

Upcoming Events

- April 25:** Palette to Palate
- April 26:** Habitat Community Build Day
- April 28:** Ice Cream Social to Celebrate NISOD Award
- April 29:** Student Life Destress Fest
- April 1:** Seeds of Success: Native American Success Center
- April 29:** Destress Fest Movie Night
- April 30:** Game Club Game Night
- May 1:** Seeds of Success: NASC End of Year Celebration
- May 8:** Nurse Pinning Ceremony
- May 12:** Commencement
- May 13:** Employee Award Ceremony
- May 15:** Detention Academy Graduation

College News

CCC Named a 2025 Most Promising Place to Work

We're thrilled to announce that Coconino Community College has been nationally recognized as a 2025 Most Promising Place to Work in Community Colleges by NISOD and *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*!

This prestigious honor celebrates our commitment to student and employee success, inclusive excellence, and innovative workplace practices. From professional development to flexible work and community engagement—this recognition reflects the incredible collaboration across our college.



Department Updates

Student Services

Coco the Comet's First Birthday Bash

Coco the Comet's FIRST Birthday Bash was a campus-wide celebration! Faculty, staff, and students came together to make the day a success.

Held on March 20 at Lone Tree, the celebration followed the theme One Small Step for Coco, One Giant Leap for Studentkind.

The party continued on March 26, Coco the Comet Day, across all three CCC campuses—Lone Tree, Fourth Street, and Page—with birthday cupcakes for students and employees.

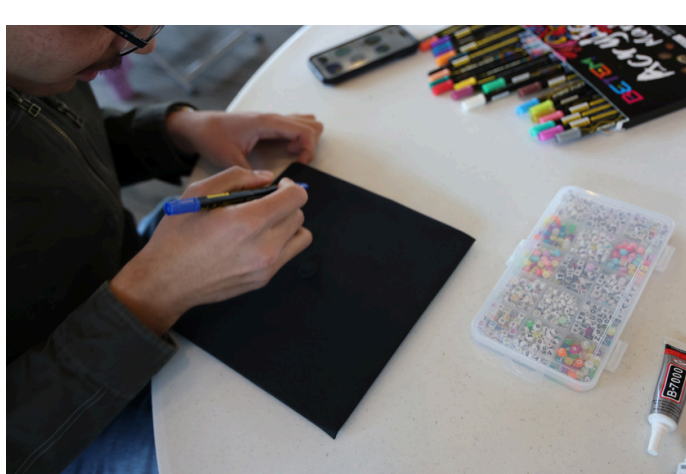
Special thanks to Samantha Hipolito and Sarah Heemstra for their teamwork and leadership in planning such a successful work event for Coco!



Spring Grad Fair and Cap Design Contest

On March 4 and 5, Student Life hosted the Spring Grad Fair and Cap Design Contest to support both graduating and returning CCC students.

Graduates picked up their regalia and got creative with their cap designs, while continuing students received guidance on Foundation Scholarships and FAFSA from our Financial Aid team. The event brought energy and support to students preparing for their next steps.



Matriarch Voices: Indigenous Women Leading

Coconino Community College recently hosted Matriarch Voices: Indigenous Women Leading—an event honoring the leadership and impact of Indigenous women in our communities.

Held on March 31 at the Lone Tree Campus Commons, the event welcomed more than 80 attendees to hear from five remarkable Indigenous women who shared their stories of resilience, leadership, and cultural connection. The event, co-hosted by SISS Peer Mentors and the Marketing Team, provided a powerful platform to uplift Indigenous voices and inspire future leaders.



No Foolin' Around Golf Tournament

The CCC Page No Foolin' Around Golf Tournament took place on Saturday, March 29 at Lake Powell National Golf Course.

This year's event saw a strong turnout, with 112 golfers across 28 teams—making it the largest tournament the course has hosted to date. Known for its lighthearted atmosphere, the tournament included fun course challenges and a variety of prizes.

All proceeds from the event will support students at CCC's Page Center, helping provide continued access to higher education. CCC was well represented with both participants and volunteers contributing to a successful day.

Thank you to everyone who took part in supporting our students and community.



Academic Affairs

Phi Theta Kappa Induction

We proudly inducted 60 high-achieving students into the Beta Gamma Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the official honor society for two-year colleges.

Inductees represent the top 10% of CCC students, each maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The ceremony celebrated not only academic success but also the values that define PTK—leadership, service, and building community.

Congratulations to all our inductees!



Ceramics Students Go to NCECA

In late March, CCC's Ceramics Department traveled to Salt Lake City to attend the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) conference—marking the program's first full-cohort attendance since 2017.

Thirteen students, three lab technicians, and all three ceramics instructors participated in a week of learning that included artist demonstrations, lectures, exhibitions, and networking with graduate programs and global residency opportunities.

Student registration was funded by Palette to Palate, with additional support from Student Life and the Clay Club to help cover travel expenses. The experience brought back fresh inspiration and strengthened student engagement with the ceramic arts.

Faculty Publication: Dr. Aaron Rizzieri

Philosophy faculty member Dr. Aaron Rizzieri has had a new article accepted for publication in the International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion.

Titled "On the Ethics of High Stakes Hide and Seek: A Response to James Beilby," the piece builds on Dr. Rizzieri's earlier work, "How to Make the Problem of Divine Hiddenness Worse." This ongoing scholarly dialogue explores whether the widespread lack of knowledge of God's existence makes it less likely that God exists, as understood in the Judeo-Christian-Islamic tradition.

Business and Industry Advisory Meeting

CCC's annual Business & Industry Advisory Meeting was held at the Fourth Street campus with strong attendance from local professionals and community partners.

The meeting provided valuable feedback on our programs and helped guide curriculum development to align with evolving workforce needs. These partnerships ensure CCC students are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in today's job market.

Thank you to all who contributed their insights and expertise!



In Case You Missed It . . .

In a recent Flagstaff Business News opinion piece, Dr. Eric Heiser highlighted the importance of CTE in Northern Arizona and emphasizes the vital role community colleges play in workforce development, describing CTE as a cornerstone of economic health, providing both the skills and the opportunities that help individuals thrive and communities grow.

Read the full article here: [Career & Technical Education: The Lifeblood of Our Communities](#)

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