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Department Updates

August 15: Convocation

August 16: **Automotive Grand Opening** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CCC Kaibab Campus

1131 W Kaibab Lane Flagstaff, AZ 86001 **August 25: Fall Courses Start**

August 25-28: Welcome Week

Student Services Academic Affairs

Student Services Leadership Retreat

Student Services program leaders stepped away from campus for a day in July for their first Student Services

Leadership Retreat. This annual event will create an opportunity for these leaders to reflect on the past year, review what is currently happening, and set goals for where they hope to grow. These leaders span many vital resources at CCC: Advising, Registration & Enrollment Services, Disability

Resources, High School Programs, Tutoring, TRIO Student Support Services, Strengthening Indigenous Student Success, Financial Aid & Veteran Affairs, Athletics, and Student Life.



Construction Bond Coconino Community College is

placing a \$100 million capital construction bond on the November 4, 2025 ballot. This is the first capital bond

request by the college in 25 years. The bond will support projects in Flagstaff, Page, and Williams, all aimed at expanding access, updating facilities, and meeting critical workforce needs. To address questions from the community, Dr. Heizer is hosting several **Bond Information Sessions to discuss** the bond's purpose and impact. Please join us for an upcoming session!

Tuesday, September 16 9:00 a.m. | Lone Tree Campus 5:30 p.m. | Fourth Street Campus Thursday, October 16 9:00 a.m. | Lone Tree Campus

5:30 p.m. | Lone Tree Campus



Over the past two years, Kay Leum,

Dean of Extended Learning, has

collaborated with the Northern Arizona Good Jobs Network (NAGJN) grant, funded by the Governor's Office and administered by Local First Arizona. This regional effort brings together four Northern Arizona community colleges,

five counties, and workforce

development partners to implement

grant initiatives. Coconino Community College (CCC) is now entering the final phase of the grant, which runs through June 30, 2026. CCC is using \$1.18 million in phasethree funding to expand its Automotive Technology program at the new Kaibab Campus and to launch a non-credit RV Maintenance Technician training program in partnership with the RV Technical Institute. Offered in both Flagstaff and Page, the program prepares students to service the "house" systems of RVs. In addition,

CCC's Small Business Development

Center (SBDC) staff will guide Auto and

RV students in business fundamentals,

By aligning hands-on training with real

industry demand, these programs not

only equip students with valuable skills

including mobile business start-ups.

but also strengthen the regional economy and meet the growing need for qualified technicians across Northern Arizona. KinderCamp Teal Tickets This summer marks the second year Coconino Community College has

partnered with United Way of Arizona to

program designed by United Way of AZ to help young learners, especially those with limited or no preschool experience,

bring the Teal Ticket to KinderCamp

KinderCamp is a free, four-week

build confidence and prepare for

kindergarten. As part of the program, students had a visit from Coco the

Comet where they read Coco and the Teal Ticket, a story about dreaming big,

students!

celebrates the incredible achievements of our students who completed the

Summer Nursing Assistant

Congratulations to our Summer Nursing

Graduates

Assistant Graduates! Coconino Community College

Summer Nursing Assistant program. These future healthcare professionals are on their way to careers in nursing, physician assistant studies, and more. We're so proud of their dedication, compassion, and commitment to learning and we can't wait to see the positive impact they'll have in our communities.



welcoming Maya Lanzetta as the

new Lead Faculty for **Mathematics** and Accounting. While Maya has taught full-time at CCC for over Senate President for two years.

Join us in



New AIS Classes this Fall This fall, Jonathan Nez, former President of the Navajo Nation, will be offering two engaging courses at CCC: AIS 101: Introduction to Applied Indigenous

Studies and AIS 201: Roots of Federal Indian Policy. The courses will be offered at both the Lone Tree Campus in

Flagstaff and the Page Center. We're thankful to former President Nez sharing his first-hand expertise and wisdom on these subjects. **New Kaibab Campus** We're excited to announce that our **Automotive Technology Certification** training is getting an upgrade this fall.

art training equipment including challenger lifts, a hunter alignment

Courses will take place at our new 10,500 square foot Kaibab Campus

featuring four bays and state-of-the-

rack, and coats tire machines. We're gearing up for the Automotive Training Facility grand opening, and you're invited! Join us Saturday, August 16 at our new Kaibab Campus for a ribbon cutting, facility tours, live music, games, and food. We hope to see you there!



Many are already serving their

communities, and now they've

Congratulations to all!

advanced their life-saving skills as

reflects a deep commitment to both

certified paramedics. This achievement

professional growth and public service.

imagining their future, and the teal ticket. The Teal Ticket represents our shared

college that starts with CCC tuition-free after high school, and leads all the way to with NAU with the Gold Ticket. Together, we're planting seeds of possibility—one KinderCamper at a time.

commitment to removing barriers to

education, paving a clear path to

Fourth of July Parade

CCC celebrated the Fourth of July by

floating through the annual Flagstaff

Fourth of July Parade! It was a fun-filled

morning of tossing candy and blowing

bubbles alongside Dr. Heizer and Coco.

Even Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam joined

in the patriotic festivities. Thank you to everyone who cheered us on. Being part of local traditions like this is what

Celebrating **Excellence** NIRSA Staff Recognition

NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation

recognition with Coconino Community

recently shared a formal note of

Student Life & Engagement

NIRSA Assembly.

well-earned honor!

In case you

missed it...

College, honoring Sarah Heemstra,

during the 2024-2025 term on the

Coordinator, for her volunteer service

Sarah's contributions reflected innovation, collaboration, and a deep commitment to student well-being and success. Her involvement not only enriched the field of collegiate recreation but also brought valuable insight and experience back to CCC.

We are proud of Sarah's leadership and

grateful to NIRSA for recognizing her impact. Congratulations, Sarah, on this

6th Annual Golf Tournament CCC proudly participated in the 6th Annual Golf Tournament hosted by the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra and the Rotary Club of Flagstaff at the beautiful

Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club on Monday,

opportunity to support two incredible

local organizations while escaping the

July 14. This was a fun and fantastic



ITS Make sure to check out the latest issue



Community Education Comet Walk This July's Community Education Comet Walk brought back a popular experience from last summer with a fresh perspective. Led once again by historian Tom Martin, the walk began in



Tusayan at a replica of the iconic boat that explorer John Wesley Powell might have used during his trip through the Grand Canyon. From there, participants were guided to the National Park Service archives and boat storage facility at the South Rim, where they delved deeper into the region's exploration history and preservation

summer heat.

efforts.

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