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## College News

### 2026 Commencement

May is always a special time at CCC as we celebrate the achievements of our graduating students in both Flagstaff and Page. The 2026 Commencement was truly one for the books. We honored 372 students as they crossed the stage. Family and loved ones filled Ardrey Auditorium at NAU to capacity, with standing room only! Congratulations to our graduating class of 2026. We can't wait to see the impact you have on Northern Arizona and beyond.



## Academic Affairs

### Nurse Pinning Ceremony

We always love celebrating our newest graduates of our Nursing Program, and honored them at the pinning ceremony this month. As they step into the profession, they carry forward a tradition rooted in care and service to others. Thank you for choosing a path that makes a difference every day. We look forward to the impact you will have in our communities.



## Community Connections

### Golf Tournament

Coconino Community College joined community partners at the annual Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Flag Ranch. We may not have come in first (we'll blame the wind), but moments like these help build and sustain the partnerships that support students, local businesses, and the broader community.



### ReadyTechGo

Expanding access to advanced manufacturing training means more opportunities for our community. With the growth of the ReadyTechGo Initiative, CCC is helping students build skills through hands-on learning and industry-connected training that prepares them for careers in Arizona's evolving workforce. We're grateful to be part of a statewide effort that supports learners, employers, and the future of Northern Arizona.



### President Nez

CCC hosted a conversation with the former President and First Lady of the Navajo Nation to deepen understanding of Native student experiences in higher education. Twenty faculty and staff participated, exploring historical and cultural factors that shape Indigenous students' paths. Feedback showed meaningful growth in recognizing what effective support looks like and how institutional choices influence belonging. Participants left committed to applying culturally responsive practices and strengthening connections to campus resources. Many also reported shifts in perspective around family obligations, cultural diversity, and the impact of everyday interactions.



### Detention Academy

Coconino Community College recognized the Detention Officer Academy for CCSO Class #35. Through AJS 216: Basic Detention Academy, cadets completed entry-level training aligned with Arizona Detention Association standards, preparing them for careers in corrections.



## Athletics

### Announcement!

Huge Announcement! It's Official! CCC is adding Women's and Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field starting 2026-27, competing at the NJCAA Division I level. The programs are supported by newly approved funding and grant dedicated to expanding athletics. This addition strengthens CCC's growing cross country program and creates year-round competitive opportunities for student-athletes, including access to additional national championships.

The cross country program announced an eighteen-athlete incoming recruiting class, twelve men and six women, representing communities across Arizona and New Mexico, including members of the Navajo, Hopi, White Mountain Apache, and Pueblo of Laguna tribes. The group includes state champions, individual state qualifiers, and two collegiate transfers joining a returning and that placed 13th (women) and 14th (men) at the NJCAA Cross Country National Championships last fall.



## Celebrating Excellence

### NISOD Award

Educators from across the nation gathered in Austin, Texas, this May for four days of learning, collaboration, and celebration at the 48th Annual NISOD Conference.

Coconino Community College was proudly represented by Sarah Heemstra, Student Life & Engagement Coordinator and recipient of the 2026 NISOD Excellence Award, and Dr. Mark Hartley, Dean of Student Development, who accepted the 2026 Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges award on behalf of CCC.

This marks the second consecutive year that CCC has received this prestigious national recognition—a testament to the college's commitment to creating an exceptional workplace culture and supporting employee success.

## ITS

Make sure to check out the latest issue of **IT Happens**, IT's monthly tech update designed to keep you informed with the latest technology tips, news, and guides!

