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July 2017

CCC grows course offerings at Fourth Street Innovation Center



Coconino Community College's Fourth Street Innovation Center will begin offering more courses this Fall semester.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Coconino Community College, your neighborhood college, is offering a wide array of courses at the Fourth Street Innovation Center this fall.

A new lineup of courses will fill the Fourth Street campus roster to help students working on associate degrees meet many of the General Education criteria, including Composition, Math, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences and so much more.

"We're really proud of the 'community' in our name as a community college," said CCC President Colleen A. Smith, PhD. "Our number one priority right now is to engage with our community and try to meet the needs of learning in different venues. The Fourth Street campus was where CCC began, and it is important to us to strengthen our commitment to the neighborhoods of Flagstaff that welcomed us as a community member 25



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At the Fourth Street campus, students can: Fast track their way to a degree or certificate; take classes on their schedule (night and weekend courses); find no-hassle transfer courses with smaller class sizes, and where the instructors know the names of their students; brush up on or learn skills; or retool for the next career move.

Highlights include:

- CCC offers 8-week sessions of ENG 101 and 102 so that students can meet their composition requirements in just one semester
- CCC offers 8-week sessions of Construction, Economics, Fitness and more
- Geology lab science
- Creative writing (nonfiction)
- Developmental math and English classes

There are nearly 100 classes available, including Automotive Basics, Payroll Accounting, Medical Assistant Essentials, Phlebotomy Procedures, Art Appreciation, Introduction to Woodworking, Solar Greenhouse Design, Basic Electrical Theory, Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter I and II, Introduction to Philosophy, Beginning Spanish, Basic Welding Fabrication, and much more.

CCC gets out into the neighborhood



The Sunnyside Market of Dreams was held just down the street from Coconino Community College's Fourth Street Innovation Center on July 13.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Music drifted with the smoke from the grill up into the Flagstaff sky filled with a building monsoon rain.

Children played and adults sat in groups catching up on the day's events while enjoying burgers, hot dogs, chips, coleslaw and more. It was a celebration of neighborhood and of community - a neighborhood and a community of which Coconino Community College is a part.

CCC sponsored the Market of Dreams COMMUNITY Picnic for the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association on Thursday, July 13. The Market of Dreams, also known as El Mercado de los Sueños, is just down the Fourth

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Street Corridor from CCC's Fourth Street Innovation Center.

"We're your neighborhood community college, and it's very important to us at CCC that we are a part of this neighborhood," said CCC President Colleen A. Smith, PhD.

Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans, who is also executive director of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, said, "I truly appreciate Coconino Community College's support of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyside neighborhood. It is always a pleasure to have organizations in our community active and present at events such as our annual COMMUNITY picnic. It is through partnerships as they say that we are able to fulfill our mission. Thank you CCC for being SunnysideUp!"

In all, more than 60 people, residents and CCC staff members, attended the event. Music was provided by nearby neighborhood business, "Flagstaff School of Music."

According to information from SNA, the nonprofit organization has been working the last 40 years to fight crime and poverty in the Sunnyside neighborhood. Several initiatives were launched, including the Market of Dreams.

The Market of Dreams, with the help of the Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology among others, became a reality more than two years ago. The Market of Dreams was created after SNA's board recognized that Sunnyside residents had a desire to start a small business, but didn't have the resources to do so. At the Market of Dreams, people can incubate their small business and sell their merchandise.

CCC represents at county Back to School and Health Fair



Hundreds of children, parents and families showed up at this year's Back to School and Health Fair at the county health department on July 29.

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Flagstaff, Ariz. - As a "neighborhood" college, Coconino Community College made a showing at the Coconino County Public Health Services District Back to School and Health Fair Saturday, July 29.

And what a showing it was!

During the three-hour event, many more than 1,000 people showed up to receive services from a variety of vendors at the Back to School and Health Fair.

"It was amazing," said Brian Harris, Marketing and Events Coordinator for CCC. "We were cleaned out. We were ready for 500, but we had so many more ... What a great opportunity to connect with our friends in the neighborhood."



Kimberly Batty-Herbert (left), Dean of Learning, Arts and Sciences, Ron Hurle (center), Chief Innovation Officer, and Brian Harris (right), Marketing and Events Coordinator staff a busy booth at the fair.

Among the vendors, all of them community service-based, at the fair were: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flagstaff, Be Smart, Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth, Arizona's Children Association, Coconino Community Services, Cut Scouts, Northern Arizona Council of Governments Head Start, Peak School, and more.

Donna Furlong, CCPHSD Clinic Services Manager, said that the large turnout was due, in part, to the health district offering school immunizations, sport physicals and dental screening for children ages 0 to 18. Children, with their parents and families, toured the booths to get "passports" stamped in order to win one of more than 600 backpacks filled with school supplies.

Furlong said the backpacks would be gone by the end of the event.

"It's tremendous," Furlong said of the turnout. "It's bigger than what we thought it was going to be and bigger than last year."

Food Truck Friday at Fourth Street Innovation Center Aug. 11

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Flagstaff, Ariz. - Time for tasty street food!

Coconino Community College is hosting Food Truck Friday at the Fourth Street Innovation Center, 3000 N. Fourth St., on Friday, Aug. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Several food trucks will be parked on the campus to sell their succulent fare.

"We're celebrating the start of another school year," said Veronica Hipolito, Dean of Student Development and Community Engagement. "It's also an opportunity for people to visit the Fourth Street campus who may not have ever been there."

There will also be musical entertainment from the nearby Flagstaff School of Music and live radio remote broadcasts by Great Circle Media and Yavapai Broadcasting. Additionally, CCC staff members will be on hand to offer tours of the Fourth Street Innovation Center, and a full team will be standing by to help register students interested in classes at CCC.

The event, said Hipolito, is also to an effort to build community with neighbors to the campus.

"We're happy to be your neighbor," Hipolito said. "Come visit the Fourth Street campus and have some lunch!"

Faculty Spotlights

Ken Myers: Full-Time Faculty of the Year 2017

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Ken Myers, faculty in CCC's Sustainable Building Trades, received the nod for Full-Time Faculty of the Year 2017.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - He's spent his life in the construction trades, and he's got a warehouse of knowledge to share.

Luckily, Ken Myers, does share that knowledge as faculty in CCC's Sustainable Building Trades. His students have gone on record to show they appreciate that knowledge by nominating him as the 2017 Full-Time Faculty of the year for 2017.

"Because it's a student-base award, it's one of the coolest things ever," Myers said. "It just means everything. It means to me that I'm doing something right."

Myers teaches six classes in the fall and six classes in the spring, which include Building Methods I and II, Blueprint Reading, Building the Human Environment, Innovative Building Materials, Concrete, Surveying, Green Building I, Intro to Green Building, Introduction to Solar Applications and Intro to Woodworking. He also runs the internship program for Construction Management as well as co-teaches the non-credit Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician program. He also orders all the supplies for the classes taught at the Fourth Street campus, and he conducts the maintenance and preparation on all the equipment used in the various classes.

Myers can also be found volunteering time outside of the classroom. He is on the board of directors for the Willow Bend Environmental Educational Center volunteer, he does work on the Coconino County Citizens Advisory Board for Construction, and he donates time to Sharon Manor, a transitional housing nonprofit for battered women.

Myers began with CCC in 2008 as part of the YouthBuild program, which helped disadvantaged students, age 17-24, learn the building trades. At the time, he worked for Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona, a partner in the program. He became part-time faculty in 2010, and turned full-time in 2011.

"I love it," Myers said. "My favorite thing out of all of it is seeing 17-year-old students working side by side with students in their 50s. I love that interaction."

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Additionally, he said he enjoys watching the "light turn on" as the students begin understand what they are studying.

"It's such a great feeling," Myers said.

His mother, a receptionist for the Arizona State Carpenters Union, introduced him into the construction trades right out of high school.

"She talked me into going into construction," Myers said.

He started out building box culverts and bridges -- the heavy highway stuff. But eventually, he moved onto commercial and residential building projects. At the age of 23, he handed his first superintendent job. He still does side jobs on weekends and the summers, but his love now is teaching.

"I love passing on the knowledge to younger people, and that construction is a good career opportunity."

It's a profession where one can go from digging a ditch to owning a company. He raised a family in the trade, where people work with their hands and end up with something tangible that they can drive by and see many years later and say, "I helped build that."

Kristine Ketel: Part-Time Faculty of the Year 2017



Kristine Ketel, CCC faculty in Accounting and Public Speaking, received the 2017 Part-Time Faculty of the Year honor.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - For some students, she teaches the "scary" subjects: Public Speaking and Accounting.

That may be, but it didn't stop students, fellow faculty members and staff from selecting Kristine Ketel as the 2017 Part-Time Faculty of the Year at Coconino Community College.

Ketel teaches Communication and Business courses at CCC. Among her classes are Introduction to Public Speaking, Advanced Public Speaking,

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"The thing I love most about teaching is the light bulb moment, when they go from thinking, 'I can't do this' to realizing 'I am doing this,'" Ketel said. "I am deeply excited when I can help somebody do what they didn't think they could ... That lights me up inside."

Ketel added that she enjoys the classes that scare people - like accounting and public speaking - and taking the students to being comfortable and being able to master the subjects. Her intent is to make a nerve-wracking subject fun for the students.

"I want to break down the fear," Ketel said. "I want to show it's a skill that can be learned and mastered. Public speaking is often so critical in life - even if the student doesn't think they're going to stand on stage."

Ketel calls her teaching process "interactive," and she considers herself more a coach than a lecturer.

"I like to push people past their comfort level to the edge of what they are capable of," Ketel said.

The win, to Ketel, is poignant as a part-time faculty member. She said that part-time faculty, often, have a difficult time finding a feeling of connection with an educational institution. It's nice to be recognized for your work and to feel a part of the institution.

Ketel knows a bit about the business and communications disciplines. She started out in the private sector and has more than 25 years of business management and corporate training experience. She has a master's degree in liberal arts and a bachelor degree in communication. Her true love is communication, and teaching has always been something she's wanted to do.

In the private sector (software development, data analysis), she began teaching software workshops in 1993. When she moved to Flagstaff, she began teaching at CCC in the Career and Corporate Learning program. She would teach non-credit workshops in a variety of communication and tech topics.

In the spring of 2015, she began teaching part-time for the College, and she's honored to be the recipient of the Part-Time Teacher of the Year award.

"It carried more weight with me because it was student initiated," Ketel said. "It was incredibly rewarding and flattering. It's an amazing honor to have your students, your peers and your administration recognize what you do and the impact you have."

Alan Petersen: Uranium, breccia pipes and art at MNA

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"Canyon Pipe," one of the artworks by CCC Art Faculty Alan Petersen that will be on display at the Museum of Northern Arizona beginning Aug. 15 and running through Oct. 22.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Hack. Arizona 1. Lost Orphan. Pigeon. Canyon.

The names would hardly spark a glimmer of recognition among the millions of people who travel from around the world to visit the beauty and grandeur of the Grand Canyon each year. But if they were told what the names signified, it would more than likely create a response.

The names belong to uranium mines situated on geological formations called breccia pipes in the Grand Canyon region. Uranium is the mineral that, when concentrated and enriched, becomes the fuel for nuclear power plants and atomic bombs.

It is the paradox of the immensity of natural beauty at the Grand Canyon and a radioactive material used to create powerfully violent weapons that is the focus of a new art exhibit at the Museum of Northern Arizona, called "Grand Canyon Uranium - Unseen/Scene." The artwork, which will be on display beginning Aug. 15 and running through Oct. 22, was created by Flagstaff artist and educator Alan Petersen.

Petersen has been an artist for more than four decades, and he's been on the art faculty at Coconino Community College for more than 20 years.

"I've always been interested in nuclear energy and the whole industry since I was a kid," Petersen said, adding that when he moved to Arizona, he enjoyed hiking and other outdoor sports. As a landscape artist, Petersen delved into the geology of the Grand Canyon to better understand the landscape.

"When I discovered and started reading about the breccia pipes, they really fascinated me," Petersen added. He discovered the paradox of the appreciation of the aesthetics of the Grand Canyon and the link between geology and the source of uranium.

"Uranium in its natural state, as found in breccia pipes, is not particularly dangerous due to its relatively low level of radioactivity and low levels of

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concentration," Petersen stated in an essay on his exhibit's subject. "However, I can imagine that if the millions of visitors to Grand Canyon each year knew of the presence of the large amounts of uranium located beneath their feet, or a few hundred yards from their vantage of Grand Canyon, their experience would be quite different - colored by anxiety induced by an element with a bad public image."

Uranium is used to make material for atomic bombs and for fuel rods in nuclear power plants that can cause irreparable harm to the ecosystem as reported in the news.

According to information from the U.S. Geological Survey, a breccia pipe is "a vertical pipe-like column of broken rock." Additionally, breccia is defined as "coarse grained rock composed of large, angular, broken rock fragments that are cemented together in a finer grained matrix." Within breccia pipes, water running through the pipes over a long period of time deposited large amounts of minerals - like uranium-laden ore. Breccia pipes mostly exist underground and away from the human eye, and often the only indication that a breccia pipe exists is a shallow depression in the surface of the earth.

In his work about the Grand Canyon, a popular subject for artists during last century, Petersen said he seeks the subtle and more nuanced expression of the geology of breccia pipes, which are largely unknown and unseen.

"If their presence were more broadly known, I can imagine they would be a source of anxiety that defies the pleasurable appreciation of the greater landscape they lie within," Peterson stated. "Breccia pipes are an important aspect of the geological history of the Grand Canyon region - an aspect that presents a paradox of omission and cognition."

A reception to open Petersen's exhibit will be Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Museum during the "Thirsty Thursday" series. Admission is free for MNA members and \$5 for non-members.

The Museum of Northern Arizona is located at 3101 N. Fort Valley Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily. For more information, visit <https://musnaz.org>.

Around CCC

CCC's Lehman hosts tie-dye fundraiser Aug. 1 for Climb to Conquer Cancer

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CCC's Anatomy and Physiology Instructor Tom Lehman will teach you how to tie-dye on Aug. 1, and it's for a good cause.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Tom Lehman, Anatomy and Physiology Instructor at Coconino Community College, is hosting a fundraiser to collect donations for the American Cancer Society and the Climb to Conquer Cancer.

The event is a tie-dying activity where Lehman will assist attendees with tie-dying various articles of clothing. On Tuesday, Aug. 1, CCC students, faculty, and staff can bring in clothing they wish to tie-dye for this event along with a donation to the American Cancer Society.

The tie-dying will take place at CCC's Lone Tree Campus, 2800 S. Lone Tree Road, in Lab 513, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are to bring their own articles of clothing to dye. Dye, supplies, and tie-dying instruction will be provided to attendees.

This is all a part of Lehman's effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society and raise awareness for Flagstaff's annual Climb to Conquer Cancer event.

The Climb to Conquer Cancer is hosted by the American Cancer Society. It is a fundraising event where participants walk or run to Flagstaff's Snowbowl Ski Resort using Snowbowl Road.

Participants organize into teams prior to the event and raise money for the American Cancer Society through registration costs and donations. Donations can be made before the walk itself and up until the end of this year. The goal is to raise as much money as possible for the American Cancer Society before and after the walk up to Snowbowl Ski Resort.

Coconino Community College has hosted a team in past Climb to Conquer Cancer events and will be participating in the walkathon this year as well. The College's team name is "CCC4CCC." CCC students, staff, and faculty are welcome to join CCC's walking team and participate in Climb to Conquer Cancer.

This year's Climb to Conquer Cancer event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 7 a.m. to noon.

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For any questions regarding Tom Lehman's tie-dye fundraiser, contact Lehman at Tom.Lehman@coconino.edu. You can also contact him with questions about how to join CCC's walkathon team, "CCC4CCC."

If you would like more information about the upcoming Climb to Conquer Cancer event or would like to register, please visit the American Cancer Society at <http://bit.ly/2vJsFOR>.

-- Alex Bodemer

CCC employees make Lone Tree campus bloom



Janan Scott (left), Purchasing Specialist II, and Nichole Gregory, Testing Specialist Sr., hold wildflower seeds at the Lone Tree campus garden.

Flagstaff, Ariz. - Every other Friday, Purchasing Specialist Janan Scott leads staff and faculty members out into the CCC campus garden to maintain and bring new life to its already teeming mini-ecosystem.

The "seed mob," as she called it, is part of a biweekly activity led by Scott that involves spreading native wildflower seeds, pulling weeds and performing general maintenance on the campus garden.

On July 26, Scott led a crew of about 12 CCC staff and faculty members out to the campus garden for a "seed mob." She passed out handfuls of native wildflower seeds for staff to spread throughout the garden's various beds.

"We try to keep it all native," Scott said. "... Stuff that would grow here on its own."

Some native wildflowers that can be found in the CCC campus garden include Upright Prairie Coneflower, California Poppy, and much more.

Janan Scott works hard to keep the CCC garden full of native plant life throughout most of the year. Biweekly staff "seed mobs" and garden maintenance are part of Scott's efforts to not only keep the garden in good condition, but to bring CCC staff members together by learning about plant

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life in Flagstaff and its surrounding wild spaces.

Scott is always thinking about new ideas for the garden and what she could do to further increase its biodiversity.

"In one of those beds, I want to have cacti and succulents to show what in the cactus family can grow here," Scott said about her constant efforts to broaden the range of native vegetation in the garden.

The CCC campus garden has also received donations of native plants in the past by Warner's Nursery in Flagstaff.

Scott brings staff members out to plant and maintain the garden every other Friday, and she spreads the word by emailing all CCC employees prior to the "seed mob."

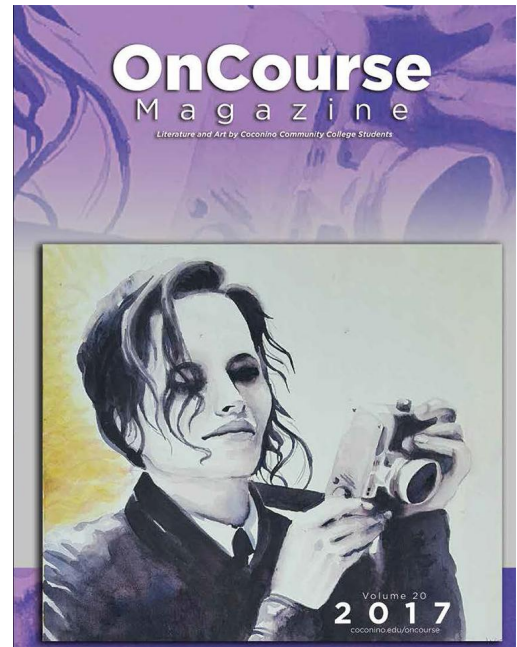
-- Alec Bodemer

Curios and OnCourse 2017 hit the streets

Flagstaff, Ariz. - The latest editions of *Curios* and *OnCourse* are now available.

The publications will be available at the Welcome Desk and in the Lone Tree Commons for people who want a copy.

"*Curios* and *OnCourse* provide local writers and artists a venue through which to share their voices and visions with the greater community," said Sandra Dihlmann, English Instructor and Publications Coordinator for both magazines.



Curios is a student-produced publication "that supports and reflects the breadth of creative expressions across our northern Arizona community. Here we present a venue to display art and literature, providing exposure not previously available to those in northern Arizona."

OnCourse is a publication that "promotes student achievement by showcasing student coursework and demonstrates the variety of intellectual and artistic opportunities at Coconino Community College."

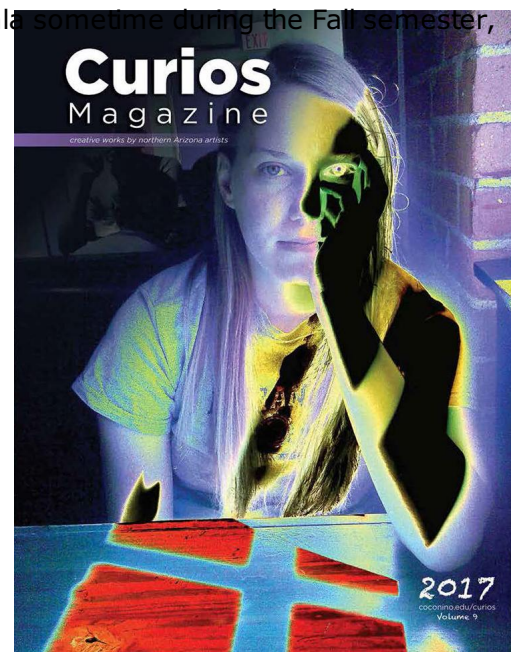
The websites for both publications are currently up to date if you can't wait for you print copy. For more information about *Curios*, visit <https://www.coconino.edu/curios>. For more information about *OnCourse*, visit <https://www.coconino.edu/oncourse>.

To submit work to *Curios*, do so electronically to curiosccc@gmail.com. To submit to *OnCourse*, email to ccconcourse@gmail.com.

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Stay tuned for an official Launch Gala sometime during the Fall semester, according to Dihlmann.



Have a CCC news story or idea?

News and stories abound on the campuses of Coconino Community College.

- 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.