



## President's Information Report April 2019

### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

James Clark, Faculty in Allied Health, has been appointed as Treasurer for the Arizona State Society of American Medical Technologists.

In cooperation with the seven other rural community college districts, CCC identified math as a barrier to completion for career and technical education (CTE) students. To address this barrier, CCC applied for and was awarded a grant from the Science Foundation of Arizona. The grant totals \$43,700 over the next three years and will be used encourage collaboration between CTE and Math faculty to develop math modules that utilize examples from the CTE area such as trigonometry in construction and algebra in medical dosing. These modules will then be used as integrated math lessons in CTE classes. Jeff Jones, Dean of Learning, is one of the Principle Investigators for the grant.

Janelle Indian, Human Resources Specialist I, was just awarded a Purple Belt from NeoGov. Janelle achieve a 100% score on her final exam. The purple belt recognizes individuals who are insight administrators and become experts on the recruitment section of NeoGov.

Aaron Tabor, Biology Faculty, has joined the Flinn Biosciences Foundation steering committee on talent which focuses on workforce development.

### **INTERNAL NEWS/FYI:**

The CCC Foundation was able to purchase white boards for the Page Campus. Funds for the purchase came from donations to the Foundation earmarked for the Page area.

Using CCC STEM funds, the Science Department recently acquired 3 high quality digital microscopes with WiFi capability to further enhance student's learning in biology. These microscopes, along with high quality objective lens, incorporate a wireless 4-megapixel camera with live and still image capture and recording. The Moticam wireless camera system allows the transmission of images from the microscope to an attached android or Ipad tablet for easy sharing and viewing of images by instructor and students. Using a free app for smart phones, students can also receive any images broadcast from the microscope directly to their cell phone. Students can then annotate and save the images via email or direct download to their mobile device for future studies.

The Science Department successfully completed a pilot program introducing hands-on lab kits in four online biology courses this year (BIO 100: Concepts, BIO 181 and 182: Majors I and II, and BIO 105 Environmental Biology). There was a strong consensus that these labs increased the rigor and introduced a hands-on component that will improve student success in future coursework. Also, a pilot in Biology 181 and 182 of an open-source textbook (Biology2e Openstax) was successful and will be adopted in all 11 sections in the Fall (a cost savings of \$108 per student (bookstore) or approximately \$17,712 from F18)

Sarah Benton, ASL Faculty, presented at Northland Preparatory' s Career Day. NPA students were very excited about the information regarding ASL interpreting as a career option. As a mediator for the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Sarah also traveled to Colorado in April to mediate a dispute. A formal complaint was

filed against a certified member of the organization and mediation is the first step to resolution of a complaint. Finally, Sarah was recently featured in a [video for Interpreter Appreciation Day](#) as part of her work with the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Kate Kozak attended the AMATYC Spring Board Meeting and a meeting at Pima Community College to discuss the course content in MAT 140 and 142 on a statewide level. Kate worked with Larry Hendricks to produce a video was made to submit to the NSF Stem for All Video Showcase. The 2019 National Science Foundation (NSF) STEM for All Video Showcase is an annual online event. Each year, it hosts between 100-200 three-minute video presentations from federally funded projects that aim to improve STEM (Science, Math, Engineering, and Mathematics) and computer science education.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS:**

April 2, 2019 Common Read and NAU Philosophy in the Public Interest: Is Masculinity Really Toxic? Philosophy Faculty Member Aaron Rizzieri moderated a discussion entitled, "Is Masculinity Really Toxic?" at Firecreek Coffee. The event drew over 60 participants and was co-sponsored by CCC Common Read and Philosophy in the Public Interest which is an organization housed by NAU's philosophy program.

April 3, 2019 Construction Technology Job Fair/Networking Event  
Student Appreciation BBQ  
World Languages Day

April 5, 2019 Dougherty Foundation Luncheon

April 8, 2019 ED Talk: Flagstaff Economic Vitality Division Update

April 9, 2019 PTK Induction Ceremony

April 10, 2019 Lunar Dreams Art Exhibit Reception  
Lunar Lecture Series: Telling Time by the Moon

April 12, 2019 ED Talks: Consulado Móvil Mexicano (Mexican Consulate)

April 13, 2019 Consulado Móvil Mexicano event with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

April 16, 2019 ED Talks: Archaeology in New Zealand (Page)

April 17, 2019 Community Job Fair

April 18, 2019 NAPEBT Wellness Banquet  
Common Read: The Written Word Special Edition: Telling our Stories through Poetry

April 19, 2019 CTE Business and Industry Advisory Councils Luncheon

April 24, 2019 Student Art Exhibition Reception  
PTK Book Sale

April 26, 2019 Palette to Palate  
NAU Undergraduate Symposium

Several CCC employees served as judges at NAU's Undergraduate Research Symposium. Full-time faculty and staff included Aaron Tabor, Tom Lehman, and Kimberly Batty-Herbert who were accompanied by adjunct faculty Kristine Ketel, Becky Beresic-Perrins, and Carl Cooke.

The Native American Bridges to Baccalaureate Undergraduate Research project was a great success! Shawna Grey Eyes and Phyllis Coochyamptewa-Talley did an outstanding job measuring the effects of 5G radiation on the growth of mustard seeds. Over the course of 4 weeks, the students took daily measurements of water, temperature, and humidity in groups of plants exposed to 5G signals and control groups shielded from electromagnetic frequencies altogether. After harvesting the plants, the students measured growth, dried, and weighed the overall biomass of each treatment group. After conducting statistical analysis there was a high statistical significance that plants grown under 5G conditions experienced less growth and had less biomass than the control groups. Both Shawna and Phyllis attended the NAU Undergraduate Research Symposium where they successfully presented their research poster. This was the first time that students from CCC were invited to attend and the girls did a fantastic job of representing the college.

April 27, 2019 Flagstaff High School Prom (hosted at the Lone Tree Campus)  
Deaf Expo

The CCC ASL Club and the Northern Arizona Deaf Expo committee held its 10th Expo at CCC. Present at the Expo were vendors and exhibitors showcasing resources for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing. NAU Disability Resources, Coconino County Emergency Services, Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Arizona Hands and Voices, Arizona Association for the Deaf, and the Deaf Mentor Project to name a few. Also included were performances by Flagstaff's own Circus Bacchus and Arizona Rhythm and Dance. ASL students had the opportunity to use their ASL skills in a natural environment with a wide variety of language users from preschool age children to elderly individuals. Individuals traveled from Phoenix, Tucson, Prescott, and northern Arizona to attend the event.

In the month of April, the CCC Commons area also hosted the Lunar Dreams and Student Art Exhibits.

#### MARKETING AND PR:

Marketing and PR produced a short video for Palette to Palate which was published to [YouTube](#).

Ali Applin has been working with Red Development, developers for Aspen at the Sawmill, and Art Faculty to create "The Comet Art Gallery" in the former Charming Charlie's space. In April, Ali finalized details with the developer and the faculty art show was installed as the first exhibit. The gallery will open on May 1, 2019, as part of the City of Flagstaff First Friday Artwalk.

Ali Applin met with Dr. Darlene Lee, Chief Pathologist at Northern Arizona Healthcare (NAH) to explore internship and apprentice opportunities for CCC students. NAH is currently using a search firm to find interns.

#### CCC IN THE NEWS:

- March 28, Lake Powell Chronicle: "Antelope Point Marina continues to grow scholarships at CCC," <https://lakepowellchronicle.com/article/antelope-point-marina-continues-to-grow-scholarships-at-ccc>
- April 16 (Video) NAZ Today: "Exhibit highlights Flagstaff's role in Apollo Moon landings," <https://youtu.be/TSUKR8XEuSU>
- April 16, Navajo-Hopi Observer: "Antelope Point Marina continues to grow scholarships for Native students," [https://www.nhnews.com/news/2019/apr/16/antelope-point-marina-continues-grow-scholarships-/](https://www.nhnews.com/news/2019/apr/16/antelope-point-marina-continues-grow-scholarships/)
- April 16, Grand Canyon News: "Students prepare for success at Grand Canyon School job fair," <https://www.grandcanyonnews.com/news/2019/apr/16/students-prepare-success-grand-canyon-school-job-f/>
- April 24, (Video) NAZ Today: "Volunteers serve as companions for FMC patients," [https://youtu.be/MNQgb\\_gjjqA](https://youtu.be/MNQgb_gjjqA)
- April 25, (actually multiple publications because it was a Howard Fisher story for Capitol Media Services) Camp Verde Bugle: "Arizona GOP wants statewide vote to boost sales tax for education," <https://www.cvbugle.com/news/2019/apr/25/arizona-gop-wants-statewide-vote-boost-sales-tax-e/>

Website feature story postings:

- April 1: <https://www.coconino.edu/news/658-at-ccc-exploring-how-she-belongs>
- April 1: <https://www.coconino.edu/news/657-maya-lanzetta-sharing-the-wonder-of-math>
- April 22: <https://www.coconino.edu/news/664-spoken-word-focus-of-world-languages-day-at-ccc>
- [April issue of The Comet](#) email newsletter distributed. The Comet reaches more than 600 people and has a 32% open rate when the industry standard is 20%.

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT:

### Meetings of Interest

April 3, 2019	Mike Penca, FUSD Superintendent ECoNA Executive Board Meeting
April 5-9, 2019	HLC Conference (Chicago)
April 10, 2019	Recruiting and Hosting Asian Students at US Community Colleges with Fulbright Scholar Dr. Tran Thi Thanh Hue from An Giang University, Vietnam
April 15, 2019	Fiesta de Mayo Planning Meeting with Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
April 16, 2019	CCC Champions
April 17, 2019	DGB Meeting
April 18-20, 2019	University of Wyoming – Peer Reviewer for the Dance, Theater, and Music Department
April 22, 2019	Interviews for Director of the Arizona Center for Student Success (Phoenix)
April 23, 2019	Maricopa Community Colleges District Governing Board meeting (Phoenix)
April 24, 2019	Press Conference for proposed legislation concerning Proposition 301 (Phoenix) Legislative Meetings (Phoenix) AC4 (Phoenix)
April 25, 2019	AC4 (Phoenix) CCC Champions

Throughout the month of April, Dr. Smith met with the four students who will be giving speeches at commencement.

### Community and College Events attended by the President or other members of the Executive Leadership Council

April 2, 2019	Flinn Foundation Luncheon
April 11, 2019	GEMS Volunteer Recognition Event – Sponsored by the Civic Service Institute at NAU
April 17, 2019	Coconino County Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony Red Cross Community Leaders Breakfast
April 19, 2019	CCC CTE Business and Industry Advisory Council Luncheon
April 23, 2019	Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
April 26, 2019	CCC Palette to Palate
April 29, 2019	Storytelling for Non Profits workshop
April 30, 2019	Ribbon Cutting for the opening of the Coconino County Medical Examiner’s building

### Upcoming Travel

#### **In State Travel (Phoenix unless otherwise noted):**

May 22-23, 2019	AC4 Meeting
June 11, 2019	Arizona Commission on Post-Secondary Education
June 12-13, 2019	AC4 Retreat at Cochise College (Sierra Vista)

#### **Out of State Travel:**

None at this time

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