegetable production from plant to table. The produce is also sold on Saturdays at the Prescott Farmers market. Restaurants who use YC produce advertise the college on their menus, leading to a continued stream of solid enrollment. **Professor Brereton** will now compete for the regional award, and if he wins, he will go on as a national award finalist.



- Twenty-six YC Employees from around the college attended the annual state CTE conference in Tucson in July. They had the opportunity to participate in many workshops in their areas, including Student Services, Automotive, Manufacturing, Drones, Leadership, Agriculture, Welding, and more. It was the first conference held in 2 years due to COVID and produced record attendance.
- Gunsmithing instructor, **Allen Magarrell**, recently received a generous donation to the Gunsmithing program of a Ceracoate paint booth oven. Ceracoating of firearms is quickly becoming the industry coating standard. This donation allows YC to stay current with industry changes.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)



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- The students of the YC, PTK Chapter- Beta Gamma Pi received news during the summer that their Honors in Action Hallmark Award Entry, “Improving the Potential for Generational Literacy from the Inside out” was selected from among 400 entries to be published in the 2022 edition of the *Civic Scholar: Phi Theta Kappa Journal of Undergraduate Research*. The students’ work is one of just 18 chosen to be published. This recognition highlights the extraordinary research and writing done by our Yavapai College Students.

Lifelong Learning/OLLI/Community Education Highlights

- **Summer Recap** – Prescott OLLI enrollment returned to pre-Covid levels this summer, with a record-breaking 45 new members joining over the summer.
- **Fall Term 1 2022** – Classes began August 29 in person at all locations, Prescott, Sedona, Verde Valley. OLLI members also may enroll in online classes.



- **OLLI at Yavapai College Super Council** – OLLI leaders and staff representing Prescott and Sedona/Verde Valley have formed the OLLI Super Council designed to strengthen, enhance, and grow OLLI participation through Yavapai communities.





- **Membership Mingle at the Sedona and Verde Valley Campus!** - Members and guests enjoyed a Fall kick off meeting featuring short presentations by OLLI facilitators discussing their fall courses.

A flyer for the "Fall Term 1 MEMBERSHIP MINGLE Meet The Faculty". The flyer has a purple border. On the left is a photograph of a man speaking at a podium in a classroom setting. To the right of the photo, the text "Fall Term 1 MEMBERSHIP MINGLE" is in orange, and "Meet The Faculty" is in a purple script font. Below this, there are three bullet points: "• See your OLLI Friends", "• Faculty 2-minute presentations", and "• Complimentary Lemonade and Cookies". A fourth bullet point says "• Door Prizes featuring OLLI & YC Swag". At the bottom, there are two columns of text: "SEDONA CENTER" with "Thur, August 18, Rm 34" and "2:00pm-3:30pm", and "VERDE VALLEY CAMPUS" with "Friday, August 19, M-137" and "2:00pm-3:30pm". At the very bottom, an orange bar contains the text "Register here: www.yc.edu/ollisvRSVP".

- **OLLI in Prescott** – The Technology Committee instituted a new project, collecting older cell phones, wiping the information, and sending them to a not-for-profit that sets them up for use in Domestic Violence shelters. The project was a huge success, more than 100 cell phones were donated, wiped, and sent in to be donated.



- **New Community Education Coordinator in Sedona/Verde** - Kathleen Freed is the new Community Education Coordinator for the Verde Valley and Sedona. Prior to joining the Lifelong Learning Division at Yavapai College, she was a Student Development Coordinator with Northern Arizona University assigned to the Verde Valley Campus. She has worked in higher education for eighteen years and has previously held roles as an instructor, coordinator, and advisor.



- **College 4 Kids Verde for students from grades K-8** – Community Ed-Verde partnered with Beaver Creek and Cottonwood-Oak Creek School Districts. Academic and enrichment courses offered including LEGO Engineering, Camp Fun 2 Read, You Can Do It with STEM, Mountain Biking, Garden Teens, and Free to Be Me Drum Circle.
 - Dawn Fitzhugh, Summer Learning Coordinator from the Arizona Department of Education, visited the Verde campus on June 13 to get an overview of summer programming offered.



- **YC Community Education Verde/Sedona Fall Semester**- Offering 41 courses including visual and performing arts, health and nutrition, history, language, self-enrichment, and professional development.



- **Prescott College for Kids** - 165 children participated in 20 C4K classes.
 - A total of \$7600 in scholarships awarded to 48 children this summer.
 - JW Kieckhefer Foundation awarded 39 scholarships
 - Prescott Noon Lions Foundation awarded 9 scholarships.
- **Summer Filmmaker Bootcamp and Production Assistant Certification** - Awarded scholarships to five students.
 - Filmmaking Bootcamp met Mon-Sat, 9 am – 5 pm, Mon-Sat.
 - During the evenings, 6-9 pm that same week, the five students became certified to work as a Production Assistant.



- **Fall registration is open for Community Education and EDventures.**
 - Prescott is offering 74 classes and 15 EDventures trips, including a one-day rafting trip down the Colorado River, September 1!
- **YC Faculty and Staff Discount for Community Education Courses in Sedona/Verde and Prescott**
 - YC Faculty and Staff may participate in select community education courses at a 50% discount.

Office of Instructional Support

- The **First Year Full-Time Faculty @YC Orientation** program facilitated in-person by **Dean Stacey Hilton**, Office of Instructional Support on Wednesday, August 3rd and Thursday, August 4th, 2022. This two-day orientation program provided valuable information to our first-year full-time faculty. Presenters throughout Yavapai College shared information relevant for our new full-time faculty. Topics included a welcome by **President Lisa Rhine** and **Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Diane Ryan**. Representatives from Human Resources, Academic Deans, Faculty Association, Student Enrollment, Student Affairs, Campus Safety, Library and Teaching and eLearning Support were all able to contribute valuable information during the orientation program.

New full-time faculty for 2022-2023 include **Amanda Atherton (Math)**, **Alexander Barber (Commercial Driver Training)**, **Amy Bell (Biology)**, **Maureen Costa (Visual Arts)**, **Kim Donaldson (Business, Management)**, **Cassi Gibson (Electronics Technology)**, **Elisha Humes (Industrial Plant Technology)**, **Lamar Johnson (Computer Programming)**, **Amanda “Amy” Kelsey (Allied Health)**, **David**



Kingsley (English), Tiffany Kragnes (Paralegal), Kirk LaPlace (Lineworker), Alexander Larsen (Emergency Medical Services), Shawn Lewis (Emergency Medical Services), Heather Leavitt (Early Childhood/Education), Lindsay Masten (Graphic Design), Carl Miller (Culinary), Brian Thomas (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning HVAC). Also included is Dean Stacey Hilton (Office of Instructional Support).



The **First Year Adjunct Faculty @YC Orientation** program was facilitated virtually on Monday, August 8th, 2022, in the evening to a diverse group of adjunct faculty. This orientation program provided valuable information to our first-year adjunct faculty. Presenters throughout Yavapai College shared information relevant for our new adjunct faculty. Topics included a welcome by **President Lisa Rhine** and **Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Diane Ryan**. Representatives from Human Resources, Academic Deans, Student Affairs and Teaching and eLearning Support were all able to contribute valuable information during this orientation program.

The First Year Adjunct Faculty @YC is an orientation program for new adjunct faculty at Yavapai College. It is offered prior to start of each fall and spring semester. The objective of this program is to:

- Provide support for first year adjunct faculty as they begin their journey at Yavapai College.
- Invite a sense of belonging to Yavapai College.

Build relationships with the first-year cohort, across campuses and centers with colleagues at Yavapai College.



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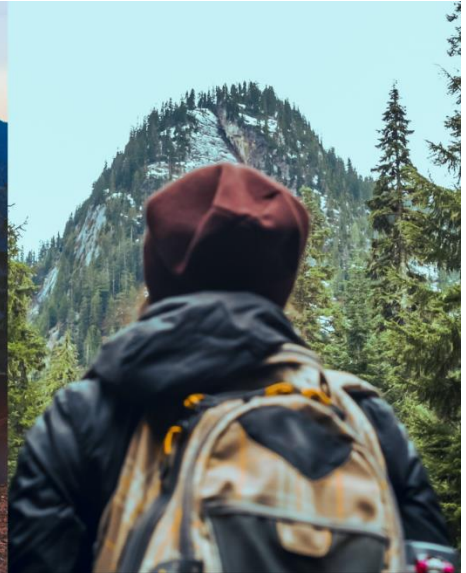
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Yavapai College Library Monthly Language Exchange



Prescott Campus Library

Wed August 3 & 17

12pm-1pm



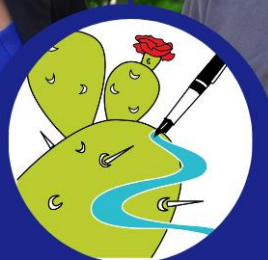
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