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## CCC District Governing Board members sworn in



*Coconino Superintendent of Schools Risha VanderWey (far left) and CCC President Colleen A. Smith (far right) stand with newly elected DGB members Patricia Garcia and Dr. Marie Peoples.*

Flagstaff, Ariz. - After a snowstorm that dropped 3 feet of snow on Flagstaff delayed the ceremony, two newly elected Coconino Community College District Governing Board Members were sworn into office during a ceremony at the Lone Tree campus on Friday, Feb. 17.

The board members are Patricia Garcia, re-elected to the post, who represents District 2, and Dr. Marie Peoples, elected for the first time, who represents District 3.

Garcia, a native of Flagstaff, was appointed to the Board in November 2009, and because all appointed board members must undergo election at the next available election, Garcia ran in November 2010, and she was



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electd. She has been the Chair of the CCC District Governing Board since 2015. District 2 serves middle Flagstaff and up the North Highway 89 corridor to Wupakti National Monument.

"I am deeply honored to be able to continue to serve the citizens of Coconino County, particularly District 2," Garcia said. "I will work hard to maintain the educational quality, affordability and accessibility for which CCC is known."

Dr. Peoples, the Chief Health Officer for the Coconino County Public Health Services District, was appointed to the Board in June 2015. District 3 serves Williams, Parks, Bellemont, Kachina Village, Mountaineire and South Flagstaff.

"I am proud to represent District 3 on the Coconino Community College Governing Board," Dr. Peoples said. "CCC is an integral part of the County fabric. CCC provides affordable, quality education and learning experiences to a richly diverse population of adults across all education levels. As CCC develops future priorities I am honored to be part of visualizing new goals for the future that allow CCC to continue meeting community needs."

Coconino County Superintendent of Schools Risha VanderWey formally delivered the oath of office to Peoples and Garcia earlier in January. CCC DGB board members serve a term of six years, and it is an unpaid, volunteer position. Each member's district covers the same geographical area as those members of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors.

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## President Smith receives Goodwill Ambassador Award

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Coconino Community College President Colleen A. Smith's relationship with Goodwill has early beginnings.

As a child, her clothes were often made by hand or consisted of hand-me-downs. Dr. Smith had a first date with her husband Billy at a Goodwill store. That visit opened her eyes as a teenager to the world of giving that Goodwill Industries is known for. Since that first experience, Smith has remained a strong supporter of Goodwill. Today she sees CCC and Goodwill Industries of Northern Arizona as connected through their missions to provide opportunities to people in the community that may not have been possible without these organizations.

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During the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Goodwill Community IMPACT Awards, Dr. Smith was awarded with the 2016 Goodwill Ambassador of the Year. Since arriving in Flagstaff last year to take the helm at CCC, Dr. Smith has been a vocal advocate of the work Goodwill does to fulfill its mission. Smith received this distinction because of the College's partnership with Goodwill and development initiatives, notably the Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician program, which puts people to work.

CAMT is an intensive 90-hour program that takes place five days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for five weeks. The purpose of the program is to help people with workforce development and create pathways so that they are able to support themselves and raise families. The curriculum includes HVAC, appliance and plumbing repairs and preventive maintenance; electrical repairs and replacements; customer service and satisfaction; and personal property and safety.

"I am honored to serve on the Goodwill Board of Directors, and then to be given an award for sharing how much I believe in the mission and the work of Goodwill is absolutely amazing," Dr. Smith said. "The partnership between Coconino Community College and Goodwill of Northern Arizona provides opportunities for training, which then helps people gain skills that are needed in the workforce. Both of our organizations are all about people, opportunity, and community-what could be better than that?"

David Hirsch, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Northern Arizona, said, "President Smith is not only a stellar Ambassador of the Year for Goodwill, but the right President at the right college in the right community...Thanks President Smith."

Christina Caldwell, Director of Community and Business Engagement for Goodwill Industries of Northern Arizona, said, "The relationship between Goodwill of Northern Arizona and Coconino Community College has strengthened over the years because of our common vision of leading our communities in lifelong learning, which inspires individuals to develop themselves through the power of work. We are truly impacting lives in northern Arizona."

Smith along with five other individuals and two businesses received recognition for their partnership and outstanding work with Goodwill Industries.



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# Student Success

## CCC CAVIAT students focus on health professions



CCC's Dr. Aaron Tabor (center) stands with CCC CAVIAT students (left to right) Jacqueline Slack, Cate Cole, Ethan Perelstein and Kaleb Herrelko at the NAU Center for Teaching and Learning in Flagstaff.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - They're taking college classes, but they're still in high school.

Not only that, but they've proved their mettle in problem solving in the health occupations, and they're on their way to a statewide competition in April.

Twelve students in Coconino Community College's Dual Enrollment/CAVIAT BIO 298 class, taught by CCC Science Faculty and Bridges to Baccalaureate Principal Investigator Dr. Aaron Tabor, took exams on Creative Problem Solving through Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA).

"Four of the students qualified to go to the state level," Tabor said, adding that all of the students are equally intelligent and deserving of accolades. The team placed ninth overall.

The four students, all 10<sup>th</sup> graders, are Cate Cole and Ethan Perelstein from Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy; and Kaleb Herrelko and Jacqueline Slack from Coconino High School.

According to information from HOSA, its mission is to "promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the deliver of quality health care to all people." The focus is on health science education and biomedical science programs to promote interest in pursuing careers in the health professions.

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To prepare for the exams, Slack said that the team began by reading books on creative problem solving and by researching various health-related problems in the community. Cole added that the team tested one another with problems as well as timing the testing for solutions.

During testing, the team had 30 minutes to prepare and had 8 minutes to present their case in front of a panel to judge. They made the grade, and now they're heading to Tucson for the statewide competition.

"I personally am excited to meet other students like us, who are science minded," Perelstein said.

Herrelko added, "That could be fun."

Slack said, "I'm very excited to compete."

Cole said, "I'm really excited to see what we can come up with - real-world problems that affect millions across the globe."

The team members are part of the iCREATE High School Bioscience program. The class offers six credit hours from CCC to apply to a college degree. The students meet five days a week at the Center for Teaching and Learning at Northern Arizona University for lectures and labs. The program is offered through the Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry and Technology.

"I love coming here and getting a taste of what college and medical school will offer," Cole said.

Perelstein said, "For me, this class is challenging, it's engaging, and that's what I really love."

Herrelko said, "I like the challenge and it requires more persistence."

Slack said, "I'm excited that every day after school, I get to be around science-oriented, like-minded people."

For Tabor, he said he thoroughly enjoys being the instructor for the class.

"Frankly, it's the students," he said. "I never in a thousand years anticipated teaching K-12 students at all, but this group of students is one of the best I've ever encountered."

Tabor added that his job is to educate the students on the translational sciences and the epidemiology field, but he also assists them with their professional growth - creating curriculum vitae, attending conferences, performing public speaking, seeking publication, and more.

As for the state competition in April, Tabor said the students can go to the national level in the event if they are rank high enough for it. So, the journey may not be over for one or several of them after the state competition.

And as for the future, all four team members have plans. Cole's goal is to become a physician, an obstetrician. Perelstein is interested in mechanical engineering, particularly "biomimicry," or solving problems through evolutionary processes. Herrelko is still exploring, but he knows he wants to be an engineer of some sort. Slack is dedicated to becoming a neurosurgeon.

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"We challenge one another and work to put our best foot forward as a team," Perelstein said.

The iCREATE HS Bioscience program is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. Community partners include CCC, CAVIAT, NAU, TGen North, North Country HealthCare, Coconino County Public Health Services District, and Flagstaff STEM City.

## Naked Mobile creates CCC scholarships



(Left to right) Joseph Donaldson, President of the CCC Foundation, Scott Talboom, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Sabrena Oviatt, Events and Sponsorship Coordinator for Naked Mobile, and Samantha Krechel, Market Manager for Naked Mobile, pose with a \$2,500 donation to the CCC Foundation to support a new scholarship at the College.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - A new pre-paid cellphone business in town has generously supported the creation of two new annual scholarships at Coconino Community College.

Naked Mobile created two scholarships valued at \$1,250 each that can be applied to course tuition, fees and books for the upcoming Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters at CCC. Any CCC student attending CCC for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters may apply through the CCC Foundation.

"Just as Naked Mobile is all about providing an *affordable* and awesome mobile experience, we are thrilled to help deserving students afford their tuition and achieve great things," said Naked Mobile CEO Judd Hinkle. "It's important to us that our customers - many of whom are students - know that we're committed to offering them the resources to enhance their education and better their lives."

Naked Mobile opened a combination coffee shop and store in Flagstaff earlier this year at 109 N. Leroux St. Customers can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while checking out the variety of contract-free, pre-paid cellphones that offer phone, text and data plans.

"We are very excited about this partnership with Naked Mobile," said Scott Talboom, Executive Director of the CCC Foundation. "We welcome them to

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To apply for the new Naked Mobile scholarship, applicants need to:

- Be enrolled in a program for certificate, or be a degree-seeking student at CCC
- Be registered for 6 credit hours or more at CCC
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher at CCC to be eligible
- Complete the Naked Mobile Scholarship Challenge

The application process requires two steps. First, go to <https://www.coconino.edu/scholarships>, and fill out the CCC online scholarship application. Second, fill out the online form at <http://www.coconinofoundation.org/naked-scholarship.html>, to complete the Naked Mobile Scholarship Challenge with your "Text Message to the World," followed by an essay about your message.

The deadline for submissions is no later than Friday, March 24, 2017, by 5 p.m. Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 24, 2017, and will be invited to the CCC Foundation for a congratulatory photo opportunity, interview and a special gift from Naked Mobile.

## Around CCC

### Guest artist: 'Respect the material'



*Pottery artist Joseph Bennion demonstrates to an audience at CCC's Lone Tree*

*Campus how to "throw" pottery.*

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The sun shines warmly through the windows at his back while he dips his fingers in the murky water. He wraps his hands around the clay, and he spins the wheel slowly.

"You need to respect and engage with your material," said Utah-based pottery artist Joseph Bennion to the 30 people sitting in a semicircle, watching his every move.

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Bennion spent the day Friday, Feb. 17, at Coconino Community College's Lone Tree campus, sharing his knowledge about his craft and the art that results. His event, free and open to the public, was sponsored by the CCC Clay Club.

He started the day with demonstrations on how to make coffee mugs, which he called "the taproot of ceramics."

"Everything else kind of springs out from that," Bennion added, saying that the vessel idea is an old one - coffee mugs for the West, and tea bowls for the East. "It asks you to do this repetitive thing every day that everyone engages with ... Let it teach you some things. Explore."

Bennion is a distinguished pottery artist whose education includes BFA and MFA degrees from Brigham Young University. His artwork has been showcased in many different pottery competitions over the years, such as the NCECA Clay National and the Clay Cup, both annual events that Bennion has attended multiple times. He has also received different awards and has been recognized by many organizations for his work in pottery.

As an instructor, Bennion has held lectures and workshops throughout the United States as well as around the world. Various museums and universities from New York, Idaho, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Utah all own collections of his work. Northern Arizona University even has a small collection of his work.

Bennion owns Horseshoe Mountain Pottery with his wife in the small farming town of Spring City, in central Utah. Most recently, Bennion finds inspiration in the beauties of family and household. He focuses his work mostly on utilitarian pottery that would be at home on the family dinner table.

CCC graduate and current NAU student Ben Craigie attended Bennion's demonstration.

"It's always good seeing a potter work who's had a long career in pottery," Craigie said. "It's good to hear about his experience because it's not easy to make it in art."

His takeaway from the event: "The simplicity, and to keep at it," Craigie said. "Keep making art anyway."

Craigie added that he appreciated the fact that the event was open to the public because it allowed the public into the College to get a glimpse of what CCC has to offer.

Paula Andress, who also attended the event, said, "I enjoyed watching him. It was almost a meditational thing watching him throw those pots."

Andress also said that Bennion's stories were important, and they were relevant to her. She enjoyed his humor, his wisdom, and his love for what he does. She said that she took away from the experience the fact that "progress doesn't happen overnight."

"Which was reassuring to me," Andress said. "It helped me to feel better."

In the afternoon, after the presentation and demonstrations, Bennion said he enjoys the process of sharing his knowledge with students and members of the public interested in pottery.



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"I like to throw and tell," he said, smiling. "I want people to know that you can do life on your own terms. You don't have to do what's expected. You can chart your own course."

He added, "It matters that we make the world a better place. Any art can do that. Every person is some kind of artist. Life is the ultimate art form, and a life well lived is an artful life."

The CCC Clay Club has plans in the future to invite other guest artists to make presentations to students and members of the public.

## Jones Benally family members share Dine' traditions with CCC



*Clayson Benally shares traditional Dine' games during an event at the Lone Tree Campus on Thursday, Feb. 23.*

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The Lone Tree Campus welcomed the Jones Benally Family on Thursday, Feb. 23, to an event that was hosted by the College's Native American Student Association.

The Jones Benally Family is an internationally acclaimed traditional Navajo performing group. The patriarch of the family, Jones Benally, is a world-famous hoop dancer and medicine man. He grew up in a time when Navajo traditions were frequently practiced, and he now travels around the world sharing those rituals. Jones Benally and son Clayson Benally shared traditional stories, rituals and games with the CCC audience.

The games they shared were not simply games at all; their games refer to the tradition of teaching their stories and rituals to the next generation. Playing string and stick games act as a tool to remember and retain the stories they have been taught about the Navajo culture.

"I organized this to share a taste of Navajo culture with CCC students," said Elliott Cooley, President of the Native American Student Association at Coconino Community College.

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Claesson stressed the importance of the games as oral messengers. The stories that the Navajo people have today were passed down solely through oral expressions. They have not been transcribed or translated, primarily because the English language does not always have the words to describe Dine' rituals effectively. Sharing their stories is pivotal to the culture because it is a way of remembering their history and ritual.

"At CCC, we have a high population of Native American students," said Brian Francis, Director of Academic Advising. "This event is another way of saying that we appreciate their culture, and this is a part of their home. They are a part of this community, and this is where they come from."

More information about the Native American Student Association on campus may be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/Native-American-Student-Association-Coconino-Community-College-273312276026486/>

-- Makenna Allen

## 'Act of Consent' explored at Kaleidoscope Club seminar



*Northland Family Help Center representatives presented information on the importance of consent during the Kaleidoscope Club meeting on Feb. 6.*

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The Kaleidoscope Alliance Club invited Sierra Jones from Northland Family Help Center to Coconino Community College on Feb. 6 to spread the importance of consent among CCC students.

Northland Family Help Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a safe haven for the Flagstaff community. The center offers a domestic violence shelter and a youth shelter for children under the age of 18. The center also provides free counseling services, community education and teaches sexual violence prevention.

"Teaching consent to college communities is imperative because colleges have a much higher sexual assault rate than any other community; most communities are one in five but college communities are one in four," Jones said.

Jones took the opportunity to further explore the word consent with CCC students. She broke down the word consent as an acronym: compassion, optional, negotiation, sobriety, engagement, non-violent, and talking about

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it. She stressed the importance of being aware when the act is happening and to express whether or not you wish to engage.

The act of sex is optional and you have the choice to say yes or no. It's important to be aware and confident when participating in sexual activities to express your needs and concerns. Consensual sex is black and white, and is as easy as saying yes or no.

"In many college communities there is pressure to participate in the 'party culture,' and there is a lot of pressure to be sexually active, which makes educating these communities that much more important," Jones said.

In our society talking about sex is uncomfortable and embarrassing, which makes talking about consent even harder, Jones added. Educating communities and advocating youth about consensual sex is one step closer to living in a consent-driven society.

--Mark Hanson

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## Have a CCC news story or idea?

News and stories abound on the campuses of Coconino Community College.

- Stories of student success
- Stories of faculty and staff who make a difference
- Stories of innovative programs that foster learning
- The latest news and events going on at CCC

The list goes on.

News and story ideas are always welcome. Please contact Larry Hendricks, Public Relations Coordinator, at [larry.hendricks@coconino.edu](mailto:larry.hendricks@coconino.edu), or 928.226.4374.