

Coconino Community College

CoCoConnections

Employee newsletter

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*Juanita Taranto, Director of
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Dear CCC employees,

The sounds and sights of students filling hallways and classrooms has returned to all of CCC's locations! Enjoy the semester, everybody!

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



Friends of CCC, Kerry Blume (left) and Steve Peru (right), helped CCC President Colleen Smith give an update of national, state and local trends in higher education during the All-Employee Breakfast Jan. 12.

President gives update on state of CCC during Jan. 12 breakfast

Coconino Community College President Colleen A. Smith discussed "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" of higher education during an All-Employee Breakfast on Friday, Jan. 12 at the Lone Tree campus.

"One of the things we've been working on this year is really listening to our communities," Dr. Smith said, adding that she and Kerry Blume, who is working with CCC to enhance community engagement, have been traveling the county to listen. "We really want to know the truth – the good, the bad and the ugly."

Dr. Smith talked first about "The Ugly," and she gave bleak statistics on the state of higher education in the United States. For instance, according to Harvard Business Professor Clayton Christensen, 50 percent of 4,000 colleges and universities in the U.S. will be bankrupt within 15 years. And, according to Moody's Investment Service, closure rates of small colleges and universities is expected to triple in coming years.

"That would be devastating for people wanting to improve their lives," Dr. Smith said.

In "The Bad" section, Dr. Smith spoke about financial "challenges" facing community colleges in the state in the face of cuts and the perception where, in a quote from the Chronicle of Higher Education about how people perceive a college degree or certificate, "those kids don't need college." Additionally, it doesn't appear as if state funding to community colleges will improve, even though the economy continues to do so. Enrollments are flat or slightly down and accreditation requirements are becoming more stringent, too. Add to that Flagstaff's cost of living 14 percent higher than the national average, housing costs 36 percent above the national average (from Housing Attainability for the Flagstaff Workforce study) and that students are working more hours, it's no wonder the challenges continue to mount.

"We need to be smart and engaged going forward," Dr. Smith said.

Referring to "The Good," Dr. Smith mentioned the CCC faculty, staff and leadership devoted to ensuring quality learning opportunities for students, dedication to diversity and opportunities for students in the community.

"We're expected to be all things for all people, but we can't because of our funding," Dr. Smith said. "So, we must prioritize."

She ended her presentation with another quote from Christensen: "Maybe the most important thing that we add value to our students is the ability to change their lives," and the understanding that CCC will move forward with determination and grit to do great things for students.

Blume spoke about the results of Dr. Smith's Listening Sessions throughout the county. More than 350 residents attended the 14 locations visited. The results were that CCC has a wide reach in the county and has some fences to mend with Williams and Page residents.

"You are changing people's lives," Blume said. "People cherish their experiences here."

Educational priorities of residents focused on trades, health care, early childhood education, hospitality industry, lifelong learning, basic employment skills, GED and meeting the needs of students heading for higher education.

Steve Peru, President and CEO of the United Way of Northern Arizona, updated everybody on efforts underway in the community with the formation of two groups. One, called Community Champions for CCC, has been formed to continue to spread the good news about what CCC has to offer. The other, called Partners for a Thriving CCC, is meant to offer advocacy on behalf of the College.

"We want you to know that we are in it for you all," Peru said.

Several CCC employees enthusiastically joined in on helping to illustrate the theme of Dr. Smith's speech. Fun photos of their efforts can be found [here](#).

News from CCC in Page

Bitter Springs resident Marissa Tsinnajinnie has been selected as the Spring to Success scholarship recipient.

The \$750 scholarship is to be used for a CCC student attending CCC in Page for the Spring 2018 term. Kay Leum, Director of Special Projects and Grants, would like to thank the selection committee for their help and the time they dedicated to review the applications. The scholarship was developed by Leum and Director Jim Hunter to recognize one of CCC's



President Smith with scholarship recipient

Page students. The selection committee had a tough decision with more than 10 applications, which were submitted as a part of the Get the Scoop event in Page on Dec. 15.

LEUM ON ADVISORY BOARD

In other news, Leum was selected to serve on the City of Page Community Development Advisory Board.

The advisory board works with the City Council on the economic development, tourism, beautification, enhancement and development of public land within the Page community – including master planning, budgeting, event and activity planning, marketing strategies and coordination.



Members serve for three-year terms.

Sue Kennedy, Deputy City Clerk, leads Leum in the oath of office.

Get half-price tickets to Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra



The Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra is offering a block of 25 half-price coupons to Coconino Community College for the "Master Works III" concert to be performed on Jan. 26, 2018, at Ardrey Auditorium at NAU.

Note: Half-price coupon recipients must be willing to provide simple survey information at a later date regarding their experience and concert thoughts and suggestions. To sign up, go [here](#).

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.

Volunteers sought to welcome students back to CCC

Veronica Hipolito, Dean of Student Development and Community Engagement, would love the help of staff and faculty to welcome students the first week of classes.

When you have time in your day, stop by the entrances of our Page, Fourth Street and Lone Tree locations to welcome students and ask if they need direction to their classes.

Today and Wednesday will be busy, so any help you can give will help create a positive experience for our students.

Enrollment Services updates graduation, residency procedures

Enrollment Services is updating procedures for graduation and residency requirements.

Graduation: Enrollment Services (ES) will be monitoring student progression toward degree completion and is currently developing a process to automatically award degrees and certificates when complete. ES will also be automatically awarding certificates that are embedded within degrees. The process will improve student satisfaction and completion rates. The process is scheduled to be complete by the summer, and students can still submit paper applications. Training will be provided after the process is finalized.

Residency: Two primary changes include: 1. (3.4.a and 3.4.b) Deadline for submitting appeal for residency classification to improve the student experience by giving adequate time to submit documentation; 2. To align with Arizona Revised Statutes.

Copies of the procedures are available from Kimmi Grulke, Registrar and Director of Registration and Enrollment Services, at kimmi.grulke@coconino.edu. Submit any comments or suggestions to Grulke by Jan. 31.

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. 16

15 Minute Crossfit! CCC-LT, Room 462, from 10 to 10:15 a.m.

Mindfulness COF City Hall, at noon

Belly Dancing Techniques CCC-LT, Room 462, from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Slow Flow Yoga CCC-Fourth Street Dance Room, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Sugar Challenge Begins!*

Yoga CCC-LT, Room 462, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Slow Flow Yoga CCC-Fourth Street Dance Room, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19

Emotional Self-Care CCC-LT, Room 459, from noon to 1 p.m.

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

* Event requires registration

IT ALERT: Beware scam calls

Employees at Coconino Community College are experiencing situations where calls are being masked as internal CCC phone numbers in an attempt to "scam" or social engineer the College.

According to Brian Wilson, Assistant Director of Infrastructure Systems, the scam will manifest as a call from a number you recognize as someone in the College – for instance, your supervisor, or even the president.

Please verify completely the person with whom you are speaking if you get one of these calls. As always, be conscious of information security and regulations before providing any information over the phone. Please help protect our students and CCC from these scams.

If someone is calling from the outside and masking their number, it will appear as 928-226-4xxx in the display. If it is a legitimate call from inside the College, it will normally only show the extension and name. The same goes for missed calls.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Brian Wilson at brian.wilson@coconino.edu, or extension 4328.

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 is "Faculty Of The Year Awards" in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below this, it says "Nominate Your Instructor For Faculty Of The Year" in yellow and white. A circular badge on the left contains the text "STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF NOMINATE A faculty member for faculty of the year". The deadline is stated as "Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 2, 2018". At the bottom, it says "Nominate Your Instructor Here" with three arrows pointing down to the URL "www.coconino.edu/faculty-of-the-year-nomination".

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

- ASPEN DELI REOPENS: Aspen Deli has reopened for business after the Winter Break!
- RESOURCE FAIR: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Lone Tree Commons. Students get the scoop on resources available to help them succeed. Food will be served.
- LAUNCH FLAGSTAFF: Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Lone Tree Commons and Room 125. LAUNCH Flagstaff will be hosting a financial aid and scholarship fair. Food will be served.
- FRYBREAD SALE: Tuesday, Jan. 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Fourth Street campus. Native American Student Association fundraiser to support future club activities.
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 12:30 to 2 p.m., in the Lone Tree Commons. An event to help promote student Clubs and Organizations. 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.
- 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.
- 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.