

# April 2025 Board Highlights

## CTEC Verde Valley Skilled Trade Center, Division 1

### Verde Valley Skilled Trades Students Discover Big Opportunities with Skanska

On March 7, 2025, instructors Brian Pearson, James Morales, and Tim Peterson, along with Associate Dean Heather Mulcaire, took 26 students from the Residential Electric, HVAC, Carpentry, and Plumbing programs to the West Phoenix area for a “Day of Discovery” with Skanska, facilitated by the Skanska Women’s Network.

 Skanska is one of the world’s largest construction and development companies, operating across the Nordics, Europe, and the USA. Students toured one of Skanska’s large-scale projects, participated in a panel discussion, and experienced the company’s dynamic workplace culture firsthand.

 The scale and complexity of the project left a lasting impression—inspiring students to dream big and explore their future roles in the industry.



## **Spring Wine Club Release at the Southwest Wine Center**

Tasting Room Manager Drew Cannon and the SWC student team are gearing up for the Spring 2025 Wine Club Release, kicking off the first week of April!

 Wine Club members enjoy two seasonal releases each year—spring and fall—with the option of a 4- or 6-bottle pack. This spring's release includes:

- 2023 Picpoul Arizona
- 2023 Rosé
- 2023 Terra Rosa
- 2023 Jinx
- 2023 Perspective
- 2022 Mercy Red Blend

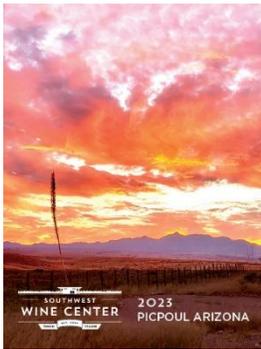
 These handcrafted wines reflect the hard work and craftsmanship of YC Viticulture and Enology students—a true taste of student success!



## 2025 SPRING WINE CLUB RELEASE – CHEERS!

WINES INCLUDED IN YOUR RELEASE (BASE 4-PACK) + (6-PACK OPTION)

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**2023 PICPOUL ARIZONA: 100% PICPOUL BLANC**  
(Retail \$28/Member \$23.80)

A relatively new varietal to Arizona, Picpoul is a dry white wine fermented in stainless steel to produce a “vibrant” and “zippy” taste with a light-medium body. Not your typical white, which makes it stand out. Wouldn't that be worth tasting?

**Production:** 47 cases

**Source Vineyard:** Yavapai College Estate Vineyard

**Drink When:** Now or lay down for 2-3 years.

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**2023 ROSE': 90% TEMPRANILLO + 10% VIOGNIER**  
(Retail \$28/Member \$23.80)

Tempranillo rose' and Viognier is an enjoyment for your perceptions. The wine opens with floral notes of strawberry and a medium pink hue. The wine dances simultaneously to create a bright, crisp, and refreshing experience, just as the breeze twirls through vines in the foothills of the mountains.

**Production:** 66 cases

**Source Vineyard:** Yavapai College Estate Vineyard

**Drink When:** Now or lay down for 2-3 years.

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**2023 TERRA ROSA: 90% SANGIOVESE + 10% TANNAT**  
(Retail \$32/Member \$27.20)

Classic Sangiovese with an Arizona twist that creates an intriguing wine that combines the bright acidity and red fruit flavors of Sangiovese with the bold tannins and dark fruit characteristics of Tannat. Coming together to create a delightful balanced wine for any occasion makes it suitable for aging and enjoyable when young.

**Production:** 83 cases

**Source Vineyard:** Yavapai College Estate Vineyard

**Drink When:** Now or lay down for 3-4 years.



**2023 JINX: 85% SANGIOVESE, 10% AGLIANICO + 5% TANNAT**  
(Retail \$32/Member \$27.20)

Hushed whispers of vine,  
Swirl of plum and black cherry,  
Tastes of velvet grace.

**Production:** 40 cases  
**Source Vineyard:** Yavapai College Estate Vineyard  
**Drink When:** Now or lay down for 3-4 years.

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**\*\*INCLUDED IN THE 6-PACK\*\***



**2023 PERSPECTIVE: 50% CABERNET SAUV, 40% SANGIO + 10% MALVASIA BIANCA**  
(Retail \$32/Member \$27.20)

Experience our vineyard's essence from Sunrise to Sunset, where tranquility meets bliss in every moment. Our harmonious blend, a testament to Arizona's terroir, offers balanced acidity and velvety tannins in Cabernet Sauvignon. Meanwhile, Sangiovese adds a graceful touch of softness and vibrant acidity, while Malvasia Bianca delicately enhances with floral aromas.

**Production:** 49 cases  
**Source Vineyard:** Yavapai College Estate Vineyard  
**Drink When:** Now or lay down for 3-4 years.

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**2022 MERCY RED BLEND: 60% AGLIANICO, 20% TANNAT + 20% TEMPRANILLO**  
(Retail \$32/Member \$27.20)

As winemakers and vintners, we are at the mercy of Mother Nature. With this blend of Aglianico, Tannat, and Tempranillo, we worked with Arizona's harsh weather to create a hardy wine while maintaining its elegance.

**Production:** 83 cases.  
**Source Vineyard:** Yavapai College Estate Vineyard  
**Drink When:** Now or lay down for 3-4 years.



## 🍷 Culinary Students Showcase Talent at Arizona Community Foundation Event

On February 13, 2025, the Sedona School of Culinary and Academic Culinary Program hosted a private event honoring donors and guests of the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF).

🎓 ACF provides scholarships and support to students across Arizona, and this evening celebrated that impact. Guests enjoyed an interactive dine-around experience featuring delicious student-prepared dishes, alongside YC chefs guiding the experience.

🍷 The evening was paired with premium wines from the Southwest Wine Center, crafted by students in the Viticulture and Enology program.

👩‍🍳 It was a night of connection, gratitude, and showcasing student excellence—a perfect blend of talent, passion, and community.



## CTEC Ruger Rd, Division 1

### **Teacher of the Year Recognition**

Bob Moon was named Mountain Institute's YC CTE Teacher of the Year, recognized for his incredible dedication to student success and the lasting impact he's made on students' futures. His guidance continues to inspire and empower students to pursue their career goals with confidence.



## CTEC Students and Faculty Shine in SkillsUSA and Regional Recognition

It's been a great season of achievement and inspiration at Yavapai College's Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC).

### Students Advancing in SkillsUSA

Two outstanding CTED students who recently competed in the annual SkillsUSA competition have earned the opportunity to advance to the State Leadership Conference later this month! Their hard work, focus, and skill development are paying off—this next step is a chance to showcase their talents on a bigger stage.

We're proud of both our students and faculty for continuing to represent CTEC with excellence, passion, and purpose!



## Aviation, Division 2

### **New Flight Simulator Prepares YC Aviation Students for Takeoff**

Yavapai College Aviation students now have access to an exciting new tool to support their flight training journey—the program’s first **True Course Flight Simulator** has officially arrived!

 **Training Smarter, Soaring Sooner** – This state-of-the-art simulator gives students a realistic, hands-on way to practice flight skills and maneuvers before ever stepping into an actual cockpit. With the ability to repeat flight procedures and receive immediate feedback, students can build confidence, reinforce concepts, and sharpen their techniques in a safe, focused environment.

 **A Boost Toward Certification** – The simulator helps students progress faster toward their FAA Private Pilot Certification by giving them more opportunities to master skills efficiently and effectively.

 **Coming Soon** – Although the simulator has been delivered, it will be fully set up once the finishing touches on the training space are complete. Stay tuned for a look inside the new setup once installation is finished!

This exciting addition reflects YC’s commitment to giving students the tools they need to train with confidence and prepare for successful aviation careers. 

 **Program Update** – As of April 2025, the Aviation program now reports to Dean Jason Ebersole in Division Two.

 **Now Based in Prescott** – Aviation is now located in Building Two on the Prescott Campus—stop by and check out what’s taking off!



## Paralegal Studies, Division 2

### 🎓 YC Students Benefit from National Leadership in Criminal Justice Education

Dr. Tiffany Kragnes, Professor of Law at Yavapai College, recently represented the college at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Annual Meeting held March 11–15 in Denver, Colorado. While there, she presented five separate times on multiple topics that directly enhanced the learning experience for YC students.

### 📚 Topics Focused on Teaching & Learning included:

- Using Assessment to Get What You Want
- How to Get Published
- AI/VR in the Classroom
- Jumping on the AI Train
- Successes and Failures in the Classroom
- Teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Enhancing Criminal Justice Education Through Experiential and Service Learning

🔍 Dr. Kragnes also received a certificate of recognition for her assessment expertise, presented during a pre-conference assessment workshop—a testament to her commitment to using research-based practices to improve how students learn.



☀️ In addition to her presentations, Tiffany is a member of the Assessment Committee (Community Colleges section); she moved into her elected leadership role as Chair of the Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship section, where she'll continue to help shape the future of criminal justice education—bringing new ideas and opportunities back to YC students.



YC students benefit directly from faculty who stay at the forefront of innovation and teaching excellence, and Dr. Kragnes' contributions continue to support a dynamic, forward-thinking learning environment.



## Administration of Justice (AJS), Public Services, Division 2

### ✈️ YC Students Explore History, Justice, and First-Time Adventures in Philadelphia

Over Spring Break, three AmeriCorps and Law & Justice Club students had the opportunity to travel to Philadelphia with Chief Monahan and Dr. Brandelyn Andres for a powerful educational experience funded by the Yavapai College Justice Institute and the Yavapai College Respect Campaign.



📖 **Learning Through Experience** – The trip focused on the role of women in the American Revolution and the founding of the nation, as well as criminal and social justice themes. Students explored these topics through visits to:

- 🏛️ Independence Hall & Liberty Bell Museum
- 🎨 American Art Museum
- 🏰 Museum of the American Revolution
- 🪦 Benjamin Franklin's tomb
- 🏠 Betsy Ross House
- 🔦 Eastern State Penitentiary

💬 **Student Scholarship in Action** – One student received a \$500 scholarship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to help fund her trip and will give a presentation about her experience to the organization.

🌍 **First-Time Experiences** – For two students, this was their first time flying, and for all three, it was their first time riding a subway. Along the way, they also enjoyed Philly cheesesteaks from Geno’s and lunch in Chinatown, soaking in the city’s culture and energy.

Trips like this make a lasting impact—bringing history to life, building confidence, and creating lifelong memories for YC students. 🏰 ✨



## YC Students Explore Peace, Art, and Community at 2025 Peace Summit

On April 3rd and 4th, the Yavapai College Respect Campaign and Justice Institute welcomed students and community members to the 2025 Peace Summit, held in Building 19-147. With the theme “How our individual efforts to live a peaceful, civil life can influence the greater good,” students had the opportunity to learn, reflect, and connect through a wide range of experiences.

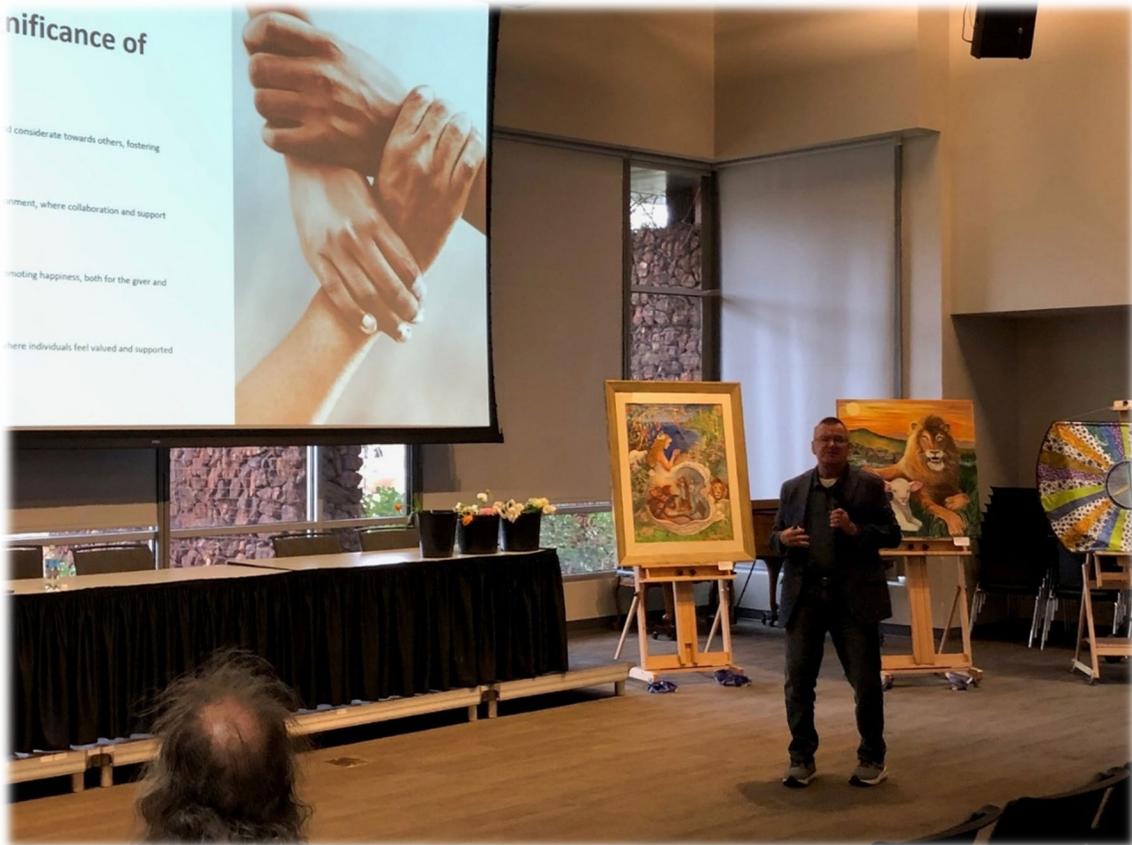


### **Student Voices at the Center –**

A total of 66 students from 8 different disciplines attended one or more of the summit’s 11 sessions, exploring topics from personal peace to community impact. The summit concluded with a student-led panel discussion featuring SGA officers, offering insight into how students are putting these ideas into practice.



🎨 **Art, Music, and Movement as Expressions of Peace** – In collaboration with the Art Department and YC Art Gallery, a call to artists brought in 26 powerful works reflecting peace and mindfulness. Many of the artists were current YC art students, and several spoke during the Friday morning opening session to share the stories behind their work. Sessions also highlighted the role of music, dance, and creative expression in fostering peace.



**👥 Community Engagement & Impact** – With 282 total attendees over two days, students had the chance to connect with peers, faculty, and community members, creating a shared space for meaningful conversation and growth.

☀️ A heartfelt thank-you to our YC Deans and Vice Presidents for their support, and to La Gates Scholarship funding for making this experience possible for students.



Shelby Monahan  
*Planting of Peace*  
Mixed Media, Acrylic and oil

## Fire Sciences, Division 2

### 🔥 YC Fire Science Students Train for Real-World Emergencies

Yavapai College Fire Science students have been putting their skills to the test through a series of hands-on training sessions designed to prepare them for the challenges of real-life emergency response. These recent experiences have given students critical exposure to high-risk situations they'll face in the field.

🧪 **Hazardous Materials Training** – Students learned how to safely respond to hazardous substance incidents by practicing decontamination procedures and hazard mitigation techniques. This training helps future firefighters protect themselves and others in dangerous chemical or biological situations.



🔥 **Fire Dynamics & Flow Path Training** – Inside a simulated burn building, students observed how fire and smoke move through a structure, giving them valuable insight into how to predict fire behavior and plan safe rescues during real incidents.

🚒 **Vehicle Extrication Training** – In another live scenario, students practiced removing victims from crashed vehicles, learning proper techniques and tools to manage car accident rescue operations safely.



These high-impact learning opportunities help YC Fire Science students build confidence, sharpen decision-making skills, and prepare for life-saving careers. The more they train now, the stronger and safer their response will be when it matters most.

### 🎓 **YC Fire Science Students Achieve 100% Pass Rate on Instructor Certification**

The YC Fire Science program is celebrating a major student success—all 39 participants in the Certified Fire Instructor course recently achieved a 100% pass rate on the State certification exam!

🚒 This fourth offering of the course brought together professional firefighters from across Arizona. The course is designed to help students develop the skills needed to teach and lead within the fire service, expanding their impact beyond the front lines.

 **Why It Matters for Students** – Earning this certification opens doors to new leadership roles, enhances teaching capabilities, and supports long-term career growth in the fire service.

 The program’s success highlights YC’s commitment to delivering high-quality, accessible training that meets—and exceeds—industry standards while remaining flexible for working professionals.

We’re proud of every student who stepped up, studied hard, and is now ready to train the next generation of firefighters across Arizona!



REDC supports new business development and economic leadership with education, workforce training, and job connections.

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### **Katherine Anderson Named “Top Academic Coach” in the Modern Coach Momentum Awards**

Katherine Anderson, Career Services Manager at Yavapai College, has been recognized as the “Top Academic Coach” in the Modern Coach Momentum Awards! This prestigious award honors a coach who delivers exceptional support and guidance within a college, university, or academic setting.

Katherine’s commitment to student success and career readiness has set her apart in the field. Through her professional development work with the [National Association of Colleges and Employers](#), the [Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches](#), and the [Modern Coach](#), Katherine has built strong connections within the career coaching community. She holds certifications as a Digital Career Strategist, Professional Career Coach, and Student Career Coach, equipping her with the latest tools and strategies to help students navigate their career paths.



## **YC Promotes Prescott Job Fair on Local Radio**

On the morning of April 10, Katherine Anderson represented Yavapai College Career Services live on Magic 99.1 to help spread the word about the upcoming Prescott Job Fair.

 During the segment, Katherine shared highlights of the event and also recorded a 30-second promotional spot that will air throughout the week to encourage even more community participation

 With 51 companies now registered, this is shaping up to be one of the largest job fairs of the year, offering YC students and community members access to a wide range of employment opportunities.

 Events like this not only connect students with local employers, but they also help promote Yavapai College, strengthen community ties, and support job seekers at every stage—including those who may become future YC students.

## Career Services: YC Students Explore Career Opportunities at Verde Valley Health Sciences Career Expo

Health Sciences students at the Verde Valley Campus recently took part in the Health Sciences Career Expo, an event designed to connect students with local employers and explore career pathways in healthcare.

📄 The event welcomed 14 registered healthcare employers, each offering information on a range of roles—more than 350 open positions across the industry.

👋 Students had the opportunity to speak directly with hiring professionals, ask questions, and learn more about what employers are looking for as they prepare to enter the workforce.

💬 Employers expressed appreciation for the chance to meet YC students and share about their organizations, with several positive conversations and networking connections formed throughout the day.

Events like this help YC students gain exposure to real-world opportunities and begin planning for what's next in their healthcare careers.



## YC Partners with Steps to Recovery Homes for Career Connection Event



On Thursday, March 27, 2025, YC Career Services and Steps to Recovery Homes co-hosted a community-focused job and career exploration event in the Verde Valley.

☀️ The event drew over 80 job seekers, an encouraging turnout for a first-time event. Attendees had the opportunity to explore local job openings, practice interview skills, and connect with support services as they consider next steps in their career journey.

🌟 Looking ahead, Career Services plans to offer additional mock interviews for clients of Steps to Recovery Homes, continuing to provide support and guidance to individuals exploring new paths.

🤝 This partnership does more than connect people with jobs—it helps strengthen community relationships, promotes Yavapai College and the YC Pipeline, and supports displaced workers, many of whom may now see YC as part of their next step.

By participating in events like this, YC is helping bridge the gap between education, opportunity, and community support.

**JOB FAIR**  
MARCH 27, 2025 | 3:30PM - 6:00PM | CONNECTION ROOM

**Steps to Recovery Homes**  
637 N Main St, Ste. 2B  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Early admission at 3:00pm for  
Veterans, Seniors +55, & disabled Job seekers

Inquires: [qulnton@stepstorecoveryhomes.org](mailto:qulnton@stepstorecoveryhomes.org)  
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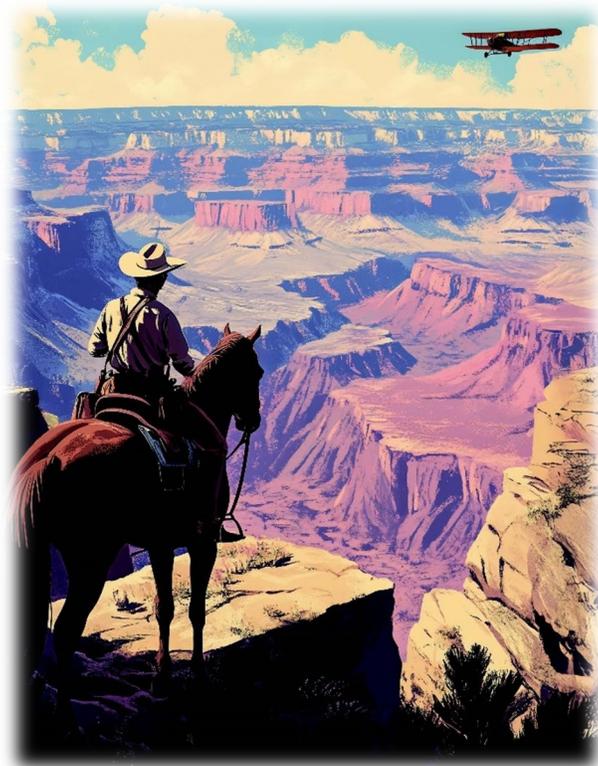
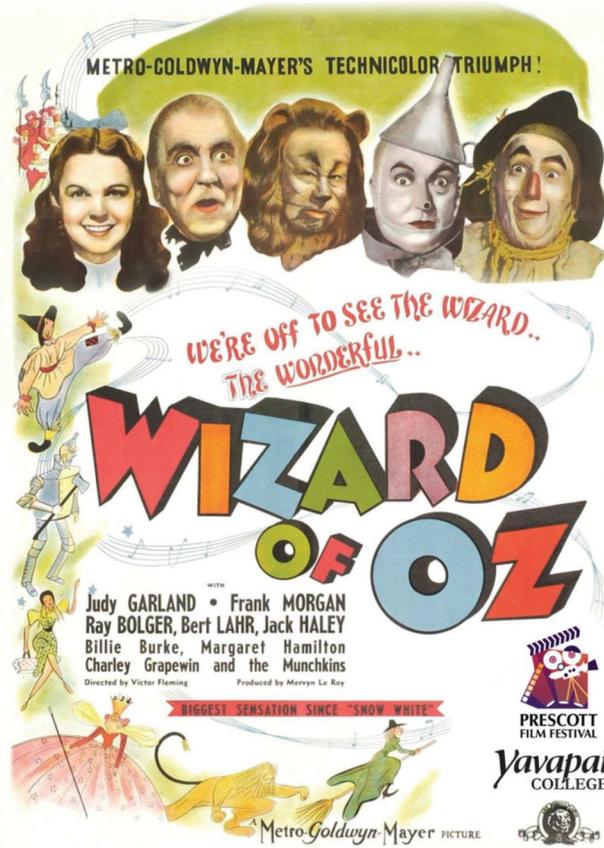
## Division 3, Film and Media Arts

- **Helen Stephenson**, Director of the Film and Media Arts (FMA) program, reports enrollment is up and she credits the amazing work **Diana Dowling**, Associate VP of Enrollment Services, and her team did in facilitating the QUEST Grant. This year's Film and Media Students took part in the Prescott Film Festival and their short films demonstrate many new skills and talents. Their films will be highlighted at the first screening of the festival on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Prescott Film Festival is part of the Film and Media Arts program and will celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary this July. Partnering with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), their members will receive the student discount price for tickets and advertising at the festival. In exchange, the Prescott Film Festival will be featured on the back cover of the OLLI magazine for Spring and Summer 2025.

In celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the festival theme will be "Back to our Roots" and the events will take place at the Yavapai College Jim and Linda Lee Performing Arts Theatre as well as locations in downtown Prescott where the festival began. Two workshops will take place at the Hazewltine Theatre, two screenings will take place at the Hendrix Auditorium on the campus of the Prescott Mile High Middle School; and the Silent Symphony, a silent film will take place at the Elks Theatre accompanied by a 5-piece orchestra.

- The festival will have a 4-page spread in Prescott Woman Magazine
- The City of Prescott Film Office is a sponsor, and will cover the marketing and state-wide outreach costs
- The Film Festival received a \$5,000 Courier Cares Advertising Grant
- The Elks Theatre will assist in email marketing materials featuring the events
- OLLI members volunteered a dedicated Marketing person, a Volunteer Coordinator and Advertising Sales Associate
- The festival is part of the official "Season" in the Jim and Linda Lee Performing Arts Center and will benefit from their advertising
- This year's Social Media Coordinator is a student from a film school in Colorado.



- **Experience the Arts**

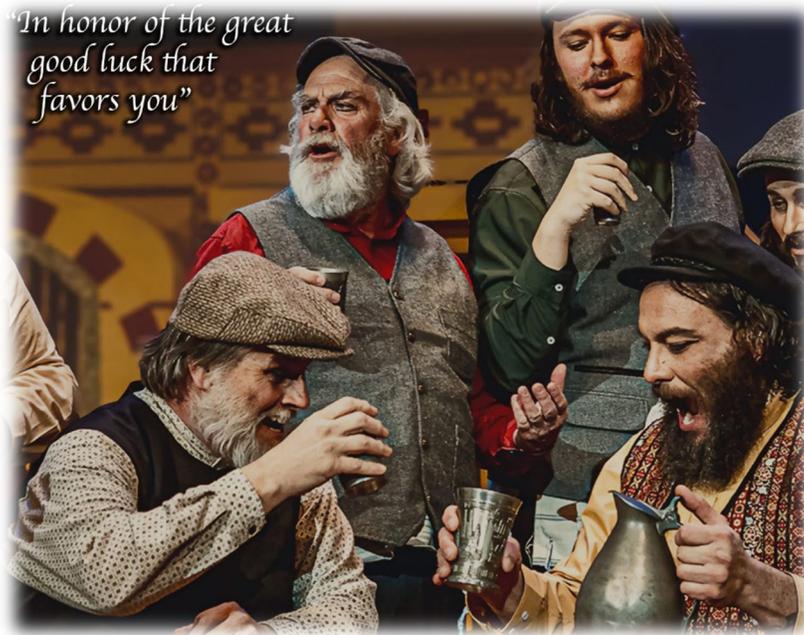
Yavapai College's Art Department hosted students from Prescott, Chino Valley, and Northpoint high schools for the annual "Experience the Arts" event! Over 90 aspiring artists participated in hands-on activities, including found-object sculpture, painting, jewelry making, woodworking, and drawing. Guided by experienced instructors, the students explored a range of artistic mediums in state-of-the-art studios. The event concluded within Yavapai College's Art Gallery, where several students were awarded scholarships, Wacom tablets, and gift certificates to continue their artistic pursuits. This opportunity gave high schoolers a glimpse into the possibilities of pursuing a future in the arts, as well as a glimpse into what Yavapai College has to offer!





- **Fiddler on the Roof**

The Yavapai College Performing Arts Department brought the timeless magic of *Fiddler on the Roof* to life this April! Under the expert direction of **Dr. Craig J. Ralston**, audiences were immersed in the heartwarming tale of Tevye and his family's journey through tradition, love, and resilience in their Russian Jewish village. With unforgettable melodies and captivating performances, the production touched the hearts of audiences of all ages.





## Division 4, Education, English, Humanities and Social Science

- **Tara O'Neill**, FEC Interim Director and Education and Early Childhood Education Professor, was named Administrator of the Year at the League for Innovations Excellence Award Celebration by Yavapai College's Executive Leadership Team!

The League Excellence Awards were created College to celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff.

Exceptional employees were nominated based on the following criteria:

- Contribution to the advancement of innovation and creativity in achieving college priorities (Belonging, Living Wage, Adult Learners and/or Delivery)
- Providing leadership through respectful and collegial participation in collegewide initiatives
- Exhibiting a spirit of innovation that goes 'above and beyond' what is expected
- Recognizing that our students are amazing and demonstrate a commitment to helping them reach their full potential
- Making a significant contribution to creating the right conditions to support learning at Yavapai College

The Executive Leadership Team carefully reviewed nominations and Tara demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to implementing Yavapai College's Strategic Plan through outstanding effort and leadership. They were proud to name Tara administrator 2024-2025 League Excellence Award Winner.



- **Karen Palmer**, Professor of English, is one of three YC employees being honored this May at the 2025 NISOD conference in Austin, TX. Karen was selected for the award by her peers for her collaborative style, positive attitudes, and other contributions to YC. NISOD is a national membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating teaching, learning, and leadership excellence at community and technical colleges.



- **Heather Leavitt**, Professor of Education, and **Denise Woolsey**, Professor of Communications, accompanied YC's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter (Beta Gamma Pi) to Kansas City for April 3-5 the PTK National Catalyst Conference. YC's chapter was honored as the 8<sup>th</sup> runner-up (out of 1300 chapters) for "Most Distinguished Chapter" based on students' research and service projects. In addition, Heather was honored as a "Paragon New Advisor" and Denise as "Distinguished Advisor." Beyond YC, Denise is also the regional PTK coordinator for all of Arizona. Congratulations to our top scholars and their instructor leaders!



- **Laura Cline**, Professor of English, and **Karen Palmer**, Professor of English, will be presenting research at the AZTransfer’s Annual Summit conference on April 25, 2025. Laura and Karen are part of the panel, “Setting the Table for Dual Enrollment,” which “brings together representatives from different Dual Enrollment (DE) writing settings—community college and university English departments and writing programs, as well as DE coordinators—to discuss DE. From teacher certification and curricular alignment to student placement and assessment of outcomes, panelists will examine aspects of our state’s DE writing landscape. Attendees will leave with a more comprehensive understanding of Arizona’s current DE practices and how to move forward to ensure equitable learning opportunities for all students.”



- **Mark Woolsey**, Professor of Communications, presented at the 2025 YC Peace Summit April 3, 2025. His topic “Debate and Civil Dialogue” surveyed techniques for finding common ground and solutions among those who disagree.



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- **Clayton Baumgartner**, Adjunct Faculty, English, had a paper accepted to the Conference on Acceleration in Developmental Education (CADE), which will be held in Alexandria, VA, in June 2025. His presentation, "AI and Embedded Tutoring: A Qualitative Look at These Tools in Dev Ed and Gen Ed Courses," examines the impact AI may have on embedded tutoring in YC reading and writing courses.



**CADE 2025**

## Division 5, Business, Science Computer Science and Math

- **Instructor Dana Kirkwood-Watts** Publication “Exploring Biology Students' Online Search Strategies” is to be published in the upcoming Journal of Science Education and Technology. A new journal article by **Dr. Dana Kirkwood-Watts**, Associate Professor, Microbiology highlights how biology students approach online research when answering homework questions. In this study, students were observed and interviewed as they navigated the internet for biology-related information. Key findings include frequent use of Wikipedia, although there is a shared consensus that it is not a reliable source of information, dependence on Google Snippets, and preference for known science-based websites such as NCBI and Nature. Dana’s article may be accessed at <https://link.springer.com/journal/10956>.
- **Sara Cooper**, Math Professor, is proud to share that all Yavapai College Math courses except for Calculus III and Differential Equations are offered using Online Educational Resources (OER) at little or no cost to students. Over the last 5 years, these resources have saved students close to a million dollars in textbook costs. For the current spring semester, online educational resources saved students \$193,500 compared to textbooks costs.

## Division of Lifelong Learning

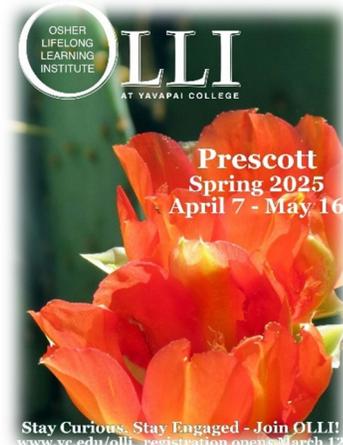
- OLLI at Yavapai College in Prescott, Sedona, and the Verde Valley, Long time OLLI member **Paul Friedman**, who is moving, delivered his “Last Lecture” to standing room only on March 24 at the Sedona Center.



- Prescott OLLI hosted their third annual chili cookoff with great attendance. OLLI is more than just classes – it is a community of learners that benefit from social interaction, volunteering, and of course, expanding their knowledge.



- **Spring Session OLLI** classes began on April 7 in Prescott, Sedona, and the Verde Valley.

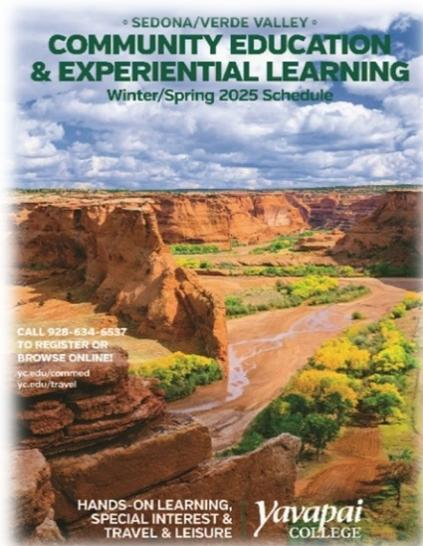


- Community Education, Experiential Learning Leads, **Haley Green & Kathleen Freed**, attended the annual UPCEA conference from March 23 to March 26. Highlights included:
  - Workshops focused on building strategic partnerships
  - Key notes highlighting intergenerational students

- Sessions discussing integrating adult learners on campuses
- Examples of successful programming for non-credit divisions



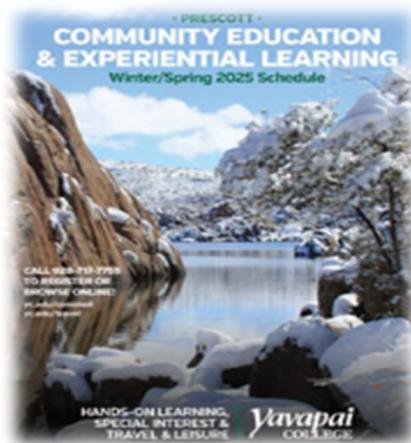
- Community Ed – Verde Valley & Sedona Spring '25 classes began March 31. Summer '25 registration opened April 8.



- Experiential Learning Trips are filled with wait lists for Winter/Spring '25 offerings.
  - 33% of enrollments are students from the Verde Valley/Sedona area
  - Trips leave from the Prescott Campus
- Offering trips in the months of June and August for the summer '25 term.
  - Continuing to meet with campus/areas partners to expand current program.



- Community Education - Prescott Spring '25 classes began March 31.
  - Summer '25 registration opened April 8.



- College for Kids (C4K) - Prescott online registration opened on April 7.
  - 83 students were registered within the first 4 hours!
  - 9 Scholarship requests have come in within the first 24 hrs.



- OLLI, Community Ed, and Experiential Learning participated in this year's **Yavapalooza w/Bubbles & Bocce.**



- Division members will tour **Prescott Pines** on April 23 to consider how we can collaborate.

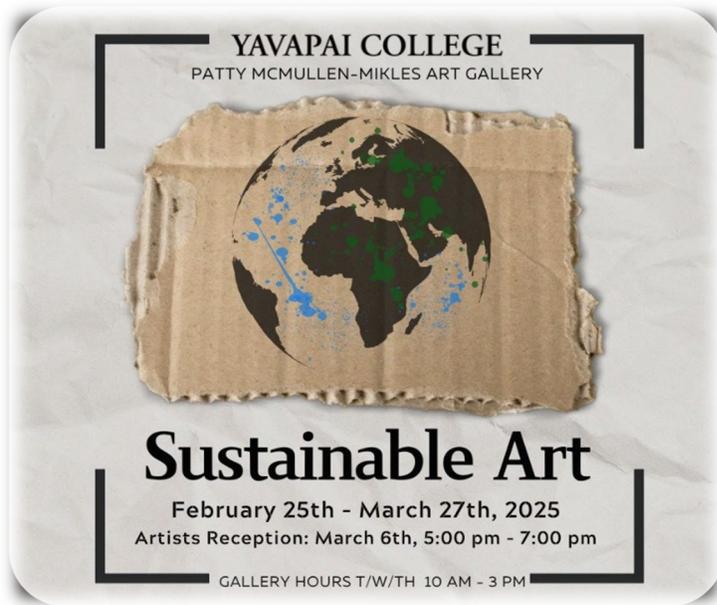


- **Associate Dean Michael Moghtader** is temporarily supporting the Division of Lifelong Learning since **Associate Dean Linda Shook's** retirement at the end of February. He is doing a **great job!!**



## Verde Valley Campus

- **Patty McMullen-Mikles Art Gallery Artist Reception – Sustainable Art**  
An exhibition of artwork created with sustainable practices. Metal Sculptor Paul Klaine selected 15 artists to exhibit a diverse range of artwork made of eco-friendly, up cycled and recycled materials.



## Vitalant Blood Drive

- Vitalant held their Blood Drive at Yavapai College Verde Valley Campus in room M-137, bringing together students, faculty and community members for a life-saving cause. The event provided an opportunity for donors to give blood and support local hospitals in need. Vitalant staff ensured a smooth process, guiding donors through registration, donation, and post-donation recovery with refreshments and encouragement. The drive not only helped replenish blood supplies but also raised awareness about the ongoing need for donations. Participants left with a sense of fulfillment, knowing their contributions could save lives.

