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Coconino Community College's Stellar Newsletter

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A Quick Word from the President

Dear Friends,

Coconino Community College is inviting our friends across the county to Ride Along with CCC at many exciting events planned for all ages! Our theme this year is **Come Ride with CCC**. CCC now has a new band called Ride Along. The idea is that everyone is invited to join in and make music, take a class, attend or present an Ed Talk – be a part of our thriving community college in some way as we continue to develop new and exciting opportunities for education across the county. The band will be performing live on the July Fourth float in the Flagstaff parade and then will drive to Williams to perform in the parade that evening. CCC will also have a float in the Page July Fourth parade with the same theme, and is hosting the Chamber of Commerce mixer in Page on July 12.



Good news – CCC is focusing on putting people to work with programs such as the Certified Payroll Professional, Fire Science, Construction, and many more. By partnering with business and industry to develop programs that meet their training needs, we are emphasizing the goal that can best be described as CCC2Work along with our successful HS2CCC (High School to CCC) and CCC2NAU programs. In this edition of *The Comet* you will learn about our Summer STEM camps, the CAMT program in Page and various art workshops for the community. You will also hear more about our amazing students and the faculty and staff at CCC who are all working hard to help make Coconino County a great place to work and learn!

Thank you for your support, and we hope you will continue to Ride Along with CCC as we move into a bright future.

Onward!
Colleen Smith

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CCC to represent at Fourth of July parades

Coconino Community College will be featuring knee-slapping, good-time music on the College's float during the Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July Parade, 9 to 11 a.m. through Downtown Flagstaff. The theme for this year's entries is "Come Ride with CCC – Education that Works for You." CCC will also have a presence at the Williams Small Town Fourth of July Parade, beginning at 6 p.m. on Route 66, and the Page July Fourth Parade and Vendor Fair, which begins at 10 a.m. on Lake Powell Boulevard.



*(Click the video for a little sample) The members of Ride Along are **Andrew Allen**, CCC faculty, on guitar, **Banjo Billy**, band leader and performer with Grand Canyon Railway, on banjo and vocals, **Gail Lowe**, CCC Foundation Board Member, on washtub bass and vocals, **Dr. Nathaniel Southerland**, CCC Provost, on electric bass and vocals and **Eric Eikenberry**, former CCC District Governing Board Member, on harmonica.*



***Otis the dog**, star of the band, enjoys the bluegrass tunes during a recent Ridealong rehearsal at the Lone Tree Campus.*



The members of Ride Along test out the sound system on the CCC float for the Fourth of July Parade in Flagstaff.

Summer Art Workshops ramping up

Learn art on the Colorado Plateau during those long summer days

Coconino Community College is offering six four-day art workshops this summer that focus on a variety of disciplines while keeping an eye on the uniqueness of the Colorado Plateau.

"I enjoy the shared excitement of creative exploration," said CCC Art Instructor Elaine Dillingham, who will be teaching two of the workshops. "I love demonstrating an art process or technique that may be new to someone, then watching them use it and fly with it."

The first two workshops begin July 9, and more workshops begin July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6. Prices range from \$200 to \$270.

For times and descriptions, [click here](#)



A variety of summer art workshops are available at CCC for art lovers in Coconino County.

Fourth Street STEM Camps a hit for kids



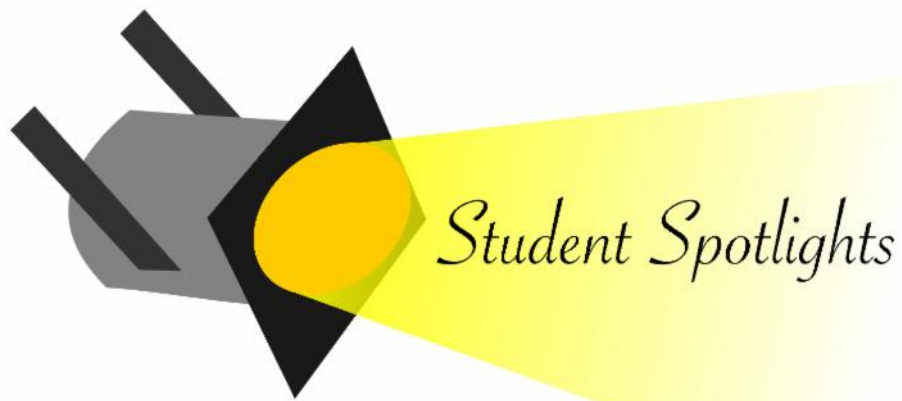
Children get to try their hands science-related activities during one of CCC's STEM Camps this summer.

All three sessions filled

This summer's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camps for children at the Fourth Street Innovation Center hit the right note.

Each of the three sessions was filled, according to Jeff Jones, Dean of Career and Technical Education.

The participants were treated to the use of CCC's new iLab at Fourth Street, and activities were varied during the four-day sessions. The enthusiasts participated in Lego robot design, assembly and coding. They also competed in a robotics challenge. Children also participated in drone construction and coding and competed in an obstacle course race. Finally, they participated in Tinker CAD, 3-D design and printing, and they built their own prototypes.



CCC student shines with scholarship win

Faith Lee

Congratulations to Coconino Community College student Faith Lee for being selected for the annual \$1,500 Naked Mobile Wanderlove Scholarship Challenge. Lee, who received a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate before graduating from Flagstaff High School, will apply the funds toward tuition, fees and books for the 2018-19 academic year at CCC.

"My career goals include working as a Registered Nurse at Flagstaff Medical Center and then traveling to all areas of the United States and the world as an RN," Lee stated in her application. "Working as an RN, I will have endless opportunities for educational growth and the ability to help others."



For more info on CCC Nursing, [click here](#)



City of Page, CCC a 'stellar' partnership

Coconino Community College's partnership with the City of Page began more than 20 years ago, when the city donated land to the growing college for building a new campus.

Since that time, CCC and the City of Page have continued to partner on a variety of initiatives, programs and projects to let residents know about the education and job-training opportunities available to them.

"In a smaller town, it is essential that agencies work together to make the community a better place for our residents," said Kay Leum, CCC's Director of Special Projects and Grants. "I am thankful that CCC and the City of Page can have a relationship that is built on partnership and continued efforts to provide opportunities that will benefit Page."

Most recently, the two institutions partnered on a variety of projects that include the recent 89FORWARD conference to advance the Page community and economy and the Higher Education Consortium to provide additional education and training opportunities for residents of northern Arizona.



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CCC and Page also have an ongoing partnership with an astro-tourism initiative. CCC and Page also partner to promote CCC-related summer camps for children, Science and Stars camps for children ages 9-12, and for the Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician program, which completed the first training session in Page. The two agencies also have agreements to provide maintenance and security to the CCC-Page/Public Library complex.

More partnership opportunities with the City in Page are in development.



CCC students become payroll professionals



CCC students who passed either the Certified Payroll Professional or Fundamental Payroll Certification were recognized at a banquet on May 12, 2018 in Flagstaff. From left to right: **Sherri L. Norman-Bravo, Rocio Soto Sanchez, Evelyn Kerley-Little, Paul Bearchell, Jennifer Wolosz, Melissa J. Deschenie, Irma L. Encinas and Yesenia Renteria.**

[Read the rest of the story](#)

Students get college credit while increasing their marketability

Seven Coconino Community College students and their families were honored at a banquet on May 12 for passing tests for Fundamental Payroll Certification (FPC) and Certified Payroll Professional (CPP).

Six of the students took the exam for FPC. One student took the CPP exam. The designations of FPC or CPP provide marketable skills to help students obtain jobs in the field. Additionally, the FPC certification is worth eight college credits, and the CPP certification is worth 10 college credits.

At the banquet, CCC faculty Mike Casey took the time to individually recognize each student for the milestone they had achieved.

CCC offers class in newest building codes

Students taught new codes poised to benefit in industry

Coconino Community College graduate Brad Lawry completed an internship with the City of Flagstaff inspecting mostly residential buildings. After his internship, he spoke with CCC Construction and Technology Management Instructor Ken Myers about his experience.



"Ken told me about how they were revamping

Brad Lawry aced the *International Building Code*

the International Residential Code class,”
Lawry said. “That piqued my interest.”

test after taking a course at CCC.

Read the rest of the story

The class, it turned out, was going to include the latest International Code Council codes on the books – the newly approved 2018 version, which would put CCC as one of the first colleges in the country to offer this training. If approved by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, the County is anticipating putting the 2018 code into place on July 1.

Video: High school students get a jump on college with Dual Enrollment, CAVIAT



(Click the video for the story) Coconino Community College has programs available to students to gain college credit before leaving high school.

Dual Enrollment on rise at CCC

CCC offers college credit to high school students through classes taken at high schools throughout Coconino County, and those numbers are on the increase.

For the 2017–18 academic year, there was a 43 percent increase in enrollment from the previous year and a 59 percent increase from the year before that. The increases are due to a number of factors that include: increasing efficiencies, making it easier for students to be admitted, adding new Dual Enrollment instructors, adding new courses and collaborating across

the county's school districts.

For the 2018–19 school year, CCC is preparing to add Northland Preparatory Academy and Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy to the Dual Enrollment partnership.

PetraCorps Adventure Camp for teens begins July 16

Teens ages 13 to 16 have the chance for a non-credit, science-based adventure camp offered through Coconino Community College beginning July 16.

The PetraCorps Adventure Camp will be co-led by CCC Science Faculty Dr. Aaron Tabor and Andrew Allen. The four days and three nights of the camping-and-hiking trip features activities and trips that focus on a variety of scientific fields.

Students learn:

- The relationship and importance among plants, geology and cultures of the Colorado Plateau;
- How to identify and sketch various plants and organisms;
- A basic understanding of how stars and planets formed;
- How to identify various rocks and geologic processes.
- Many other topics in biology, chemistry, geology and astronomy.



CCC Science Instructors Andrew Allen (left) and Aaron Tabor will take participants on the learning experience of a lifetime.

"An important aspect of the class is for the students to become more self-aware about their place in the natural world and to understand the major scientific principles that bridge and tie together the disciplines of biology, chemistry, geology and astronomy."

**-- Andrew Allen
CCC Science Faculty**

[For more info, click here](#)

ED Talks

Our Ed Talk Series is free and open to the public.



"Meet the Bugs in Your Compost"

**Thursday, July 9, 2018 | 6-7 p.m.
CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center,
3000 N. Fourth St., Room B34
Presented by CCC Biology Faculty Melinda McKinney
Free and Open to the Public**

Put some compost in a sealed plastic bag and join biologist Melinda McKinney for an all-ages, hands-on introduction to composting. Look through microscopes to get up close and personal with organisms that turn kitchen scraps into composted black gold.

"Computers through the Centuries"

- Presented by Dr. Gonzalo Perez, CCC Associate Provost
- Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center, 245 N. Thorpe Road.

Upcoming Talks

"Mushroom Mania: Get to know the various types of

fungi that grow in northern Arizona during the Monsoon season"

- Talk for beginners presented by amateur mushroom enthusiast Rachel Edelstein, CCC Alumni and Donor Relations Coordinator
- Monday, Aug. 13, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center – Room B34 (Seating is limited)

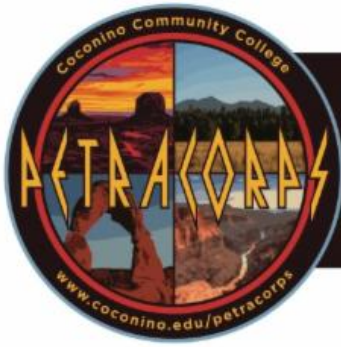
"Symbolism of El Camino de Santiago"

- Presented by CCC Marketing and Community Engagement staff Trevor Welker and Larry Hendricks
- Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center – Room B34

"Fourth Street Connection to the Moon Missions"

- Presented by Lowell Observatory's Kevin Schindler
- Monday, Oct. 8, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center – Room B34

**PetraCorps presents Canyon program for
educators, enthusiasts**



A week-long immersive STEM-based program designed for educators and anyone else interested in exploring the scientific principles found throughout Biology, Chemistry, Geology, and Physiology, through field research, classroom lecture, and laboratory experience.

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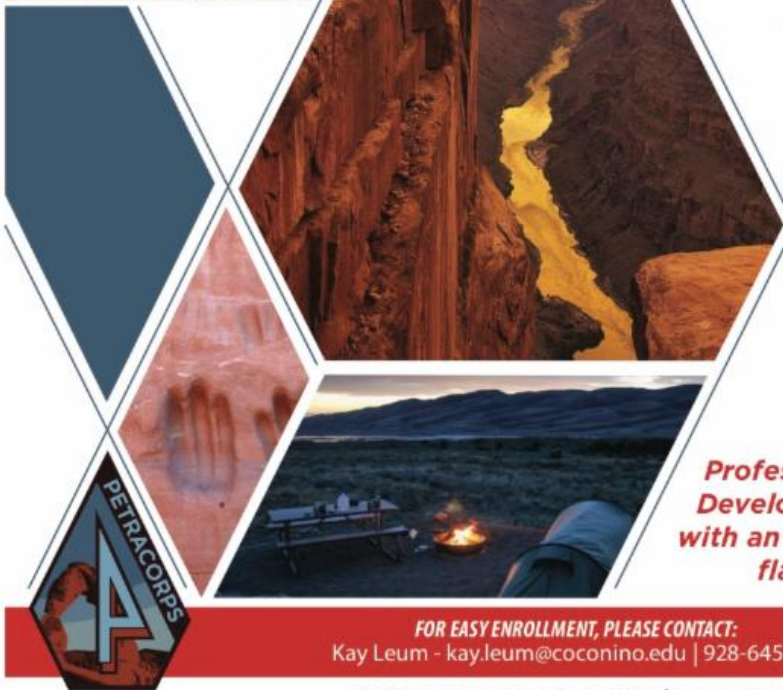
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CCC news around the county

Apartment Maintenance Techs graduate at CCC Page



***Above:** Graduates of the first CCC Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician class for Page.
Below: Graduate Norman Richardson received all the certifications possible from the program.*

Thirteen students in Page completed a five-week pilot training course on June 27 to become Certified Apartment Maintenance Technicians.

Ken Myers, CCC Construction and Technology Management Faculty, said that the program was tailored specifically for Page residents and the needs of the community, which includes hotel/motel maintenance and houseboat maintenance. Myers also said that the pass rate for the group is the highest so far since the inception of the CAMT program in 2015.

The program was made possible through a partnership with the Coconino County Career Center, SRP/Navajo Generating Station, CAVIAT and CCC. According to Myers, plans are in the works to share the program with other communities in the county. As for Page, Myers said several people have already put their name on a waiting list for when the CAMT program returns.

For more information about the CAMT program in your area, contact Myers at 928-526-7696, or Kenneth.Myers@coconino.edu, or contact Kay Leum, CCC Director of Special Projects and Grants, at 928-645-6682, or Kay.Leum@coconino.edu.



Stellar times at CCC Page Science and Stars Camp

More children's activities are on the horizon

Page children ages 9 to 12 made hand-sized terrariums, sketched bugs and plants, got the low-down on how rocks are made and gazed at the stars June 11 through 14 during the CCC Desert Daze and Nights Science and Stars Camp.

"The Science and Stars Kids Camp is the start of what will be ongoing opportunities for children offered through Coconino Community College," said Kay Leum, Director of Special Projects and Grants at CCC Page.

The camp was co-led by CCC Science Instructors Andy Allen and Melinda McKinney. The four days of the camp featured activities and field trips that focused on biology, geology and astronomy in and around Page.

Some comments made of the event:

- "Great program – hope it continues to be an option in the years to come. Would definitely sign my son up for other activities offered through CCC."



Science Faculty Andrew Allen and Melinda McKinney had their hands full with inquisitive children during the first Science and Stars Kids Camp in Page.

- "I thought this was a great thing to bring to Page. My daughter loved it and it gave her something to enjoy and not just stay at home. It was also a great learning experience that they really don't teach in school anymore."



Coconino Community College

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Summer Session II begins July 9. Fall Semester begins Aug. 27.

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