

District Governing Board Highlights

January Edition

Student Engagement and Leadership (SEL)

Welcome Back!



Green -n- Gold Mondays + Spirit Door Contest



The Ambassadors have been promoting a new Spirit Day Monday's initiative called **Green n Gold**. This exciting new tradition is designed to build school pride and bring the Yavapai College community together in a fun and visible way. Each Monday, students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to wear green and gold as a



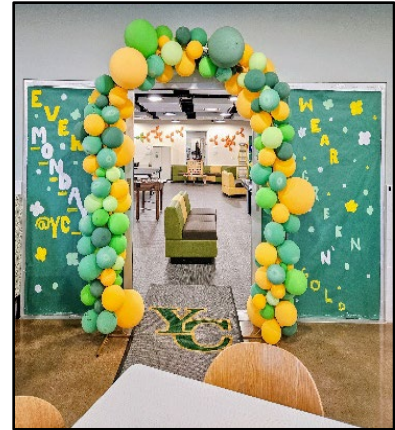
symbol of unity, school spirit, and YC pride. We are ALL IN!

To kick things up a notch, we are also hosting a **Green n Gold Door Decorating Contest** for students. Student organizations and individuals are invited to decorate their doors using YC colors, themes, and creativity that represent what it means to be part of the Yavapai College community. This contest gives students a chance to showcase their

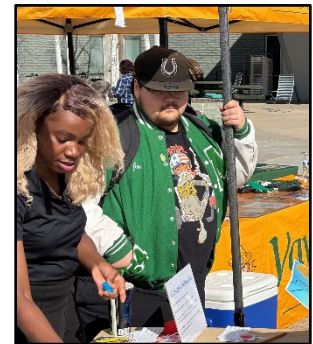
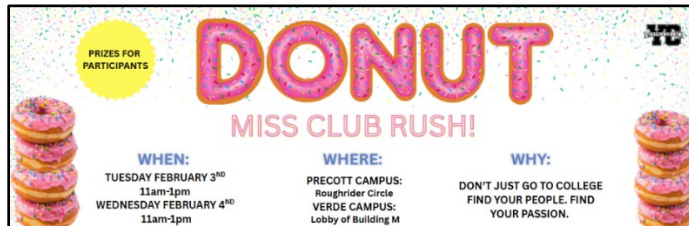
creativity, teamwork, and school pride while helping transform campus into a vibrant and welcoming Green -n- Gold space.



Spirit Day Mondays are about more than just colors. They are about connection, belonging, and celebrating our shared identity as Roughriders. By participating in Green n Gold Mondays and the door decorating contest, students play an active role in creating a positive campus culture where everyone feels proud to call YC home.



Club Rush



Yavapai College Student Ambassadors are actively preparing for



the upcoming Club Rush, an event designed to showcase student clubs and organizations and encourage student involvement across campus. In advance of the event, Ambassadors are working collaboratively to support outreach, logistics, and promotion efforts to ensure a welcoming and engaging experience for students. Ambassadors are assisting with

coordinating club participation, promoting the event through campus channels, and helping create an environment that highlights the value of student engagement and

connection. Their efforts are focused on making Club Rush accessible, energetic, and informative for both new and returning students.

Student Ambassadors are helping strengthen campus life by connecting students with opportunities to build community, explore interests, and develop leadership skills. Club Rush plays an important role in fostering belonging and involvement at Yavapai College.

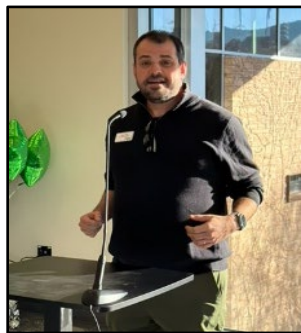
Center for Learning and Innovation (CLI)



The Center for Learning and Innovation (CLI) recently held a soft opening for Yavapai College staff, faculty, adjunct faculty, and campus partners. This initial opening was designed to introduce employees to the space, its purpose, and the role it will play in supporting innovative teaching and learning practices across the college.

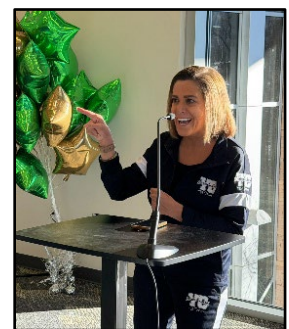


Tours of the CLI were led by Student Ambassadors among others, providing attendees with guided overviews of the center's layout, resources, and functionality. These tours



highlighted the collaborative nature of the space and its potential to support student development, instructional innovation, and cross departmental collaboration. The soft opening successfully increased awareness and engagement among college employees while offering an opportunity to gather feedback prior to Grand Opening. The Center for Learning

and Innovation is well positioned to serve as a central hub for innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement at Yavapai College. Grand Opening and ribbon cutting will be held on February 18th 8:30am-5pm at the Prescott Campus CLI.



Unity Day

Yavapai College will host **Unity Day on January 31st**, an event designed to bring students, staff, and faculty together through connection, collaboration, and school spirit. The day will feature a variety of activities that promote engagement, wellness, and community across campus.

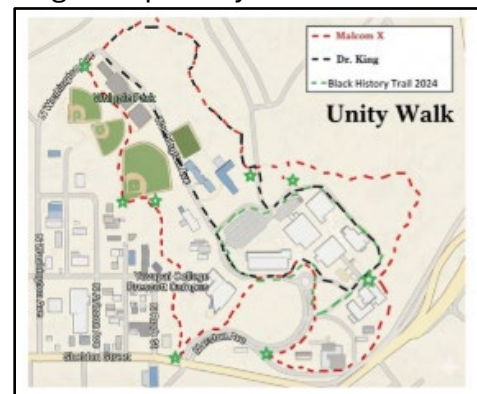


A key component of Unity Day is the **Unity Walk**, which will take place on the Prescott campus trails. Participants will begin at the registration tables and walk together along the designated campus trail routes, creating a shared experience that emphasizes inclusion, movement, and connection in a welcoming campus setting.

Unity Day will also include **yard games, music, and YC basketball games**, offering multiple ways for attendees

to engage throughout the day. These activities are designed to create a lively and positive environment where students can connect with one another, build relationships, and feel a strong sense of belonging on campus.

The event is being organized through a collaborative partnership between Chelsey Lucas and Janice Souttee, with support from their respective teams, campus safety, and many others. Together, they have worked to design an event that intentionally integrates student engagement, leadership development, and athletics to create an inclusive and enjoyable Unity Day experience for the Yavapai College community.



Student Government Association (SGA)

Election



The Yavapai College Student Government Association is currently seeking motivated students to represent the YC student body for the 2026–2027 academic year. Serving in student government provides students with a meaningful opportunity to develop leadership skills, advocate for their peers, and play an active role in shaping campus life.

Student leaders selected to serve in the Student Government Association gain access to valuable benefits and experiences, including a **\$2,000 per semester scholarship**, participation in campus and college wide committees, professional development opportunities, and the chance to travel to **Washington DC** to engage in national leadership and advocacy experiences. These opportunities support both personal growth and career readiness while allowing students to make a lasting impact on the Yavapai College community.



Student of Leadership (SOL)



Micro-credential Workshop

During *The Power of believing* workshop, participants engaged in a combination of guided reflection, discussion, and individual activities designed to strengthen self-awareness and intentional leadership. Activities included a brief mindfulness

exercise to ground participants in the present moment, followed by an exploration of how beliefs, self-image, and internal dialogue influence personal experiences.

Participants examined examples of mantras and reflected on the impact of words, then began creating their own personal mantra. Through facilitated discussion and self-reflection, attendees explored how regret can be reframed as a catalyst for growth and positive change. The session concluded with participants setting the stage for their own “life performance” by identifying practical actions and intentions they could immediately apply beyond the workshop.

YC Recruitment Highlights January 2026

High School Visits: YC’s Recruitment Team participated in three Arizona high school career and college fairs — Sequoia Charter School, Summit High School, and the Community College Fair at Mountain Pointe High School — generating **58** prospective student leads for January 2026.

Sequoia Charter School College Fair Amanda Oswald and Summer Hawk



YC Tours and Visits: The Recruitment Team coordinated and supported campus tours across all six YC campuses and centers, serving **92** prospective students in January 2026. Tour formats included individual and family visits, Early College tours, and organized high school group tours.

Wickenburg High School Prescott Campus visit Linda Brannock tour guide



YC Internal / External Community Events: Recruitment presented information with internal and local area community events, including: CTEC's FMI Mining Day, Yavapai County Juvenile Detention Center High School Classes, US Vets Town Hall, and AZ National Guard Family Day.

AZ National Guard Family Day in Phoenix - Tim Petarra



CTEC's FMI Mining Preview Day in partnership with Freeport - McMoRan



Early College

The Early College team has been in full swing with Early College Days. High school students from all over Yavapai County visit our Prescott, Verde, and Chino campuses for a day packed with tours, Accuplacer testing, lunch, and Early College presentations. The goal of Early College Days is to excite and prepare our new wave of incoming students to begin college classes in the fall.

Jessica Gaff engages her Mingus Union High school students in a competitive Kahoots game of Early College Knowledge.

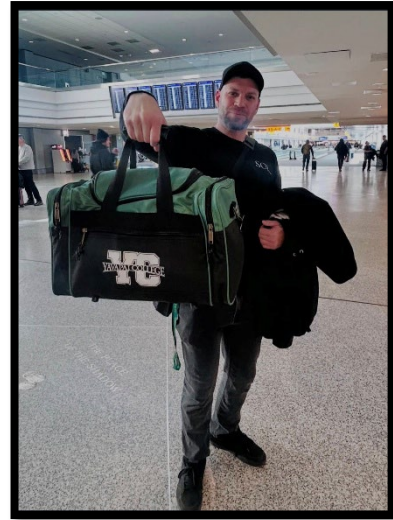


The Early College team has focused their attention on educating Yavapai County middle school students about the Early College opportunities that await them in high school. Students learn about dual and concurrent enrollment, MICTED, and VACTE programs that match their interests and career goals. Prescott High School Academy students share their experiences with Mile High Middle Schoolers (those middle school students sure thought the high schoolers were cool). Several of the PHS Academy students will be graduating with their AGECS and/or associate degrees before graduating from high school this year; all tuition is paid for by PHS.



Basic Needs/Social Services

The YC Social Services team prepared for students to return on January 20th. Kellie Porter and Eric Barnes attended the NASPA Strategies Conference in Chicago, learning about innovative approaches being adopted by colleges and universities nationwide. Eric focused on learning more about AOD Prevention, digital and social media marketing, while Kellie focused on student well-being and new learning programs for the Social Services Team to implement on campus.



Eric kept the YC Prevention Instagram busy posting a welcome back video for the beginning of the new semester and a post on responsible time management.

