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Student Services

Welcome Week

The spring semester began on a high note as Student Life welcomed students back to campus with the Comet Block Party and Resource Fair. These events helped students get connected right away, setting a positive tone for the term. The first week of classes was filled with food, activities, and meaningful opportunities to build community.



Games Club

We wrapped up our January events by bringing back Game Night with the Games Club! This event is always a fun, low-pressure way for students to connect—whether they're into trending titles, classic board games, retro favorites, or anything in between. It's one of our best "icebreakers," helping new friendships form over a game board or a controller. A huge thank-you to the Games Club for creating such a welcoming space for students to come together!

Community Connections

Coconino SBDC

The Coconino SBDC participated in Moonshot Rocket Fuel and My Generative AI Attorney this month, engaging with entrepreneurs focused on innovation, technology, and business growth. SBDC staff attended to support small business owners, strengthen relationships within the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem, and stay informed about emerging tools shaping business operations. This participation reinforces the SBDC's commitment to connecting clients with relevant resources and collaborative opportunities that support sustainable business development.

Community Education

This month, CCC Community Education launched a new course in partnership with the Flagstaff non-profit, Threaded Together. The course, Learn to Use Your Sewing Machine, filled up quickly and will be offered on six Wednesday evenings. Participants bring their sewing machines to class, learn to use them, and will complete small, functional projects in each class.



District Governing Board

At the January District Governing Board meeting, President Heiser welcomed Steve Peru, chair of the Yes on Prop 490 Committee, to present a final report on the bond election. Proposition 490 was approved by voters in November 2025, authorizing \$100 million for CCC facilities and programs in Flagstaff, Williams, and Page. Peru presented the Board with framed Prop 490 campaign signs, and Chair Joey Smith presented a commemorative plaque in recognition of the committee's leadership and service.

ITS

Make sure to check out the latest issue of [IT Happens](#), IT's monthly tech update designed to keep you informed with the latest technology tips, news, and guides!

Academic Affairs

Mathematics

Our own Kathryn Kozak had the opportunity to attend the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington DC in early January. She presented on the NSF grants she has received for Data Science, and she also participated in the MathSci on the Hill event, where there was an opportunity to meet with Arizona Representatives to discuss mathematics funding in education.

EMT Training Course Celebration

Kay Leum, Dean of Extended Learning, with Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department staff and the Fredonia Town Clerk, celebrated the completion of the EMT training course in a casual gathering. David Manning and Robert De Leon taught the Fall 2025 EMS 131 course. Thank you to Volunteer Fire Chief Clayton Johnson and local partners for your contributions to the course!



Accelerated CNA Program

CCC is proud to launch the 3-week Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Certificate program, designed for students seeking a fast, focused entry into the healthcare field. This accelerated program is intentionally demanding, requiring students to balance lectures, skills labs, and hands-on clinical practice within a condensed schedule—preparing them to move quickly and confidently into the workforce.



College Math in Page

MAT 142 (College Math) looks different in Page this spring term, and that difference is making an impact. Students in Page are benefiting from in-person instruction as they work to fulfill their math requirement, a format they consistently prefer and one that is reflected in their academic success. Mark Williams, the course instructor, travels from Flagstaff, to Page each Tuesday to teach the class, demonstrating a strong commitment to student learning. We extend our gratitude to Provost Hinski, Dean Jameson, and Mark for their dedication to supporting our Page students.

Staff Updates

Claudine Taillac

Welcome Claudine Taillac as our new Interim Assistant Director of Admissions & Recruitment! Claudine has been part of the Student Services team since December of 2024, first working in Student Development and most recently in Admissions and Enrollment Services as the Admissions Recruitment Advisor. Her educational background includes a bachelor's degree in English, a master's degree in English with an emphasis in nonfiction prose, and a master's degree in Library and Information Science. Professionally, her background in community colleges includes working at two California community colleges in the TRIO/Upward Bound program and as an English instructor. She also taught in CCC's Adult Education program. Claudine has had an extensive career as an editor and a writer, working locally as the Managing Editor at Northland Publishing, and as a freelance writer logging more than 100 published magazine articles. She and her partner spend their free time outside hiking, backpacking, kayaking, and in the winter cross-country skiing.



Faye Neese

Welcome Faye Neese as our new Interim Admissions Recruitment Advisor "I'm Faye Neese, and I'm excited to be stepping into my new role as an Admissions Recruitment Advisor. I currently work as an Enrollment Specialist, where connecting with students has been the best part of my days. I'm looking forward to meeting our future students and helping them take their next steps."

