

April 2024 Board Highlights

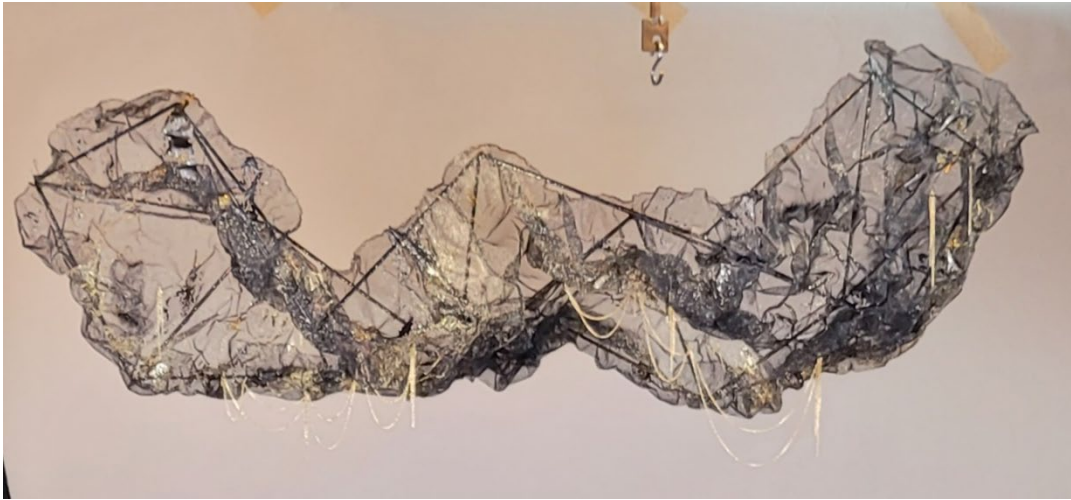
Academic Division 1 – Chino Valley Center Horticulture

- **Justin Brereton**, Professor of Agribusiness, shared photos from the Annual 8th-grade Agriculture promotion day at the Cooper Farm connecting students to a dual credit pathway.



Academic Division 3 – Visual Arts

- **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** **Rita Toikka**, Welded Sculpture Instructor, says registration for her Fall 2024 Sculpture: Welded Metal opened on April 15th. "Teaching all levels in the same class period helps to create a welcoming sense of community among the students. I love helping each student achieve their artistic goals. Everyone is unique, and I work hard to ensure each student gets a lot of hands-on, personalized attention and training. My classes fill up quickly so register early to secure your spot. Reach out to me at rita.toikka@yc.edu with any questions. Here are a few examples from students working this semester!"



- **Ben McKee**, 3D Design Instructor, reports students have been using a piece of software called Gravity Sketch in a Visual Reality (VR) project. Gravity Sketch allows students to blend 3D sketching along with geometric and freeform 3d modeling to create diverse designs ranging from traditional sculptures, fashion designs, and architectural visualizations all rendered and explorable in VR. Their work and experiences have highlighted a practical and fun application of new VR technology and equipment in art education and design.



- **Dr. Bryan Robertson**, 2D Visual Arts Instructor, says every spring, Yavapai College's Visual Arts Department throws open its doors to aspiring high school painters, sculptors, printmakers, woodworkers and metal and digital artists. The event called "Experience the Arts" allows students to test their instincts, challenge their expressive powers, and leave with a personal project or two, and a deeper appreciation of the arts. This year, Art Department faculty and staff guided 94 students from area High Schools in several artistic disciplines, including single-plate printmaking, acrylic painting technique, jewelry-making and lapidary, and wood veneer. Using an iPad, the students created moving images, Raku pottery, a collaborative exploration of surrealistic creativity, and sculpture with found objects.



Academic Division 3 – Professional Programs

- **Dr. Tiffany Kragnes** attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting March 19-24th held in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Kragnes moderated two panels: AI and ChatGPT: Promises and Pitfalls and The Good, Bad and Ugly, Part II, a continuation of last year's discussion on how to teach in a world of misinformation and disinformation. Dr. Kragnes was elected Vice Chair of the Teaching, Learning and Scholarship section, and will move into the Chair position at next year's annual meeting held in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Kragnes is also on the Program Committee for the Community Colleges section.



- **Dr. Tara O'Neill**, Early Childhood Education Professor, attended the Celebrate the Young Child Conference Shaping the Future Together on Saturday, March 23rd to promote Yavapai College Early Childhood Education programs pictured below.



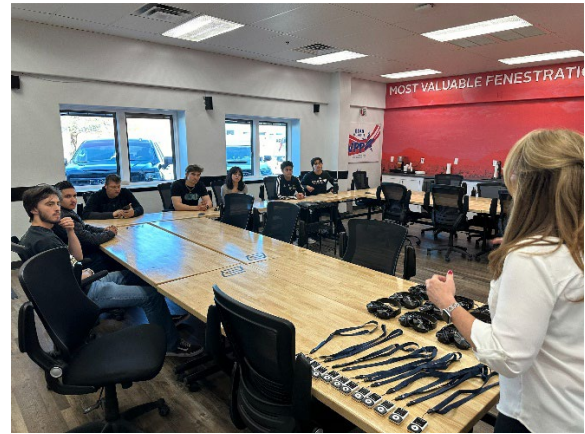
Division 3 - Business



- Yavapai College's Future Business Leaders of America (Collegiate) participated in their first State Leadership Conference on March 23, 2024, at Arizona State University. The chapter competed in a wide range of business/finance scenario and performance-based events with students from colleges and universities across the state which included Arizona State University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, East Arizona College, and Phoenix College. The team studied and prepared quite well as they had a fantastic finish with (2) 1st place finishes, (1) 2nd place finish, and (2) 3rd place finishes. Yavapai College was selected to host the 2025 State Leadership Conference at our beautiful campus in Prescott, Arizona.



- The BSA131 Intro to Business students had the opportunity to meet key leaders at a local manufacturer, MI Windows and Doors. They were able to see production and manufacturing operations firsthand. Topics discussed were world class operations, safety, key performance indicators, and how they are important in business. Production managers and operational leaders spoke about motivating employees and teamwork. The students enjoyed the visit and seeing a successful local business in operation.



Academic Division 3 – Administration of Justice

- **Jerald Monahan** and **Brandelyn Andres** facilitated the Northern Arizona Thriving Families conference on Thursday and Friday, April 4th and 5th (8am-5pm both days) at Yavapai College Jim and Linda Lee Performing Arts Center. This conference featured the protective factors framework for professionals and community members alike to prevent child maltreatment and child abuse while strengthening families. It was sponsored by the YC Justice Institute and Prevent Child Abuse Arizona.

NORTHERN ARIZONA THRIVING FAMILIES CONFERENCE

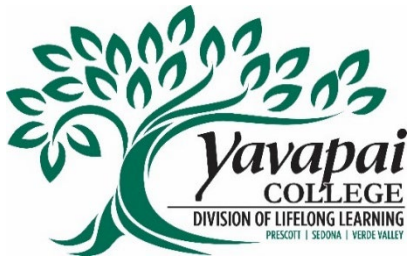


Instructional Support – Online Educational Resources (OER)

- Yavapai College co-hosted with Maricopa Community College District the 6th annual Arizona **Regional** OER Conference on February 29-March 1. The [virtual conference](#) consisted of two keynote talks, two panel discussions, and over 30 concurrent breakout sessions. The conference was well attended with over 200 participants from across the state and the country. **Dr. Doug Berry** set the stage with an inspirational welcome on day one. **Megan Crossfield**, Manager of Academic Initiatives at YC and the current OERizona Board President, also announced sustainability plans by leveraging the Open Textbooks for Rural Arizona federal grant. Plans include a [formal rebrand and website](#), a [statewide shared OER repository](#), a statewide community of practice email group, and formalizing the network's structure to include official board members and institutional representatives. The OERizona Network will be kicking off this new structure with an in-person leadership summit scheduled to take place June 5-6 at
- The Library employees are doing an immersive learning training at the Southwest Wine Center in preparation for the Center for Learning and Innovation fall 2024 opening.



Division of Lifelong Learning



- OLLI at Yavapai College Persian Programs – La Verne University President, Pardis Mahdavi, visited the Prescott Campus and the Sedona Center as she discussed the history of Persian horse women. *Book of Queens Presentation in Prescott with LaVerne University President Pardis Mahdavi.*



In partnership with the Sedona School of Culinary, OLLI members and friends were treated to a Persian New Year Dinner and a Cultural Presentation.



- **Spring Term 2024** – Classes began April 1 in Prescott, Verde Valley, and Sedona.



- OLLI students in Prescott and Sedona/Verde Valley may participate in weekly lunch time Munch and Learn programs via Zoom or in person. Prescott and Sedona/Verde Valley locations are hosting three programs each. The first speaker for the Spring Term Munch and Learn was **Provost Doug Berry!**



- Verde Valley/Sedona Community Education Winter/Spring '24 Recap:



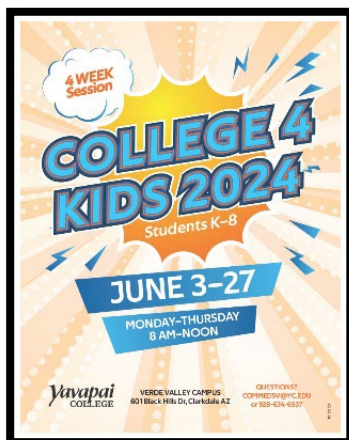
New exciting courses for the term: Argentine Tango, Digital Photography, Lifeguarding in collaboration with the Cottonwood Rec Center, Wine, Easels, and Eats event in partnership with the Sedona School of Culinary.



- Community Education participated in the Cottonwood Rec Center's Rec Expo promoting Community Education classes and College for Kids.



- College for Kids (C4K) Verde Summer 2024 includes 26 classes with a mix of academic and enrichment courses for Grades K-8.
 - C4K partners with Cottonwood Oak Creek School District for this year's program.
 - C4K implements an Ambassador's Program for students from COCSD who alumni of C4K. Ambassadors assist with the program in exchange for taking classes tuition-free.
 - C4K meets with community partners to discuss and promote the program. Pictured below are Danielle Ave, Youth Services Supervisor, and Jamie Shea, Library Manager, of Cottonwood Public Library.



- College for Kids (C4K) Prescott Summer 2024 registration is now open!
 - To view the Prescott C4K class listing, go to www.yc.edu/c4k
 - Scholarships are available through a generous donation from the JW Kieckhefer Foundation: [Prescott College for Kids Scholarship Application SU24](#)



- Prescott College for Kids Partners with Town of Prescott Valley Youth Library this Summer to offer 11 classes at the PV Public Library for the Tween YOUiversity program.

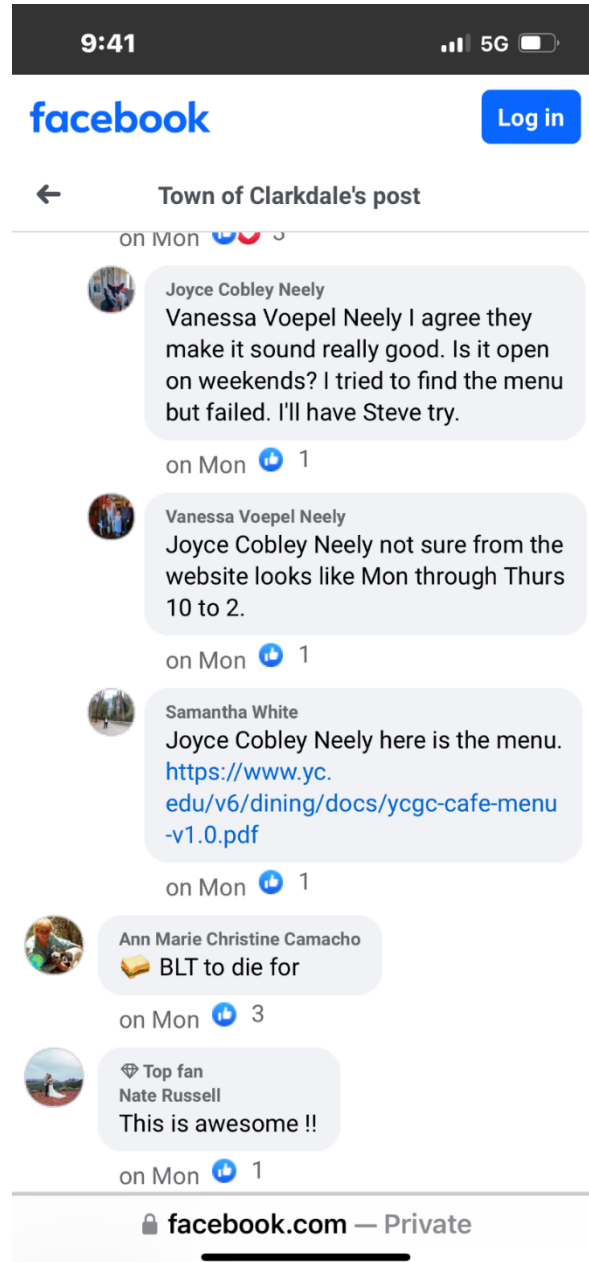
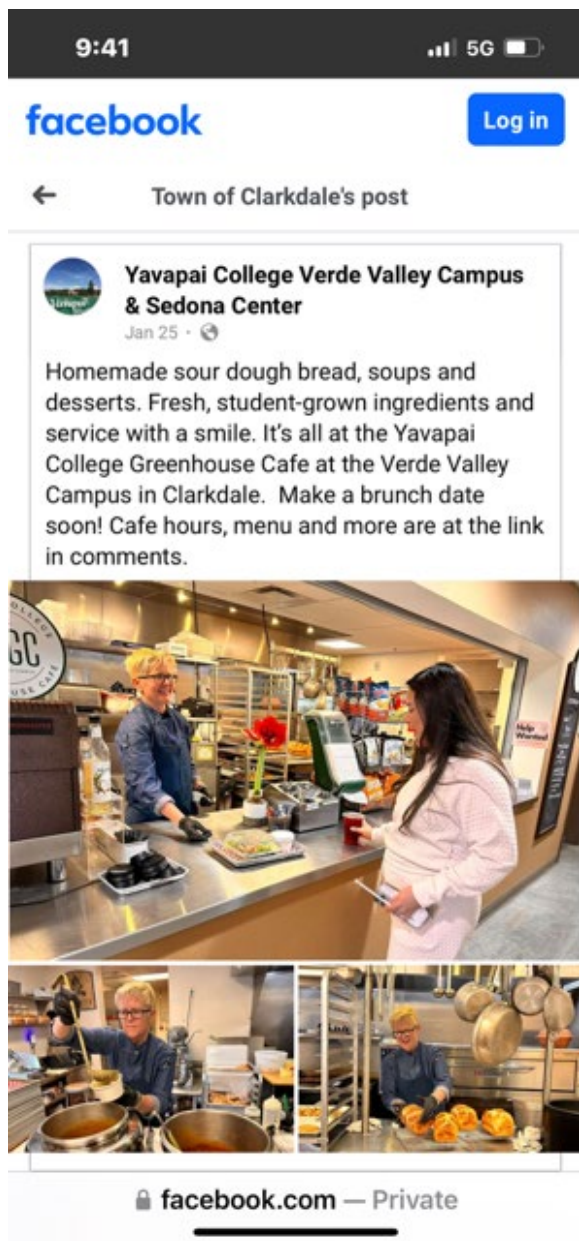


- Tween YOUiversity is made possible by grant funding from the Arizona State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- Tween YOUiversity is open to everyone with priority to low-income, home-school, and under-served/ marginalized families and tweens in the tri-city and surrounding areas for a free scholarship: [PV Library Tween YOUiveristy Scholarship Application SU24](#)

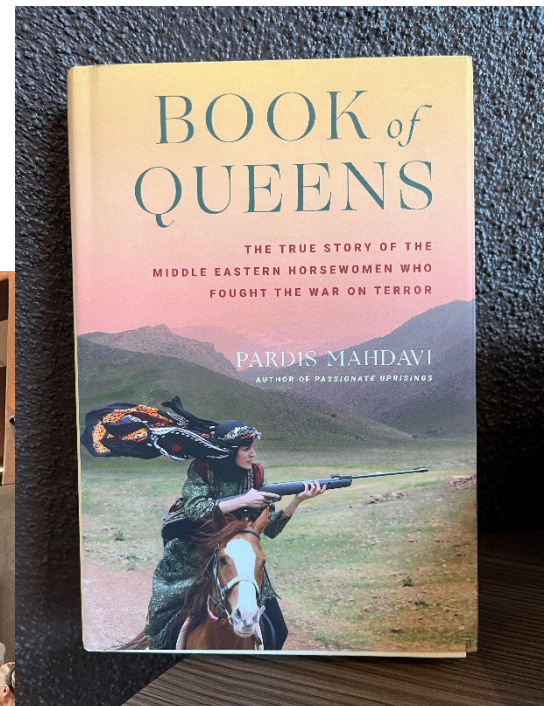
- Adult CommEd registration opened on Wednesday, April 10.
 - CommEd schedule is available online at: www.yc.edu/commed
 - Offering many new courses this summer:
 - Automotive Maintenance for Non-Mechanics
 - Keep Calm and Log On: A Self-Defense Course for Online Life
 - Creating a Backyard Habitat
 - Growing a Combo Patio Planner
 - Qigong for Better Sleep!
 - Dream Interpretation for Personal Growth
 - Faculty and Staff receive a 50% discount on tuition. Call 928-717-7755 to register.

Verde Valley Campus

Feedback from social media for the Yavapai College Greenhouse Café (YCGC):



- The Culinary Arts Program had a highly successful month in March. The Sedona School of Culinary (SSC) offered 8 regularly *scheduled* classes and 2 private classes. One of those private classes was for the OLLI program. The SSC Chef's offered an amazing experience which included many delectable Persian food menu items that celebrated the culture of the book, **Book of Queens**. The event was sold out and they hope to offer another cultural dinner in partnership with OLLI in the fall.



- The YC Mini class in February for the Clarkdale-Jerome elementary school was focused on electrical safety, electrical basics and solar panel generation. The students learned about electrical safety, how solar power is produced, and how series and parallel circuits work in solar panels. The students participated in building series and parallel circuits using small AA batteries. The students also measured small solar panels power using a multimeter. Some of the students even tried the VR training we offer here at Yavapai College. YC HVAC instructor **James Morales** taught the class.

Additional Mini Classes scheduled:

- Law Enforcement
- Phlebotomy



- The horticulture students spent the spring planting and growing a variety of snapdragons, stock and violas. These flowers are used for the table arrangements in the Sedona School of Culinary classes. The irises are blooming, and bouquets will be for sale in the Verde Greenhouse Café Market.





Viticulture and Enology

- Southwest Wine Center and Friends of the Southwest Wine Center hosted the Yavapai College Foundation's Founders Appreciation event in March, celebrating the founders, students and award-winning wines. The Southwest Wine Center was founded in 2009. This event was catered by the Yavapai College Greenhouse Café.



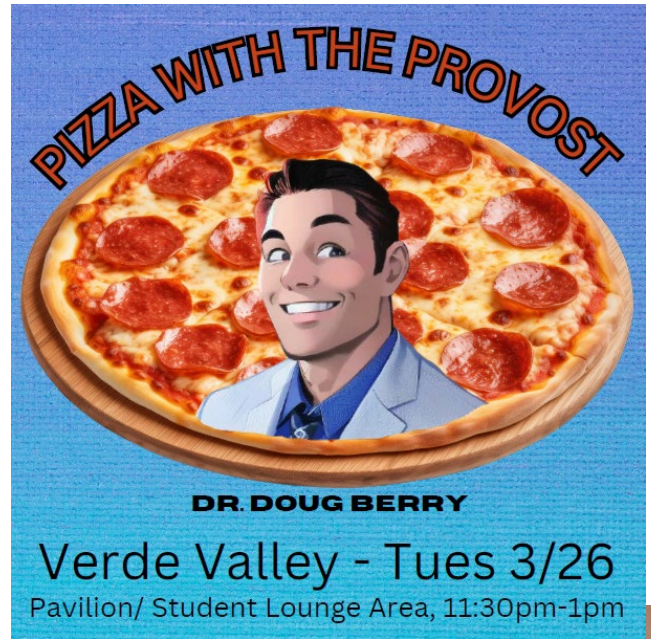
- The Emerging Winemakers Competition & Symposium event took place on Saturday, April 13th. Since 2018, the Competition has been held at the Yavapai College Campus in Clarkdale, Arizona. It is organized and conducted by the Yavapai College Gran Crew composed of viticulture and enology students/alumni. This community event is supported by the Friends of the Southwest Wine Center and the Verde Wine Consortium. Amazing wine styles have come from this event.



- A new bottle labeler is on its way! Did you know that the students design their own labels for their production? They can also enter their unique label designs in the Emerging Winemakers Competition & Symposium in April for award recognition.

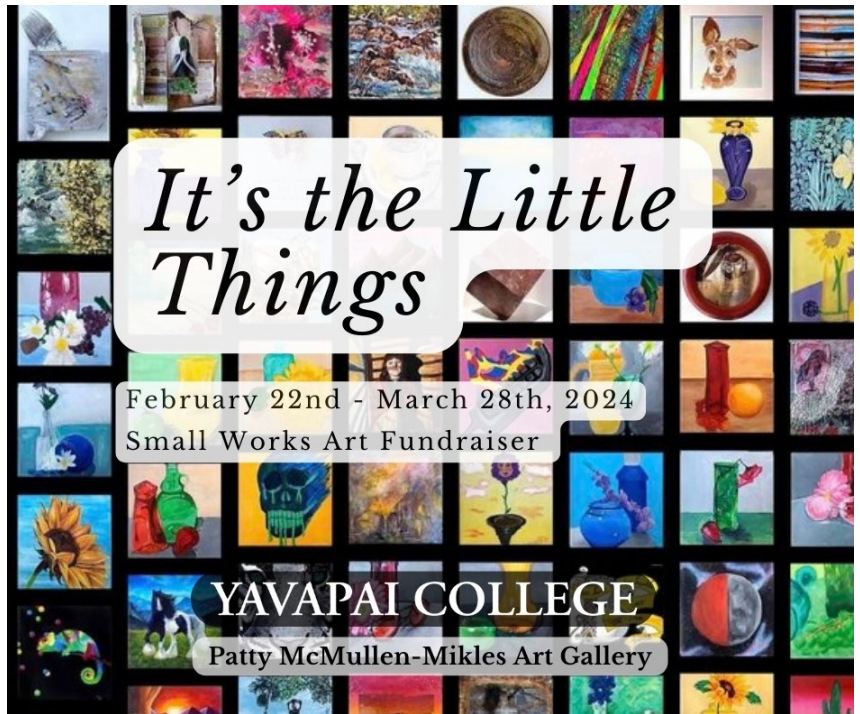


- Recent events on the Verde Valley Campus included Pizza with the Provost on March 26th. Dr. Doug Berry provided a safe, comfortable space for students to hang out and enjoy music and free pizza. There was a good turnout despite some very wet weather. The students were very comfortable interacting with Provost Berry.



Patty McMullen-Mikles Art Gallery
It's the Little Things Small
Works Art Fundraiser

- Small Works Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Patty McMullen-Mikles Art Gallery. Artists of all mediums and styles came together to support the Visual Arts Scholarship Fund in this unique exhibition. Participating artists were from Yavapai College, Made in Clarkdale, Mingus Union High School and El Valle Artists' Association. With a maximum size of 8 inches, these small works aim to make a big impact.



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Ceramic Mixed Media Sculpture

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CACTUS AND POLLINATOR

8 x 8 Canvas Mixed Media

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