

# March 2024 Board Highlights

## Academic Division One – Career and Technical Education – CTEC

- Students in the spring air traffic control (ATC) class began to use the new system software in the lab which was updated over Winter break by IT personnel and the parent software company, Meta Craft. Instructor **Ed Fisher** indicated that "The new software, communications, and display systems for the lab are really incredible." With updated graphics, exercises, clarity, display screens, communication systems, and tower control simulations, the lab is one of the most state-of-the-art ATC training labs in the nation. Students take classes in air traffic control in preparation for entrance exams into the FAA Air Control school in Oklahoma. There is currently a shortage of air traffic controllers in the United States, where annual salaries average over \$115,000.





## Academic Division 1 – Chino Valley Center

- Horticulture students (AGS252) are actively propagating plants for the end of the year student plant sale in May. There are weekly plantings that teach different ideas and techniques for student learning. The 13th annual sale is at the Chino Valley Center Saturday, May 11th starting at 8am.



- The community supported Ag class (AGS157) is harvesting packaging and marketing YC produce to the following partners:
  - El Paraiso
  - Biga
  - The YC Eatery
  - Pangaea Bakery

Some of the most consistent crops include tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, kale, basil, parsley, edible flowers and many other seasonal surprises.



## Academic Division 3 - School of Business and Computer Science

- On February 1st, despite the chilly breeze, Intro to Business students (BSA 131) met at "The Yard", a Food Truck dining location at 214 N. Montezuma in Prescott, to expand on their learning about factors of production. They met with Food Truck owners to discuss how they consider factors of production in their day-to-day operations, and how these factors affect long term decision making. After conducting their field research, students did a "teach back" to their classmates on what they learned. Good times and good food were had by all, and they are all looking forward to another on location experience.



- Congratulations to our very own YC Future Business Leaders of Tomorrow (FBLA) Collegiate Chapter in their first appearance at the AZ FBLA Winter Leadership Conference. Students from across the state competed in a written test that allowed them to demonstrate their understanding of specific business concepts. The students also competed in role play business scenarios where they were given limited time to prepare a presentation that could potentially solve a business problem for judges. Here are photos of the award winning YC Future Business Leaders of Tomorrow.



## Division of Lifelong Learning




- OLLI at Yavapai College Special Events range from Prop 211 to The Beatles, to *The Book of Queens*, to a Persian Dinner. OLLI has several wonderful special events coming up, and all but the dinner is free.

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**OLLI** OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT YAVAPAI COLLEGE PRESCOTT | SEDONA | VERDE VALLEY


Review of Prop 211 Voters' Right to Know Act with Terry Goddard



Saturday, March 2, 2024  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Yavapai College, 1100 E Sheldon St, Prescott  
Building 3, Room 119


### The Beatles: The Solo Years with Vincent Bruno

Wed, March 20, 11am on Zoom or free and open to the public at the YC Prescott Campus



One of Prescott OLLI's favorite facilitators is back, telling us the story of the Beatles' breakup, the post-Beatles careers of John, Paul, Ringo, and George, and how they established themselves as solo artists. Vinny will discuss their relationships and how they helped each other in their solo projects. Coming full circle, he will talk about their last collaboration: "The Beatles Anthology," released in the late '90s.

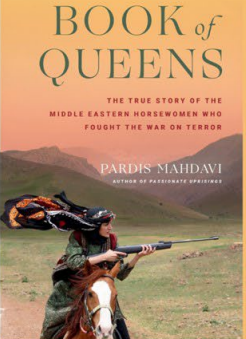
Registration is required: [www.yc.edu/olliopen](http://www.yc.edu/olliopen) or call 928-649-4275



**BOOK of QUEENS**

THE TRUE STORY OF THE MIDDLE EASTERN HORSEWOMEN WHO FOUGHT THE WAR ON TERROR


PARDIS MAHDAVI  
AUTHOR OF PERSIAN SPIRITUALS



**B) Book of Queens: The True Story of the Middle Eastern Horsewomen Who Fought the War on Terror**

Thurs, 3/28, 2-3:15pm in Prescott 4-102

Cost: Free  
Limit: 55  
Facilitators: Pardis Mahdavi and Charlie Blum  
\*Registration required\*



Book of Queens reaches back centuries to the Persian Empire and a woman disguised as a man, facing an invading army, protected only by light armor.

## Persian New Year Dinner

Cultural Presentation by Dr. Pardis Mahdavi, President University of La Verne

Friday, March 29 4:00-7:00 PM

OLLI Member \$100  
General Public \$125

Dinner by Chef Carl Miller, Sedona School of Culinary

Limited seating of 18

To register:  
[www.yc.edu/ollisvPersianDinner](http://www.yc.edu/ollisvPersianDinner)  
Registration Deadline: March 8  
Sedona Center | 4215 Arts Village Dr. | Sedona

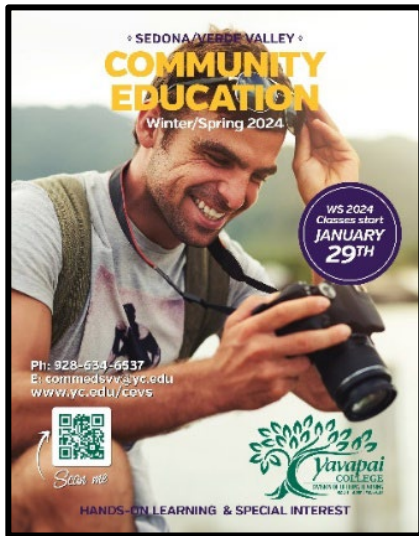



- Spring 2024 Classes begin April 1 in Prescott, Verde Valley, and Sedona.

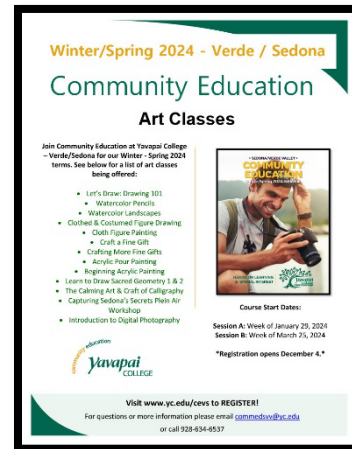
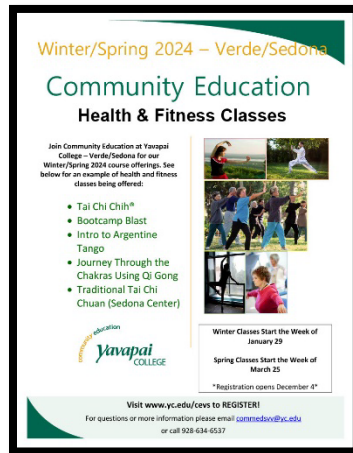


- Registration is open for Community Education in Prescott, Sedona, and Verde Valley Winter/Spring 2024.
  - Enrollments and revenue up by over 10% overall from Winter/Spring '23
  - Spring '24 classes start March 25
  - CommEd partnering with Cottonwood Rec Center to offer Lifeguarding certification courses for Spring 2024





- Community Ed – Verde/Sedona course offerings can be found at: [www.yc.edu/cevs](http://www.yc.edu/cevs)



- Community Education and OLLI were interviewed by the Verde Independent for an article on non-credit learning at Yavapai College.



Prescott Community Education and EDventures – WS24 Classes and Field trips





- Prescott Adult CommEd - Session B Courses begin 3/25/24
  - 35 courses are open for the second half of the Spring semester
  - Contact the CommEd office at 928-717-7755 to apply a 50% discount for Faculty/Staff
- Community Education offers trainings to the Community
  - STOP THE BLEED
  - Class B Driver Training
  - Lifeguard Skills Training
- College for Kids is partnering with the Town of Prescott Valley Youth Library this Summer!
  - College for Kids will offer 13 classes at the PV Library for their **Tween YOUiversity** program this summer
  - Registration for Prescott College for Kids and for the PV Library will open April 1
- EDventures Winter/Spring/Summer Trips
  - There are 6 EDventure trips scheduled with space available
    - Select your activity level and sign up today
    - Sign up for a Virtual trip for \$15-\$25 per video



- Read the YC EDventures Article in the Prescott Woman Magazine Feb/March Edition
  - Click on the link to read, “*Out of the Classroom and Into the World*” by Nancy Ostapuk
  - <https://online.fliphtml5.com/ebse/elqv/#p=56>

## OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AND INTO THE WORLD

**Yavapai College EDventures delivers educational adventures statewide, exploring natural and cultural history**

By Nancy Orsag • Courtney Platts

**Y**avapai College EDventures are educational field trips offered through the Lifelong Learning Division on the Prescott campus. Every semester, EDventures offers a wide variety of learning experiences in diverse and spectacular locations throughout Yavapai County and Northern Arizona.

If you are new to this area and curious about early Arizona history and Native American cultures, EDventures has the perfect trip for you! We travel to the Hualapai and Navajo Nations, plus fascinating locations in Yavapai and Coconino Counties and surrounding areas, too. Everywhere we go, we learn about the Arizona pioneer and mining history, which makes our state an incredible place to explore. Find a trip that fits your activity level. Pick a beautiful driving adventure or sign up for a more ambitious hike.

EDventures day trips are full day excursions, and we offer one overnight adventure to Canyon de Chelly, where we take an amazing jeep ride with local Navajo guides through the scenic Canyon del Muerto.

Our trips take a small group of 10 passengers, accompanied by our experienced instructor, Chris Wickham. With more than 40 years of experience as an outdoor field guide, Chris will take you off the beaten path and his amazing stories will make history come alive! Each trip is a personal adventure as Chris imparts the geology and natural and cultural history of the unique location.

Winter/Spring 2024 trip options include:

- Canyon de Chelly overnight adventure
- Crown King and the southern Blackhills
- Drive to the bottom of the Grand Canyon
- Explore Bill Williams Mountains
- Explore Center Lake and Lava Tubes
- Explore Red Mountain and Keyhole Sink
- Explore the land between the Canyons
- Explore Williamson Valley and beyond

• Get Your Kids on Route 66  
 • Hassampack River Preserve  
 • Hike Grand Canyon Diamond Creek  
 • Rock Art Ranch and La Prada  
 • Tuzigoot and Verde Valley Archeology  
 • Verde Canyon Railway

Tuition ranges from \$170-\$250 for the day trips. That fee includes transportation, vacation fees, an expert field guide, and a bonded coach. The overnight trip to Canyon de Chelly includes all that plus lodging, meals, a jeep tour and gratuities for \$655.

International EDventures are exciting! We are delighted to announce that 20 passengers will travel to Holland and Belgium in April 2024. Help us decide where to travel to for our next international trip!

When we step out of the classroom and into the world, we truly learn. Start your EDventures with Yavapai College today.

Visit [www.yc.edu/edventures](http://www.yc.edu/edventures) to view trip itineraries or call 928.717.7751 for more information and to register. Trips fill up fast, so don't delay in signing up for a memorable educational adventure.

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## Verde Valley Campus

- February has been a great month for the Sedona School of Culinary (SSC) program.
  - Held 7 classes. 4 sold out. Added 1 private party class (bachelorette party)
  - Generated \$28,910.85 in revenue since July 1
  - Guest Chef Javier Franco from Layla's Bakery in Sedona conducted pastry classes pictured below.





# Sedona School of Culinary

## Private Class: Bachelorette Party



## Horticulture Program

- Yavapai College Horticulture student (and Sedona Red Rock High School student), **Lauren Pfaff** has been selected as one of the 36 finalists for the Flinn Scholarship, valued at \$130,000. Twenty students will be awarded the full scholarship, while the finalists will receive other amounts of financial aid. Over 1,000 students were nominated. If awarded, Lauren plans on transferring to the University of Arizona to pursue her interest in agriculture. The Flinn Scholars Class of 2024 will be announced in April. News Source: <https://www.redrocknews.com/2024/02/11/lauren-pfaff-is-a-flinn-finalist/>



## Viticulture and Enology

- The Viticulture and Enology (VEN) program took ten students to the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium. The trip was a success and exposed the students to emerging technologies. The speakers at the symposium shared market trends on sales and demographic changes in the industry. The side trip to the NovaVine Nursery was one of the highlights. The students learned about vine propagation and disease control.



- The VEN program purchased six new pH meters for the spring quality control and analysis course. These will replace meters that are over ten years old. The students will use them for the wine camp weekend from May 3rd through 5th.
- The tasting room continues expanding "Wine Experiences" for the spring semester. **Lisa Aguilar** leads these expanded educational offerings catered to small groups. Two sessions cover various topics about sensory evaluation and regional differences in wine. More information and dates are available at <https://www.southwestwinecenter.com/workshops/>
- A craft distilling license is now in place at the Southwest Wine Center (SWC.) This new license allows students to distill and bottle craft spirits for sale, broadening our curriculum and product offerings. They are working to finalize the packaging design and plan to have a product available for purchase in early summer.
- Final pruning of the vineyard is underway, with timing planned to coincide with bud break. Historically, bud break happens around spring break. So far, the winter session has provided above-average precipitation.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Camp Verde Pecan and Wine Festival on March 16th and 17th

Founder appreciation event at the SWC, April 5th (this will include an immersive learning demonstration)

April is wine club release month, a critical period for wine sales and club member engagement.

Sharlot Hall Museum's fundraiser on May 18th

Verde Valley Wine Festival May 11th

West Coast College and University Festival on June 8th at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California.

The Grand Crew student organization plans to attend the CAVE symposium in Grand Junction, Colorado, in January 2025.



The American Heart Association CPR/AED Certification Training was recently offered to the employees on the Verde Valley Campus. Thirteen employees participated in learning lifesaving skills including practicing CPR on adult manikins using an AED device and CPR on infant manikins.



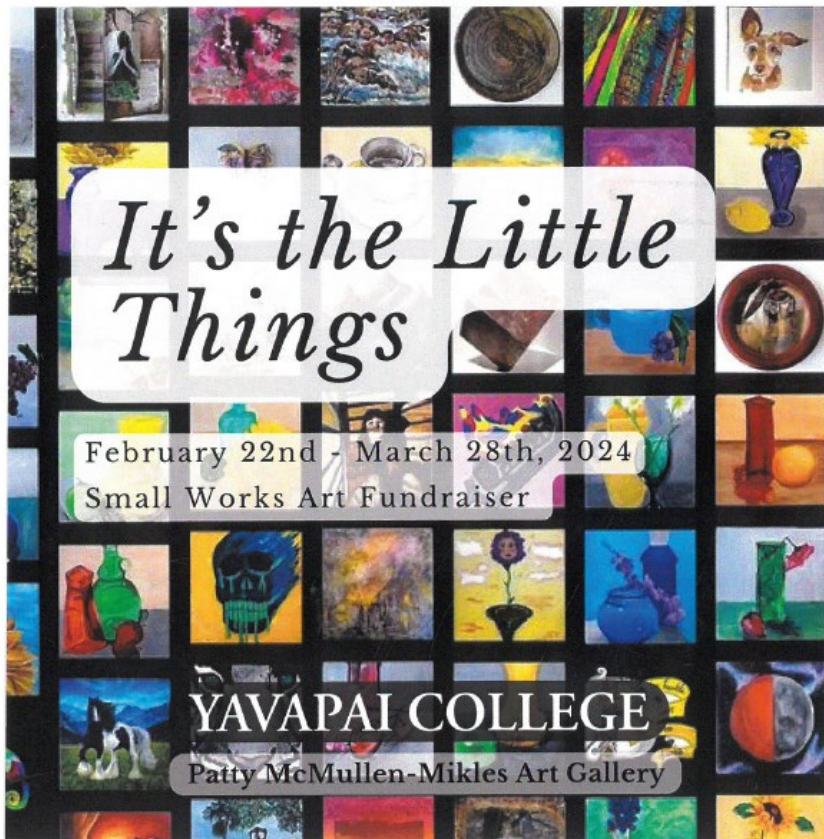


## HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)

- At the recent Future Health Professional Competition, co-hosted by Yavapai College Allied Health and VACTE, future health professionals (students) from across Northern Arizona competed and displayed their Allied Health knowledge and skills. The awardees will advance to the state and national competition. Lunch was provided by the Yavapai College Greenhouse Café (YCGC).



**Art Gallery  
Visual Arts Fundraiser  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>**



**It's the Little Things  
Small Works Art Fundraiser  
February 22nd - March 28th, 2024**

Join us for a Small Works Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Patty McMullen-Mikles Art Gallery. Artists of all mediums and styles come together to support the Visual Arts Scholarship Fund in this unique exhibition. Silent Auction of all artwork will be online in collaboration with the YC Foundation. With a maximum size of 8 inches, these small works aim to make a big impact.

**Opening Reception:**

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

601 Black Hills Drive, Clarkdale, AZ Building F

Event is free & open to the public.  
Complimentary small bites.  
Wine for Purchase from Southwest Wine Center.

Gallery Hours: Tue/Wed/Thur 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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- **Upcoming events on the Verde Valley Campus**



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## SAVE THE DATE



## VERDE VALLEY CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 8, 2024

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Same day as student orientation



- The Pathways to Careers Exploratory Day was cancelled due to campus closure. The second event is now rescheduled for Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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# Pathways to Careers Exploratory Day



**Thursday February 8, 2024**  
**9am - 12:30pm**

Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus  
 Building D - Skilled Trades Center  
 601 Black Hills Drive  
 Clarkdale, AZ. 86324

Hosted by the Arizona Community Foundation in partnership with Yavapai College and VACTE, we invite students in Middle School, High School, and Adults to this free event where local scholarship providers are connected with students and their families.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the following:

- Opportunities in career and technical education
- Programs you can earn
- Scholarship Opportunities

Register\* to attend @ [yc.edu/pathways2024](http://yc.edu/pathways2024)



\*Registration Required. Limited Seating: 250

### Highlighted Programs

- Allied Health - Phlebotomy
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Educator Professions
- Fire Science
- Law Enforcement
- Nursing
- Residential Construction
- Residential Electrician
- Residential HVAC
- Residential Plumbing
- Viticulture & Enology (aged 21+)



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