

President's Information Report
September 2022

NOTABLE:

NAU has approved its first CCC/NAU collaborative study abroad course titled NAU in Mexico: Language and Culture in Mexico City. This 1-credit course will be led by CCC Faculty Katie Schwartz and will take place August 7-14, 2023, in Mexico City, Mexico. Students will expand their horizons by visiting important cultural and historical sites in the capital city and nearby villages. Students will also use language skills and develop cultural competency through traveling and interacting with locals.

CCC participated in three events for the annual Festival of Science: Science in the Park at Wheeler Park, Microscope Mania at the Fourth Street Campus, and CCC Science Night at the Lone Tree Campus.



The Page Center has its first-ever student club: The Page Indigenous Comet Club. The club has 15 members and is growing! They welcomed new members with a fry bread social that was enjoyed by all! One of the club's first events will be a storytelling session in November, where attendees will be encouraged to share stories about Native American people. The Lake Powell Chronicle recently ran a story on this new student club: <https://lakepowellchronicle.com/>.



TRIO staff offered a professional photo Head Shot day for TRIO Scholars and Tutors. Jessica Laessig, CCC's Communications and Event Coordinator, photographed headshots for 20 TRIO scholars and two tutors. Students appreciated the opportunity, with some quickly adding them to their LinkedIn profiles.

Education Forward Arizona hosted a Community Roundtable in Page at the CCC Page Center. Community leaders and partners interested in the educational progress and attainment in Arizona met together to examine statistics specific to Page. They discussed ways we might be able to move the needle. These essential conversations will continue with the group setting goals and prioritizing one or two areas on which to focus during quarterly meetings.

The CCC Men's and Women's Cross Country team traveled with four coaches and 13 student-athletes to Central Arizona College to compete in the CAMPY Invitational. In the women's 5k race, Hayley Burns earned a runner-up finish in a then school record time of 18:57, and the team as a whole produced the second scoring team in school history. The men's team produced five scoring runners for the first time in school history, with the top finisher being Damon Attakai in 19th with a time of 28:33 which broke our previous school record at the time. The CAMPY Invitational allowed both teams to successfully preview the 2022 ACCAC and Region I Championship courses and environment, as Central Arizona College will host both events on October 29th.

On September 16-18 4 CCC students participated in a three-day Student Leadership Experience at Pine Summit Camp in Prescott, AZ. This annual leadership event was an excellent opportunity for CCC students to connect and develop their leadership skills. At the Student Leadership Experience, each student had the opportunity to complete a True Colors assessment, learn about the importance of voting, and hear about the diverse backgrounds and experiences of community leaders on how to grow personally and professionally as future leaders. In total, more than 250 community college students from around the state attended this event.

PARTNERSHIPS:

The Pathway to the Skies: The CCC/NAU Partnership offers stipend-paid internship opportunities for CCC STEM students enrolled in the CCC2NAU program pursuing STEM degrees. Students are provided frontline research training through a broad mentor pool. The target audience is students who are in their second year at CCC and planning to transition to NAU for their third year of their undergraduate studies. Selected interns gain valuable research experiences working with faculty, research scientists, postdocs, graduate students, and/or other undergraduates. All students supported by this program will be placed in active research groups/labs and have access to all research equipment and material as full participants in their research groups.

The first Habitat for Humanity tiny home with components built by CCC students is nearing completion and applications to purchase it are being accepted through November 1st according to an article by the AZ Daily Sun (https://azdailysun.com/news/local/housing-in-flagstaff-habitat-for-humanity-shifting-focus-to-starter-homes/article_a4d8e7ec-0ea6-11ed-87f5-7732c9a4e310.html).



Recent news from the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA): “The ACA has partnered with community colleges across Arizona to train thousands of production assistants to work in Arizona’s growing film industry. The Production Assistant Certification program is expected to train more than 2,000 production assistants over the next five years, helping attract additional major production projects.” We are pleased that Coconino Community College is one of the partners. We will host a week-long production assistant training at the Lone Tree campus in November, with plans to train in Page in Spring 2023.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

- Home Cross Country Meet at Buffalo Park
- CCC Booth at the Coconino County Fair
- Safety Resource Day
- MEAT and Greet Club Fundraiser Event
- Indigenous Dyeing Workshop
- Constitution Day – A Comparison of Iroquois Constitution vs. US Constitution
- CCC Games Club
- CCC Common Read Book Club – The Community Resilience Reader
- CCC Garden Club – Garden Work Day
- Science Week at CCC
 - Science in the Park
 - Microscope Mania
 - CCC Science Night
- US Boarding School Legacy and “The Road to Healing” Presentation
- Comet Talk: The Greatest Game Every Played
- Associated Latino Student Club Membership Recruitment
- CCC Indigenous Comet Club of Page, AZ Fry Bread Social

CCC IN THE NEWS:

- Oct. 11, 2022, Navajo-Hopi Observer: “Northern Arizona community colleges sign historic agreement to benefit students.” <https://www.nhnews.com/news/2022/oct/11/northern-arizona-community-colleges-sign-historic/>

- Oct. 9, 2022, Flagstaff Business News: “Policing, Affordable Housing, Community College Collaboration: CCC Helping with Community Needs.” <https://www.flagstaffbusinessnews.com/policing-affordable-housing-community-college-collaboration-ccc-helping-with-community-needs/>
- Oct. 5, 2022, Arizona Daily Sun: “Coconino Community College’s Hayley Burns takes top spot during Mesa College Cross Country Jamboree.” https://azdailysun.com/sports/local/coconino-community-colleges-hayley-burns-takes-top-spot-during-mesa-college-cross-country-jamboree/article_a10b12b6-44d4-11ed-9a28-cf4e43d255bb.html
- Oct. 4, 2022, Lake Powell Life: “Community Colleges Sign Historic Partnership.” <https://www.lakepowelllife.com/community-colleges-sign-historic-partnership/>
- Oct. 4, 2022, Kingman Daily Miner: Northern Arizona community colleges sign partnership agreement.” <https://kadminer.com/news/2022/oct/04/northern-arizona-community-colleges-sign-partnersh/>
- Oct. 4, 2022, Lake Powell Chronicle: “Indigenous Club a first for CCC Page.” <https://lakepowellchronicle.com/article/indigenous-student-club-a-first-for-ccc-page>
- Oct. 3, 2022, KNAU: Northern Arizona community college districts form partnership to collaborate and combine resources.” <https://www.knau.org/knau-and-arizona-news/2022-10-03/northern-arizona-community-college-districts-form-partnership-to-collaborate-and-combine-resources>
- Sept. 27, 2022, Arizona Daily Sun: “Housing in Flagstaff: Habitat for Humanity shifting focus to starter homes.” https://azdailysun.com/news/local/housing-in-flagstaff-habitat-for-humanity-shifting-focus-to-starter-homes/article_a4d8e7ec-0ea6-11ed-87f5-7732c9a4e310.html
- Sept. 27, 2022, Navajo-Hopi Observer: “Coconino Board of Supervisors authorizes money for a police academy in Flagstaff.” <https://www.nhnews.com/news/2022/sep/27/coconino-board-supervisors-authorizes-money-police/>
- Sept. 26, 2022, Arizona Daily Sun: “Flagstaff to launch first local police academy in decades, thanks to partnership with CCC.” https://azdailysun.com/news/local/flagstaff-to-launch-first-local-police-academy-in-decades-thanks-to-partnership-with-ccc/article_cb3247ea-3dda-11ed-bbfa-8fd18860cc58.html
- Sept. 16, 2022, Lake Powell Life: “Police academy coming to Flagstaff.” <https://www.lakepowelllife.com/55800-2/>
- Sept. 15, 2022, KNAU: “Coconino supervisors approve funds for Flagstaff police academy.” <https://www.knau.org/knau-and-arizona-news/2022-09-15/coconino-supervisors-approve-funds-for-flagstaff-police-academy>

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Meetings of Interest

9/2 – Met with Trustee Eikenberry
 9/6 – Met with CCCNAU Exploratory Committee
 9/7 – Provided welcome remarks at Foundation’s Student First Breakfast
 9/7 – Interviewed CTE Dean Candidates (3)
 9/7 – Met with Consultant regarding the redevelopment of the Flagstaff Medical Center
 9/7 – Met with Jami and Adriana to review hiring practices and procedures documents
 9/8 – Met with Paul Thomas (NALA)
 9/8 – Met with Michael Merica to review City, County, Faculty, Staff, and Student demographics
 9/9 – Met with Faculty Senate

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9/9 – Met with Rich Bowen regarding the Page P3 project
9/9 – Met with Nate to review the draft HLC faculty credential report
9/12 – Visited Page campus and met Mayor, City Manager, SBDC Director, Trustee Joey, and PUSD superintendent
9/13 – Interviewed candidates for the Director of Budgeting and Payroll
9/13 – Met with Chairman Nat
9/14 – Presented at the Flagstaff Chamber Education and Workforce Division meeting
9/14 – Attended ECoNA meeting
9/15 – Met with Dianna regarding joint Foundation CCC Board meeting
9/15 – Met with Dr. Michael Penca, FUSD Superintendent
9/15 – Met with Dr. Cruz Rivera to discuss the A++ initiative
9/16 – Attended Faculty Assessment retreat at Fourth St. Campus
9/16 – Met with HLC rep to discuss faculty credential rubrics and assessment plans
9/19 – Reviewed faculty credential files
9/20 - Reviewed faculty credential files
9/20 – Met with direct report Dianna
9/21 - Reviewed faculty credential files
9/22 – Met with direct report Tony
9/23 – Attended Trauma-Informed Practices Webinar
9/23 – Met with direct report Jami
9/23 – Met with Nate and Adriana regarding follow-up to faculty credentials
9/26 - Interviewed candidates for the Director of Budgeting and Payroll
9/26 – Met with Jami, Adriana, and Michael to plan for DEI presentation to Board
9/26 – Met with various staff
9/27 – Met with various staff
9/27 – Met with Chairman Nat
9/27 – Met with Nate and Adriana regarding follow-up to faculty credentials
9/28 – Met with Coconino County Supervisor Patrice Horstman and County Manager Steve Peru
9/28 – Met with various staff
9/28 – Met with VP3
9/28 – Met with the Native American Advisory Board
9/28 – Met with Financial Aid regarding non-destructive testing
9/29 – Met with various staff
9/29 – Met with direct report Jami
9/29 – Met with Compensation Committee
9/30 – Met with the Alliance
9/30 – Attended Dr. Cruz Rivera’s Investiture