

Coconino Community College

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Dear CCC employees,

February arrives with the eclipse of the "Blue Moon." The spring semester at Coconino Community College has found its rhythm, and the faculty are deep into teaching the students what they need to know to successfully take their next steps once they leave the College.

We continue to encourage you to consider *CoCoConnections* for all of your communication needs. We circulate to every CCC employee and the newsletter comes to you at the beginning of every week.

We're always on the hunt for hot news items of interest to our CCC family, which includes, but is not limited to:

- New Hire Announcements
- Employee Events
- Student Events and Activities
- HR Days and Training Activities
- Spotlights on Awards and Recognitions
- Foundation and Volunteer Events

Send your news items by Friday to dietrich.sauer@coconino.edu or larry.hendricks@coconino.edu, and we'll work to get it into the Monday edition.

The CoCoConnections Team

New Hires/Promotions

None this week.



CCC spelling bee team members (left to right) Amber Layne, Doug Friedman and Larry Hendricks took home first-place honors at last year's Mountain Spelling Bee Bash to support The Literacy Center.

CCC to defend title at this year's Mountain Spelling Bee Bash

Last year, Coconino Community College walked away with first-place honors at the annual Mountain Spelling Bee Bash that supports The Literacy Center.

This year's spelling bee takes place Thursday, April 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the High Country Conference Center. CCC is now forming a team to defend the title.

According to information from The Literacy Center, "The mission of Literacy Volunteers of Coconino County is to increase the basic literacy skills of adults, teens and families in order to improve the quality of personal, economic and community life for all. Professionally trained volunteers carry out our mission at The Literacy Center and in the community."

The spelling bee is the largest fundraiser of the year for The Literacy Center, and CCC has put up a team for the event the last several years.

The event is super fun! Join this year's team and help defend CCC's title! Sign up with Summer Dennis, Academic Operations Coordinator, at Summer.Dennis@coconino.edu, or call 928-226-4173.



CCC Spanish Instructor Katie Schwartz recently received honors for a presentation on the use of music in the foreign language classroom.

CCC Spanish faculty receives nod for innovative approach

Coconino Community College Spanish Instructor Katie Schwartz received kudos for a presentation she gave at a recent conference, and she will be presenting the presentation again in February in Santa Fe, N.M.

Schwartz attended the Arizona Languages Association conference at Glendale Community College on Oct. 6 and 7. The event invites Arizona educators of all languages and grade levels to give instructors the chance to attend workshops and presentations where colleges share their research and knowledge of language-teaching strategies.

Schwartz gave a presentation on her research and student perspectives on "How to achieve the 5 world-readiness standards of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages with the use of music in the classroom."

"I chose to research this topic because music was a tool that had positively influenced my personal language usage," Schwartz said. "Plus, music has been proven to be a stress reducer and motivator for many language students. What I aimed to prove was how we could use music to teach the five world-readiness standards of communication, culture, connections, comparisons and community."

The presentation was voted "Best of AZLA 2017," and Schwartz received a \$300 stipend to make her presentation at the Southwest Council on Language Teaching regional conference in February.

"I am grateful for this opportunity," Schwartz said. "And I am especially thankful to have the support of the College and my dean, Kimberly Batty-Herbert."

PTK seeks items for Veterans Services food pantry

The food pantry in Veterans Services is running low, and CCC's Beta Gamma Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is asking for help restocking the pantry shelves.

According to information from PTK, if you wish to contribute, please place new, unopened and unused items in the box located in the main entrance to the Lone Tree Commons. The donation box is wrapped in white butcher paper and is clearly marked.

The following items are requested:

- Canned tuna, chicken or turkey
- Peanut butter
- Crackers
- Cup of Soup and Ramen
- Individual serving soups Ravioli, chili, macaroni and cheese, etc.
- Protein and Power Bars
- Granola or fruit bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Individual chips and trail mix
- Canned soups
- Pudding or fruit cups
- Teas and coffee
- Sugar, honey packets, or substitute sweeteners
- Gluten- and soy-free items
- Feminine products
- Stick deodorant
- Toothpaste and brushes
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Grab-and-go foods

The Beta Gamma Chi chapter thanks you for your generosity!

Provost selected to take over for Dr. Dudley Gardner in May

Dear Colleagues:

As you know, we recently interviewed an outstanding group of finalists for the position of Provost at Coconino Community College. The final selection was made through an in-depth review of all feedback received across the college, recommendations from the hiring committee, and detailed review of the breadth of each candidate's experience and education. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Nathaniel (Nate) Southerland has been selected as our next Provost and will be joining the College in May.

Dr. Nathaniel (Nate) Southerland earned his PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah and his Master's degree in Social Science at Utah State University. His Master's included a specialization in Adult and Workforce education and his doctoral policy projects included the history of CTE in Utah and the

development of the Utah College of Applied Technology. His culminating research was: Gender Issues in Vocational Education and Training-An International Perspective. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Physics with a minor in Music at Brigham Young University.

Dr. Southerland has experience as both an academic and student affairs administrator in community colleges with extensive experience working across institutional units to develop, plan, and implement strategies to achieve institutional goals and priorities. He has experience and expertise in curriculum development, learning assessment, program development, accreditation, enrollment management, strategic planning, institutional research, process improvement, budgeting, policy analysis and community outreach. With proven effectiveness in collaboration among faculty, academic and student affairs leadership, and business services he is known as an effective bridge builder and liaison. He has served in several capacities at Salt Lake Community College including: Associate Provost; Associate Vice President Enrollment Management; Senior Director of Curriculum, Scheduling, and Site Support; and Director of Assessment, Curriculum and Scheduling. He has experience as a Content Development Specialist for the Navajo Education Technology Consortium, and his teaching experience includes: teaching Educational Leadership and Policy for the University of Utah; teaching Mathematics and Teacher Education for Salt Lake Community College; and teaching high school physics in Florida as well as high school Physics, Chemistry, and Music in Shiprock, New Mexico.

Dr. Southerland lived and worked on the Navajo Nation for four years as he studied community development, educational policy, and tribal college system during his Master's program. He is a founding member of NASPA's Indigenous Peoples Knowledge Community (IPKC) and he has helped to plan and prepare two NASPA pre-conference summits on indigenous students in higher education in cooperation with the IPKC and ACPA's Native American Network.

Dr. Southerland's resume is filled with great examples of his work with community colleges and I will note a few more items as space permits.

- Worked to implement the Quality Matters framework; faculty training and certification programs for online teaching; and electronic portfolios as a means of assessing student learning.
- Extensive involvement with strategic enrollment management and working on the redesign of intake and admissions processes.
- Supervised eLearning and Instructional support as well as concurrent enrollment (dual credit) at Salt Lake Community College.
- Experience with Perkins-funded CTE faculty training projects and extensive work with the CTE staff at Utah State Office of Education and Utah Department of Workforce Services while serving as adult education specialist for the Utah Education Network.
- Experience serving on various boards such as: executive board member of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships; Utah Association for Adult, Community, and Continuing Education; and the board of the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association.

Thank you for your participation in this very important selection process!

Onward!!!

Flagstaff Arts Council needs input for arts development

The Flagstaff Arts Council is seeking input from employees at CCC. Longtime faculty member Maxie Inigo serves as CCC's voting representative on the Council and has asked the College community for input. Fill out the brief survey [here](#), and you are in the running for a \$100 gift card from Whole Foods Market.

According to information from the FAC, the feasibility study is being conducted "to explore the potential for development of new arts, culture, and/or science venues in Flagstaff."

"Input from the community is essential to help Arts Market [the consulting firm in charge] develop a realistic path for new or updated facilities in the arts sector," according to information from FAC. "They need to understand the demand that exists and what you, as patrons of the arts, want to see in arts programming, venues and operations. The survey asks you how often you attend events and what your existing level of arts participation is. It also asks for your opinion about the need for new venues."

The survey takes a few minutes to complete.

Congrats to CCC's fourth-quarter Outstanding Comets!

The following is a list of Coconino Community College staff nominated to be recognized as Outstanding Comets during the fourth quarter last year:

- Andy Allen
- Girija Dasmahapatra
- Josh Dixon
- Doug Friedman
- Marc Goldberg
- Michael Harpst
- Pdraig Houlahan
- Maxie Inigo
- Tom Lehman
- Barry Malpas
- Ken Myers
- Linda Neff
- Aaron Tabor
- Van Walker
- Kurt Yuengling

Congrats to all!

CCC HR Days seeks feedback

In order to give you the best experience for HR Days, Human Resources is collecting input and feedback.

Whether you attended all or none of the events last week, HR wants to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#) to give HR valuable information on how to improve HR Days for everybody.

Human Resources appreciates you taking the time to give anonymous feedback!

NAU housing returns for CCC2NAU students

It's back for CCC2NAU students.

According to information from CCC2NAU, "Students will be assigned an available room in August but cannot pre-select their dorm or their roommate. If they apply by April 15, during the one-month window that the housing application is open, then they are guaranteed housing."

To apply, students will need to go to the NAU Residence Life website starting April 15. They will need to login with NAU credentials. For more information, and for housing Frequently Asked Questions, visit <https://nau.edu/ccc2nau/Housing/>.

Nursing application information session on Feb. 6

Brian Francis, Director of Advising and Career Development, is asking all faculty to get the word out to their students about an upcoming CCC Nursing application information session, Tuesday, Feb. 6, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Lone Tree campus Board Room.

CCC Nursing Director Lori Edwards will be providing information on the Nursing program and how to apply for it. If you have any questions about the information session, contact Brian.Francis@coconino.edu, or call 928-226-4337. Thank you!

Women in Higher Education Conference coming May 31

Save the date for the Arizona Women in Higher Education Conference, May 31 through June 1, at the NAU High Country Conference Center.

The conference is a great opportunity to learn about current issues in higher education, network with colleagues and build personal and professional skills.

For more information, visit <http://www7.nau.edu/edsup/awhe/conference.aspx>.

Feedback sought for Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)

Hello Colleagues,

This spring, Coconino Community College will participate in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), a national student survey focused on teaching, learning, and retention in community colleges. The project is run by the Center for Community College Student Engagement from the Program in Higher Education Leadership at The University of Texas at Austin.

The District Governing Board has asked for more feedback from students about their experience at CCC. This survey is one of the ways the College is working to collect this feedback.

Research shows that the more actively engaged students are, the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve academic success. CCSSE's purpose is threefold: Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom; knowing their goals; and understanding their external responsibilities. This information can help us create an environment that enhances student's academic outcomes. Please note that the survey asks students to reflect on their entire college experience, rather than on their experiences in a specific class.

CCSSE will be administered in a random sample of classes at CCC; instructors whose classes are sampled will receive specific information from our designated campus-level survey coordinator, Emily Lizotte. Survey administration will take place between February and April 2018, with results available August 2018.

To learn more about CCSSE visit www.ccsse.org, or contact the Center for Community College Student Engagement at 512-471-6807 or surveyops@cccse.org.

CCC wellness events for the week

Here is your weekly information about upcoming wellness events. All employees, spouses, and dependents 12 years and older are able to participate in the wellness classes and events. However, only the employees on the NAPEBT medical health plan are eligible to receive financial incentives.

Complete four (4) weeks of crossword puzzles to earn 1 Wellness Point. The crossword puzzle for this week is available from Sarah Southwick at Sarah.Southwick@coconino.edu as well as the answers from last week's puzzle. Turn in crosswords to a Wellness Committee representative.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

15 Minute Crossfit! CCC-LT RM 462 @ 10-10:15 a.m.

Happiness and Well Being Through Mindfulness COF City Hall @ noon

Belly Dancing Techniques CCC-LT RM 462 @ 1:30-2 p.m.

Slow Flow Yoga CCC-4th St Dance RM @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Yoga CCC-LT RM 462 @ 4-5 p.m.

Feel Great Nutrition Natural Grocers @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Slow Flow Yoga CCC-4th St Dance RM @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Financial Class: Understanding Your Money Ponderosa High School @ 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2

Emotional Self-Care CCC-LT RM 459 @ noon-1 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle** due to a Wellness rep by 5 p.m.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

In addition, the following outside events are also sponsored by the Wellness Committee:

- **CCC Winter Aerobic Challenge:** Saturday, Feb. 10, 6 to 9 p.m., at Starlite Lanes, 3406 E. Route 66. Participants from 32 teams will bowl to support Elevate Nepal, Inc., facilitating the construction of a 700-student primary school in Sarsyu, Nepal. Cost is \$50 per person for a five-person team. Contact Tina.Lanuto@coconino.edu for more information. For information about Elevate Nepal, visit www.elevatenepalinc.org.

- **Tough Mudder Phoenix:** Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at Phoenix International Raceway, 7602 S. Avondale Blvd., in Avondale. Team up with other CCC employees for the Tough Mudder half or full. Team up at toughmudder.com, and use promo BRAND252 and get 30 percent off. CCC's Science Guy Aaron Tabor is the ambassador at Aaron.Tabor@coconino.edu.

- **Wear Red Day:** The Vera Whole Health Council is sponsoring Heart Awareness Month and is encouraging all CCC employees to wear red on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 2. Get tips on how you can get involved and prevent heart disease and stroke by visiting GoRedForWomen.org/WearRedDay

Changes made to inclement weather process at CCC

If the weather requires CCC to adjust the hours of operations, CCC will have either a delayed start or close for the entire day. If there is a delayed start, CCC will open campuses at 10 a.m. If your class starts before 10 a.m. and extends beyond 10 a.m., please make sure to attend the remainder of that class after the College opens. All classes that start and complete before 10 a.m. will be canceled. If CCC is closed for the day, all day and night classes will be canceled.

According to Kurt Stull, CCC's Executive Director of Facilities and Security, the Facilities staff works hard to make sure the roads and sidewalks are cleared for access to campus. Please exercise due caution, slow down and give yourself extra time traveling to and while on the CCC campuses.

On days of inclement weather, CCC employees and students can get information about CCC's hours of operation by checking the website at www.coconino.edu, the official [Facebook page](#), by calling 928-527-1222, or by signing up for Rave, the College's emergency notification system, to receive a text or email. This can be done by filling out a Vehicle Registration Parking Form. If you do not drive on campus but still would like to sign up, please see Security for more information. You may also listen to local weather

stations to receive updates.

When needed, the notifications will be sent out by 6 a.m. on the day of inclement weather. If the weather event occurs during the day, a decision on evening classes will be made by 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Emergency Closure Procedural Guidelines [here](#).



The banner features the Coconino Community College logo at the top left. The main title 'Faculty Of The Year Awards' is in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below it, the text 'Nominate Your Instructor For Faculty Of The Year' is in orange and white. A circular badge on the left says 'STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF NOMINATE A faculty member for faculty of the year'. The deadline 'Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 2, 2018' is in white. Below that, 'Nominate Your Instructor Here' is in orange, with three white arrows pointing down to the URL 'www.coconino.edu/faculty-of-the-year-nomination' at the bottom.

Time to nominate Faculty of the Year for 2018

The Coconino Community College Faculty of the Year nominations for 2018 are now open.

Students and faculty now have the opportunity to nominate an instructor at the College to receive the annual honor. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 2, 2018.

To nominate an instructor, visit the nomination page [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- LAUNCH FLAGSTAFF: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the Lone Tree Commons. The LAUNCH Flagstaff Community Leadership Council Meeting and Press Conference. Food will be served.
- SCHOLARSHIP SEMINARS: Thursday, Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Lone Tree Board Room to be broadcast to Room D9 in Page. A second program, 4 to 5:15 p.m., takes place at the Fourth Street campus. Learn more about scholarship opportunities at CCC.
- STAFF FORUM: Thursday, Feb. 8, 2 to 3:30 p.m., in the APS Room on the Lone Tree campus. Agenda request items for the meeting are due by noon on Monday, Jan. 29.
- BUDGET HEARINGS: Feb. 9-14, all day for each of the days, in the Lone Tree Board Room. Food will be served. Everybody welcome to learn about CCC's

budget process.

- ATHENA AWARDS: Friday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the NAU High Country Conference Center. The banquet honors the accomplishments of female leaders in the Flagstaff community. Gov. Doug Ducey is the keynote speaker. Seats are \$65. Register at <https://www.flagstaffchamber.com/>.
- ANIME CLUB: Friday, Feb. 9, 5 to 7:30 p.m., in the Lone Tree Commons. Semester meeting for the CCC Anime Club!
- TRANSFER FAIR: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Lone Tree Commons. Learn about everything students need to know about transferring from CCC to a four-year university or into the workforce.
- ALAN TOURS THE WORLD: Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Lone Tree Commons. "Alan Tours the World," an American Sign Language - Interpreter Training Program event. Food will be served.
- CAREER EXPO: Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lone Tree Board Room and Rooms 201, 301 and 537. The Greater Northern Arizona Career Expo is the largest career expo in northern Arizona. Food truck event. Childcare available.