



YAVAPAI COLLEGE STAFF ASSOCIATION

**Mission:**

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

SUPPORT

COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

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### Message from the YCSA President

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The YCSA committees will review the feedback and take the next steps in redefining our goals for the upcoming year, in line with YC's strategic plan. More information will be available this spring via the newsletter, email, and the YCSA Board/Committee Representatives. An update on the strategic plan will be provided at the YCSA meeting during Fall Convocation.

This spring, four Board positions will be available for new terms beginning on July 1: President, Treasurer, Part-Time All College Representative, and Student Employee All College Representative. More information on the positions may be found at [www.yc.edu/ycsa](http://www.yc.edu/ycsa). Please consider volunteering as a representative or Board Member and be a voice for the YC staff. With the new shared governance model going into effect, should be an exciting time to part of the YCSA Board! If you have any questions regarding YCSA, how Board members and Representatives are selected, what the different committees work on, or any other YCSA related questions, please reach out to me at [katherine.anderson@yc.edu](mailto:katherine.anderson@yc.edu).

I hope everyone is taking time to step outside and enjoy our sunny days. You never know how long they will last! I just participated in my first 5K – virtually, that is. Looking forward to participating in the Whiskey Row Marathon, in person, later this year.

Thank you for all you do, each and every one of you, to make YC such a great place to work!

Katherine Anderson  
 YCSA President

### YC Foundation Partners on Virtual Fundraising

Fundraising has gone virtual amid this pandemic. Responding to the challenge associated with being unable to reach out with events, the YC Foundation has focused on a digital format – virtual fundraising – as a way to inform, educate and inspire fundraising support. Here are two campaigns under way – check them out!

#### Daniel's Ride for I AM YC

Despite the stay-at-home recommendations associated with the pandemic, American Sign Language professor Daniel Swartz began riding his bike last May. As he saw his students struggle with challenges of online learning, job loss, and even homelessness, Daniel continued to ride his bike along the Peavine Trail every day. After contracting Covid-19, he continued to ride... every day... and sought a way to help his students. Thus, the Daniel's Ride for I AM YC was started. In partnership with the YC Foundation, I AM YC and the YC College Honors Program, Daniel has set a goal to reach 365 consecutive days riding his bike on the Peavine Trail as a fundraiser for the I AM YC Student Emergency Fund. Click link below to watch video updates, track his progress, or donate to this project: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/IAMYCFundraiser>

#### Friends of Family Enrichment Center Campaign for FEC

The Framing the Future event is another casualty of the pandemic, but not the fundraising effort. Due to COVID-19, this year's much-anticipated event had to be canceled. This replacement, virtual fundraising campaign will continue the effort to raise funds for the Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center at Yavapai College – specifically, for such needed outdoor equipment as a Modular Climbing Wall, a Hill Slide, Barefoot Sensory Path to help kids learn balance, a permanent awning for the Toddler Yard, and Cajon Drums for outdoor play. Since 2009, Friends of the Family Enrichment Center (FoFEC) and the Yavapai College Foundation have conducted the Framing the Future fundraiser in support of children of YC students and employees, as well as families from the community. This year's virtual campaign will run March 1-31. To help Friends of the Family Enrichment Center reach their goal of \$15,000, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/FoFEC>.



Barefoot Sensory Path

# NISOD WINNERS

NISOD is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. This year, the YCSA Board has the privilege of recognizing Tom Hughes and Jeni Johnson as two staff members who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. Congratulations Tom and Jeni!



Tom Hughes



Jeni Johnson

Tom Hughes has spent the last 25 years working in higher education, 21 at YC. Tom serves as the Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research (IER) and Grants. Tom serves as YC's Accreditation Liaison Officer, chair of the Human Subjects Review Board, and occasionally teaches as an adjunct sociology instructor. Tom is also a Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. Prior to higher education, Tom worked in the healthcare industry for both private and public organizations where he served in a variety of research capacities including roles as a statistician, human capital analyst, and epidemiologist. Tom has a Ph.D. in higher education from Old Dominion University, and holds an M.A. and B.S. in Sociology from Arizona State University. In his free time, he enjoys camping and mountain biking with his wife.

Thirty-seven years ago, YC, captured Jeni's heart. Her first experience with YC was in 1984 as a sophomore in high school where she completed an introductory computer course. Education literally had her at first "byte." Jeni's first position was as a student worker in 1986, splitting her time between the business department and curriculum development; her full-time career began in 1989. During her tenure she has worked in academics, marketing and student development. Implementing/supporting academic systems has been the center of her career (i.e. Banner, Degree Works, 25Live, ChatBot).

From 2015-2018, Jeni's life and career path took her to Colorado where she served as the director of enrollment management for the Colorado Community College System. Additionally, she worked as a Banner Student consultant for Strata Information Group (SIG). In 2018, she returned to YC as the Manager of the Student Development Technology Team. Jeni's education credentials include an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from NAU, BS in Business Information Systems from Bellevue and an AAS in Office Administration from YC.

Her favorite quote is from the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

*"You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself  
Any direction you choose.*

*You're on your own. And you know what you know.  
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go."*



## Upcoming Events

March 15-21	Spring Break!
March 22	Spring 2021 Late-start 8 week classes begin
April 6	Arizona Gives Day
April 12	Summer 2021 registration begins for degree seeking students
April 14	Summer Registration for all students begins
April 19	Fall 2021 Registration begins for degree seeking students Fall 2021
April 26	Registration begins for all students
May 8	Verde Campus Graduation
May 14	Spring 2021 Semester ends
May 14	Prescott Campus Graduation
May 15	Nursing Pinning Ceremony

