

President's Message



This past year, my time and energy was focused on strengthening internal relationships among Central Arizona College's faculty, staff and administration.

As an institution striving for excellence in continuous improvement, we examined our practices and embarked on a transformation of CAC's culture. We implemented "Trust Edge" training for supervisors and the addition of "Check in and Chat" rounding to strengthen not only internal communication, but also relations between employees and supervisors.

In the fall of 2017, the College's Strategic Planning Committee began the process for updating the CAC 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. As part of the process, the Committee evaluated CAC's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Additionally, feedback collected during community forums along with information we received from the Great College's to Work For and Community College Survey of

Student Engagement surveys was reviewed and considered in the development of CAC's goals and objectives.

I commend the Strategic Planning Committee for their work and am pleased to present **CAC's New Strategic Goals** that were unveiled this past spring.

Student Success

Ensure student success through retention, persistence, completion, and transfer

Access

Ensure all Pinal County residents and others have access to high quality innovative post-secondary opportunities

Workforce

Ensure students acquire the skills necessary for job placement and that meet employer needs in Pinal County and Region

Community

Ensure Pinal County residents have access to lifelong learning and cultural enrichment

Environment

Ensure a safe, sustainable environment that promotes learning, communication, diversity and satisfaction among students and employees

Stewardship

Ensure optimization of fiscal resources through a balanced budget to support the needs and expectations of students and the community

Infrastructure

Ensure a physical and technological infrastructure that support changes in learning and working environment

This new Strategic Plan will guide CAC for the next three years, and it will serve as the foundation for decision-making. I look forward to sharing our progress in future reports.

Jackie Elliott

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New Student Union and Science Building at Signal Peak Campus

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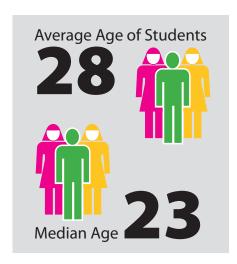
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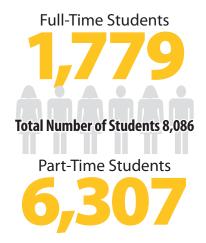
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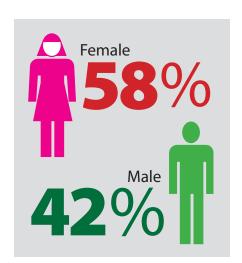
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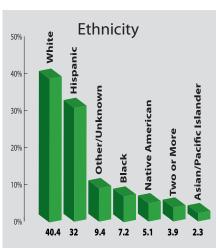
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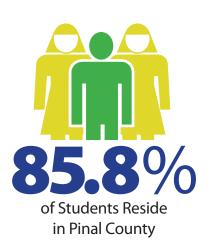


















New Buildings



Official Opening for New Student Union and Science Building at Signal Peak Campus

Construction of a new student union and science building at the Signal Peak Campus began in April of 2017.

Central Arizona College officially celebrated the opening for the new Science Building and Mel A. Everingham Student Union at the Signal Peak Campus on Tuesday, August 21. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at each building.



CAC welcomed Lucy Everingham, wife of the late Dr. Mel A. Everingham, and her family for this special occasion. Dr. Everingham served as CAC President from 1973-1984.

Dr. Jackie Elliott, CAC President stated, "Students will experience TRUE Learning opportunities in the state of the art learning spaces of our science building and the Mel A. Everingham Student Union will be a destination for our students and community members."

The new science building features nine teaching labs and associated prep spaces, a Maker Space/STEM classroom, faculty offices, support spaces and student gathering areas.

Austin King with DPR Construction shared unique features of the building. "Prefabricated panels were used for the exterior skin, providing greater quality control and faster construction times than conventional methods."

Daniel Childers of Architekton exclaimed, "The efficient and functional learning space of the science building is designed to draw and engage students in a 21st Century education atmosphere."

The Mel A. Everingham Student Union is home to the Vaquero Lounge, meeting rooms, campus bookstore, public safety offices, a café and dining hall, and outdoor stage that opens to the green space.

Childers said, "The Student Union's centralized location and easy access will make it an icon on campus; a welcoming home to all students, faculty and athletes to socialize and relax."

Mr. Childers was correct. In just a few short months, the Student Union became a popular place for students, employees and community members to enjoy a meal, relax or participate in meetings and events.



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Student Excellence



CAC Students Earn All-Arizona Academic Honors

Five of Central Arizona College's outstanding students were selected to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society All-Arizona Academic Team for demonstrating academic excellence and intellectual rigor, combined with leadership and service that extends beyond the classroom to benefit society.

The 2018 CAC All-Arizona Academic Team members include:

First Team:

Holly Langan (San Tan Campus)

Sofya Pangburn (Signal Peak Campus)

Berenice Pelayo (Superstition Mountain Campus)

Second Team:

Matthew Fode (Aravaipa Campus)

Third Team:

Jessica Cadena (Maricopa Campus)

All-Arizona Academic Team members receive special recognition, including medallions, certificates and scholarships. First team members receive a \$1,000 check, Second Team members get \$750 and Third Team members collect \$500.

Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Community Colleges, Arizona Community Colleges, the Arizona Board of Regents and the Follett Higher Education Group help these students reach their educational goals by awarding scholarships and issuing tuition waivers to any of Arizona's three state universities: Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University or the University of Arizona.

Following their selection to the All-Arizona team, three of the students received 2018 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholar recognition. **Sofya Pangburn** and **Berenice Pelayo** were both Silver Scholars and **Holly Langan** was named a Bronze Scholar.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each Silver Scholar receives a \$1,250 scholarship and a silver medallion. Bronze Scholars get a \$1,000 scholarship and bronze medallion.





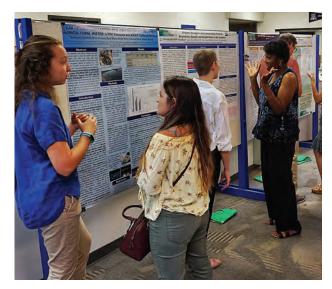
Culinary Students Receive State Recognition at SkillsUSA Competition

CAC's Culinary Arts students attended the Arizona SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference. The annual conference featured 70 skill and leadership competitions in a variety of career fields and determined who would represent Arizona at the national SkillsUSA Championships.

Nicole Remmler and **Josephine Vidal** both received gold awards. Remmler competed in Commercial Baking and Pastry and Vidal completed the Restaurant Service competition. They represented CAC and Arizona in the national SkillsUSA Competition held in Louisville, KY.

Additionally, Remmler was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for her SkillsUSA work.

SkillsUSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization that promotes the hands on practice of professional and technical skills.



Project Puente Interns Recognized

Twenty-two high school and CAC students completed the Project Puente Summer Internship program and received recognition for their accomplishments during a poster presentation ceremony.

Students were selected to participate through an application process and completed a 20-hour boot camp prior to beginning their internship. Each student was assigned a mentor they worked with throughout the summer.

Dr. Crystal McKenna, CAC Grant Coordinator explained, "More than 240 hours were logged per student with an impressive total of 5,300 combined hours." She added, "Upon completion of the internship, each student earned three college credits."

The internships took place at five sites throughout Pinal County. Mentors from the University of Arizona Maricopa Agricultural Center (MAC), University of Arizona Maricopa County Cooperative Extension (MCCE), USDA/ARS Arid Lands Agricultural Research Center (ALARC), Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, and Global Water Resources shared their extensive knowledge with the students.

Marshall Logvin, Project Puente, USDA/NIFA Grant Coordinator stated, "The mentors of this program are the true heroes. More than 14 mentors and professional staff gave of their time, were enthusiastic and coached the students towards the successful completion of the program."



CAC Athletes Excel

- ◆ The CAC Men's & Women's RodeoTeam placed first in the Grand Canyon Region. Ten CAC rodeo team members traveled to Casper, WY for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR).
- ◆ Five Vaqueras were named to the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference Softball All-Conference Teams.
 - ◆ ACCAC First Team Kyrstan Garcia
 - ◆ ACCAC Second Team Makiya Thomas, Aliya Ewell, and Ashley Withers
 - ◆ ACCAC Third Team Jessenia Miranda
- ◆ Division I All-Region Krystan Garcia, Makiya Thomas, and Aliya Ewell
- ◆ Seven Vaqueros Baseball players (three pitchers and four hitters) were named to the All-ACCAC D1 Regional Team. Twenty-five players are named yearly to the squad based on their seasonal performances.
 - ◆ 1st Team Liam Spence (infield), Brennan Reback (outfield), and Nick Trogrlic-Iverson (pitcher)
 - ◆ 2nd Team Daniel Cervantes (Utility), Ernny Ordonez (infield), Alix Garcia (infield), and Nick Cheema (catcher)
- ♦ Both the CAC Men's and Women's Cross Country teams were the 2017 ACCAC Conference Champions and NJCAA Region 1 Champions. Both finished second in the nation at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships.
- ◆ Women's Track and Field National Runner Up

Student Excellence



TRIO Student Completes Successful Career Shadow Opportunity

Esmeralda Sierra, a student in CAC's TRIO Student Support Services program, completed a career shadowing experience with Advanced Orthopedics in Casa Grande, AZ, allowing her to gain greater knowledge about public health administration.

During Esmeralda's time with Advanced Orthopedics, Vanessa Gordon, Physician Assistant (PA) provided her with office training. She had direct communication with patients, both in person and by telephone and became the Spanish language translator for patients and staff.

Additionally, Esmeralda gained further insight into the medical profession by serving as a direct back up for the office's medical assistant when she was out of the office or when she needed additional assistance. During her final weeks, she was given the opportunity to observe more than 20 surgical procedures including a total knee replacement, partial hip replacements, knee and shoulder arthroscopies and an open reduction internal fixation of the wrist.

For Esmeralda, this career shadowing experience allowed her to observe and to be an integral part of a health professional team whose priority was the care and safety of their patients first.

COM 263 Students Help Refugee Families

Forty-two students enrolled in Dr. Sandy Rath's COM 263: Intercultural Communication classes at the Superstition Mountain and San Tan Campus dedicated six hours of their time over the course of three Saturdays volunteering with Welcome to America Project of Tempe, AZ. They helped settle in

10 refugee families from Burma (Myanmar), Cuba, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq. Each of these families had just recently arrived in Arizona and had endured political and/or religious persecution in their country of origin. Many, who had small children, have been waiting for two to five years for the opportunity to move to the United States. Students provided a kind welcome and applied their newly learned intercultural communication skills by interacting with these individuals, listening to their stories, and helping them to create a new "home" by bringing in donated furniture and household items.



PTK Members Attend Arizona Regional Conference

Alpha Theta Delta members from all five campuses attended the Arizona Regional Conference. They participated in workshops, heard from motivational speakers and attended the awards ceremony. There are 23 PTK chapters in Arizona. CAC was named a Distinguished Chapter and placed in the top five for the College Project.

Positive Paths Scholarship Recipient



Berenice Pelayo, Honors Program student and student employee, received the prestigious Positive Paths scholarship. In addition to the \$1,000 award, she was assigned a mentor for the academic year. Positive Paths is committed to helping women achieve train-

ing and education needed for stable and fulfilling employment. Their moto is "Building Life Bridges for Women."

Alumni Notes



Alumni and Friends Celebration Features Mike Sauceda

Miguel 'Mike' Sauceda, Class of '82, was warmly welcomed back to Signal Peak as a special guest of a new annual event, Alumni and Friends, in December. The excitement of dining in the recently opened Everingham Student Union also included a visit by Vaquero Pete and the Munsick Boys who were performing a Cowboy Christmas concert at the Pence Center.

Mike is also a recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award and was inducted into the Wall of Success in 2011. He is the Producer of Arizona PBS's Emmy Award winning program Arizona Horizon.

After graduating from CAC, Mike began his career in 1984 at KOOL FM radio as a news reporter. He later worked at KOY radio and KTAR, where he worked for 24 years as a news anchor. In 1990, he joined the Arizona Horizon program as a producer/reporter, and has worked there since. He also has taught broadcasting at ASU as an adjunct professor.

Guests enjoyed Mike's stories and photographs from his professional and personal experiences. He spoke warmly about his years at CAC and how his education and the College newspaper, the CACtus, influenced and prepared him for his career as a journalist. He covered stories with Governor Mecham, Senator Barry Goldwater, and President Jimmy Carter. Most memorable was his story of meeting the late Senator John McCain and the Channel 8 Green Room. It's a great story-be sure to ask Mike to retell it when you see him.

Vaqueros and Vaqueras, did you know that your college, CAC, will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Signal Peak Campus the fall of 2019 through 2020? This is a great time to send us your stories and photographs as we relive and record the past 50 years! Individuals are participating in a video – and it could be you!

Be sure to sign-up with the Alumni Association at www.centralaz.edu/alumni to receive event alerts and to stay connected to CAC.



CAC Classmates Work Together. Alumnae Rebecca Zavala, Alexandria Boedeker and Linda Lane, Licensed Massage Therapists, began their professional careers at CAC. They often had classes together and today they work together at the Casa Grande Wellness Center that Rebecca has owned since 2013. When asked about their CAC experiences, all agreed that the opportunities offered by the college, especially faculty members, helped them to be successful students both personally and professionally.



Kacee Escalante, Class of 2012, enjoys a quiet moment during a recent visit to the Signal Peak Campus. "Life can be given and taken in the blink of an eye and it's our responsibility to explore, grow and learn all we can, while we can. CAC was my opportunity to do it all at once."

College Highlights



New Teaching Method Benefits CAC Students

Central Arizona College students enrolled in BIO201 and BIO202 are experiencing a new form of learning using MANIKEN® Student Models and clay.

Samuli Rauhalammi, Professor of Biological Sciences introduced the ANATOMY IN CLAY* Learning Systems this past year to 14 students enrolled in BIO201 at the Aravaipa Campus. The goal is to implement this districtwide.

The goal of this new teaching method is to minimize the time spent on lectures, allowing students' time for self-discovery and hands-on learning. Students learn about all body systems including skeletal, muscular, nervous, tissue types and cell function. At the end of the class, they will complete a case study of a chosen clinical condition.

Professor Rauhalammi explains, "Each student receives a ½ skeleton model that will stay with them for



the two years they are enrolled in the biology courses. The students put together their model, one system at a time and each model develops their own characteristics." He adds, "Through this method, all learning styles (visual, kinesthetic, and auditory) are addressed. It is a paradigm flip for the classroom."

Kyndra Barney, a BIO201 student stated, "I'm a visual learner, so it was nice to have something to look at."

Multiple students have commented about the positive benefits of this learning model.



Maranda Petty said, "I feel the hands on part of the class [with] clay models was very useful. [They] gave a better understanding of where the body parts are placed. I really enjoyed it!"

Jacob Reidhead added, "I found the clay model to be very useful in learning about the body. I got to see it. If it was just a lecture it would be hard to see what they looked like."

Kadi Monfred declared, "This is the best class I've ever had at CAC."



Central Arizona College Receives Support Project of the Year Award

CAC was named the 2017 Support Project of the Year award recipient by Sundt Construction, recognizing the Craft Workforce Development partnership between CAC and Sundt.

In the spring of 2016, Sundt Construction approached CAC to explore an apprenticeship partnership in Heavy Equipment Operations. During these discussions, a larger gap in available skilled workers emerged, leading Sundt and CAC to conclude that expanding the partnership beyond the apprenticeship was necessary and warranted.

In order to meet the growing needs of commercial construction, CAC administrators worked with Sundt leadership to develop four craft trade pathways in structural welding, concrete technology, pipefitting and industrial construction technology.

Sundt and CAC designed every aspect of the courses and programs jointly. The process started by identifying the specific craft competencies and skills needed by Sundt and ended with five customized and tailored academic pathways. This has led to a true partnership where Sundt provides instructors for two of the pathways and equipment for pipefitting and welding, and CAC furnishes on-site lab space and instruction.

CAC and Sundt built these pathways in less than three months, which enabled students to begin coursework in August 2017.

More than 100 students have enrolled in Industrial Carpentry, Welding, Pipe Fitting, Heavy Equipment Operator and the Operator Apprenticeship program offerings at CAC, with 30% of the students successfully completing their program of study in spring 2018. Those not completing are continuing their studies.

James Busch, Skilled Trades and Technology Division Chair and Professor of Diesel Technology & Heavy Equipment Operator explained, "Student performance has been excellent, with all students to date having passing scores on the certification testing and performance profile. CAC Professors & Sundt Adjunct instructors are carrying a 95% National Certification completion."



The partnership between Sundt and CAC continues to grow. Sundt hired an Industrial Carpentry Instructor and now has three adjunct instructors at CAC, while the college has added an additional professor and full time recruiter. From the beginning of the program, Sundt has donated a pipe wall, 142' x 92' concrete pad, industrial concrete tools, GPS system, backpacks and hard hats, and GPS -SiteTech Training.

Busch added, "We are grateful for our partnership with Sundt and look forward to continued collaboration and partnership in training our students for skilled craft positions. We have activities planned to continue with the development of the CAC training area and are currently looking at multiple opportunities to provide jobsite experiences outside the college environment such as jobsite visits, vendor training facilities, Center for Craft Excellence and community outreach programs."

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College Highlights



First annual San Tan Valley Youth Advisory Council at San Tan Campus

More than 35 high school and middle school student leaders from Circle Cross Ranch School, Skyline Ranch, Walker Butte, American Leadership Academy-Ironwood, Combs High School, Poston Butte High School, and San Tan Foothills participated. CAC's Student Government Association provided leadership for the group activities.



Mike Goodman, Pinal County Supervisor for District 2, welcomed the students and explained that after taking office, he began to research the issues and strengths of Pinal County and San Tan Valley. As part of this process, a survey was sent to local schools and students were asked what recommendations they had to improve their community. Students discussed four theme areas: offering more community activities and opportunities for youth and families; improving transportation and increasing business options; becoming more unified as a community; and enhancing land-scaping and scenery.

New CRM

The new Campus Nexus CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system went live in June 2018.

Since November 2017, the student services and IT teams have been working diligently on building out, testing, and validating this new technology for CAC. The CRM system is the first of its kind for CAC and will provide the college a system for managing the institutions relationships and interactions primarily with prospective students initially, with the potential to be used with current student communications and other areas of the college.

The CRM software will provide CAC's recruitment and outreach team the ability to increase interactions with inquiring students, more closely monitor interactions, leverage more communication vehicles with prospective students, and provide incoming students a more personalized experience.

The CRM system has also provided a platform and improved the online CAC Admissions Application that is currently up and running. A new RFI (Request for Information Page) can be found on the CAC website for inquiring students, as well as a new Promise for the Future RFI on the Promise for the Future webpage, to guide the promise pledge process for the Promise program. These new web forms allow for a more streamlined and smoother student experience.

Youth Matters Forum at Superstition Campus

On April 4, more than 100 students and adults from Pinal County met for the first Youth Matters Forum at the Superstition Mountain Campus. Organized with the help of many organizations and the Apache Junction Wellness Partnership, the forum focused on concerns facing middle and high school youth. The topics included mental health, suicide, bullying, adverse childhood experiences and many others. The forum lasted from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with various speakers and entertainment for the participants.



CAC Welcomes Local Students During Vaquero Rally Days

Throughout the month of April, CAC welcomed more than 160 high school students from Casa Grande Union and Vista Grande High Schools during Vaquero Rally Days at the Signal Peak Campus.

Each day served as a high school orientation for freshman students already committed to CAC. These customized high school onboarding events were designed to provide academic, social, and personal preparedness tools the students need as they look forward to beginning classes at CAC this fall.

Students began their day with a Vaquero Rally that included team-building exercises conducted by CAC's student ambassadors. Workshops focusing on clubs and peers, paying for college, academic and career advising and a faculty FAQ session were held throughout the morning. These sessions allowed students to get information about learning center resources, disability resource services, career exploration and assessment, and TRIO programs; obtain their student ID cards and access into the student portal; gain information about FAFSA and payment plans; learn about academic advising and next steps; and general tips for success.

Celina Salinas, Assistant Director of Recruitment explained, "This is an inaugural event for us and is a college-wide initiative to support our local incoming freshman students in their transition from high school to college. Students left confident about their future, informed about their resources for success, and excited about newfound connections with their future peers."

During the 2018-2019 academic year, Vaquero Rally Days will be held at all campuses.



STEAM DAYS - Maricopa Campus

In January, the Maricopa Campus welcomed over 400 elementary and middle school students from Leading Edge Academy and Legacy Traditional School to explore the fields of STEAM days and learn more about CAC.

Students participated in a series of hands-on workshops with culinary, math, science and health careers. Students were able to interact and learn from the CAC faculty, student leadership and staff from the Maricopa Campus.

This was the 5th year for STEAM days. The program has expanded to a two-day event due to the strong demand within the community and the increase in the number of local youth.

Expand Your World...Attend Weekend College



The Corporate Center hosted a grand opening celebration for Weekend College. Designing Weekend College was a year-long collaborative process involving multiple academic divisions.

Weekend College offers indi-

viduals an opportunity to earn an associate degree in six semesters by taking classes on Fridays and Saturdays. All Weekend College classes readily transfer to UA, NAU, ASU, and most other universities. It is designed as a guided pathway that leads to ASU's Organizational Leadership Bachelor's degree. For more information about attending Weekend College, visit www.centralaz.edu/weekend.

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Employee Excellence

New English Textbooks Feature Faculty and Graphic Design Student Work

New textbooks for English (ENG101/102) classes at Central Arizona College were introduced in the fall. Over a two-year period, CAC English faculty wrote portions of the rhetoric and edited the textbook to make it relevant to the College's students. The faculty also selected and compiled essays for the reader.

Karen Hindhede,

Professor of English and Literary Arts and Languages District Division Chair explained, "Our faculty worked diligently to ensure the texts meet the course curriculum requirements and include the latest and most



relevant pedagogy. These texts will save students a significant amount of money since the books are used for two semesters."

CAC Graphic Design major, **Taylor Slaughter**, designed the cover art for CAC's two English textbooks, a rhetoric and reader. "Opportunities such as this are perfect for our students," said Sue Tatterson, Professor of Digital Media. "The Graphic Design Program provides a variety of real-world design opportunities that encourage their growth as designers, and the final products are valuable assets to their portfolios."

Dr. Crystal Mckenna,

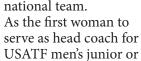
Professor of Biology, was selected by The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in its E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program. The USDA fellows, who are highly accomplished staff and



faculty members at Hispanic Serving Institutions from across the nation, were selected based on the compatibility of their research interests with USDA mission areas, as well as the value their experiences will add to their institutions' educational capacities during the fellowship. Additionally, McKenna earned her Ph.D. in Sustainability Education. She studied sustainable change in K-12 education by looking at school culture factors that allow for resiliency and adaptation on an organizational level.

Her findings could inform new approaches to principal and teacher preparation programs wishing to promote progressive school culture practices in an effort to better prepare students for 21st century citizenship.

Kim Dismuke, Central Arizona College's Assistant Women's Track and Field Coach was named the first female head coach of the USA Track & Field (USATF) men's national team. As the first woman to





senior national team, Dismuke led the team during the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland.

Dismuke completed her 11th year as assistant head coach of women's sprints at CAC. Prior to joining CAC, Dismuke served as head coach at Moon Valley High School in Phoenix, AZ for 10 years. During her tenure at MVHS she coached numerous regional and state champions and was voted the Arizona 4A Desert Sky/Skyline's Track & Field Coach of the Year four times. She also served as an assistant coach for the Arizona Rising Suns youth team that competed at the Junior Olympic level.

Dismuke previously served as assistant coach for Team USATF for the 2011 Thorpe Cup, events manager at the 2012 IAAF World Indoor Championships, and women's head coach at the 2012 Great North City Games, and women's head coach at the 2015 Pan Am Junior Championships. She is currently the Women's Committee Chair of USATF's Arizona Association.

Sue Tatterson, Professor of Digital Media, was published under the smartphone submissions in the June 2018 edition of Black & White, a photography magazine. Also, she released her first book in October, *Abandoned Maryland: Ruin and Restoration*, and released another book, *Abandoned Arizona* in December.

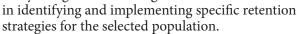


The company that published these two books has requisitioned Sue for four additional "Abandoned" books. Her work has been described by local historians as "...heartbreakingly beautiful," "...simply gorgeous," and "... they're just so touching."

Dr. Sunjung Park, Professor of Biology, received the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce Faculty of the Year award.

Dr. Carol Johnson, Professor of Honors, was published in the book Who's Teaching Who: Negotiating Pedagogies for Intercultural Competency in 21st Century Higher Education.

Jenni Cardenas earned her Ed.D in Higher Education Leadership from Northern Arizona University. She focused her research on identifying the factors that led to student completion for posttraditional students. This included determining the environmental experiences and common characteristics of students over 25 years of age who graduated from CAC and were identified as part-time, degreeseeking students. Her study will guide the College



The article, "Trashy' Parents?," written by **Karen Hindhede**, Literary Arts & Languages Division Chair & Professor of English, was published in the online magazine Adoptive Families.

Briana Frenzel, Data & Assessment Coordinator for the ABE program, was selected to serve as a member of the Pinal Regional Partnership Council of the First Things First board. As a member of the Pinal Regional Partnership Council, Briana will help determine how funds are spent in support of the health and educational development of Pinal's youth.







George Fridell Excellence in Teaching Award

Each year Central Arizona College honors its outstanding educators with the George Fridell Excellence in Teaching Awards. This award is presented annually in memory of Fridell, who passed away several years ago. Winners are chosen based on their willingness to further their own knowledge; engage and support students and student knowledge; use a variety of new concepts and teaching methods and participate in the college's community activities.

This Year's Recipients Were:





Kolette Draegan, Professor of English

James Busch, Professor of Heavy Equipment and Diesel Mechanics

The following staff and faculty retired from CAC during this academic year.

Thank you for your years of service!

Myrna McCreery

Curriculum & Assessment Support Analyst

Barbara Savage

Facilities, Office Assistant

Monira Shelton

Program Assistant, Dietetic Education Division

Audrey Sexton

Learning Support Coordinator

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College Foundation



Dear Alumni and Friends,

How grateful I am that so many of you embrace the mission of the Foundation - dedicated to increasing resources, raising funds, and creating friends and partnerships to support the mission of Central Arizona College!

The participation of our community for A Night of Stars was overwhelming. As I looked out at the audience I saw many familiar faces as well as new faces, mostly engaged in laughter and conversation, and serious contemplation at the Silent Auction tables. The energy in the room was contagious! It was a magical evening and I once again offer our gratitude for your generosity.

My fellow Foundation directors are enthusiastic and optimistic that together we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our students, faculty and staff – with your help, of course! I continue to be inspired by the many individuals, businesses, and foundations who extend their time, skills and resources to support the CAC community.

Over the next year we plan to increase our outreach activities, especially for Promise for the Future. We are committed to build a sustaining legacy for students to reach their full potential with a tuition-free post-secondary education at Central Arizona College. It will take many hands and hearts to implement our plans for our multiyear campaign, *25 Changes Lives*.

On behalf of the directors and staff, thank you for all you do for the Foundation and College. We value your relationship with us and encourage you to get involved with the Foundation. How about starting with a cup of coffee with me? I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Jackie Guthrie
Foundation President

College Foundation

- Established in 1968
- 501(c)3 Arizona not-for-profit corporation
- 20 volunteer directors representing the diverse Pinal County community
- \$4.9 million portfolio including a scholarship endowment of \$4.05 million
- 37 endowments and 44 annual scholarship funds
- \$216,000 in scholarship awards

Mission

The Central Arizona College Foundation is dedicated to increasing resources, raising funds, and creating friends and partnerships to support the mission of Central Arizona College.

Vision

The vision of the Central Arizona College Foundation is to turn the educational and cultural hopes and dreams of our students and the communities we serve into realities.

Purpose

The Foundation contributes to the Central Arizona College community in the following ways:

- focuses on increasing the high graduate rate in Pinal County and access to higher education through the Promise for the Future Scholarship program
- assists individuals, families, businesses and organizations in setting up scholarship to support students and specific programs
- hosts and participated in community events across Pinal County to build and foster relations with the communities and agencies that the College serves, and
- provides recognition of students, college staff, Foundation and community members for outstanding service and contributions to Central Arizona College and the Foundation.



Right Now, Today. You Can Change A Life.

The 2018 Annual Employee Giving Campaign kicked off in November. Every day CAC employees make a difference in the life of a student. They strive to provide the best possible experience for students through their dedication, enthusiasm and expertise.

The campaign theme, "Right now, today, you can change a life", emphasized that a donation also assists in making CAC an exceptional learning community for all.

A donation to the Central Arizona College Foundation awards many scholarships each year to students seeking certificates or degrees in nursing, agriculture, fire science, communication, and heavy equipment. The Promise tuition funds continue to support hundreds of students. Scholarships are also available to students in our athletic programs, such as rodeo and baseball.

Contributions have supported lecture series, the Young Advanced Technology Academy, College for Kids, internships for Project Puente students, and equipment for the welding program.

In support of the campaign, A'viands donated \$20 dining cards to all employees who donated or pledged \$120 and all new donors were entered into a drawing to receive a Vaquero cup which would keep the donors' thirst away with unlimited refills until the end of the academic year.

To celebrate the spirit of CAC team giving, the Foundation staff offered to host a thank you party with any Division reaching a goal of 90% participation.

A total of \$17,990 was donated/pledged.

Kudos to the President's Cabinet who reached 100% participation! The Foundation staff was happy to deliver a tasty lunch of sandwiches, chips and salad. The team was congratulated on reaching the goal and thanked for their generosity.

"... I'd like to thank each one of you for helping and believing in my success even when I didn't believe in myself.

My accomplishments would not have been posssible without you."

Celisa Martinez

College Foundation



A Night of Stars

A celebration of community spirit and support of Pinal County's Central Arizona College was held on February 9. The Central Arizona College Foundation hosted A Night of Stars to celebrate alumni and friends who have given their time, talent and treasures to the Foundation and College. Two hundred thirty guests attended the inaugural special event which was held at the Barn, Windmill Winery in Florence, AZ. A Night of Stars included a silent auction, dinner prepared by Kiss the Chef, wine pull, music and dancing. The generosity of donors totaled \$27,000 to support scholarships and programs.

Rick Moore, director of music and band, provided a music interlude for guests as they arrived. Jackie Guthrie, CAC Foundation president, welcomed guests and Jack Stonebraker, CAC Foundation member-at-large, celebrated the "stars" in attendance.

Sean Ray with Sundt Construction Inc. offered comments about the CAC and Sundt partnership and the benefit to both entities and Mike Lillo, representing DPR and Architekton, shared information about current projects.

Attendees also heard from Gilberto Mendez and Jennifer Montreuil, CAC graduates, who commu

nicated their success stories and extended their appreciation to all those who provide financial support to help make a college education a reality for many students.

The highlight of the evening was entertainment provided by Evie Clair, a Florence-based singer who touched many hearts across the world by making it to the top 10 finalists on the televised talent show "America's Got Talent," Season 12.

"The Night of Stars was a success and we express our gratitude to all of those who attended," said Lucinda Boyd, Event Chair. "It is through the support of CAC alumni, friends, employees and our local



communities that we are able to assist students financially to help them meet their educational goals."

The Stars Event Committee include Chair Lucinda Boyd, Rob Boyd, Gayle Randolph, Julia Gusse, Niesha Whitman, Alice Wilcox, Grace Robinson, Debbie Angwood, Maggie Dooley, Pamela Welle and Foundation directors. A core group of volunteers included Linda Lewandowski, Franciso Uriarte, Jennifer Henderson, Ann Garcia, Ann Mitchell, and Fran Peters.

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County, Pinal County Federal Credit Union,
Resolution Copper, RoseLaw Group, pc
Vaqueros ★ Snider Consulting Services LLC
Table Centerpieces ★ Debbie Angwood
Mystery Wine Raffle ★ Sandie and Tom Smith;

Pinal Partnership **Guest Gifts** ★ Jack Stonebraker

Silent Auction Donors

- ★Global External Relations ★Airport Tavern
- ★Arizona Zipline Adventures ★Bloom
- ★Brandi Clark ★Brenda Johnson ★Brett Benedict
- **★**Casa Grande Wellness Center
- ★Central Arizona College ★Don Penrose
- ★EPS Group Inc ★Evelyn Casuga
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- ★Francisco Menchaca & Mary Marrinan-Menchaca
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- **★**Jackie Guthrie **★**JP Enterprises, Inc.
- ★Garrett Motor Inc ★Jake Jacobson ★Joan Wuertz
- **★**Jonathan & Sarah Corwin **★**JR McEvoy
- ★Phoenix Zoo ★Kaui Wilson ★Le's Nail & Spa
- **★**Leslie Rupp **★**Maggie Dooley
- ★Mary Lou Hernandez ★Bedillan's Restaurant
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- ★Shirley Ann Hartman ★Sky Venture Arizona
- ★Snider Consulting Services, Inc.
- ★Sue Tatterson ★Sylvia & Tim Gibson
- **★**Ultrastar Multi-tainment Center
- **★**Windmill Winery

College Grants New and Continuing Discretionary Grants, 2017/18

Adult Education Program, ABE/ASE, ELAA

Arizona Department of Economic Security Total Award: \$663,517

Advanced Technological Education

National Science Foundation: Total Award: \$225,000

Arizona at Work/Title 1 Youth Program

Pinal County Estimated Total Award: \$6,111,104

First Things First

First Things First Total Award: \$624,000

GEAR III

U.S. Department of Education, via Northern Arizona University Total Award: \$225,000

Hispanic Serving Institutions Education Grant

National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Total Award: \$274,692

Inspark Courseware

Gates Foundation Total Award: \$15,000

Middle Skills Internship Program

Science Foundation Arizona Total Award: \$19,456

National Space Grant and Fellowship Program

National Air and Space Administration/NASA, via Arizona State University Total Award: \$47,214

Professional Career Pathway

Arizona Department of Economic Security Total: \$602,814

Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles U.S. Department of Justice,

via Arizona Department of Corrections Total Award: \$742,000

S-STEM

National Science Foundation, via Arizona State University Total Award: \$124,925

SFAz+8 Rural AZ Community College STEM Pathways

Science Foundation Arizona Total Award: \$72,599

Small Business Development Center

Small Business Administration, via Maricopa Community College Total Award: \$68,189

Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career

Training (TAACCCT) Employment Training Agency, U.S. Department of Labor Total Award: \$10,000,000

TRIO Student Support Services

U.S. Department of Education Total Award: \$1,155,515

TRIO Upward Bound

U.S. Department of Education Total Award: \$1,319,685

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By promising to stay in school and graduate, Pinal County 8th grade students can earn tuition-free education at Central Arizona College when they fulfill their promise.

Promise for the Future was launched through the collaborative effort of the College, Foundation and Pinal County middle and high schools in 2001. Promise for the Future is a program woven into the educational fabric of Pinal County.

The goals of the program are to increase the high school graduation rate; support student access to higher education, and create partnerships for student success.



The Promise Program. Annually in the spring, a Central Arizona College Promise Coordinator visits Pinal County 8th grade classes to provide information about the Promise program and the steps to sign up. Students, along with their parents or guardians, complete an online Promise pledge to live in Pinal County; graduate from a Pinal County public or charter high school with a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average; and complete 20 hours of community service.

Those students who fulfill the Promise pledge are eligible to receive Promise for the Future tuition funding. Promise is a last-dollar program which covers the remaining tuition costs after federal, state, and other aid has been applied (excluding loans). The Promise program provides funding to support tuition to attend any Central Arizona College location for four consecutive semesters.

While attending, students must enroll in 12 credit hours per semester, complete a minimum of 9 credits hours, and maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average to be eligible for renewal of funding. The Financial Aid Office reviews grade point averages and financial need of each Promise student every semester.

Partnering for the Future. CAC's recruitment and outreach staff work collaboratively with high school personnel in promoting Promise. The CAC Foundation Director and Board members also participate in workshops and activities. Some schools share Promise information with 8th grade parents during a family or college night; in freshman seminars; events for students on CAC campus, and workshops with school staff. These efforts have made a positive impact in the results of this program. Both parents and students learn the value of a higher education and find a pathway to a quality and affordable college education. Support on campus includes programs such as TRIO, Gear Up, Upward Bound, Honor and Leadership.

Success for the Future. Promise for the Future offers young people an opportunity to access and experience higher education, a road to future economic and social betterment. Keeping young people in school working toward a future goal, a promise to attend college tuition-free for up to four semesters with the necessary support is crucial to their attainment of a higher education. CAC provides quality learning experiences for lifelong success by providing accessible, educational, economic, cultural and personal growth. As society has seen, an educated workforce attracts high-level businesses and industries which provide a more stable economy, lower unemployment rates and higher paying jobs – a better quality of life for the community. 420 Promise students enrolled in the fall of 2018. The total dollar amount of tuition awards was \$440,000.

Campaign for the Sustaining Legacy of Promise for the Future

The CAC Foundation was established in 1968 by a group of public-spirited Pinal County citizens. These concerned and enthusiastic citizens developed the concept of Promise for



the Future into the educational initiative of today – and continue to take the lead to provide sustainability. During its history, the Foundation has received donations from individuals, business, corporations, government, not for profits, and foundations. There are 16 endowments established to support Promise. The Promise endowment totals \$2.03 million. The vision is to grow the endowment to \$10 million, over time, to ensure the sustaining legacy of Promise for the Future. Under the leadership of the College and Foundation presidents a multi-year Pinal County-wide community campaign, 25 Changes Lives, launched this year to raise awareness of the Promise for the Future program and to raise \$1.5 million for the endowment. A \$25 gift by many can multiply into millions!



The Desert Woman's Club of Coolidge presented a donation of \$15,678 to the Foundation for scholarships in April. The Club, whose membership was mainly women of local farmlands, had a long history of supporting Coolidge students with scholarships. The organization had agreed that when the organization dissolved any remaining fund would be donated to CAC.



(Photo by Richard H. Dyer, Independent Newspapers)

Fry's, a division of Kroger Co., celebrated the grand opening of its newest Marketplace Store in Apache Junction on October 27. Local dignitaries, community partners and Fry's management participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Dr. Jackie Elliott was presented a \$5,000 check for educational programming.



College for Kids received a contribution of \$12,800 from Saddlebrooke Community Outreach to support the annual STEM program focused on the theme of anatomy. Students moved between classes, beginning with the skeletal system, through the muscular and digestive systems, and individual organs.

Pinal County Federal Credit Union donated \$11,000 for high school seniors planning to attend CAC.



Saddle Notes Inc. contributed \$8,000 for Promise for the Future students. The grant specifically provides tuition and book scholarships for students who reside within the SaddleBrooke Community and surrounding area, and are attending the Aravaipa Campus. Promise student Arcelia Lopez Avechuco thanked board members (and mom, a CAC alumni, was in the audience).

Daisy Brand, who are active members of the CAC Advanced Technology Advisory Board, were made aware of a need for additional forklifts for the Hoist and Rigging Class. They were retiring two of their fully operation



Toyota Stand-up Forklifts and donated them to CAC along with one Trickle charger for batteries.



Cyberweld Donated more than \$62,000 of equipment and machinery to provide added training opportunities for students. Items donated include Miller Bobcats, Miller Trailblazers, 24 Jackson Truesight II Digital Variable Auto Darkening lenses and much more.

Brent Couch, Professor of Welding stated, "We greatly appreciate the donation of items from Cyberweld and their ongoing support of our welding program. These items allow us to train students on equipment that is used in the field today to better prepare them for their future career."

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Financials

Central Arizona College Foundation

Statement of Activities

Y	ear	End	ed	June	30,	2018	3
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real Ended Julie 30, 2010	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total
Revenues, gains and other support				
Contributions	\$ 19,997	\$ 136,759	\$ 1,120	\$ 157,876
Contributions - donated services, space and operating	189,457	-	-	189,457
Contributions - in kind gifts, noncash	=	84,565	=	84,565
Investment Income	9,332	109,675	=	119,007
Net realized & unrealized gains on investments	22,754	223,547	-	246,301
Net assets released from restrictions	311,682	(311,682)		
	\$ 553,222	\$ 242,864	\$ 1,120	\$ 797,206
Special Events				
Revenue from special events	43,620	-	-	43,620
Costs of direct donor benefits	(16,258)			(16,258)
	27,362	-	=	27,362
Total revenues, gains, & other support	\$ 580,584	\$ 242,864	\$ 1,120	\$ 824,568
Expenses and losses				
Scholarships	\$ 192,944	-	-	\$ 192,944
Program donations	114,865	=	=	114,865
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Public Relations	-	-	-	-
Office operation expenses	190,198			190,198
Total expenses and losses	\$ 498,007			\$ 498,007
Change in net assets	82,577	242,864	1,120	326,561
Net assets, beginning of year	239,029	908,182	3,315,036	4,462,247
Net assets, end of year	\$ 321,606	\$ 1,151,046	\$ 3,316,156	\$ 4,788,808

Temporarily Permanently

\$ 4,957,027

Central Arizona College Foundation

Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended June 30, 2018

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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real Ended Julie 30, 2010	
ASSETS	
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 206,037
Certificates of deposit - current	
Accounts receivable	2,000
Deposit Promises to give	1,125 7,200
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 216,362
Noncurrent Assets	
Promises to give, net of current position	ć 406.700
Certificates of deposit Investments	\$ 486,720 4,253,945
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	\$ 4,740,665
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,957,027
Liabilities	
Accounts payable TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>168,219</u> \$ <u>168,219</u>
Net Assets	= 100,217
Unrestricted	\$ 321,606
Temporarily restricted	1,151,046
Permanently restricted	3,316,156
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$_4,788,808_

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Giving Clubs

THANK YOU to our many alumni, faculty, staff and friends for your support and service. An annual gift provides the critical flexible means by which the Foundation is able to offer scholarships, initiate events, and maintain the good works of the Foundation. Regardless of the amount of your gift, your gift makes an immediate and lasting impact in the life of our students, faculty and staff. Individual and business names are listed in the Giving Club that summarizes the total support to the Central Arizona College Foundation from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Friends - Up to \$249

AmazonSmiles Anonymous

Andrew Reid Consultancy

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Richard Gibson Dr. Mary Kay Gilliland

Chelsea Graham Joey Gutierrez Adam Hawkins Dr. Doris Helmich Cheryl Hernandez

Mary Lou Hernandez Marcia Iselin Robert Jackson

Knights of Columbus Council 5542

Lisa Koehring Susan Ledenican Julie Leonard Sherrie Licon Teasha Maestas Aimee Manjarres

William McGuire & Linda Peck

Heather Moulton Helen Neuharth Luisa Ott Christina Pietryga William Polakowski **Bryant Powell** D. Mark Prator Barbara Rae Merrilyn Ridgeway Peter Rios Ken Robinson

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Chris Wodka

Saguaro Club - \$500 to \$749

Abbott Nutrition **A**viands Dr. Tina Berry Patricia Bianco Gladys Christensen Crest Insurance Group Rona Curphy Robert Duke McMashers

Pinal County Board of Supervisors United Way of Pinal County

Palo Verde Club - \$750 to \$999

Brandi Bain Hugo Steincamp

Ocotillo Club - \$1,000 to \$2,499

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Maricopa County Cooperative Extension

Eugenia Slater

Jack Stonebraker - Print and Pack **Express**

Melissa Rabago - Resolution Copper Mining

Jordan Rose - Rose Law Group pc The Rotary Vocational Fund of

Arizona Sandie Smith

David Snider - Snider Consulting

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Joan Wuertz

Zonta Foundation of Casa Grande Valley, Inc.

Pence Club - \$2,500 to \$4,999

Arizona Community Foundation CampusWorks Inc. Dr. Jackie Elliott SRP - Salt River Project

Superstition Mountain Rotary Club

Winkelman Resource Management Center

Schoen Club - \$5,000 to \$9,999

Kroger - Fry's Food Stores NextEra Energy Constructors, LLC Saddle Notes Inc. TransCanada Corporation

President's Club - \$10,000 or more

Cyberweld (in-kind) DaisvBrand (in-kind) Pinal County Federal Credit Union SaddleBrooke Community Outreach SUNDT Construction, Inc. The Desert Woman's Club

In Honor of Barry Regan

Andrew Regan Consultancy

In Memory of Carlotta Gilbert

Karen Geldmacher

In Memory of Melvin Hackler

Karen Geldmacher

In Memory of Lucy Young

Salt River Project

In Memory of Chuck McHugh

William 'Pat' Mahoney

We have made every effort to make this report accurate. However, we do recognize that mistakes can be made. If your name has been misspelled, listed incorrectly, or omitted, please accept our apology and notify the Foundation at 520-494-5216 or email Kimberly. saxberg@centralaz.edu. Thank you.

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Vision:

Central Arizona's premier choice in education and career excellence.

Mission:

Central Arizona College serves as a TRUE Learning community by empowering our students and staff to succeed. Teaching. Reaching. Understanding. Empowering. Learning.

Values:

1. Accountability 2. Communities 3. Trust

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