



## Coconino Community College History and Core Missions

The Coconino County Community College District was established by county voters in 1991. The College was originally envisioned as a college "without walls" and anticipated to serve a maximum of 1,000 learners. However, in the first year, the College served 1,000 learners and has grown steadily ever since. Today, the College serves 10,000 learners every year, and it is estimated that the College has served more than 65,000 learners during the 22 years it's been in existence.

The College serves all 18,000 square miles of Coconino County with two campuses in Flagstaff (Lone Tree and Fourth Street) and one in Page/Lake Powell, plus instructional sites in Williams, Grand Canyon, Tuba City and Fredonia. The College's vision is to lead its communities in lifelong learning, and its aim is: as a learning-centered college, to enrich lives by embracing diversity and transforming the future through quality education. The College serves Coconino County and

the region with three main missions:

### 1) Arts & Sciences Transfer and Transition

Also known as the "educational pipeline," Arts & Sciences transfer and transition programs help learners navigate from high school to an associate's degree or certificate from the College to a university bachelor's degree and beyond. Programs include the Arizona Programs of Study and C.A.V.I.A.T. (Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry And Technology), which is designed to prepare students with critical job skills training and career readiness while attending high school; Dual Enrollment, which allows high school students to earn college credit while taking classes in local high schools throughout Coconino County; S.T.E.M. Programs focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; and CCC2NAU, which is a

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## Coconino Community College District Governing Board Tackles Tough Decisions

The Coconino Community College District Governing Board is elected to govern on behalf of the citizens of Coconino County.

But many County residents may not be aware of the responsibilities of the publicly elected board members include: hiring, evaluating and supporting the College President as the institutional leader, monitoring the fiscal health of the College, setting and monitoring policy direction such as community needs and high quality programs and advocating for the College.

"It's not the day to day operations that we oversee, but the long-term life and viability of the College," said Patrick Hurley, CCC's District Governing Board Chairman. "As elected officials, we have to keep in mind the needs of the community. It's not our own agenda. It's the wishes of the community that we must keep in mind."

For example, when the price of tuition is raised, it is the District Governing Board which has the final say and vote.

"It's our job uphold the overall mission of the college and make sure we're on track to accomplish that mission," Hurley said.

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District 3 - Term expires Dec. 31, 2016

Retired businessman Jack Hadley of Williams was sworn in to his elected six-year term on the CCC District Governing Board January 25, 2011. A full-time Williams resident since 1998, Hadley has become very involved as a volunteer in community organizations such as the Williams Kiwanis, Williams Chamber of Commerce and Habitat for Humanity. Hadley was born and raised in Phoenix, attended Phoenix College, spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and earned a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from Arizona State University. Over the years he has learned to fly, worked as a scenic Jeep tour guide in Carefree and has written for Carefree Enterprise Magazine, along with a number of newspapers. In addition, Hadley was in the commercial real estate development business for nearly a decade and retired 19 years ago from his retail bicycle business. Hadley and his wife, Sue, have been married for 49 years.



Lloyd Hammonds  
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Board Member  
District 5 - Term expires Dec. 31, 2018

Lloyd Hammonds joined the CCC District Governing Board in January 2013. Hammonds served as the CCC Page campus Dean for 14 years before retiring in October 2012. He currently serves as the statewide vice chair of the Arizona Association of District Governing Boards. Before becoming the Page campus Dean, Hammonds was Vice President at Ranken Technical College in St. Louis. As Page Dean, Hammonds' said he felt it was important to get to know the community, forging important relationships with local businesses, community organizations, K-12 school administrators and local government. Hammonds was an accreditation reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission for 24 years. When the Higher Learning Commission self-study and visit were nearing, Hammonds was the obvious choice to lead the steering committee, guiding the College flawlessly through the process, which took more than two years to complete. Hammonds has been honored with Page



### CCC District Governing Board Members

Patricia A. Garcia  
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Board Vice Chair/Secretary  
District 2 - Term expires Dec. 31, 2016



Patricia Garcia was sworn in to her elected six-year term on the CCC District Governing Board on January 25, 2011. Garcia is a Flagstaff native and has been actively involved in the Flagstaff community as a graduate of the Flagstaff Leadership Program, Flagstaff 20/20 Vision Task Force Member, United Way Board Member and Past President, Coconino County Planning and Zoning Commissioner, and has served on many other boards and commissions. Garcia earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Northern Arizona University and looks forward to fostering the continued partnership between CCC and NAU.

## CCC Foundation Recognizes Lifetime Supporters and Scholarship Recipients

Community leaders, faculty, staff and alumni gathered Sept. 13 for the Coconino Community College Foundation's Annual Meeting, Alumni and Awards Breakfast at the Lone Tree campus to honor scholarship recipients, the donors that make the scholarships possible, volunteers, and alumni. The breakfast has become one of the College's signature events thanks to the many sponsors who make the breakfast not only special for those receiving awards, but profitable so that more students can receive awards in coming years. This event recognizes lifetime CCC supporters and student scholarship recipients.

This year's sponsors included the following businesses: CampusWorks; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona; Flagstaff Medical Center; Mangum, Wall, Stoops and Warden; Findlay Toyota; Johanna Kiohman CPA; SunWest Bank; Autus Financial Services; Miramonte Homes; and Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NACET). Special thanks to our student speakers Justin Wilgus and Shanice Smallcanyon, who were willing to tell their

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### CCC Community Open Houses

Everyone Is Welcome / 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 10 - Tuba City Chapter House  
(Daylight Savings Time) 220 S. Main St., Tuba City

Wednesday, October 16 - Flagstaff High School  
400 W. Elm Ave., Flagstaff

Tuesday, October 22 - Page Public Library  
479 S. Lake Powell Blvd., Page

Thursday, October 24 - Williams High School Annex  
636 S. 7th St., Williams

Wednesday, October 30 - Coconino High School, Room 204  
2801 S. Izabel St., Flagstaff

### CCC Ranks in the top 25

in the U.S. for successful student transfers to university, also the top ranked community college in Arizona, according to:



## CCC Ranked in Top 50 by Three Publications

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Coconino Community College received a number of national accolades this past year, including being named top 25 in the country by CNN Money.

CNN Money used research to rank community colleges "based on the percentage of students that graduated within three years or transferred to four-year colleges."

CCC was recently ranked 29th in the country as a top associate degree producer for Native American students. The College jumped 20 spots compared to last year. The designation comes from Community College Week, a national magazine.

"Our students should be congratulated on their achievement," said Veronica Hipolito, CCC's Director of Student Services. "The rankings reflect the positive outcomes that can be achieved with the combination of student effort, quality instruction and student services support."

CCC's Office of Student Services provides a support system for all students, including advising to help students set goals, plan their degrees and select courses, Hipolito said.

There are also a variety of programs at the College that work toward retaining students through individualized support, including the TRIO program, tutoring services, disability resources and the Passages program, which provides assistance to single parents and displaced homemakers.

The College rose 20 spots to No. 29 from No.

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# Coconino Community College's Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. How is Coconino Community College funded?

State Aid: In fiscal year 2013-2014, state aid accounted for 12% of the College's budget, in fiscal year 2007-2008 - 23% and in fiscal year 2001-2002 - 45%.

Property Taxes: CCC has the lowest property tax rate of any community college district in the state, less than one-third of the next lowest at 46 cents for every \$100 of property value. Homeowners with a property value of \$100,000 as listed on the tax rolls currently pay \$46 per year. The College cannot raise this rate without a voter-approved tax override.

Tuition and Fees: Despite all efforts by the District Governing Board (a body of elected officials) to keep tuition affordable for Coconino County residents, CCC's cost per credit hour is the highest of any of the 10 community college districts in the state. This is a direct result of declining state aid and the property tax limitation coupled with explosive growth from 1,000 in 1991 to 10,000 learners served today.

## 2. Why is CCC tuition the highest in Arizona?

Due to property tax limitations and declining state aid, the Governing Board has raised tuition several times to fund the core missions of the College. The College also implemented more than 100 cost-saving initiatives, saving more than \$4 million from 2008 to 2012 including a 15% employee reduction, 20% classes cut and 30% programs eliminated and the closure of the Williams campus.

## 3. Where are the Coconino Community College campuses?

The Coconino Community College District serves all of Coconino County with two campuses in Flagstaff, a campus in Page and instructional sites in Fredonia, Grand Canyon, Tuba City and Williams. There are also many online learning

opportunities and online degrees offered through distance learning programs.

## 4. What is Coconino Community College's history over the past 22 years?

More than 65,000 students have attended Coconino Community College since 1991, and 80% were from Coconino County. The College currently serves nearly 10,000 learners annually and has recently received recognition as one of the top 33 colleges in the country for excellence by thebestschools.org, is ranked 25th by CNN Money for best value and 29th in the country for awarding the most associate degrees to Native American students by *Community College Week* magazine. Much of the success is linked to the nationally-recognized CCC2NAU program, a seamless transition partnership between CCC and Northern Arizona University. Currently there are 1200 students in the program which reports a retention rate at more than 90%. The typical CCC2NAU student saves approximately \$10,000 by the time they graduate by participating in the program. According to the College's Institutional Research department 2011 study, approximately 51% of Coconino County's fire fighters, 43% of the criminal justice workers and 42% of registered nurses and paramedics have been educated at CCC.

## 5. Who are Coconino Community College's Learners?

CCC serves a diverse population with 58% of our students identifying themselves as Caucasian, 23% Native American, 7% Hispanic and 12% other. Students 20 years old and younger make up 20% of the population, 20-24/35%, 25-29/16%, 30-39/13%, 40-49/7%, 50-59/5% and students over 60/2%.

## 6. How does CCC work with existing businesses?

When surveyed, private businesses routinely state that having a qualified workforce is the most critical component to locating to and staying in a community. All three of the College's core missions address the issue by helping more students gain access to higher education and workforce training. The Community and Corporate Learning Division (CCL) works specifically with business and industry to provide customized training to companies wanting to improve the skills of their employees. Companies like Nestlé/Purina, W.L. Gore and Goodwill Industries are just a few of the corporations that the CCL department serves with customized training in the community. Career and Technical Education focuses on specific skills and degrees that fill occupations in Coconino County including fire fighters, criminal justice officers, nurses and paramedics. The Arts and Sciences program focuses on affordable education that provides Coconino County students with college credits and prepares them for four-year degrees to help fill the technology jobs that have been created by companies like W.L. Gore, Novakinetics, Prent Corporation, Machine Solutions and others that have located to Flagstaff in recent years as city and county leaders have worked to attract higher paying/high tech jobs to the community.

## 7. What is Coconino Community College's economic impact?

CCC contributes \$167 million in annual economic growth and adds \$305 million\* to the economy. The College also employs nearly 400 Coconino County residents, 150 of those positions are full-time with benefits. \*Economic growth + increased graduate income productivity to date.

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program designed to help students progress from Coconino Community College to Northern Arizona University through integrated student advisement and shared access to facilities, clubs, and other benefits of both learning institutions.

## 2) Career & Technical Education

The College's Career & Technical Education programs prepare local students and provide real-world job training so they can readily enter the workforce. The CTE program produces professional nurses, computer technicians, phlebotomists, medical assistants, detention officers, alternative energy technicians, American Sign Language interpreters and many others. A 2011 study showed that the College's graduates fill vital occupations in Coconino County and make up 51% of the firefighters, 43% of law enforcement and detention officers, and 42% of registered nurses and paramedics throughout the county.

## 3) Workforce Development

Through its Community and Corporate Learning Division, the College provides customized training programs for local businesses and provides counseling for job advancement. These efforts align with the business expansion and retention efforts of county and city agencies and other organizations such as the Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NACET), the Economic Collaborative of Northern Arizona (ECoNA), and the chambers of commerce throughout northern Arizona. The College also houses the Small Business Development Center,

which assists county residents with starting, operating and expanding their businesses.

## College Funding

The College has three primary funding sources: tuition and fees, property taxes and state aid. In Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (based on estimated actuals), the College's general fund budget of \$16.2 million was funded with \$7.3 million in tuition and fees, which accounted for 45% of the budget; \$6.8 million in property taxes or 42%; \$1.8 million in state aid or 12%; and, \$0.2 million from other sources of income from grants, rentals, etc., which equaled less than 1%.

In Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (based on estimated actuals), General Fund expenditures by function were: 39%-Instruction; 10%-Academic Support; 11%-Student Services; 29%-Institutional Support; 10%-Operation and Maintenance of Facilities; 1%-Scholarships and Public Service.

## Recent Events

Several times in recent years, state support to the College has been cut. Property tax revenues for the College are limited by the Arizona Constitution. The College has the highest community college tuition in the state. The College has had to draw down its minimal reserves to fund its FY2013-2014 budget, even after adopting spending cuts and cost avoidance measures totaling more than \$4 million in the last several years. Financial projections show that the College's costs will continue to exceed projected revenues in the years ahead.

## CCC's Core Missions

**1.** Provide Arts and Science courses for transfer and transition, including successful program such as High School to CCC programs and CCC2NAU transition program. Dual enrollment at local high schools and at the College, allows high school students to receive college credit while still in high school.

In addition, CCC2NAU has become a nationally recognized program that helps CCC students successful transition to Northern Arizona University. Since it began in 2008, more than 1,200 students have enrolled in the program that provides integrated student advisement. If a student remains at CCC for the full two years, he is expected to save about \$10,000 on the price of a bachelor's degree. In addition to the advisement, CCC2NAU students share access to clubs and facilities on both campuses. CCC also works with Arizona State University and University of Arizona to ensure credit transfer.

**2.** Provide career and technical education. Did you know that CCC provides training and education to 51 percent of Coconino County firefighters, 43 percent of criminal justice professionals and 42 percent of nurses and paramedics?

**3.** Provide workforce training that assist in keeping jobs in Coconino County through business and employee training, customized curricula and partnerships.

# State Aid Funding Cuts Drive CCC Tuition and Fees to the Highest Level in Arizona

Dwindling state aid has given Coconino Community College's District Governing Board little choice over the last several years but to raise tuition to the highest in Arizona.

CCC has three primary funding sources: 1.) Tuition and fees, 2.) State aid and 3.) Property taxes. In Coconino County, the property tax rate is the lowest in the state and only six cents of every property tax dollar collected goes to help fund the College. During the past seven years cumulatively, Coconino Community College has experienced cuts of more than \$15 million in state aid funding, according to CCC's Office of Business and Administrative Services. Tuition increases at the College are a direct response to state aid funding cuts and, as a result, CCC's tuition and fees are at the highest level in the state compared to other Arizona community colleges.

For example: 30 credit hours at Eastern Arizona College in Graham County costs \$1,920 compared to \$2,760 at Coconino Community College. Eastern Arizona College has the lowest community college tuition in Arizona; however at the same time, Graham County residents pay the highest property tax rate which costs \$274 per \$100,000 of assessed property value compared to \$46 for Coconino County residents. At its current level, tuition and fees, plus state aid

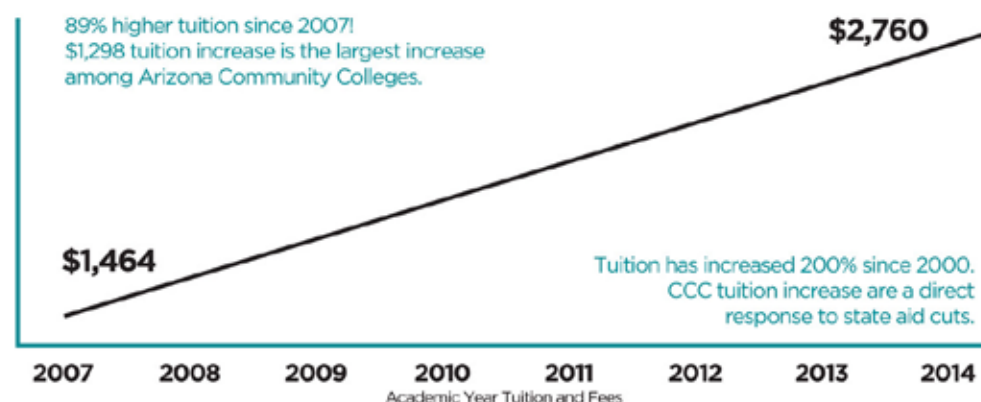
funding, plus property taxes only cover a portion of the College's total cost to educate one full-time student for one year.

Similar to a three-legged stool, it takes strong support from all three funding sources to balance the total cost of education at CCC: individual investment (tuition), government investment (state aid) and

community investment (property taxes).

"The only way to make up the difference from state aid cuts would be to nearly double the current tuition, which the Citizens' Review Panel did not see as an acceptable option because it would price CCC out of the community college market," said CCC President Dr. Leah L. Bornstein.

## CCC Tuition and Fees



Tuition was 33% share of CCC's Budget in 2007; it is 45% in 2013



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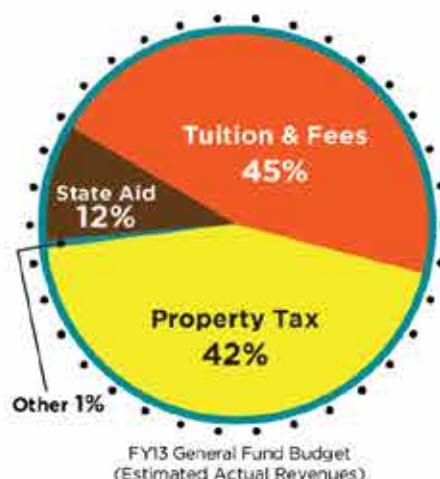
## Where Does My Property Tax Dollar Go?



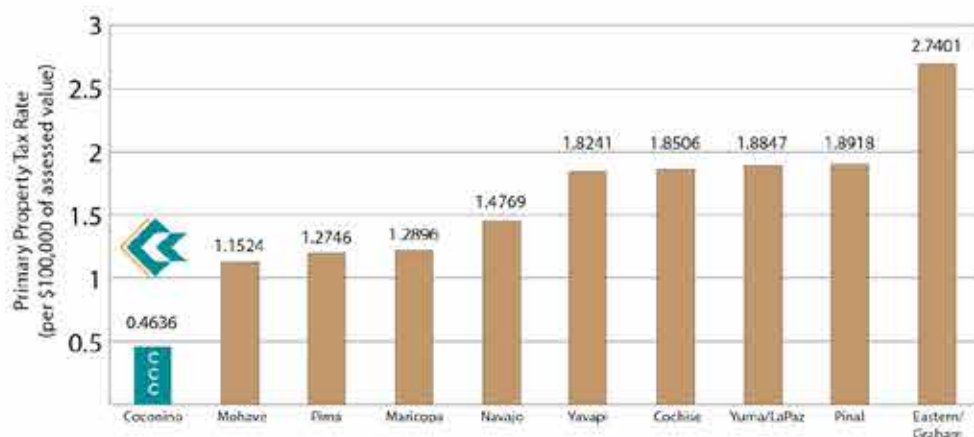
Coconino Community College received 6% of all 2012 taxes collected by the Coconino County Treasurer which supports the College's vision, mission and strategic goals. Percentage of tax distributions and taxing districts vary by property location.

\*Special Districts received 21% and Coconino County General Fund received 5%.

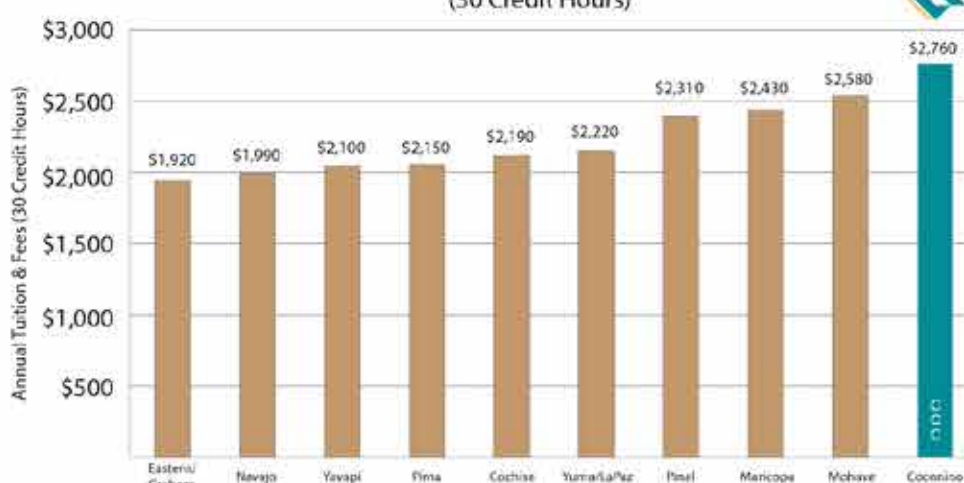
## CCC's Funding Sources



## FY2013-14 Primary Property Tax Rate By District (per \$100,000 of assessed value)



## FY2013-14 Tuition & Fees By District (30 Credit Hours)



## Accountability...

How has CCC demonstrated due diligence?

### Sustainable Financial Plan

- 100+ cost saving initiatives
- 20% Classes cut
- 30% Programs Eliminated
- 15% Reduction of Full-Time staff
- Closed Williams Campus

### Revenue Generating Efforts

- 60% Tuition Increases
- 100% Increase of Government Grants
- 24% Increase of Private Foundation Gifts & Donations

Cost saving initiatives and budget reductions of \$4+ million over the past 4 years offset State aid cuts

For more information regarding CCC's special override election and voter information, please visit:

Coconino County Elections Office

[www.coconino.az.gov/Elections](http://www.coconino.az.gov/Elections)

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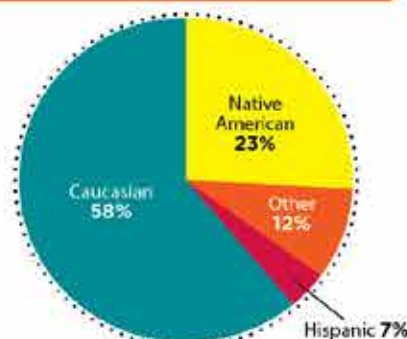
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## A Diverse Student Population



### Vital to Your Future

Coconino Community College is at the heart of education throughout all 18,000 square miles of Coconino County.

#### CAMPUSES:

**Flagstaff Lone Tree Campus and District Offices**  
2800 S. Lone Tree Road  
Flagstaff, AZ 86005  
928.527.1222

**Flagstaff Fourth Street Campus**  
FMC Institute for Nursing Education  
3090 N. Fourth St., Flagstaff, AZ 86004  
928.526.7600

**Page/Lake Powell Campus**  
Navajo Generating Station  
Technology Center  
475 S. Lake Powell Blvd., Page, AZ 86040  
928.645.3987

#### INSTRUCTIONAL SITES:

**Grand Canyon**  
1 Boulder St., Grand Canyon, AZ 86023  
928.638.2461, ext. 404

**Fredonia**  
475 S. Lake Powell Blvd., Page, AZ 86040  
928.645.3987

**Diné College - Tuba City**  
475 S. Lake Powell Blvd., Page, AZ 86040  
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# Coconino Community College Day Celebrates Countywide Accomplishments



CCC's David Ramos, Public Safety, Law, Construction Trades Department Chair, is interviewed on 92.2 KAFF Country on CCC Day, Sept. 9.

Coconino Community College celebrated CCC Day, Sept. 9. This celebration stems from a Coconino County Board of Supervisors Proclamation in 2011 recognizing the College. This year, the College celebrates its 22nd anniversary in the community.

CCC Day events were held at Flagstaff's Lone Tree campus, as well as on CCC's Page campus. Radio stations 92.2 KAFF Country and 102.9 KGST broadcast live from the Lone Tree campus, where various CCC instructors and staff spoke on air about the differences CCC has made and continue to make in the northern Arizona community.

## Page Student Receives Multiple Scholarships

Brittany Fat-Denatsosie enrolled at Coconino Community College's Page campus and by her own account, didn't know much about college.

She was going on a hunch that she could improve her and her husband's lives. The young couple moved away from their northern Arizona community after graduating high school.

Brittany's husband, Jonathan, was in the Marine Corps and stationed in Oceanside, Calif. But Brittany missed her family and her horses. And more importantly, she wanted her young daughter, Kaylynn, to know where she came from and who she was.

The family returned to Page where Brittany found a job as certified nursing assistant and both she and Jonathan started classes at CCC in fall 2011. A year later, Jonathan, 24, was diagnosed with a serious medical condition. The couple began the treatment journey. Brittany's experience of working in a hospital, as well as what she learned in her science classes, helped her and Jonathan navigate the intense treatment plan.

"I have learned a lot and it's also fueled my passion to become a nurse," Brittany said. "To me, I have a bigger purpose."

During the time her husband was being treated, Brittany found out she had been selected as an All-Arizona Academic second team member. The national honor came with a tuition waiver to any of Arizona's three universities. Brittany's plan is to attend Northern Arizona University to work toward a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

"Working at the hospital has given me the opportunity to learn about patients and has given me a big interest in taking care of people, explaining to them and educating them about their health," Brittany said.

In addition to the All-Arizona Academic team, Brittany received scholarships from the following organizations: Antelope Point Marina, Dennis M. Connell Memorial, SRP Navajo Scrubber and the CCC2NAU Raymond Education Foundation.



Brittany Fat-Denatsosie is pictured with Scott Talboom, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement at Coconino Community College at the CCC Foundation's Annual Meeting, Sept. 13. Fat-Denatsosie was one of several students honored with scholarships. (Photo by Andrea Sanchez / CCC Photo Intern)

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Citizen of the Year award and is a former president of the Page Tourism Board. He currently serves on the Board of the Lake Powell Concert Association.

Patrick Hurley  
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Board Chair  
District 4 - Term expires Dec. 31, 2014



CCC District Governing Board Chair Patrick Hurley has served the College for two decades on the Citizens Advisory Committee, CCC Foundation Board of Directors, including President and as a CCC District Governing Board member and chair.

As owner of Construction Management Associates, Inc., Hurley offers construction management and general contracting services. He received his education from the Colorado community college system and civil engineering training at Colorado State University. Early business years included constructing and managing residential and heavy commercial projects in Colorado and work as a construction engineer on projects such as a nuclear power plant in Illinois and the world's largest natural gas liquefaction facility in Saudi Arabia.

A Flagstaff resident for 28 years, Hurley has been active in many community organizations.

Dr. Nathaniel "Nat" White  
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Board Member  
District 1 - Term expires Dec. 31, 2014



Dr. Nat White has served on the CCC District Governing Board since January 1999. He currently represents CCC on the Arizona Association of District Governing Boards and the Getting AHEAD Initiative. White's civic contributions have included serving on the Flagstaff City Council, the Technical Research Innovation Fund, the Flagstaff/Coconino County Library Foundation Board and the Sustainable Economical Development Initiative (SEDI). White came to Flagstaff in 1969 to work at Lowell Observatory as an astronomer. He has been the program manager for the Navy Prototype Optical Interferometer at Anderson Mesa south of Flagstaff. White retired in April 2007 from Lowell Observatory where he maintains the position of adjunct astronomer.

## CCC Nursing Program Top in Arizona

The report for calendar year 2012 was recently released and Coconino Community College's nursing program was recently listed as having the top score in the state, according to the Arizona State Board of Nursing, beating out the University of Arizona and Brookline College's nursing scores.

The nursing board's report for calendar year 2012 analyzed and compared admission and graduation rates for all pre-licensure nursing programs in Arizona. Calculations are made on a 200-point scale which includes the following data: students who graduated on time, faculty to student ratio, first time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN test (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses), and compliance with board education rules. In the report, RN programs showed a mean score of 161 with the top scores going to Coconino Community College (193), the University of Arizona (190), and Brookline College (190).

According to the report, "Public RN programs continue to decrease admissions, while private RN programs are increasing admissions. In 2012, admissions to private RN programs increased (14.8%) from 1025 to 1177. Private BSN programs were responsible for a large proportion of admissions. Private schools are less affected by funding cuts but may not attract large numbers of students due to tuition costs and the provisional approval status of some of the newer programs. Private RN admissions account for 31% of all RN admissions with 2 large programs admitting over 700 students."

"Here at CCC we attribute our success to dedicated faculty and students who work closely with local healthcare organizations," said CCC Nursing Director Don Johnson. "Every year we graduate 40 nursing students who are immediately employable in our community. We plan to keep this exemplary program affordable for qualified applicants in Coconino County who aspire to become nurses."

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stories of tragedy and triumph, and how they have overcome the odds thanks in large part to their educational opportunities at CCC.

#### 2013-2014 scholarship recipients:

**Antelope Point Marina**  
Brittany Fat-Denatsosie  
**APS**  
Kristina Henson  
**CCC Business & Entrepreneur's Scholarship**  
Taylor Richards  
**CCC2NAU Presidents' Scholarship**  
Patrick Harrison  
Shanice Smallcanyon  
**Betty Steyskal Life Long Learner**  
Josie Escoto  
**Flagstaff Rotary Club**  
Ciara Brumbaugh  
Jamie Fredricks  
**City of Williams, AZ**  
Kristina Henson  
**Life, Liberty & Independence**  
Roger Lyle  
Jennifer Chavez  
**Page / Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce**  
Mariel Keene  
**Dennis M. Connell Memorial**  
Alma Elizarazaraz  
Brittany Fat-Denatsosie  
Kristina Henson  
Silvia Mitchell  
**BCBS Nursing**  
Stephanie Connelly  
Jeffrey Seff  
**Theresa Givens Soroptimist International of the Arizona Peaks**  
Patrick Harrison  
**Page / Lake Powell High School**  
Kendrick Claw  
**JD Felgner**

Belinda Ayze  
**Veterans**  
Crim Devin  
**Dreamkeeper**  
John Forsythe  
**CCC Employees**  
Monica Creek  
**CCC Step-Up Scholarship Award**  
Taylor Richards  
Raul Navarro  
**Larry Goltz Accounting**  
Robyn Werhan  
**Hartzell High School**  
Vivian Witt  
**K & GW**  
Stacy Camp  
**Marshall Knoles**  
Kristina Henson  
**Jason Kurtz Nursing**  
Elizabeth Seumtewa  
**SRP Navajo Scrubber**  
Brittany Fat-Denatsosie  
**Paulette Joe Dupree**  
Raymond Baldwin

#### Raymond Educational Foundation scholarship recipients

\*denotes CCC2NAU Raymond scholarship  
Belinda Ayze  
\*Krista Baker  
Ciara Brumbaugh  
\*Marissa Clemmons  
\*Kerry Cornish  
Julie Drinkard  
Bonita Estes  
Michelle Etsitty  
\*Brittany Fat-Denatsosie  
Tyntania George  
\*Jennifer Goedinghaus  
Rebecca Hansen  
\*Patrick Harrison  
Vanessa Hosteneez  
Claire Kerata  
\*Shondin Kinsey  
Benjamin Martin  
Juan Lopez Rodriguez  
\*Cynthia Sandberg  
\*Shanice Smallcanyon  
Marcu Steinwand  
Vandusen Westcott  
Laura Zimmerman

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49 last year.

Community College Week magazine analyzed degrees and certificates conferred during the 2011-12 academic year, then broke it down across various race/ethnicity categories and also academic disciplines. Institutions that grant associate degrees, including two-year and four-year institutions were used for the Top 100 rankings. There are more than 1,655 community colleges across the United States.

This year's Top 100 analysis examines degrees and certificates conferred during the 2011-12 academic year.

Higher education website, TheBestSchools.org recently ranked CCC #33 on a list of the 50 Best Community Colleges in the United States.

TheBestSchools.org selected CCC based on a comparison of several studies and ratings of community colleges, as well as the College's reputation and a review of a large number of notable community colleges.

"Being recognized for the good work faculty and staff are doing, along with the students' achievements is an honor," said CCC President Dr. Leah L. Bornstein. "At CCC, our priority is to ensure our students are prepared for whatever life path they choose."

The higher learning organization cited several reasons for choosing CCC including the award-winning CCC2NAU program, which helps students transition to a four-year university.

"Under the distinguished CCC2NAU program, Coconino Community College partners with Northern Arizona University and 16 other colleges to manage transfer needs to a four-year college. The CCC2NAU program earned several awards including a 2012 Lee Noel and Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Award, a 2012 Outstanding Institutional Advancement Advising Program Award from the National Academic Advising Association, and the Arizona College Access Network's 2011 Pathways to Postsecondary Education Award."

Officials also identified several factors as especially significant to select the top community colleges:

**Sustained Achievement Outcomes:** Ongoing success in student perseverance and completion of Associate Degrees and/or transfer to four-year colleges.

**Learning Outcomes:** Values and practices that actively engage students and require them to stretch academically; explore learning freely; pursue a variety of educational experiences and areas of study.

**Deployment Outcomes:** Strong rates of employment, salaries and advancement for graduates matched with workplace skill needs.

**Equitable Outcomes:** Policies and practices that result in student diversity and success among low-income students and underrepresented racial/ethnic groups (African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American).

**Cost-to-Value Outcomes:** Reasonable tuition costs, access to financial aid resources and an emphasis on minimizing post-school debt.

Also mentioned was CCC's "S.T.A.R.T. and TRIO programs provide many resources to help CCC students succeed academically. CCC's Community Learning program, specializing in corporate development and professional courses, offers a six-module Leadership Academy."