



**President's Information Report
September, October, November, December 2021**

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Aaron Rizzieri, Ph. D. had an article entitled, "Contractualism, Exclusionary Reasons, and the Moral Argument for Theism" accepted for publication by Religious Studies which is a respected and selective peer-reviewed journal in the philosophy of religion.

Dr. Allison Gray, English Faculty, published an article in the *Journal of Research in Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education*. The article, titled "Developing Engineering Identity in an Introductory Engineering Course: A Multi-Case Analysis," stemmed from a study focused on how targeted interventions in an undergraduate classroom impact students' sense of identity as engineers. The study was conducted with colleagues at NAU.

Jennifer Dennis was elected to serve on the Arizona Association of Lifelong Learning Board and Chairs the Sustainability Committee.

Michael Luna is the new President of the Arizona College Consortium (ACC). ACC is responsible for hosting the largest College fall tour in the state and involves over 45 Colleges and 100 high schools.

CCC received a **Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI)** grant this fall. The purpose of these funds is to:

- Design and implement a Summer Bridge Program for Native American learners
- Design, implement, and manage two Native American Student Success Centers (Lone Tree and Page)
- Provide support and guidance in the College's effort to develop and grow Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT) resources for CCC faculty the creation of a Native American Advisory Board

PARTNERSHIPS:

Curriculum proposals for a **Non-Destructive Testing Certificate** in partnership with Warriors to Inspectors has been approved. Students completing the 45-credit hour certificate program will also obtain sought-after industry certifications.

Marc Goldberg's curriculum proposal to offer a **Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE)** approved array of courses and certificate was approved in December. The FESHE certificate is an acknowledgement that a collegiate emergency services degree program meets the standards of excellence established by FESHE professional development committees and the National Fire Academy. This recognition will help recruit students and position CCC as a regional leader in fire science offerings.

CCC's **Caregiver Certificate** received state approval this fall and the first cohort is scheduled to begin Spring 2022. This program will help meet the acute and growing demand in the community and region.

An analysis of **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** academic funding priorities has been completed. After combing through the data and meeting with Chris Pasterz, the Coconino County Economic Development Manager, the College was able to establish which programs are thriving, what programs should be developed based on labor

market trends, and which programs should be reworked or considered for elimination based on enrollment patterns.

CCC faculty taught a full array of **automotive classes** at Findlay Honda this fall. Students were excited and the classes resulted in employment at several local companies including Findlay Honda, Jiffy Lube, Valvoline, Flagstaff Subaru, and Discount Tire.

Dietrich Sauer presented at the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board Retreat regarding 2022 workforce trends for employers in Flagstaff.

The **CCC HR team** is collaborating with the NAU Human Resources Certificate Program for another year by providing internships as part of the programs' final course of study. The College partners with the City of Flagstaff, Lowell Observatory, North Country Healthcare, and Forest Highlands to place the interns.

FYI:

CCC **Financial Aid** awarded \$1,413,000 in American Rescue Plan Grants to 2,577 students in Fall 2021. This was the largest award of stimulus money to students to date, and is in addition to awards totaling \$200,700 during summer 2021, \$396,500 during spring 2021, \$105,365 during summer 2020, and \$447,000 spring 2020. Since the pandemic began CCC Financial Aid has awarded \$2,562,565 in stimulus funds to students. The last round of stimulus funds will be awarded to students this spring totaling approximately \$1,000,000.

Information Technology Services (ITS), through relief funding, is working on upgrading most student-facing technology. This will bring the most current computing and classroom technology to students, as well as opening paths to virtualization in labs and computer classrooms in a few years. Given supply issues and the scale of the project, the project will continue for several months.

ITS continues to expand and deepen cyber security, an ongoing priority challenge. In just the last few months, ITS has responded to two newly revealed vulnerabilities, adjusting priorities and schedules to mitigate and patch serious threats.

Through the **Teaching and Learning Center**, Coconino Community College is collaborating on a multi-institutional research project called, "The Impact of Quality Matters Training on Student Success." Two CCC instructors joined this year's cohort to be a part of the year-long study. These instructors will learn how to use the Quality Matters Rubric to develop an online course improvement plan, and then work with CCC's instructional designer, Linda Neff, to implement any identified changes. Research results will inform our understanding of the general impact of a Quality Matters review on course revision, student perceptions of online courses that comply with QM rubric standards, and teachers' perceptions of QM project development and the peer review process.

Workforce Training has finalized the Spring **Certificate for Apartment Maintenance Technicians (CAMT)** class, is working with the Williams community to offer hospitality and service training, and is setting up monthly offerings of OSHA 10 (General Industry and Construction) in both Flagstaff and Page.

Wells Fargo provided Coconino Community College with a \$25,000 grant/gift in support of the **SBDC** in October. This is the second consecutive year SBDC has been awarded this grant/gift.

The CCC Art Committee now has new art adorning the Fourth Street walls that advance **Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)**. Works include a series of Navajo alphabet prints, the Inked series, and landscape scenes by Schroeder. The installation creates a welcoming environment for our diverse student population.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is working to increase the visual exposure of their programs in order to increase non-traditional students' enrollment. Diverse window wraps, promotional materials, virtual reality presentations, and hands on application assistance are more prominent.

Adult Education received a proclamation from Mayor Deasy that the city recognizes September 19 – 25, 2021 as Adult Education and Literacy Week. The city is now a participant in the Educate and Elevate Campaign.

Adult Education received the remaining funding award of \$73,973 to Develop and Expand IET and ABE/IELCE services.

The **Foundation** has implemented a new scholarship database with AwardSpring, streamlining and simplifying the scholarship application process for students.

Disability Resources (DR) created a QR code that was placed on fliers across all of the campuses on the TV monitors. The QR code gives students easier access to DR services and access to the DR webpage.

Additionally, **Disability Resources** assisted with a live virtual Transition Fair on October 20, 2021. Coconino High School and Flagstaff High School took part in the live session. The video was uploaded to You-Tube and links were sent to several other schools throughout Coconino County to watch at their leisure. [2021 Transition Fair Video](#)

The CCC Public Relations and Marketing Department spent the fall adjusting from a “legacy” (TV, radio, print) to a “digital” (online) focus in order to gain stronger traction with the goals set by the college’s Strategic Enrollment Management Recruitment Plan, which has proven to be very effective. Additionally, two campus video tours were added to our YouTube channel: [Fourth Street](#) and [Page](#).

CCC2NAU met with Arizona Western College (AWC) administrators to collaborate on how to improve the AWC2NAU for their students.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

TRIO Student Support Services and students participated in the City of Flagstaff Sustainability Office to beautify Lone Tree Road, filling nine bags of trash between the 1-40 Bridge and the entrance of CCC. Additionally, eleven TRIO students had a paint party, introducing many of the students to their first art class.



Despite the many challenges of COVID-19, people across the College worked to continue to provide special events and celebrations for CCC students. Some of the events held in October, November, and December included:

- **Community Education** safely hosted it's first in-person class since the pandemic began in September. Watercolor Painting was such a hit that the community is requesting more art classes.
- **Comet Talks** were offered in person and via Zoom. Topics were: The Wonder of Weather, Anti-Cancer Living, Weekday Morning and Friday Lunch Pilates, Prehistoric Ways of Life, Soundscapes, Featuring the

Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra, and The Ways We Speak. Additionally, there was a Comet Talk in American Sign Language with Kimberly Minard of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing.

- Associated Latino American Students (ALAS) Club Taco and Tamale Sale Fundraiser
- The Flagstaff Marathon in October raised \$10,000 for the cross-country team.
- The cross-country team competed at the National Championships in Richmond, Virginia
- CCC sponsored a balloon in the Lake Powell Balloon Regatta
- CCC participated in the Flagstaff, Williams, and Page Fourth of July parades
- CCC Celebrated it's first Indigenous Peoples Day celebration
- We celebrated CCC's 30th Birthday with events in both Page and Flagstaff

PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS:

Helena Babiski attended the annual The Pacific Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (PACRAO) conference as a graduate of PACRAO's 2020 Leadership Development Institute and a member of the 2021 PACRAO Diversity Development Committee.

Sarah Benton presented at the Northern Arizona Community of Practice Transition Team monthly meeting. The goal of these meetings is to further develop a network for students to gain hands on experience and provide avenues for employment.

Kate Kozak attended the several conferences this fall: American Mathematical Society's (AMS) virtual Committee on Education Mini-Conference, the Arizona Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges' (ArizMATYC) in person meeting and Math ATF, the virtual component of the AMATYC Annual Conference and the Conference Board of the Mathematical Science (CBMS) in Washington DC. We're pleased that the entire mathematics department was able to attend the ArizMATYC conference this year since it was held in Phoenix.

Debbie Goldenstein and **Jennifer Dennis** are participating in the National Association of State Directors of Adult Education (NASDAE), Leadership Excellence and Development Institute (LEAD).

Larry Hendricks attended the AC3 group meeting in Maricopa to begin content production for the next Arizona legislative cycle.

Registration & Enrollment Services worked with **Financial Aid** on the Course in Program of Study (CPOS) which is a cumbersome process required to maintain Federal Financial Aid Compliance. The manual process was converted to a more efficient automated process using Degree Works audit software.

CCC IN THE NEWS:

Sept. 22, 2021, Arizona Daily Sun: "Comets welcome high-level pro runners to cross country practice."

https://azdailysun.com/news/local/comets-welcome-high-level-pro-runners-to-cross-country-practice/article_af753ab2-f0fa-526b-9635-8b3acd455548.html

Sept. 28, 2021, Navajo-Hopi Observer: "Tuba City graduate part of Coconino Community College's first cross country team." <https://www.nhnews.com/news/2021/sep/28/tuba-city-graduate-part-coconino-community-college/>

Nov. 2, 2021, Navajo-Hopi Observer: "Coconino Community College receives \$2.1 million grant for Native American success." <https://www.nhnews.com/news/2021/nov/02/coconino-community-college-receives-21-mil-grant-n/>

Nov. 2, 2021, Williams Grand Canyon News: "Journalists partner with CCC to offer scholarship." <https://www.williamsnews.com/news/2021/nov/02/journalists-partner-ccc-mary-jo-west-scholar/>

Nov. 9, 2021, Flagstaff Business News: “Empowering the Native American Voice at CCC.”

<https://www.flagstaffbusinessnews.com/?s=CCC>

Nov. 29, 2021, Arizona Daily Sun: “CCC brings back caregiver program to meet community need.”

https://azdailysun.com/news/local/ccc-brings-back-caregiver-program-to-meet-community-need/article_0b0cbc80-631c-597c-8b53-1b3fbcc3cb10.html

Dec. 7, 2021, Lake Powell Chronicle: “Navajo Students present Dine Winter Stories.”

<https://lakepowellchronicle.com/article/navajo-students-present-dine-winter-stories>

Dec. 12, 2021, Arizona Daily Sun: “Strengthening Native American student success with a grant at Coconino Community College.”

https://azdailysun.com/news/local/education/strengthening-native-american-student-success-with-a-grant-at-coconino-community-college/article_bc110708-e407-5f31-892d-2bb70961d48f.html

Dec. 14, 2021, Lake Powell Chronicle: “Honoring ‘service’ in National Park Service.”

<https://lakepowellchronicle.com/article/honoring-service-in-national-park-service>

Dec. 28, 2021, Arizona Daily Sun: “Higher Education Year in Review: New NAU president, CCC celebrates 30th anniversary.”

https://azdailysun.com/news/local/education/higher-education-year-in-review-new-nau-president-ccc-celebrates-30th-anniversary/article_0640f147-5bc6-57c1-b86b-f095456c3196.html

Jan. 4, 2022, Lake Powell Chronicle: “Year in Review.” <https://lakepowellchronicle.com/article/2021-the-year-in-review>

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT:

Meetings of Interest

- 9/1/2021 Arizona Higher Education Convening
- 9/1/2021 Coronavirus Management Team
- 9/10/2021 Coronavirus Team Emergency Meeting
- 9/13/2021 CCC P3 Student/Workforce Housing Update
- 9/14/2021 Coronavirus Team Case Follow Up
- 9/15/2021 NALA Board Meeting
- 9/15/2021 Flinn Foundation Steering Committee
- 9/15/2021 DGB Meeting - Joint Meeting with Foundation Board
- 9/16/2021 Executive Council Opening Session - HLC Prep
- 9/16/2021 Drop-In/Q&A Session - HLC Prep Visit
- 9/16/2021 Criterion 5 Open Forum - HLC Prep Visit
- 9/16/2021 Criterion 3&4 Open Forum - HLC Prep Visit
- 9/16/2021 Strategic Enrollment Management
- 9/16/2021 Drop-In/Q&A Session - HLC Prep Visit
- 9/16/2021 Executive Council Debrief – HLC Prep Visit
- 9/17/2021 Health Current/League Presentation
- 9/17/2021 September CEO Summit Update
- 9/22/2021 HLC
- 9/22/2021 COVID-19 Recovery Grants
- 9/22/2021 Info to Steve Peru - SBDC
- 9/23/2021 AC4 Meeting
- 9/23/2021 ECoNA Board Meeting
- 9/23/2021 CCC Champions

9/27/2021 CCC P3 Student/Workforce Housing Update
 9/27/2021 CCC Primary Property Tax Initiative & S360 Consulting
 9/28/2021 HLC Open Pathways Comprehensive Visit Meeting
 9/28/2021 NASNTI Program
 9/28/2021 Lunch with Dr. Smith
 9/28/2021 COVID Testing & Vaccine Site
 Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
 9/28/2021 Meeting
 9/29/2021 Education Forward/CCC Meeting
 9/29/2021 HLC Discussion
 9/30/2021 Page Day
 9/30/2021 CCC Page Housing and Grants Meet and Greet
 10/1/2021 Extended Learning Team
 10/1/2021 Primary Property Tax Meeting
 10/1/2021 Steve Peru Meeting
 10/2/2021 Marathon Fundraiser for Cross Country Team
 10/4/2021 Page Property Appraisal
 10/4/2021 Staff Council Monthly Meeting
 10/5/2021 Elevate Pre-K
 10/6/2021 CCC and Coconino County Election Discussion
 10/6/2021 Taco Sale and Folklorico Performance
 10/11/2021 Welcome at Land Acknowledgement Statement Event
 10/11/2021 PTK Fall Presidential Advisory Board Meeting
 10/12/2021 Moving Forward: Education and Workforce Development
 10/12/2021 Coronavirus Management Team
 10/12/2021 CCC All College Forum - Coronavirus and HLC
 10/13/2021 Ballot Initiative
 10/14/2021 NALA Meeting - hosted by Government Affairs Committee
 10/16/2021 NARHBA Oktoberfest Dinner
 10/19/2021 Budget Update
 10/20/2021 DGB Meeting
 10/22/2021 A&S Division Meeting
 10/24/2021 HLC Team Airport Pickups
 10/25/2021 Meeting with HLC Team Chair
 10/25/2021 Opening Session with President and Executive Leadership Council
 10/25/2021 President, CFO, HR Director
 10/25/2021 Lunch with DGB – HLC Visit
 10/26/2021 Strategic Planning Team Operational Efficiency – HLC Visit
 10/26/2021 Exit Meeting with HLC Team
 10/26/2021 Exit Session – HLC Team
 10/27/2021 NALA Strategy Session
 10/27/2021 Angie Moline - NALA
 10/27/2021 DGB Meeting - Primary Property tax
 10/28/2021 AC4 Meeting
 10/28/2021 Vaccination Mandate Discussion
 10/28/2021 Interview – Guest Services and Scheduling Coordinator
 10/28/2021 Election Catch Up

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 10/28/2021 Budget Kick-Off Meeting - All College Format
 10/28/2021 All College Meeting
 11/16/2021 COVID-19 Update
 11/16/2021 Foundation Executive Committee Meeting
 11/17/2021 Coronavirus Team Meeting
 11/18/2021 AC4 Meeting
 11/18/2021 NALA Meeting
 11/19/2021 Assessment Committee Meeting
 Meeting with Northland Pioneer College concerning Shared
 11/19/2021 Services
 11/22/2021 CCC P3 Student/Workforce Housing Update
 November Kick-Off Community Colleges and Communities:
 11/22/2021 Collective Impact-Workforce Development with Wraparound
 11/29/2021 NPC and CCC Shared Services
 11/29/2021 Broadband Development on Navajo Nation Meeting
 11/29/2021 COVID-19 Steering Committee
 11/30/2021 Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
 11/30/2021 NASNTI Meeting
 11/30/2021 ECoNA/CCC Quarterly Catch Up
 12/2/2021 Faculty Credentials
 12/2/2021 IT Training
 12/2/2021 Assessment
 12/3/2021 Statewide Marketing Meeting
 12/3/2021 Nestle Purina/CCC Partnerships
 12/4/2021 NALA Strategic Planning
 12/5/2021 NAU Holiday Reception
 12/6/2021 CCC P3 Student/Workforce Housing Update
 12/6/2021 Stronger As One Executive Leadership Council
 12/8/2021 Higher Education Commission Meeting
 12/8/2021 Bioscience Roadmap Steering Committee Meeting
 12/8/2021 DGB Board Meeting
 12/9/2021 Arizona Commerce Authority
 12/10/2021 White Family Fellowship Endowment
 12/10/2021 CCC/Elevate PreK/CCESA Collaboration
 12/14/2021 AAEC High Schools - Possible Expansion
 12/14/2021 Coronavirus Team Meeting
 12/14/2021 Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
 12/15/2021 Executive Leadership Council
 12/16/2021 Filming for All Arizona Academic Team
 12/16/2021 Dr. Cruz Rivera Meeting
 12/20/2021 AC4 Legislative Update

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Upcoming Presidential Travel

1/20/2021 House Appropriations Subcommittee Budget Hearings

1/26/2021 AC4

1/27/2021 AC4