



Coconino Community College's Stellar Newsletter

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A quick word from the President

Dear Friends,

I have always found that the beginning of each new academic semester brings with it a wonderful energy and excitement — and so it is with Coconino Community College today, August 27, 2018. Students were here bright and early to find their classrooms, and faculty and staff were at the door of the College to greet them. Amid the rush and the nervous giggles of a few, I could see the anticipation of things to come. Our students, and indeed, our entire college community, have a new opportunity to learn and grow and “do better.”

This year, the College faces another great opportunity to educate our communities about the important role the community college serves in helping residents realize their dreams and attain goals they have set for themselves. Whether the desire is to improve job skills, or to get that degree they have long wished for, or to learn a new skill as a lifelong learner, CCC offers all our communities a means to reach for their goals.

I wish us all – faculty, staff, friends, supporters, and most importantly, our students – a wondrous and successful academic year full of learning and opportunity!

Onward!

Colleen Smith

CCC tosses Lip Sync Challenge to FUSD

Employees across Coconino Community College's locations took part in a bit of video fun by participating in the popular Lip Sync Challenge catching fire on YouTube. CCC crafted a memorable piece in order to offer a challenge to the Flagstaff Unified School District. FUSD

officials have accepted the challenge!



(Click the video above) The Coconino Community College team took on the musical stylings of Queen's "We Will Rock You" for the challenge.

CCC receives award for fiscal responsibility



CCC District Governing Board Chair Patricia Garcia (left) gives CCC Vice President Jami Van Ess a plaque recognizing CCC for its financial reporting excellence.

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The College has received the recognition 23 years in a row.

Coconino Community College has received a special nod for its financial reporting to the public.

In May CCC, received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2017 Comprehensive Financial Report. The award was given by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

According to information from the GFOA, the Certificate of Achievement, "is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

CCC Foundation Annual Meeting is Sept. 7

The fundraising breakfasts features student success stories

The Coconino Community College Foundation Annual Meeting, Alumni & Awards Breakfast will be Friday, Sept. 7, from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

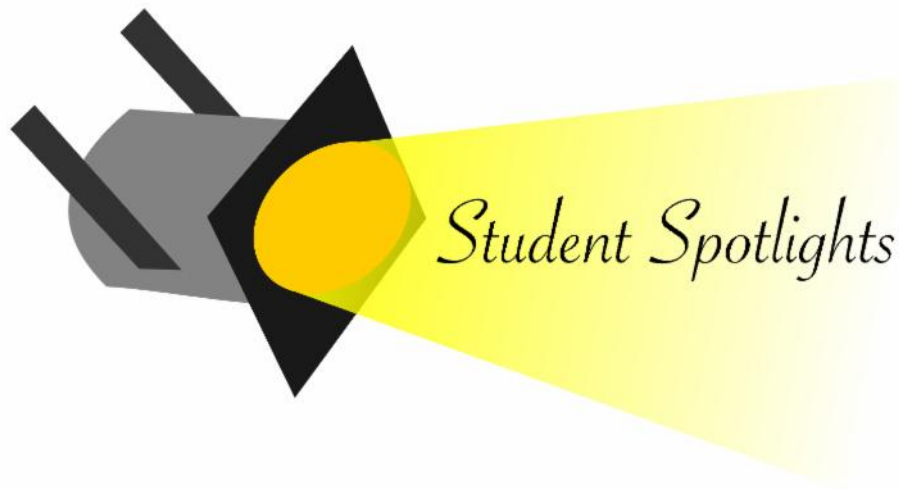
"The Annual Meeting is a time for us to report to the community, but it's also a time to honor our outstanding students who have received scholarships," said Scott Talboom, Executive Director.

The fundraising breakfast features stories of student success made possible through scholarships from the CCC Foundation and gives supporters an update on the Foundation's performance during the previous year.



*Student veteran and scholarship recipient **Christopher Rathkey** speaks at the 2017 Annual Meeting at CCC.*

[Click here to register for the breakfast](#)



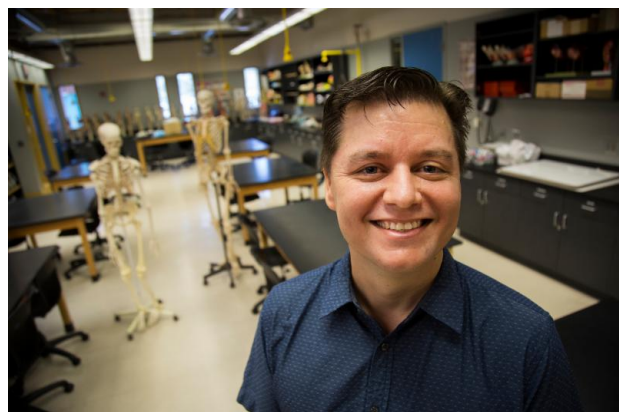
CCC alum reaches for goal of impacting lives

Richard Ramirez

Flagstaff resident **Richard Ramirez** had a good career with a structural engineering group, making good money and having room for advancement.

Still, he wasn't satisfied.

"Looking toward my future, I didn't see a personal satisfaction in that job," Ramirez said, adding that he enjoys the



work, but he wanted to impact the lives of people in a meaningful way, like when he and his wife, Rachel Soumokil, were foster parents.

He set his sights on becoming a physician and went back to school, starting at CCC and moving to NAU. Now, he is applying to medical schools across the country.

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CCC Foundation

The Coconino Community College Foundation was founded in 1993 as a nonprofit separate from the College to receive private gifts, bequests and donations in order to help Coconino County residents realize their goal of higher education.

Each year, the CCC Foundation distributes funds to students in the form of scholarships and other financial aid, and it also helps fund needed equipment for students and faculty among a host of other purposes.



[Visit the CCC Foundation website here](#)

CCC Foundation, a snapshot of the 2018-19 academic year:

- 79 students accepted scholarships
 - 105 awards have been distributed to students
 - \$191,925 total scholarship dollars awarded
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CCC's Small Business Development Center: Giving form to dreams



*Flagstaff resident **Cecilia "Ceci" Findley** (left) worked with **Diana White, Director of the Small Business Development Center** at CCC, to come up with a plan to create her new small business.*

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The SBDC helps county residents turn their passions into businesses.

The concept part was easy, said Flagstaff resident Cecilia "Ceci" Findley.

She envisioned a "Beauty Enhancing Studio," complete with cosmetology stations, an art gallery, a photo studio and live music.

How would she turn her concept into a business?

She enrolled in Coconino County Community Services' Basic Business Empowerment training taught through the Small Business Development Center at CCC. She and nine other classmates graduated in late July and have a business plan plus an action plan to proceed with opening their businesses.

CCC 'hybrid' classes coming to Grand Canyon

Instructors will teach at the famed Albright Center twice a month

People at the Grand Canyon interested in taking CCC courses without driving to Flagstaff will be able to do so beginning this fall.

The College will be offering 'hybrid' classes, which are a combination of online and in-person courses that will allow students to get to meet and ask questions of their instructors face to face. Instructors will travel to the Grand Canyon twice a month on Fridays to teach the students in the Albright Center at Grand Canyon National Park.

Four classes are offered in the fall:

- BIO 181: Unity of Life
- MAT 088: PreAlgebra
- SPC 100: Public Speaking
- ENG 099: Fundamentals of Composition



CCC will be offering four new in-person classes at the Albright Center at Grand Canyon National Park beginning in the fall semester.

Hybrid classes have already been established at CCC in Page, and students have consistently remarked on how much they appreciate the personal interaction with instructors.

[Click here to enroll](#)

CCC's Common Read program focuses on 'Tribe'

Author Sebastian Junger explores how community builds strength

CCC's new Common Read program is pleased to announce our selection for the 2018–2020 school years, *Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging*, by Sebastian Junger.

We invite CCC students and community members to join us in reading and discussing the book. Please be on the lookout for upcoming events. More information will be available, too.

According to information from the Hachette Book Group, "*Tribe* explores what we can learn from tribal societies about loyalty, belonging, and the eternal human quest for meaning. It explains the irony that – for many veterans as well as civilians – war feels better than peace, adversity can turn out to be a blessing, and disasters are sometimes remembered more fondly than weddings or tropical vacations."



CCC news around the county

CCC District Governing Board puts it to voters to continue a secondary tax payment to support educational programs

The Coconino Community College District Governing Board voted in February to ask voters to consider a secondary tax levy similar to the one that was initially approved 20 years ago for the construction of College buildings. All debt for the College buildings will be paid in full by 2019.

If approved during the November election, the secondary tax is designed to continue funding at the same rate property owners are currently paying and will last seven years. The funds would go toward supporting CCC2Work programming that includes:

- Initiating new Career and Technical Education and training programs that prepare students for jobs in Coconino County.



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- Developing new programs to support veterans training for civilian jobs.
- Developing new programs to train and retrain Coconino County workers in conjunction with County employers. Expand current job training programs.
- Enhancing educational services throughout the County, including communities such as Page, Tuba City and Williams.
- Encouraging and supporting lifelong learning programs.

The logo for 'ED Talks' is displayed in a large, black, hand-drawn script font. The letters are thick and expressive, with 'ED' being particularly bold and 'Talks' having a more fluid, cursive feel.

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



"Symbolism of El Camino de Santiago"

**Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 | 6-7 p.m.
CCC Fourth Street Innovation Center,
3000 N. Fourth St., Room B34**

**Presented by Trevor Welker and Larry Hendricks, CCC Marketing and
Community Engagement staff.
Free and Open to the Public**

Join Trevor and Larry as they share their memories of the famed pilgrimage route through rural Spain to the city of Santiago in Galicia, where the remains of St. James are said to have been placed some 1,300 years ago.

Upcoming Talks

"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
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The Flagstaff
Festival of Science
proudly presents:

The Lunar Legacy Lecture Series!

This FREE 18-month speaker series celebrates the Apollo Moon Missions and Flagstaff's critical role in these historic lunar landings. Join us at 6 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month at the Coconino Community College Lone Tree Campus.

September 12

*What Lunar Impact Craters Reveal about Planets with
NAU Mars Scientist Nadine Barlow, Ph.D.*

The most common geologic features in the solar system are impact craters. Find out what they can tell us about surface ages, crustal characteristics and the evolution of planetary bodies.





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Fall Semester is underway!

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