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Flag Chamber recognizes CCC's 25 years of membership



Coconino Community College President Colleen A. Smith (center) and Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Scott Talboom (right) accept a certificate of appreciation for 25 years of serving the community as a Chamber member from the Chamber's Vice President of Investor Relations Kat Ross (left).

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce awarded Coconino Community College with a certificate of appreciation in honor of 25 years of serving the community as a Chamber member.

"We at Coconino Community College are very proud to be recognized by the Chamber of Commerce for our 25 years of membership," said CCC President Colleen A. Smith. "That membership reflects how important it is to us that we are active partners with business and industry. We are grateful for everything the Chamber does to support our community and are proud to be a part of the team."

Chamber President and CEO Julie Pastrick thanked CCC for being a

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member throughout the years. She said that the Chamber originally supported the formation of CCC 25 years ago, understanding the unique needs of rural residents for access to education.

"Today, when we celebrate our 25-year partnership, its significance cannot be underestimated," Pastrick said. "Young adults, those wishing to advance to a higher career level with their current employer, and those wishing to re-enter the labor force all rely on continuing education and skills training that they cannot gain elsewhere."

Pastrick added that education is the foundation for success in life.

"And we salute Coconino Community College for its broad focus on educational access and attainment for all county residents," Pastrick said.

More CCC students than ever enrolling in CCC2NAU



Robin Long, manager for the CCC2NAU program, talks with a student about the program, which has had its largest enrollment to date.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The award-winning Coconino Community College university transition program, CCC2NAU, has had its largest cohort since the program began in 2008.

According to information from Northern Arizona University, 427 CCC students joined the CCC2NAU program for the Fall 2016 term. That is up from 390 in Fall 2015 and 401 in Fall 2014. As of Fall 2016, 322 students in the program have graduated from NAU with a baccalaureate.

"It's so rewarding to work in CCC2NAU and see how it has grown from just an idea to a strong, robust program," said Robin Long, CCC2NAU Manager. "The pipeline is solid. Whenever I tell people I meet what I do for a living, they say, 'Oh, yes. I have heard of CCC2NAU.'"

CCC2NAU has become a state and national model for seamlessly transitioning community college students to a four-year university. The program has served more than 2,600 students, compared to a starting cohort of 15 in 2008. The CCC2NAU program provides an innovative way to smooth a student's path toward a bachelor's degree with tailored advisement and institutional collaboration, including access to amenities at NAU. The CCC2NAU program is based on the theory that students who feel more integrated into the university while still attending community college

are more likely to transition to the university and complete a four-year degree.

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"Students tell us what they value the most is meeting with cross-trained advisors who know degree requirements at both institutions. It takes the guesswork out of selecting classes. And, of course, they always mention that the affordable tuition at the community college is a big draw," Long said.

Students interested in applying to CCC2NAU should apply to both CCC and NAU by going to nau.edu/ccc2nau. There is no application fee. All first-time students must attend a mandatory information session and meet with a CCC2NAU advisor to map out an academic plan. Call 928.226.4257.

There are now 21 2NAU programs around the state, but CCC2NAU was the first.

Palette to Palate 2016 raises \$15K for CCC Fine Arts Department



Hundreds of guests enjoyed good food and bid on artwork during the Palette to Palate event last April. More than \$15,000 was raised for the CCC Fine Arts Department.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The funds purchased a pugmill that recycles clay as well as makes it smooth and consistent, and the funds helped buy a badly needed new kiln to fire pottery. New track lights and shades grace the art room, and scholarships support student success in the Fine Arts Department.

For the last 15 years, the Palette to Palate fundraiser has been dedicated to raising funds for the Coconino Community College Fine Arts Department. Each year, the event has successfully raised funds and has continued to grow in popularity, resulting in the best year to date last year - to the tune of \$15,000.

The 2017 Palette to Palate promises to be just as successful.

Palette to Palate is a mixture of great food and great art. More than a dozen local restaurants compete for the top spots by featuring some of their finest

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hors d'oeuvres, main dishes and desserts while the artwork of local artists, CCC students and CCC employees is auctioned off to the highest bidder. The guests at the event are also treated to fine entertainment by local performers.

"This could be the best year ever," said CCC's Marketing and Events Coordinator Brian Harris. "I'm really looking forward to attending. CCC Dance Instructor Robert Corbin will introduce specially choreographed dance performances showcasing his FALA students, and Chase Coleman will be performing with the FALA Jazz Band."

Alan Petersen, Fine Arts Instructor, said, "For a school our size, with our budget conditions, it allows us to offer a high-quality experience for our students."

The equipment purchases allow students a stronger learning experience, Petersen added. Additionally, the funds support a variety of field trips to art locations throughout the region, and sometimes, even abroad. Finally, the Fine Arts Department can award two students each academic year with scholarships of \$1,500 to help them afford their studies at CCC.

"People tell me it's one of the nicest fundraising events," Petersen said of Palette to Palate. "It's created a tradition people look forward to and express enjoyment by supporting the department."

Last year, the following restaurants were represented: Main Street Catering, Artisan's Kitchen, Satchmo's, SoSoBa - The Nonstop Noodle Shop, Little America Restaurant, DoubleTree by Hilton Sakura Sushi & Teppanyaki, Simply Delicious/Café Daily Fare, Pita Jungle, Josephine's Modern American Bistro, Cottage Place, The Sweet Shoppe & Nut House, Southwest Foodservice Excellence, Zenith Steakhouse at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort and Plated Projects: Buster's, Fieldhouse Chicken & Waffles, The Mayor, Oakmont and Taverna.

Mother Road Brewing Company provided locally brewed craft beers, and The Commerce provided delicious wine. Campus Coffee Bean provided coffee and tea, and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Flagstaff provided refreshments, while Sutcliffe Floral served as the floral sponsor.

Findlay Toyota of Flagstaff helped make Palette to Palate possible, in part, as the patron sponsor.

Doors open for P2P 2017 at 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 28, in the CCC Lone Tree Campus Commons, 2800 S. Lone Tree Road, in Flagstaff. Ticket prices are \$40 for individual admission, \$70 for couples, and \$30 for individual CCC students, alumni, faculty and staff. To purchase Palette to Palate tickets online, visit [here](#).

For more details, please contact Marketing and Events Coordinator Brian Harris at brian.harris@coconino.edu, or call (928) 226-4312.

Student Success

CCC student stresses importance of scholarships to her success

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CCC student Stacy Camp applied for and received several scholarships through the CCC Foundation to help support her return to college for a Nursing degree.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Coconino Community College Nursing student Stacy Camp was past 40 when she decided to return to school part time in 2011.

She had been a stay-at-home mom who homeschooled her five children and took care of a very ill son. When she returned to college, eventually switching to full time, she applied for and received several scholarships through the CCC Foundation.

"They have been a major blessing," Camp said. "Going back to school without the funding would have been difficult. It has taken some of that burden off my husband."

The scholarship season for the 2017-18 academic year has begun and runs through late March. To help students, CCC Financial Aid and Foundation staff will offer two seminars in February to offer guidance to students seeking scholarships.

In her career at CCC, Camp has received several scholarships, including the CCC Foundation President's Award, Jason Kurtz Nursing scholarship, a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Nursing scholarship and a Dougherty Foundation scholarship. The scholarships support her tuition and books, and sometimes, she has funds left over for home expenses, which the family might not otherwise have been able to cover while she attends school full-time.

Camp listed another benefit: The scholarships have raised the standards of what's acceptable for her children. If she can go to school and have an exciting time, be a mom, be a wife and work part-time as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Peaks Senior Assisted Living Center, her children can get straight A's. Her children have been gifted with the drive to excel in college because they've watched their mom do it.

"That example of how to persevere has been good for them," Camp said.

Now, she needs to balance three more semesters of school and children and she will be done with her studies. Her plan is to work in Flagstaff at a local doctor's office, where she has already spent time. She's hopeful to go into surgery, or work in a school setting. Eventually, she would like to go

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on medical missions internationally with her church.

"We'll wait and see," she said, smiling.

Her motivation to be a nurse: Her oldest son, who is 23, has been sick most of his life. He was put on dialysis when he was 9 days old. He's undergone kidney transplants, and he has had brain bleeds, cancer and seizures.

What does she enjoy the most about the profession of nursing? She gets to watch people get better, to improve after being sick or injured.

"It's so cool to do what I can to make someone's life pleasant and more comfortable," Camp said. "That is so exciting - to be able to make people more comfortable so they can heal and get home."

And the help a nurse can offer doesn't always need to be complicated things. Little things, like listening, often helps, too. Listening to the patient is key, Camp said. It helps establish trust in how to approach them, how to hold them, how to move them and how to help them heal. There's a dignity that should be afforded patients who are stripped down to nothing, unable to do what they want.

"It's been really rewarding," Camp said.

She is scheduled to graduate from the Nursing program in May 2018. She already has a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education, which she received from NAU in 1990.

Camp stressed that she did not want to go into debt to attend college, and she doesn't want that for her children either. She currently has three children in college. One son, Matthew, who was a CAVIAT student in high school, is now at CCC studying business. He receives the Larry Goltz Memorial Scholarship to cover the costs of his education. In May, he transfers to Northern Arizona University.

Matthew said, "It was a fantastic surprise to hear that I had been chosen to be given this scholarship. It is also a great financial break because not only do I have less out-of-pocket to pay for, I can also register for classes way ahead of time without paying for it all at the same time."

Matthew said his future plans are to work for a company to get experience before starting a business of his own.

Camp and her son said that they recommend students apply for scholarships.

Matthew said, "Why not? A scholarship is a scholarship. Why not apply for as many as you can? If the school that you attend can offer you the opportunity for some financial help, it makes studying much less stressful, especially for the students who pay their own way to attend school."

Camp said, "I think a lot of people are intimidated by the essay. But it's free money. You just got to get over it and do it. Just do it."

She added that it is very motivational to know somebody is supporting you through your education.

"It's very encouraging," Camp said.

CCC will offer two seminars, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and 4 to 5:15 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 8, to help students apply for scholarships.

The seminars will be held at the CCC Lone Tree campus, 2800 S. Lone Tree Road - the Board Room for the morning session, and Room 537 for the afternoon session. For more information about scholarships available through the CCC Foundation, visit <http://www.coconinofoundation.org>.

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Around CCC

CCC Resource Fair a hit for students



CCC students took advantage of the information available at the Jan. 18, 2017 Resource Fair, which is held at the beginning of each semester.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The Coconino Community College Lone Tree Campus Commons buzzed with students and community vendors alike as the Resource Fair went underway on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

"I knew that they (CCC) had this on Wednesday, so I figured I'd stop by," said Connor Mattoon, a student enrolled in his first semester at CCC.

He, along with the other student attendees at the Resource Fair, were there to learn more about what resources and opportunities were available to them this semester at CCC.

When asked about newly discovered resources at the fair, Mattoon mentioned that he was not aware of how closely CCC and NAU worked together.

"Just being able to use Cline Library and being able to check out books and to use the computers," Mattoon said about the relationship between CCC and NAU.

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The CCC Resource Fair is held at the start of every semester and is put on by the Student Services Department, coordinated by Student Life and Passages Program Coordinator, Derik Yellowhair. The Resource Fair is meant to encourage students to make connections and use the CCC and Flagstaff have to offer.

"It's a way to welcome back students and get them aware of the different services that we have here at CCC and within the Flagstaff area," Yellowhair said.

The Resource Fair showcased several programs and services, such as military, healthcare, educational, transportation, financial, as well as other services. Some of the programs and institutions involved were Wells Fargo Bank, the U.S. Marine Corps, the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority, CCC Information Technology Services, CCC2NAU, CCC TRIO program, CCC Starfish, Veterans Workforce Services, and many others.

Mattoon said he used the Resource Fair to find out more about transition programs to universities in Arizona, such as Arizona State University and the University of Arizona, in addition to learning about the CCC2NAU program. CCC2NAU, a program to help CCC students transition to Northern Arizona University, helped Mattoon start to shape his vision for the next steps in his educational aspirations. He said he was made more aware of what scholarships are available for him to work towards during his journey from CCC to university.

Mattoon added that he is still exploring his possibilities as a future transfer student, and like the hundreds of other students in attendance, he was able to further advance his educational vision at the Resource Fair. The next Resource Fair at CCC will take place in the Fall Semester.

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Students learn about CCC clubs and organizations

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CCC students spent time gathering information during a Clubs & Organizations

Fair at the Lone Tree Campus on Jan. 25, 2017.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Coconino Community College students, new and returning, had the chance to attend this semester's Clubs and Organizations Fair on Jan. 25 and take a look at the many options that CCC has to offer.

Among those was the Outdoors Club, which is kicking off its first semester as a club at CCC. The club president, Bailee Brown, took full advantage of the fair to showcase what her club has in store for students this spring.

Enthusiastic about what she intends to accomplish with the Outdoors Club, Brown said she is interested in "seeing new places" and "trying new activities" with the members who decide to join.

The CCC Clubs and Organizations Fair is held once at the beginning of each semester for students to explore the various curricular and extracurricular activities. It is intended to help them get more involved with the College, make new friends, and create new experiences. The fair is coordinated by the Student Services Department at CCC, led by Student Life and Passages Coordinator Derik Yellowhair.

Yellowhair said he was very excited to have new clubs being established, welcoming both the Outdoors Club and the Anthropology Club to CCC.

Among the new clubs were many clubs and organizations returning to CCC, ready to begin another great semester by welcoming new students and showcasing their clubs at the fair. Experienced CCC organizations at this year's fair included the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the CCC Associated Student Body. Clubs returning for the new semester that were in attendance at the fair were the Chess Club, the Games Club, the Kaleidoscope Alliance, the Native American Student Association and others.

The students in attendance at the Clubs and Organizations Fair were able to see the clubs at CCC, receive information about them by talking with club representatives and sign up on location at the fair. As a one-stop shop to learn about clubs and organizations at CCC, the fair was yet again a

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great success in kicking off the semester and encouraging student involvement across the campus.

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Serving up nachos for a journey



Kevin Scholler, CCC's PTK Student Fellowship Officer, holds a sampling of nachos for sale Tuesdays to help raise funds for a trip to a PTK international conference in Nashville, Tenn., this year.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Coconino Community College's student honor society is having a fundraiser through March to help raise funds necessary for the officers to travel to an international conference this year.

The Beta Gamma Chi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is holding a Nacho Sale every Tuesday until the end of March at the Lone Tree Campus to help raise the funds. The PTK International Conference will be held in Nashville, Tenn., in March 2017.

Nachos will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and plates cost \$3 each. The nachos come with choices of jalapenos, hot sauce, or just plain with cheese.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society for two-year colleges that has more than 2 million members. Students, faculty and community members come together in the spirit of scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service. The members take part in a number of community service projects that include cleaning sections of highways, fundraisers for local nonprofits and events geared toward raising awareness of significant social issues. CCC has more than 250 active PTK members.

For more information about PTK at CCC, visit www.ptk.org.

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- 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, or 928.226.4374.
