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## Coconino Community College's Stellar Newsletter

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### A Quick Word from the President

For the first time in the history of the college, CCC held two Commencement Ceremonies in May. We were pleased to host more than 1,100 family, friends and community members to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. The end of the Spring 2018 semester was packed with many other events to honor students, faculty and staff for their outstanding accomplishments. The opportunity to hear from our students and learn about the great successes of the community that is CCC demonstrates to all of us that the College is thriving. In this edition of The Comet, you will meet two of those outstanding students and the Faculty of the Year awardees. You will learn about some of the exciting partnerships and new programs being developed at the college as we gear up for summer school and special summer programs. We invite you to come visit us at one of our locations so we can show you around and share some of the great things happening at CCC. In celebration of all things wonderful about summer in Arizona – we look forward to seeing you at the Fourth of July parades in Flagstaff, Page and Williams.

Onward!  
*Colleen Smith*

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## Graduations, celebrations abound at CCC

Graduations and student celebrations filled Coconino Community College campuses across the county during the month of May. The Lone Tree Campus was home for graduation ceremonies for Arts & Sciences and Career & Technical Education. Newly minted Coconino County Detention Officers received their badges and nurses took the Nightingale Pledge during a Pinning Ceremony. Students in Flagstaff and Page were recognized for their achievements during Student Awards Celebrations.



*Student graduates celebrated one another during Commencement Ceremonies at Coconino Community College's Lone Tree Campus on May 11.*



*Nursing students took the Nightingale Pledge during a ceremony May 10 at CCC.*



*Detention Academy students completed the requirements of the Detention Academy in order to become Detention Officers at the Coconino County Detention Facility.*



*CCC President Colleen Smith recognized the scholastic achievements of veterans during a*

## CCC Receives Proclamation from City of Flagstaff

### District Governing Board Chair Garcia accepts honor for CCC

John Saltonstall, Business Retention and Expansion Manager for the City of Flagstaff, presented CCC with an honor during the May 21 CCC District Governing Board meeting.

The city declared the week of May 7 – 11 "Economic Development Week." According to the proclamation, the week "is an opportunity to recognize and thank those enterprises that choose Flagstaff, the city of innovation, as their place to do business."

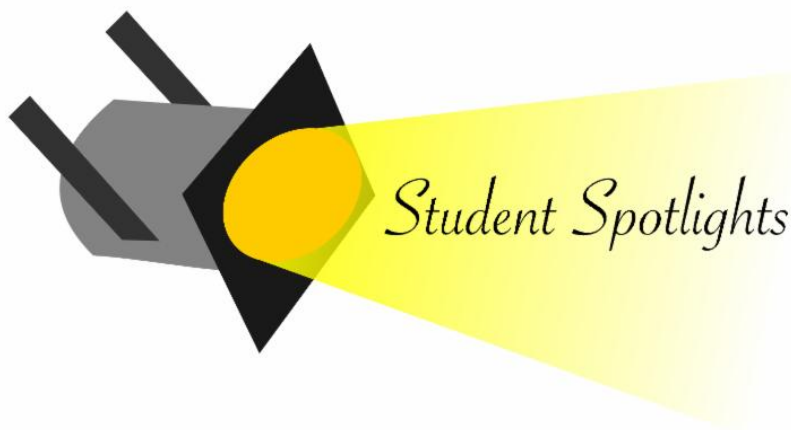
CCC was specifically mentioned because the College "serves residents and trains the workforce across 18,000 square miles."

DGB Chair Patricia Garcia accepted the proclamation on behalf of CCC.



*John Saltonstall, Business Retention and Expansion Manager for Flagstaff, hands DGB Chair Patricia Garcia a proclamation in appreciation of providing workforce development training in the county.*

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



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## Congrats to Two of CCC's Outstanding Grads



## Cheynaea Curtis

Cheynaea Curtis, a member of CCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, made the commute from Tuba City four times a week to complete her studies. She received an Associate Degree in General Studies, and she will graduate again in a year with an Associate of Science in PreHealth. Her ultimate goal is to become a registered nurse.

"I feel like education is a value," she said. "It will not only help me to get the job that I want, but college has benefits to my intellectual growth. I've become wiser, more mature compared to when I graduated from high school."



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## Donald Fisher



**Donald Fisher** was looking for a second chance. Not sure what he wanted to do, Don discovered the Sustainable Green Building Program and started back to college at 50 years old while working full time. With other health and personal hurdles, Don was determined to finish his degree and satisfy a dream.

"It was a chance to help change the world one house at a time, more or less," he said. "I love Flagstaff, but this education will basically allow me to move anywhere. This program has opened doors for me."



## 2019 CCC Full-Time Faculty of the Year Award

**Thomas Lehman, Anatomy and Physiology Instructor**

**Thomas Lehman** just finished his 12th year at CCC. With master's degrees in Biology and Zoology, and with two years of medical school under his belt, Lehman enjoys helping students "realize and command the subject matter." The fact that the nominations are made by students and faculty was an honor for Lehman. It is the second time in his career that he's been selected for Faculty of the Year.

"I'm not planning to stop anytime soon," he said, smiling. "I'm having way too much fun."



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## 2019 CCC Part-Time Faculty of the Year Award



### **Dr. Monica Baker, Mathematics**

**Dr. Monica Baker** has spent 26 years of her professional career at CCC, first as a part-time instructor, then a full-time instructor, and finally as Dean of Career & Technical Education. She is retiring from full-time work, and she recently received Professor Emeritus status from the CCC District Governing Board. She will be back in the Fall to continue teaching math.

"It does mean a lot to me," Monica said. "The whole philosophy of it is serving the students and the county, and you're being recognized for that service. That service is an honor."

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## CCC Recognizes Staff of the Year with Awards

### **Three selected for the 2018 Employee of the Year Awards**

Three staff members of Coconino Community College received awards for Employee of the Year during a small ceremony at the Lone Tree Campus.

The winners were:

- **Leadership** – Larry Hendricks
- **Classified Staff** – Nichole Gregory
- **Admin. Professional** – Jane Jarboe

Faculty and employees with five, 10, 15 and 20 years of service were also recognized for their dedication to CCC.



*CCC Testing Specialist Nichole Gregory, left, received the Employee of the Year Award for Classified Staff.*



## Coconino County Career Center

The Coconino County Career Center is dedicated to helping county residents seeking to manage their career by providing access to information and quality services and helping county businesses get the skilled workers they need.

The Career Center has been front and center with Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona in helping CCC bring its Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician (CAMT) program to county residents.

"Growing our skilled workforce is essential to assure that local employers have the talent they need to be productive," said Career Center Director Carol Curtis. "The County Career Center has been privileged to participate in this yearly partnership with the College."



*The newest CAMT graduates*

To learn more about the Coconino County Career Center, visit their website [here](#).

Read more about CAMT students here



## Getting Greasy Learning Autos in High School

Students get college credit through





[Read the rest of the story](#)

## Coconino Community College

Kami Lawrence and Emilio Apodaca are seniors at Coconino High School. Both have taken Auto 1, 2 and 3, and have received college credit from CCC for each class through the Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry and Technology (CAVIAT) program.

"I've always had an interest in cars and to know more about them, what they're doing when you drive down the road," Kami said.

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## PetraCorps: Continuing Training for Teachers

The PetraCorps program is a weeklong immersive STEM based program designed to explore the scientific principals found throughout Biology, Chemistry, Geology, and Physiology, through field research, classroom lecture, and laboratory experience. Call Kay Leum for more information at 928.645.6682.

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities at the Grand Canyon in the Fall.

### Session II—Grand Canyon

- August 13-18, 2018
- Stay inside the Park at the Albright Center
- See the Canyon in a Private Educational Setting
- Experience North Rim Camping
- Participate in Ranger Led Activities
- Explore Historical Landmarks



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



[Read more about it](#)

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# ED Talks

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

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## **EXTRA: "The American Civil War: An Early Affair at Ball's Bluff"**

**Thursday, June 7, 2018 | 6-7 PM  
Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center,  
245 N. Thorpe Road  
Presented by FUSD's Scott Walmer  
Free and Open to the Public**

In October 1861, a "slight demonstration" turned into a nightmare on the banks of the Potomac. What was gained? What was lost? Who was to blame? How would the Civil War be influenced? Join Walmer for a look at a tangled series of events.

## ***"Voice, Fingerprints, Eye Scans: Are Biometrics Really Keeping Your Mobile Device Secure?"***

- Presented by Dr. Gonzalo Perez, CCC Associate VP of Innovative Learning Solutions
- Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center – Room B34

## Upcoming Talks

### ***"Meet the Bugs in Your Compost"***

- Presented by Melinda McKinney, CCC Biology Faculty
- Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center – Room B34

### ***"Mushroom Mania: Get to know the various types of fungi that grow in northern Arizona during the Monsoon season"***

- Presented by Rachel Edelstein, CCC Alumni and Donor Relations Coordinator



- Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center – Room B34

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## New Summer Art Classes Offered at CCC Lone Tree Campus



### Introduction to Landscape Drawing

*Alan Petersen*  
June 18– 28, 2018  
1–4 p.m .



### Wildflowers in Arizona

*Wendy McBride*  
June 4–7, 2018  
June 11–14, 2018  
12 pm–6:45 p.m.



### The Art Quilt Explored

*Darcy Faulk*  
August 6–9, 2018  
9 am–12 p.m.

### Painting with Goache

*Elaine Dillingham*  
July 9–12, 2018  
5–8 p.m.

### Drawing Animals

*Jeff Roth*  
July 9–12, 2018  
9 am–12 p.m.

### Introduction to Portrait Drawing

*Jeff Roth*  
July 30–August 2, 2018  
9 am–12 p.m.

For more information, contact Alan Petersen at [alan.petersen@coconino.edu](mailto:alan.petersen@coconino.edu) or call 928-226-4322

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## CCC news in Page



*CCC Page Director Jim Hunter interviews students Marques Johnson (left) and Rochelle Russell.*

## **Students Recognized During Awards Ceremony**

More than 60 students, friends and family attended the Student Awards Celebration at CCC in Page on May 16.

Student graduates were honored along with current students who have received scholarships and special recognitions for the coming academic year.

"The room was packed, many of our graduates were in attendance with their families and we set a record for scholarship awards," said James Hunter, Director of CCC Page.

CCC President Colleen Smith made remarks to the students and their families. The keynote speaker for the evening was Regina Lane-Haycock, Community Relations Representative for the Navajo Generating Station. She encouraged the graduates to go out into the world and do great things.

"Your learning will never stop," Lane-Haycock said. "Your growing will never stop."



*(Photo: Saija Lehtonen)*

***Desert Daze and Nights***

# **Science and Stars Camp**

**June 11-14, 2018**

**2:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

**Science Afternoons:**

**Building Terrariums, Water and Life, Rocks and Trees, Arthropods**

**Starry Evenings:**

**Astronomy and Chemistry of the Stars, Drawing a Planet, Galaxies and  
Double Stars, Astronomy Up to You, Family Night**

- *9-12 year olds*
- *\$75 per camper*
- *Includes all the fun, learning, afternoon snack, supplies*
- *Dinner break each night (campers provide own sack dinner)*

**Camp held at Coconino Community College, Page**

For more information and to register:

**CCC, Page**

475 So. Lake Powell Blvd

Page, AZ 86040

928-645-6682 or 945-645-3987

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**CCC news in Williams**





*CCC English Instructor Ann Wells (center-left) is retiring after years of service to students.*

## **Wells recognized for service to CCC**

Ann Wells, longtime Williams resident and President of the Williams School Board, has retired from Coconino Community College after serving students as an English Instructor.

Ann was one of several CCC faculty members recognized during the April 23 CCC District Governing Board Meeting.

Ann started off with CCC part-time, teaching English to Williams High School students for college credit as part of the Dual Enrollment program. She switched to full-time at CCC beginning in 2014, teaching English and Reading. But don't worry. She won't be leaving for good. Ann will be coming back to teach part-time in the Fall.

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## **CCC news in Grand Canyon/Tusayan**



*CCC students and faculty give science demonstrations at the South Rim on Earth Day this year.*

## **CCC Celebrates Earth Day at Grand Canyon**

Coconino Community College science students, faculty and officials took a trip up to Grand Canyon's South Rim to join in an Earth Day celebration.

Students and faculty shared their considerable knowledge about the area's insects, plants and animals with the National Park's visitors for the day.

"We had lots of fun with adults and children alike, making it an informational experience for all," said Kimberly Batty-Herbert, CCC's Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Many new and exciting programs for the Grand Canyon are currently in development.

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## CCC news in Tuba City



### Dual Enrollment on Rise in Tuba City

For the third straight year, Dual Enrollment numbers have risen in Tuba City.

According to information from CCC, Dual Enrollment numbers increased 18 percent from two years ago to last year and increased another 15 percent from last year to this year at Tuba City High School. At nearby Greyhills High School, the story is the same. DE numbers increased 42 percent from two years ago to last year and another 31 percent from last year to this year.

CCC's Dual Enrollment program offers college credit for courses offered in high schools throughout Coconino County. In Tuba City, students can earn college credit in courses like Welding, Early Childhood Education, Construction Technology Management and Hotel Restaurant Management.

### Stellar graduate

Tuba City resident Cheynea Curtis, CCC student graduate, spoke during the 2018 Commencement Ceremony in Flagstaff on May 11.

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# CCC news in Fredonia



## CCC Joins CAVIAT in Fredonia

Staff from CCC recently made the journey to our county's northernmost community to attend the quarterly meeting of the Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry and Technology (CAVIAT) Board.

"They expressed an appreciation for us being there and look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship between CAVIAT and CCC," said CCC Provost J. Nathaniel Southerland.

Fredonia High School students gave demonstrations about projects they completed. CCC met with school officials to discuss future possibilities for Distance Education and offering greater access for Dual Enrollment courses for college credit.

## Summer Classes

### First Session

**Classes begin  
Monday, June 4**

### Second Session

**Classes begin  
Monday, July 9**

For more information contact  
Registration at (928) 226-4299





Visit our website for class schedules

For questions, comments or feedback, please contact PR Coordinator Larry Hendricks at [larry.hendricks@coconino.edu](mailto:larry.hendricks@coconino.edu)

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