

**President's Report
August 2023**

NOTABLE



Community Education had a busy Summer! There were 17 programs with 192 participants. The focus of our previous summer offerings was changed to "hands-on" workshops and a twist to Comet Talks, introducing the new Comet Walk! The picture shows Larry Hendricks leading a digital phone photography Comet Walk in Picture Canyon.



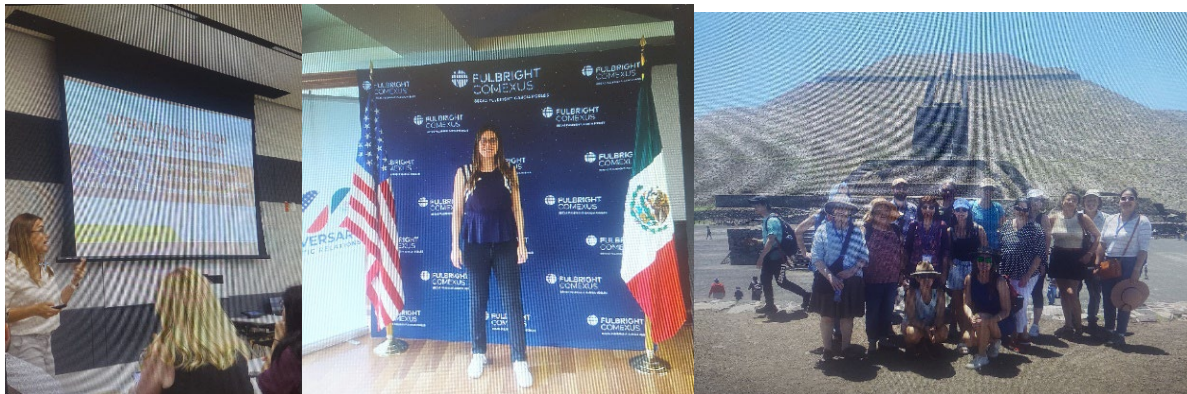
The CCC Comets had a great year raising funds and awareness for cancer research and treatment. 11 people participated in climbing up Snowbowl Road and raised \$1,874. Thanks to everyone who supported us through the year.

Kathryn Kozak, Math Faculty, attended a symposium on Mathematics Education for the future in Oxford, England. Mathematics educators worldwide were in attendance, and Kathryn was exposed to many different cultures and how they approach mathematics education.

Maya Lanzetta, Math Faculty, attended the kickoff for a yearlong project she is involved in through the U of A. The project is creating a Community of Practice for a Culturally Affirming Precalculus Curriculum. The community of practice will meet monthly for the entire academic year.

Spanish Faculty, Katie Schwartz, was selected as 1 of 15 Fulbright Scholars to participate in the Summer Seminar for post-secondary educators for four weeks in July 2023. This year's seminar's theme was celebrating and learning more about the 200 years of bilateral relations between the US and Mexico. The seminar kicked off at the University of New Orleans over the 4th of July holiday, and two days later, the group was flown to Mexico City and welcomed by the US-Mexican Consulate and Mexican Ambassador, Julian Ventura Valero. The group attended daily conferences by scholars in universities across Mexico and received tours of prominent museums and heritage sites. In México, they traveled to México City, Cuernavaca, Puebla, Veracruz, Guadalajara, Tequila and Tlaquepaque, San Miguel de Allende, Lagos de Moreno, Monterrey and Tijuana. To finalize this seminar, Professor Schwartz was

asked to create a curriculum project that would take what she learned during her month in Mexico to teach her students about Mexican culture and some of the bilateral issues both countries share.



Katie Schwartz will be presenting at the upcoming AZLA (Arizona Language Association) Conference at NAU. Her presentation is titled “Make Study Abroad Accessible for Students and Educators.” She will be sharing her experience creating a study abroad experience for her community college students that is accessible and affordable. She will also share how educators can apply for fully funded study abroad experiences to help internationalize their curriculum through Fulbright summer seminars abroad. Her presentation will include resources and materials that other language teachers can use to create and pursue opportunities for themselves and their students.

Additionally, Katie took 10 CCC and NAU students to study abroad in Mexico City, Mexico. Each program day was spent visiting an important historical and cultural site. Some of the places they visited include the Templo Mayor and Metropolitan Cathedral, Frida Kahlo’s Casa Azul, the Teotihuacán Pyramids, and the lake of Xochimilco (so-chee-meel-koh), upon which the city was built. Each day, students were asked to reflect on a question the instructor, Katie Schwartz, posed through group discussion or journaling. Then, these reflections were compiled into a final project, and this curriculum project was the basis of the course and the project request by the Fulbright Commission of Seminars Abroad. Overall, the trip was a great success!



Page Center staff attended a roundtable at Page City Hall with Congressman Eli Crane to express concerns on behalf of small businesses throughout Coconino County.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Higher Education Child Care Project (HECCP) at Northern Arizona University (NAU) is a pilot program funded by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Child Care through federal Child Care and Development Block Grant COVID-19 relief funds. This program's main objective is to provide child care assistance to student-parents who meet the eligibility criteria.

Recently, HECCP expanded its eligibility requirements to include CCC2NAU students attending Coconino Community College. As a result, eligible CCC2NAU students may now qualify for child care expense reimbursements through HECCP until June 2024.

In the fall of 2022, the Community College Consortium (CCC) and BetterMynd joined forces to offer a free mental health service for students, addressing the pressing issue of student mental health. This partnership attracted 138 students who recognized the initiative's importance and registered for BetterMynd accounts, highlighting their willingness to seek help for their well-being. Over the program's duration, 168 counseling sessions were scheduled, with 97 considered successful, demonstrating students' engagement and the program's effectiveness in providing ongoing support. Session frequency varied, with some students attending multiple sessions, showcasing the program's flexibility.

BetterMynd received high user ratings, with an impressive average app rating of 9.67 out of 10, reflecting its user-friendly nature. Additionally, the average counselor rating was 9.33 out of 10, indicating the quality and effectiveness of the counseling services provided. Data also revealed prevalent mental health concerns among students, with general anxiety affecting 67%, depression at 60%, and academic distress impacting 44%. Social anxiety (41%), relationship issues (30%), and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)-related trauma (29%) were also significant concerns.

In summary, the CCC and BetterMynd partnership successfully offered accessible mental health support to students, as evidenced by high registration numbers, successful counseling sessions, positive user ratings, and insights into common mental health concerns. This initiative played a vital role in addressing the well-being of college students.

CCC recently became an official partner of St. Mary's Food Bank (SMFB). This partnership is a significant milestone that paves the way for CCC to participate in SMFB's "Agency Shopping" program through the Flagstaff Family Food Center. As a result, CCC will soon be equipped with newly stocked shelves conveniently located in the Crater, which will serve as a vital resource for the entire college community, including faculty, staff, and students.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of individuals like Kirsten Mead, Franchelle Tohannie, Jessica Burke, Juanita Tarango, Derik Yellowhair, Brian Francis, and Simon Chief. Their commitment to volunteering played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of this new partnership. Their contributions have laid the foundation for what promises to be a beneficial initiative for the college community.

CCC aspires to broaden its support base and involve more employees in stocking and distributing food from CCC's Comet Cupboard. With the support of a growing team of volunteers, CCC aims to significantly address food insecurity within its community in the coming weeks and months.

The High Country Training Academy graduated its second class this August. The third class begins in October.



Workforce Training sponsored the second Film Production Assistant course in August. The week-long, 45-hour intensive course was taught at the Fourth Street campus and is a partnership with the Arizona Film Commission and CCC. Five other Arizona community colleges are also offering the course. 39 participants earned their completion certificate. Plans are in place to offer the course in May and August 2024.

The Community Education program received a \$2000 grant from the Flagstaff Arizona Community Foundation to help with two workshops: Stained Glass and Metalworking for Jewelry. The funding will be used to purchase tool kits for these ongoing workshops to make them more affordable. In the past, offering these workshops has been logistically challenging since the tools are costly for participants to buy, and instructors rarely have enough for everyone.

The Page Center hosted its third CDL Class A Training course. Phoenix Truck Driving School comes to Page once a quarter, using a maneuvering space at the Page Airport. In the academic year 2022-23, there were 150 program participants.

EVENTS

Events for the College included:

- Firefighter Recruitment Event
- Community Education: DIY Weatherization
- Community Education: DIY HVAC
- Workforce Training: Production Assistant Intensive
- Convocation
- Welcome Week Activities for Students
- Community Resource and Safety Fair
- CCC Connection Fair

EARNED MEDIA

- Aug. 15, 2023, *Arizona Daily Sun*: “Flagstaff first responders train on active shooter response at Coconino Community College.” https://azdailysun.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/flagstaff-first-responders-train-on-active-shooter-response-at-coconino-community-college/article_44552d3c-37ad-11ee-8dd7-3ff78a0e160a.html
- Aug. 18, 2023, *Arizona Daily Sun*: “Noncredit Production Assistant program at CCC ramps up.” https://azdailysun.com/news/local/education/noncredit-production-assistant-program-at-ccc-ramps-up/article_b87f6054-380e-11ee-b838-db60ff0cef4b.html
- Aug. 25, 2023, *Arizona Daily Sun*: “Students return to Flagstaff for start of fall college semester.” https://azdailysun.com/news/local/education/fall-semester-college-nau-flagstaff/article_24ba20a4-42ca-11ee-b976-cbbd2d896400.html

- High Country Training Academy graduation: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjASpMv>
- George Kite cross-country race: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjATBFv>

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Date	Meeting
08/01/2023	Convocation Meeting
08/01/2023	DGB Agenda Building with Nat
08/01/2023	Campus Works Meeting
08/01/2023	Dual Enrollment Meeting
08/01/2023	Universal Admission Program Meeting
08/01/2023	Meeting with Gail Lowe
08/01/2023	Comet Hour Pilot Program Feedback Session
08/2/2023	Meeting with Sheriff Driscoll and Brett Axlund
08/02/2023	Universal Admissions Program Discussion
08/02/2023	ITS Resources Discussion
08/07/2023	Meeting with City Manager Greg Clifton
08/07/2023	APS Meet and Greet
08/07/2023	1:1 Adriana/President
08/07/2023	Registrars Office Meeting
08/08/2023	1:1 Jami/President
08/08/2023	Senator Sinema Mountain Line Visit
08/09/2023	Website Discussion
08/09/2023	Arizona Town Hall Introduction
08/09/2023	Volunteer Olympics Awards and BBQ
08/09/2023	Meeting with Carol Dykes
08/09/2023	Forest Operators Training Program Discussion
08/10/2023	Dual Enrollment Scholarship Discussion
08/10/2023	1:1 Larry/President
08/10/2023	1:1 Dianna/President
08/10/2023	Meeting with FPD Chief Dan Musselman
08/14/2023	Fall 2023 New Faculty Orientation Address
08/14/2023	Property Tax Oversight Commission Meeting
08/14/2023	EAB Date Warehouse/Infrastructure Meeting
08/14/2023	President's Cabinet Meeting
08/15/2023	First Things First Community Forum on Strengthening the Child Care Workforce
08/15/2023	Rotary Meeting
08/15/2023	Foundation Finance Committee Meeting
08/15/2023	Foundation Executive Committee Meeting
08/15/2023	Follow Up Comet Pilot Program Feedback with Committee
08/16/2023	DGB Meeting
08/16/2023	Kristen Bollini Meeting
08/16/2023	ECoNA Advisory Council Meeting

08/17/2023	Convocation
08/18/2023	BOS Tax Rate Discussion
08/18/2023	United Way/Liz Archuleta Meeting
08/18/2023	APS Lineman Program Discussion
08/18/2023	Little America 50 th Anniversary Celebration
08/21/2023	1:1 Adrianna/President
08/21/2023	Welcome Address NAU HRM School
08/22/2023	Fourth Street Offices Discussion
08/22/2023	1:1 Jami/President
08/22/2023	1:1 Tony/President
08/22/2023	New Hire Pizza with the President
08/22/2023	Food Handlers Certificate
08/22/2023	Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
08/23/2023	AACCT Retreat
08/23/2023	Comet Hour Discussion with Committee
08/24/2023	AACCT Retreat
08/25/2023	Emergency Aid Discussion
08/25/2023	1:1 Kelly/President
08/25/2023	1:1 Adriana/President
08/25/2023	Lina Wallen's Husband's Memorial
08/27/2023	NALA Family BBQ
08/28/2023	ECoNA Strategic Plan Meeting
08/28/2023	ARP Scholarship Dollars for Home Health Meeting
08/28/2023	Meet with Staff Council Chair
08/29/2023	Meeting with Sheriff Driscoll and Brett Axlund
08/29/2023	Admin Discussion with Kelly Trainor
08/29/2023	President's Advisory Council for Excellence (PACE) First Meeting
08/29/2023	NAU Meeting
08/30/2023	CDL/Diesel Mechanic Program Discussion
08/30/2023	Page Property Discussion
08/30/2023	EAB Data Warehouse/Infrastructure Discussion
08/30/2023	4DX Pre-Consultation Meeting
08/30/2023	Comet Hour Check-in
08/31/2023	Apprenticeships/Pathways Follow Up Discussion
08/31/2023	ARP-CET Follow Up Discussion

Upcoming Travel:

10/02-05/2023 CBExchange

10/09-12/2023 ACCT

10/23-25/2023 AC4