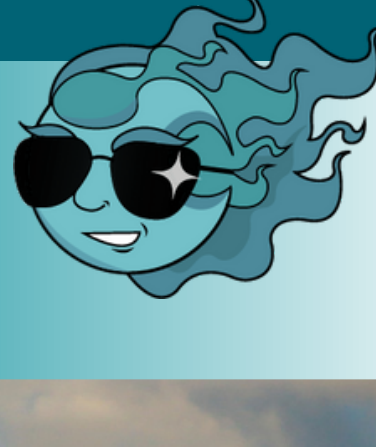




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## Upcoming Events

**October 9: Career Fair**

**October 13-16:  
No Place Like Homecoming**

**October 21: Transfer Fair**

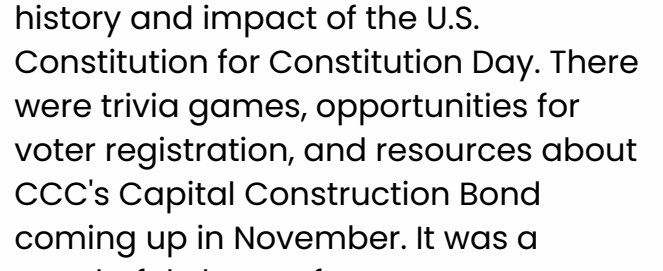
**October 24: Detention  
Academy Graduation**

## Department Updates

### Student Services

#### Page Center Welcome Back BBQ

The CCC Page Center welcomed students and families back with its annual BBQ. Guests enjoyed food and activities, and the event also featured a Resource Fair, where students had the opportunity to connect with campus services and discover helpful tools to support their success throughout the year.

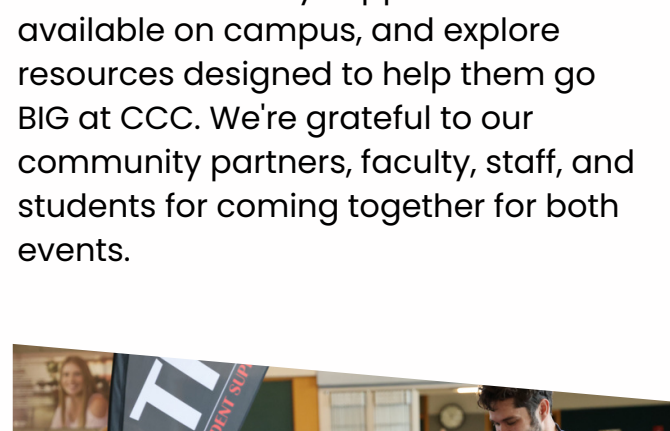


#### Constitution Day

Students and staff gathered in the Lone Tree Commons this month to honor the history and impact of the U.S. Constitution for Constitution Day. There were trivia games, opportunities for voter registration, and resources about CCC's Capital Construction Bond coming up in November. It was a wonderful chance for our campus community to come together, learn, and reflect on the importance of civic participation.

#### NASC Vision Board Day

The Native American Success Center and peer mentor, Niki McCabe, hosted a Vision Board Workshop at the Lone Tree campus this month. Students gathered to create personalized vision boards while enjoying donuts and connecting with peers. The workshop offered a creative and supportive space for students to set goals and envision their future.



#### Community Resource Fair and Comet Block Party

This month, Student Life hosted the Community Resource Fair and Comet Block Party. Both were a huge success!

Our students had the chance to meet local community organizations, discover the many support services available on campus, and explore resources designed to help them go BIG at CCC. We're grateful to our community partners, faculty, staff, and students for coming together for both events.

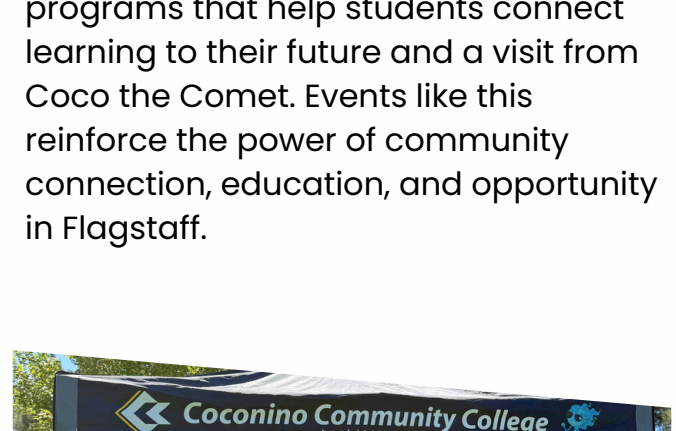


### Athletics

It's been a strong start to the 2025 season for CCC cross country. The men's team has been led by sophomore Theodore Round Face, who earned ACCAC Athlete of the Week honors after an 8th-place finish at the Embury-Riddle Invitational and followed it up with a top-5 performance at the Tri-State Challenge.

On the women's side, sophomore Cian Davis has paced the Comets, finishing inside the top 10 at both early-season September meets and helping the team earn national recognition. She earned ACCAC Athlete of the week after finishing as the top community college runner at the Embury Riddle Invitational on September 6.

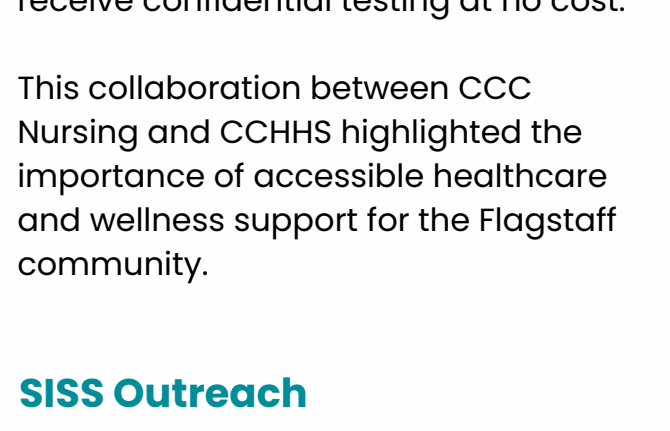
The women recently broke into the USTFCCCA NJCAA Division II national rankings at No. 14, marking a big step forward for the program after being unranked during the previous poll.



## Community Connections

#### CCC and NAPA

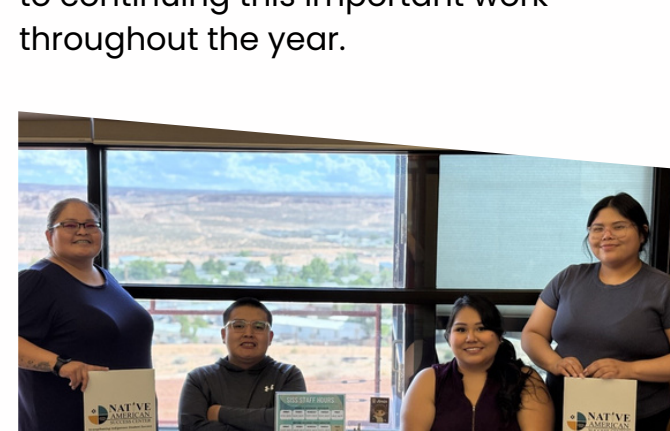
NAPA Grand Canyon Auto Supply hosted a Customer Appreciation Event at their Flagstaff location near Sam's Club. High school and college students had the chance to win a toolbox and tools, and community members joined in for giveaways, discounts and appreciation activities. The event brought together students, customers, and auto enthusiasts.



#### FACTS Lights On

The FACTS Lights On Carnival, hosted by Flagstaff Unified School District's FACTS program, was a free community celebration highlighting the value of after-school programs and the partnerships that strengthen support for students and families.

Coconino Community College joined in the fun, showcasing collaborative programs that help students connect learning to their future and a visit from Coco the Comet. Events like this reinforce the power of community connection, education, and opportunity in Flagstaff.



#### County Testing Event

In partnership with the Coconino County Health and Human Services Wellness Team, CCC hosted a free STI testing event at the Fourth Street campus in Flagstaff. Students and community members were able to receive confidential testing at no cost.

This collaboration between CCC Nursing and CCHHS highlighted the importance of accessible healthcare and wellness support for the Flagstaff community.

#### SISS Outreach

The Strengthening Indigenous Student Success (SISS) Team at the Page Campus launched the new academic year with outreach events at two high schools. At Manson Mesa High School, the team engaged with students in grades 10-12 through a session themed "Welcome Back & College Mindset," which included team-building activities, confidence-building discussions, an overview of CCC pathways, and a live student panel.

The following day at Page High School, the team continued a valued three-year partnership by presenting to 12th-grade students about the SISS and Summer Bridge Programs, both designed to support college transition and promote resource awareness. We are proud of the Peer Mentors involved in creating the meaningful, student-centered experiences and look forward to continuing this important work throughout the year.



#### CCC HR at NAU

CCC's Human Resources department participated in the NAU Career & Graduate School Fair on September 25, showcasing CCC's job opportunities and sharing information about the college and its programs. More than 100 employers were present, including police and sheriff departments, hotels, media organizations, hospitals, and universities. NAU students visited CCC's table to learn about class offerings, registration, transfer options, continuing education, and employment opportunities. It was a wonderful experience to connect with students and be part of such a vibrant event, and HR looks forward to building on this strong community engagement.



### 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!



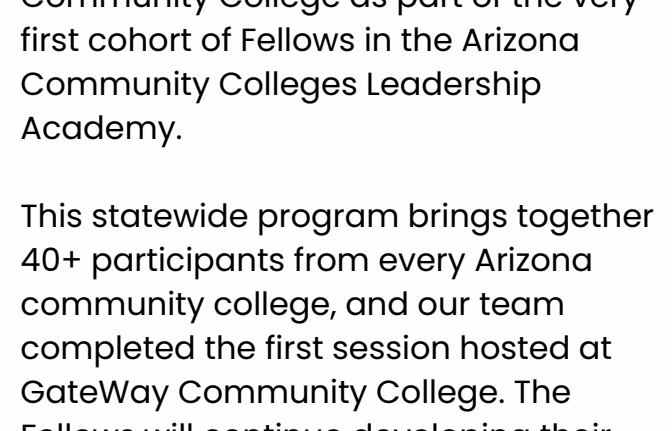
### Academic Affairs

#### Science in the Park and Science Night

Four faculty members and more than a dozen students tabled at the Science in the Park event at Wheeler Park this month. Twelve microscopes were set up to view live organisms, and there were fossils to hold, plants for art projects, and minerals that glow under ultraviolet light.

The following Friday, the science labs on the Lone Tree Campus were opened for CCC's Science Night. More than 140 community members toured the labs, and 40 junior scientists completed all science stations, earning a medal and science-themed prizes.

In addition, CCC hosted a panel where participants candidly shared their experiences overcoming cultural and personal challenges while pursuing and establishing careers in STEAM fields.



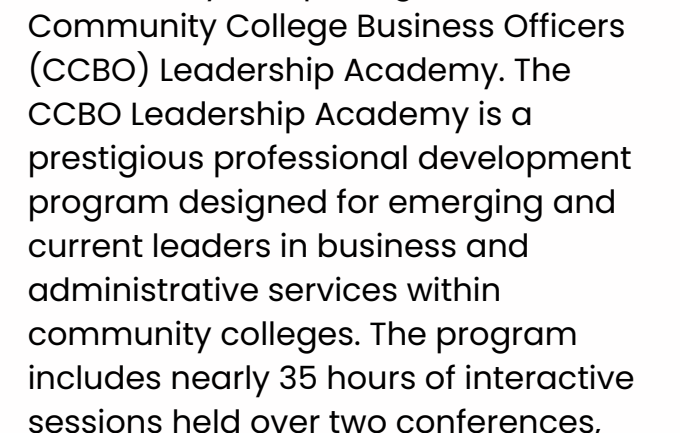
## Celebrating Excellence

#### Arizona Community Colleges Leadership Academy

CCC staff members Jessica, Kay Lynn, Sarah, and Alexis represented Coconino Community College as part of the very first cohort of Fellows in the Arizona Community Colleges Leadership Academy.

This statewide program brings together 40+ participants from every Arizona community college, and our team completed the first session hosted at GateWay Community College. The Fellows will continue developing their leadership skills and collaborating across institutions through June 2026.

We're honored to see CCC voices contributing to this important initiative for the future of community colleges in Arizona!



#### Jenn Urueta, Certified Payroll Professional

We are proud of Jenn Urueta, Accounting Specialist Sr., who recently completed the Certified Payroll Professional (CPP) certification, offered by the American Payroll Association (APA). The CPP is a credential for experienced payroll professionals that verifies advanced knowledge in payroll processing, software, compliance, and legislation. To be eligible for the CPP exam, candidates must meet specific criteria, such as having at least three years of payroll experience. Earning the CPP demonstrates a professional's expertise, leading to career growth, greater earning potential, and industry recognition.

#### CCBO Leadership Academy Graduation

We proudly recognize Melissa Klemp, Student Accounts Manager, for successfully completing the Community College Business Officers (CCBO) Leadership Academy. The CCBO Leadership Academy is a prestigious professional development program designed for emerging and current leaders in business and administrative services within community colleges. The program includes nearly 35 hours of interactive sessions held over two conferences, engaging participants in leadership skill-building, discussions on current higher education challenges, and the completion of a mid-year institutional project.

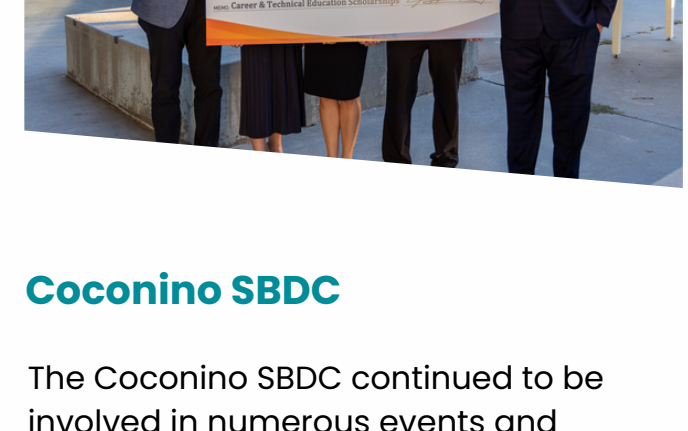
## Recent Events

#### Students First Dinner

Donors and CCC awardees gathered in the Lone Tree Commons for the annual Students First Dinner this month. During the event, students were celebrated and recognized for their academic achievements.

The CCC Foundation established the Student Emergency Fund in 2024 to assist students with non-tuition-related needs. Today, this fund has raised nearly \$130,000 thanks to the generosity of our donors and local businesses. This fund has supported students with transportation, academic supplies, and living expenses.

A special thank you to our title sponsor, Pioneer Title Agency, for making this event possible!



#### State of the College Luncheon

A big thank-you to everyone who joined us for the State of the College Luncheon, hosted by the CCC Foundation!

Dr. Heiser shared important updates about the current state of the college and painted a vision of CCC's future. One of our students also shared her story, reminding us all of the heart of our mission: supporting student success.

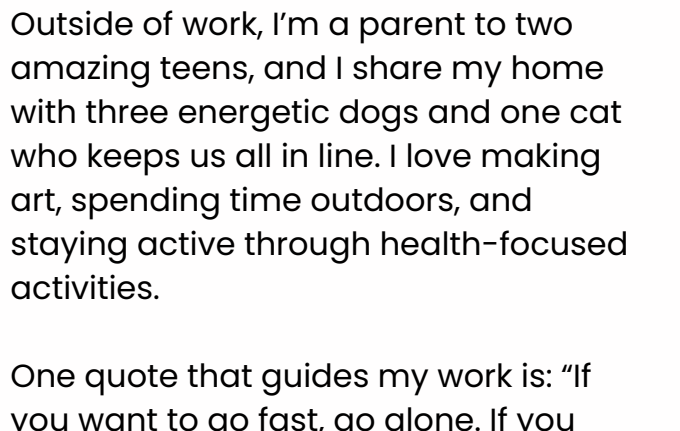
We are deeply grateful for the continued support of the entire community. Your engagement makes a lasting impact on our students and helps us build an even brighter future for Coconino County.

## In case you missed it...

#### Desert Financial Donation

CCC extends sincere gratitude to Desert Financial for their generous \$15,000 donation. This gift provided 15 students with \$1,000 each, reducing financial barriers and supporting their pursuit of higher education.

Investments like these directly strengthen student success and, in turn, the communities we serve across Coconino County. We are proud to have Desert Financial as a supporter in advancing educational opportunity.



#### Coconino SBDC

The Coconino SBDC continued to be involved in numerous events and programs this month, including attending the USDA Rural Development Roundtable, the CCC's Community Resource Fair, and the Flagstaff Chamber's Good Morning Flagstaff breakfast.

The past fiscal year numbers are in, and the Coconino SBDC exceeded its goals immensely, going above and beyond in serving clients, helping new businesses get off the ground, supporting and creating jobs, and providing workshops on topics like SEO and PR solutions for small businesses.

## CCC Staff Updates

#### Welcome Claudine Taillic as New Admission Recruitment Advisor

"I am excited to join the AES team. After nine months working in Student Development, I am anxiously anticipating working with students in a more robust way.

My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in English, a master's degree in English with an emphasis in nonfiction prose, and master's degree in library and information science. Professionally, I have a background in community colleges in the TRIO program, as an English instructor, and as an adult education instructor. I happily returned to the community college setting after working as a writer and editor, then as a librarian, and most recently as the public programs manager at the Museum of Northern Arizona. One of my most fun and interesting past careers was as a travel writer for a dog travel magazine. I am also a certified yoga instructor but have not taught yoga in Flagstaff for a long time."

#### Welcome Sofya Rodgers as New Financial Aid & Veteran Services Advisor

"I'm very excited to step into the role of Veterans Services Advisor in Financial Aid and Veteran Services here at Coconino Community College. I first joined CCC as a TRIO Advisor in January, and it didn't take long to realize how much I love working directly with students. As a non-traditional CCC graduate myself—and later an NAU alum—I know firsthand the impact this college can have, and I'm proud to be part of that journey for others.

Outside of work, I'm a parent to two amazing teens, and I share my home with three energetic dogs and one cat who keeps us all in line. I love making art, spending time outdoors, and staying active through health-focused activities.

One quote that guides my work is: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."