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Important dates

Prescott Campus Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8 am - 5pm

Last day for student
initiated withdrawal
10/14/2012

Spring Schedule
available for viewing
on-line
11/1/2012

Registion
for continuing students
begins
11/13/2012
at 7:00 am

Registion
for new students
begins
11/19/2012
at 7:00 am

Please turn in your
Benefits Request Form
by 12/1/2012
So it can be processed before
the winter break

Fall regular semester ends
12/10/2012

Final grades due
12/14/2012

Your College Success Team

by Sandra Aldrich

College is challenging. It's a time to learn new skills, apply old skills in a new environment, get outside your comfort zone, stretch your mind and realize your true potential in life.

Your success benefits the community and the entire nation and we need everything you have to offer.

College is a mission. You wouldn't think of setting out on a mission without your weapon, your survival gear and your team. Don't try to go it alone. Don't just tough it out. Let us be part of your team now. Your team at Yavapai College includes our staff, faculty and individuals at various state and federal agencies with expertise in everything from transition counseling to job placement. Make those services accessible by getting to know the people who can assist you.

**Sandra Aldrich – Yavapai College
Veterans Services Coordinator**
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www.yc.edu/veterans

We don't just certify your enrollment. We help you get the most out of your Veterans Education Benefits and all the other services the college and the community has to offer. Veterans tell me they don't even know what questions to ask because they don't know what benefits and resources are available to them. Take a few minutes to read our Veterans Services webpage. Check out the frequently asked questions for ideas and information.

Download the Benefits Booklet at

www.va.gov and review the entire list of benefits available to you as a military veteran and to your dependents.

For example, did you know that if you have a service connected disability you may be entitled to VA Vocational Rehabilitation Education benefits? If you have a 100% service connected disability, your dependents may also be eligible for Survivors and Dependents Assistance? Certain veterans may be reimbursed for travel costs when traveling for approved VA medical care. The VA maintains multiple Health Registries

Looking for a quiet Place to sit and reflect?

Checkout the Sculpture Garden.

It is located just west of building 15

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Tri-Cities

Fall

Events

GREAT WEB-SITES FOR AREA EVENTS

FOR PRESCOTT

www.prescott.com
www.cityofprescott.net
www.prescott.org

FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY

www.pvchamber.org
www.pvaz.net

CHINO VALLEY

www.chinovalley.org

HIGHLIGHTS FOR October PRESCOTT

6/30
Farmer's Market
Saturday
7am - noon
Through Oct 27th
Yavapai College parking lot

10/19
The Wonderschlautt
Bike Festival
"a family event"
402 West Goodwin St.
Prescott

10/26 - 10/27
Prescott Ghost Talk
Prescott Center for the Arts
6 pm & 7:30 pm
call
445-3286
for more info

11/20/2012
Holiday Ball Benefit
for
Yavapai College Honors Program
at the
Prescott Resort
\$50 per person
\$350 per table
Cocktails 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 - 11:00 pm

HIGHLIGHTS FOR October PRESCOTT Valley

10/12
Border to Border
Trails & Tales
"a celebration of
the great outdoors
in Arizona"
7 pm - 9 pm
7401 E. Civic Circle

10/26
The Prescott Valley
Library
"Parents night out"
The library invites parents to
sign their children up
ages 7 - 11
for an evening of
Halloween fun
\$3 per child
space limited to
12 children

HIGHLIGHTS FOR October Chino Valley

Chino Valley
Farmer's Market
Thursday
3 - 6pm
through Oct. 18th
Bonfire Grill Restaurant
parking lot

9/29 - 10/28
Freeman Farms
Annual Pumpkin Festival
9 am - 5 pm
every Saturday & Sunday
pumpkins, food
equestrian events
hay rides
family events
Road 3 South & Road 1 East

Quotes

*"To be yourself in a world
that is constantly trying to
make you something else
is the greatest
accomplishment"*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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to identify possible diseases resulting from service in certain areas including the Gulf War, depleted uranium, Agent Orange and ionizing radiation. The Benefits Booklet is filled with information but you have to read it. Once you know what is available, ask your team to secure the benefits you earned.

Academic Advising
928.776.2106 Prescott area
928.634.6510 Verde area
Email: advising@yc.edu
www.yc.edu/advising

Your Academic Advisor can help you make decisions about your education and career goals, adjust to college life, develop an educational plan and provide support throughout your enrollment. Remember, only classes that are required for your declared degree or certificate are eligible for Veterans Education Benefits. Avoid benefit delays by staying on track toward your degree with regular visits and communication with your Academic Advisor.

Registration for Spring 2013 is less than two weeks away. There are only 24 Yavapai College business days between the opening of Spring 2013 registration and winter break. Plan ahead to be sure you are registered and your enrollment is certified before January 2013. Make an academic advising appointment now to resolve any questions and be sure you are ready to register on November 13th at 7AM.

"Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions."

Oliver Wendell Homes Sr.

Jeffrey Timm - Arizona
Department of Veterans Affairs, Benefits Counselor
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Jeff assists veterans with the many benefits outlined in the Benefits Booklet available at www.va.gov. He often helps OEF, OIF veterans prepare, submit and follow up on service connected disability claims. Jeff has also been a student at Yavapai College. He refers questions about education benefits to the school but he understands the challenges of attending college after military services, transitioning to civilian life and juggling the demands of work, school and family.



James Ramm - DES Employment Administration/ Veterans Program, Veterans Unit Supervisor (LVER) Veterans Business Services Representative
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www.azjobconnection.gov

Jim is retired United States Navy and your representative at the Department of Economic Security. He and his staff can assist you with resume writing, military MOS translation to civilian jobs, job placement and coaching. Did you know that there are tax incentives for hiring an unemployed veteran? Jim does and he will be sure your perspective employer knows too.

I recently asked Jim when a student should begin their job search. His answer was "now." You should always be looking for your next job. Don't wait until you

are about to graduate to plan your transition from college to career. Jim conducts monthly job search workshops at DES offices in the quad-cities. Even if you plan to relocate after graduation, take advantage of Jim's nationwide network and prepare your job search materials and strategy before you relocate. Learn what you need to know to land that dream job.



Robert Fields - Prescott
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www.vetcenter.va.gov

Vet Centers offer a wide range of services to help combat veterans successfully transition to civilian life. You've earned these benefits and there is no cost to you or your family members. Services include individual and group counseling for veterans and their families, family counseling for military related issues, military sexual trauma counseling and referral, substance abuse assessment and referral and screening and referral for medical issues including TBI and depression. Vet Centers are community based facilities with veterans helping veterans.

"Be sure to laugh at yourself, because people really are funny."

Your College Success Team



Derik Yellowhair - Veterans Upward Bound Advisor

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www.yc.edu/VUB

Veterans often put off continuing their education because of fear. The Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) staff is here to help you conquer your academic fears and successfully navigate the educational process. Veterans Upward Bound will assess your academic skills. Through counseling, mentoring, tutoring and classes in core subject areas like English, math and computer skills the program helps you develop your basic knowledge into the college level academic and technical skills needed for acceptance and success in college. There is a relaxed, cooperative atmosphere and lots of interaction with other veterans. Eligibility criteria apply.



Andrew Meyers- Veteran Connection Club

Phone: 928-717-7688

www.yc.edu/clubs

Get in touch with other Yavapai College veterans and military organizations through the Veteran

Connection. The club promotes personal and professional development of students, veterans (including active, retired, or drilling status service members), veteran's families, and any supporter of the United States Military branches through learning opportunities, networking, and volunteerism.



Robb Ferguson – Yavapai College Disability Resources Coordinator

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Email: disabilityresources@yc.edu

www.yc.edu/disability

Have you ever asked yourself these questions: Can someone take notes for me? Is it possible to arrange longer testing time? Are there adaptive computers I can use? Are there alternative textbooks? Have you ever said "I know I can do this. I just need some special help."

Yavapai College Disability Resources provides services at no charge for students with disabilities ranging from mobility needs, hearing or vision impairment, to learning disabilities. We ensure that qualified students with disabilities have equal access and reasonable accommodations in all Yavapai College academic programs and activities. Disability Resources at Yavapai College supports disability and accessibility awareness and promotes a welcoming environment to all.

The Disability Resources office can answer disability-related questions and help you with the accommodation you need to

achieve your best possible college experience.

Yavapai College Learning Center

Prescott campus 928-776-2085

Verde campus 928-634-6562

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www.yc.edu/learningcenter

Ever wonder if other students are struggling with the same material you are? Are you too busy to set up a study group with your classmates? The Learning Center has tutoring available to all students enrolled in academic courses. They offer drop-in tutoring, tutor lead study groups, online tutoring, rooms to study with classmates, study skills tips, workshops and a computer lab with tutoring available. If you decide you need individual tutoring, your Veterans Education Benefits may help pay the cost. Don't suffer through a difficult class. Seek help at the Learning Center.

Quotes

"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it."

Buddy Hackett

"Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes."

Jim Carrey

"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please."

Mark Twain

Quotes

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts”

Winston S. Churchill

“I don’t know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone.”

Bill Cosby

“Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.”

Aristotle

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Hybrid Courses

Most classes meet on campus twice a week for 1.5 hours. Hybrid courses meet on campus only once a week and the remaining class hours are online. This is a great option for students who have never taken an online class. The hybrid format gives you the opportunity to try the online part of a class knowing that you will have a regular class once a week. Hybrid classes are considered “distance” classes for Post 9/11 benefits. If your entire class schedule is hybrid and online classes, you will only receive the online monthly housing allowance. That is currently \$673.50 for full time enrollment.

Short Semester Classes

Please review the information about short format classes from our 2011-2012 Winter Newsletter at www.yc.edu/veterans when you are selecting classes for next semester. If you have any questions about a short format class, please contact Yavapai College Veterans Services Office at va.services@yc.edu or call 928-717-7613.

Change to VA Payment Schedule

Effective July 31, 2012, your Post 9/11 textbook allowance will not be paid until fourteen days prior to the first day of your certified term at the earliest.

Charging your textbooks at the Yavapai College Bookstore

The textbook charge option for student veterans receiving veterans’ education benefits will be available from January 2, 2013 through January 18, 2013. If you have a late start class, you will be able to charge your textbooks again beginning January 28, 2013.

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www.yc.edu/veterans

Quotes

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.”

Mark Twain

“To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all”

Oscar Wilde

As a veteran, you have already given so much. In the military, you did everything that was asked of you. You learned things that you want to keep with you for the rest of your life. You also learned things you may be struggling to forget.

Now is the time to redefine yourself and discover new ways to serve. Not content to return home and settle comfortably into civilian life, you study for a career that allows you to continue your service in new and different ways.

In the meantime, how do you continue your life of service? Perhaps you jumped into college without taking the time to reconnect with your family, your community and your country after years away. For now, your service may be giving

your family the time and attention they were denied throughout your years in the military.

But there is another way to serve that doesn't involve taking time away from family or joining a new organization.

Do you remember your first holiday away from family or a summer, winter, spring or autumn season that was so different from what you remember growing up? New foods, new people, and new responsibilities.

At college, there is always a student feeling lonely and discouraged. It may be a young student away from home for the first time, an older student retraining for a new career, someone recovering from the loss of a loved one or another veteran adjusting to civilian life. As a veteran,

you can relate to all these students.

Every veteran can relate to feelings of isolation and uncertainty. Every veteran had to overcome those feelings to carry on and do their job. Who better able to offer support and advice to another college student than a veteran? Your warmth and encouragement may be just the thing to lift someone's spirit and give them the motivation to try one more time.

We don't often get the chance to make a grand gesture. But there are opportunities for small kindnesses every day. The small things we do add up to very big things if each of us finds a way to serve someone every day without fail.

Veterans Day

Every year at this time, I am reminded that Veterans Day began as Armistice Day to commemorate the end to fighting in World War I and the great hope for lasting world peace.

In November 1919, President Wilson designated November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

After World War II and Korea, veteran's organizations asked that the day be renamed to honor

veterans of all wars. In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day.

Regardless of your personal feelings about the necessity of any particular war, I hope we can all agree that peace is a better state of being for people and the planet, in our personal lives and globally. So many other world problems could be solved if the effort, resources and time humans spend on war could be redirected to overcoming other global challenges.

This does not diminish the important sacrifice made by men and women serving their country. Rather it underscores that it is a sacrifice. Among their many sacrifices, service persons and their families sacrifice what they could have accomplished and who they could have become if the world was at peace. Some sacrifice their very lives.

The rest of us are free to pursue our dreams because someone else made that sacrifice.

"WHEN THE POWER OF LOVE OVERCOMES THE LOVE OF POWER, THE WORLD WILL KNOW PEACE"

JIMI HENDRIX

'Remembrance Day National Roll Call'- nationwide grass-roots effort to honor American service men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past decade.

Friday 11-09-2012

Reading begins at 7:30 AM and continues until the last name is read.

Prescott Campus - Circle adjacent the Library

Verde campus - In the Pavilion

We need volunteers to read the names at 15-minute intervals throughout the day. Please call Bob Hoskovec 928-776-2148 to volunteer.