



## President's Information Report April 2021

### AWARDS AND HONORS:

**Cindy Scott** has joined Kay Leum as a member of the City of Page Economic Development Advisory Board.

**Sarah Benton's** commission appointment was renewed by the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Sarah serves as the Secretary of the commission board and Chairs the Interpreter Licensure Committee. Sarah serves the commission as the statewide interpreter representative.

CCC Admission Advisor **Mike Luna** was voted in as President of the Arizona College Consortium (ACC)! ACC was established in 2017 and coordinated the first ACC Fall Tour in 2018. The recruitment tour covers 75% of Arizona's high schools and includes schools from various regions like Nogales, Page, Kingman, and Window Rock High Schools.

### FYI:

**The numbers continue to go up!** CCC Academic & Career Advising sessions were up **100%** compared to last April. In April 2020, CCC Academic & Career Advisors had 202 advising sessions. In April 2021, CCC Academic & Career Advisors had 402 zoom advising sessions. To support enrollment for summer and fall, CCC Advisors reached out to 400 CCC students alerting them to sign up for summer and fall classes.

Those advising sessions and calls are starting to show results in the College's enrollment numbers. On Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, enrollment for Summer exceeded 2019 (a pre-COVID-19 semester) by 26%. Enrollment for the Fall 2021 semester is 1% below enrollment before COVID-19.

In collaboration with other CCC departments, the Admissions team created and presented two Summer 2021 Free Tuition Information Events for students and parents. Thirty-nine high school seniors have enrolled in the summer semester using the free summer tuition program.

**Kate Kozak** presented at a virtual workshop called "Sparking Connections: Professional Associations as Supportive Communities" for Cayuga Community College.

The **ASL Club** concluded the Comet Signs series, which presented weekly storytelling in ASL. Ten sessions were held over the semester on Zoom, and participation included ASL 101 – ASL 202 students and members of the Deaf community.

CCC Admissions Advisors and Career and Technical Education faculty presented an Adulting 101 course about CCC and Summer 2021 free tuition to 83 seniors at Flagstaff High School.

The Admissions team met with students in person at 14 high schools (some schools multiple times). The schools visited included: Page, Summit, Ponderosa, Queen Creek, Higley, Desert Vista, Tuba City, Camp Verde, Gilbert, Perry, Centennial, Flagstaff, Williams, and Coconino High Schools.

To help facilitate the enrollment process for local high school students to take advantage of the free summer tuition program, Registration and Enrollment Services has begun a significant overhaul of the residency determination process. These changes included streamlining and simplifying information available on our website, student residency forms, and the application for admission. The changes will benefit all students by increasing transparency and efficiency of residency determination. These improvements would not have been possible without guidance from the Provost and legal counsel and collaboration with the Advising, Financial Aid, and Admissions and High School Programs teams.

In preparation for the fall HLC accreditation visit, Registration and Enrollment Services has worked with the Provost, Associate Dean of Learning Services, Advising, and both Academic Deans to refine the procedure and process to award students academic credit for professional certification/licensure and specialized training (e.g., military). This has included standardizing credit awarded for commonly earned certifications/licenses in Career and Technical Education fields and should benefit all students by providing accessible information and clear guidance on earning academic credit for prior learning/professional achievements as an alternative method to progress toward degree completion.

The Dean of Student Affairs and Athletic Director, Tony Williams, announced the hiring of Craig Hunt as CCC's first Head Coach of Cross Country. Craig will begin in his new role as soon as the final HR paperwork has been completed but has already committed to several events in early May. The Arizona Community College Athletic Conference will vote to approve CCC as its newest member during the May 10-11, 2021 meetings. In-Season practice for the Running Comets will begin August 1<sup>st</sup>! Go Comets!

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

The [Common Read](#) program presented a virtual event titled "American Tensions & The Freedom of Real Apologies." The event explored the characteristics of meaningful apologies in the context of the US congressional apology to Native Americans in 2009.

[Comet Talks](#) continued in April with two talks titled Hypnotherapy to Soothe Anxiety and Shakespeare and Gender.

Academic and Career Advising hosted a virtual career workshop titled "How to Ace the Interview," presented by Sara Benét from the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) in California. Sara discussed what to wear to an interview, preparing an elevator pitch, and answering the most commonly asked questions.

The College co-hosted a recent Virtual Construction Job Fair with the Northern Arizona Building Association that was open to the public. The CAMT program, in collaboration with Advising and Career Development, also hosted a virtual job fair and six of the seven graduates from this year's class were able to secure jobs through the event.

Aaron Yazzie, Diné Mechanical Engineer - NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, continued telling his story to CCC students in Part II of a series of STEM presentations titled "My STEM Journey: The Landing of Perseverance." Yazzie served as a surface operations downlink chair for the Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity Rover after landing in 2012. He also delivered flight hardware to Mars onboard the InSight Lander Mission in 2018.

The Business Finance series presented by the SBDC and Community Education concluded at the end of April. The four-part workshop series drew nearly 30 participants.

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

Colleen Smith, April Sandoval, Jami Van Ess, Nate Southerland, Kimberly Batty-Herbert, Colleen Carscallen, Sarah Southwick, Summer Dennis, Luke Owens, Sarah Benton, Sarah Rencher, Sandra Dihlmann Lunday, Allison Gray, Jennifer Jameson, and Melinda McKinney participated in the Higher Learning Commission 2021 Annual Conference held virtually April 5-9. This year's theme was *Crisis and Community*.

**PARTNERSHIPS:**

Meghan Remington and Kay Leum joined DGB member Eric Eikenberry in Williams to meet with Mayor John Moore regarding hospitality and service training for businesses in the Williams community. DGB Member Eikenberry was able to convince Meghan to ride the Zipline.

Dietrich Sauer represented CCC on the ECoNA employer workforce housing group. He attended a brainstorming session with local builders to address workforce housing challenges for the major employers in Northern Arizona.

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT:**

Meetings of Interest

- April 1, 2021 AC4 – Chief Academic Officers Meeting
- April 2, 2021 Chief Development Officer Interviews
- April 5-9, 2021 HLC Virtual Conference and President's Program
- April 5, 2021 AC4 Legislative Meeting
- April 7 and 9, 2021 Commencement Speakers
- April 12, 2021 P3 Project Team  
AC4 Legislative Meeting
- April 13, 2021 Coconino County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- April 14, 2021 Flinn Foundation/Arizona Biosciences
- April 15, 2021 NALA
- April 19, 2021 Sherriff Jim Driscoll – Public Safety Training Center
- April 20, 2021 NALA Executive Board
- April 21, 2021 DGB Meeting
- April 22, 2021 AC4  
Foundation Executive Leadership Team and Finance Committee
- April 23, 2021 CTE Virtual Business and Industry Advisory Council
- April 24, 2021 Bryan Bates – Possible Funding Opportunity
- April 27, 2021 Flagstaff Chamber Board
- April 28, 2021 All-College Forum
- April 29, 2021 NAPEBT Wellness Awards Virtual Banquet

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Upcoming Presidential Travel

June 24-25, 2021 AC4 Retreat – Maricopa, Arizona (Dr. Smith may also attend by Zoom)