

Dear reader,

Spring is just around the corner, and we've been busy doing some cleaning. We have heard your concerns regarding newsletter readability and are actively experimenting with a new interactive layout for *ECOS*. We have started by utilizing our website to share topics like Class Notes and Faculty News, thereby bridging a gap between our alumni and current students who are curious about other avenues they can venture into after graduating. Other things like articles and events will contain small summaries in *ECOS* with direct links that will take you to a perspective PC web page, where you can read them in their entirety. We are your link to Prescott College, and we want this newsletter to be a good resource for everyone.

We would love and appreciate any feedback; our team email can be found below.

Thank you for your continued devotion to the Prescott College community.

Sincerely,

Jane Ratzlaff and The Advancement and Alumni Relations Team



Reimage your philanthropy: Be smart and strategic

A modern, strategic approach to philanthropy. Our partner, FreeWill, invites you to explore tax benefits while championing causes you're passionate about.

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 - Modernize your giving with cryptocurrencies.



Learn more about Smart Giving at <https://www.freewill.com/smartgiving/prescottcollege>

Donor Match and Naming Opportunities

Tom Barry inspired three alumni and friends to match his donation, creating a grand total of \$200,000 in available matching funds. Your gift right now will be doubled, and you will join your fellow alums in supporting our College.

[Please act now to make a tax-deductible gift and have your donation doubled.](#) Your gift will ensure our College continues to thrive.

In fact, you can see an exclusive preview of our [program-based projects here](#) and pick where you want to direct your donation. Another opportunity to see your name on our Prescott College campus is purchasing one of the benches (as seen to the right) for \$1,000. Please contact Jane to get your bench today. You belong in our community of change-makers, and that's why we don't want you to miss this opportunity to have your donation doubled and to see your name on campus. Continue the legacy of critical thinkers impacting our world.

[Make a gift today.](#)



Multiple Trip Opportunities for 2024

ALUMNI RIVER TRIP
 *4 Days and 3 Nights
SAN JUAN
 SAND ISLAND TO MEXICAN HAT
 with a star studded crew
 June 14th - June 17th 2024
 *Dates including travel and the first night at the launch site.

All Inclusive San Juan River Trip
 Immerse yourself in the Southwest with PC Alum as we raft, hike, share stories and cocktails on the beach.

Register by April 1st to get the Early Bird Special \$825*
 *Travel to Prescott is not included in the price.

To register or learn more scan or click on the QR code:

Ask us about our new raft fleet and how you can name one of the new boats and claim two spots on this or an upcoming alumni river trip. Cost: \$5,000
 For more information contact: Julia Munro
 jmunro@prescott.edu

MAASAILAND ALUMNI REUNION
 Alumni, Friends & Family
 JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2024

A gathering OF ALUMNI and FRIENDS & FAMILY to celebrate 20 years of collaboration between Prescott College and the Maasai Community in Kenya Hosted by the Dopa Center

Scan QR code to learn more, or register!

Friends & Family Adventure trip
 April 12th - 18th, 2024

The Kino Bay Center is hosting a special Friends & Family trip! This ADVENTURE TRIP includes a four day camping trip to Tiburon Island, hiking, snorkeling, indigenous knowledge and exploring the Midriff Island region!

For more information, please contact
 ana.martinez@prescott.edu

Scan the QR Code or click on the image to [register now](#).

A virtual option exists for those who can't make it in person. Click [here](#) to learn more, or click the image.

Click [here](#) to learn more, or click the image below. If you have any questions, please email [Ana Martinez](mailto:Ana.Martinez@prescott.edu).

Career Opportunity

From the TNC Arizona Instagram

WE'RE HIRING!
 Forest Program Project Manager

Learn more and apply at careers.nature.org, job ID #54478

The Nature Conservancy has multiple job opportunities and invites you to apply.

The Forest Program Project Manager is based in their Flagstaff, AZ office. The position will analyze and develop tools and communication frameworks to address the Forest Program's needs and engage community support for the Program's conservation efforts.

This and other career opportunities can be found [here](#).

Class Notes Prescott College Alumni, send us a Class Note or update your information

[here.](#)

The following people are featured in this month's Class Notes. Click [here](#) to read them in depth or follow their links.

Brian Lilla '93

After executing an eighteen-month-long community screening campaign that kicked off in Sebastopol, California, and went as far as Johannesburg, South Africa, "Children Of The Vine" is now being released on Amazon Prime Video. Click [here](#) to rent or buy now.

Althea Roe Abruscato '11

Althea's infant daughter, Luna Luz, recently underwent open heart surgery. She is finally home, but any and all help for her and her family right now would be appreciated. Donate to their [GoFundMe](#) now or share the link.

Amy Haney '15

Amy's exhibit will open on April 12 in the Mills Gallery at Central College. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Amanda Giracca '03

Amanda is a new member of the Literacy Network Board of Directors. Congratulations, Amanda. Click [here](#) to read more.

Ericha Hitchcock Scott ('04)

Ericha invites you to participate in her upcoming workshops. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Julika von Stackelberg '20

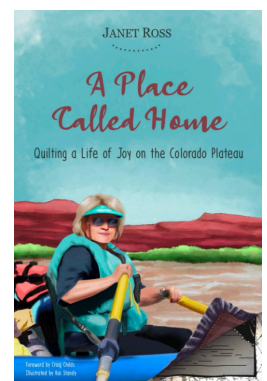
Julika is a new board member for the Hudson Valley Patern for Progress. Congratulations, Julika. Click [here](#) to read more.

Janet Ross '74

Janet invites you to purchase her book, "A Place Called Home: Quilting a Life of Joy on the Colorado Plateau," because it's not too late to send your sweetheart her Place-Based Memoir. Click [here](#) to purchase now.

Lisa Popeil ('76)

Lisa Popeil is a renowned vocal coach, singer, and expert in voice science and vocal technique. With over 40 years of experience, she has become a prominent figure in the music industry. Click [here](#) to learn more.



[In Memoriam](#)

Tina Ekker ('78)

Tina Marie Ekker passed away on January 3, 2023. Click [here](#) to read more.

Faculty & Staff News

(includes full-time faculty and staff members, former members, adjunct faculty members, and instructor news)

Click here to read them in-depth, or follow their links.

New Prescott College Dean of Academic Affairs Pavel Cenkl

Pavel Cenkl is the Founder and Director of the Regenerative Learning Network, where he focuses his energies on the intersection of transformative learning, community, and ecology and on finding the tangible steps we can take together to follow a pathway toward a more regenerative and resilient educational future. Previously Head of Schumacher College (Devon, UK) and Dean of Sterling College (VT), Pavel writes and speaks widely about curriculum design and pedagogy, global learning networks, environmental humanities, and philosophy and has developed programs in ecology, humanities, outdoor skills and recreation, regenerative food and farming, and more. Please join us in welcoming Pavel. We're happy to have you here.



Impact Careers Series from Prescott College Dean of Graduate Admissions Pamela Delany

Videos of the Helping Professions sessions from the Impact Careers Series have been posted. If you missed out on going to the session but wanted to see what they consisted of, view the videos at the end of this webpage [here](#). Thank you for creating this opportunity for our community, Pamela.

Kino Bay Center New Year Update

Prescott College's Kino Bay Center for Cultural and Ecological Studies is proud to announce a groundbreaking alliance with Mexico Pacific for marine species monitoring, marking the first-ever collaboration with a private industry partner in the Gulf of California. Mexico Pacific is committed to responsible development, which extends to monitoring programs outside its own direct project area. The alliance aims to provide crucial summary information about the status and trends of priority species in the broader region to effectively inform conservation and management strategies.

Prescott College Faculty Member Emily Affolter on the project for the Advisory Board for the National Science Foundation TIME

Prescott College Faculty Member Emily Affolter recently presented a project she has been working on with the National Science Foundation Advisory Board: The Institute for Meaningful Engagement, which centers on pedagogical equity and racially minoritized undergraduate student experiences in the STEM fields. Congratulations, Emily.

A Farewell from Marie Smith in Advancement and Alumni Relations

Upon retirement, I look back on my time at Prescott College and realize I have lived a good portion of my life here. I came into a small admissions office on Valentine's Day in 2005 and was immediately introduced to a vivid congregation of colorful and committed people. I can still hear President Dan Garvey's wonderful talks and presentations, envision Liz Faller's dance troupe presentations, or go back in history with Doug Hulme's chautauqua of John Muir. Traveling the country and recruiting those just so special PC students was just the start. I was thrilled to be entrusted with starting a robust alumni recruitment program for the admissions office, which led me to working as the Director of Alumni Relations for many years. I loved creating events for alumni to connect, whether at a Moroccan restaurant in Portland, a tea house in Boulder, at alumni homes, with presentations at various gardens, museums, and galleries, or especially the on-campus reunions of 2010 and 2014. Re-establishing the alumni newsletter, Ecos, and sending monthly news of the College back to the PC community for 17 years was my privilege. Working with many alumni from the charter class to the present has been an honor. For the last few years I have been working remotely as the Advancement database system manager. I have so enjoyed creating so many connections with people who have truly shared their life and talents at Prescott College. Bravo to you all. Farewell. I will miss you.



Thank you to our donors

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to helping us achieve our mission to pursue exceptional interdisciplinary, experiential education in adventure education, environment, sustainability, and social justice. We are grateful for the role you play in giving our students a quality education. Please join us in thanking these generous people who gave in January 2024 [here](#).

Please Give

Prescott College Centers
(the following links are stories, social media posts, or webpages that relate to the happenings at each center)



Click either center above to view their content.

Alumni and Prescott College Events

Past Events:

The Returning Rapids of Cataract Canyon: On February 12th, community presentation hosted by Cecil Goodman with guest speaker Mike DeHoff discussed what is occurring in Cataract Canyon and how the Colorado River is reclaiming its river corridor and ecosystem. A Team of river runners set out to answer the simple question: "When will the next rapid come back?" If you didn't attend the presentation, check out their website [here](#) to learn more.



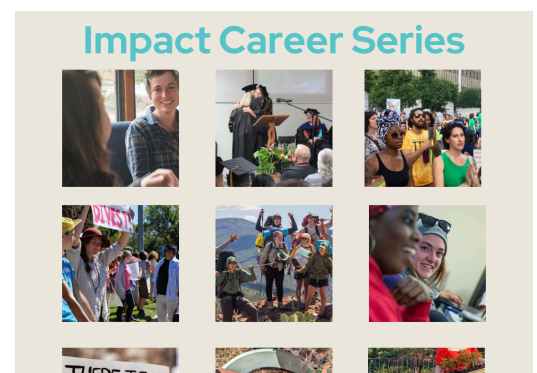
This event was also a fundraiser for the No Barriers Student Course Fee Scholarship, which assists students with course fees that can be an obstacle to accessing enriching academic field experiences. Please donate [here](#) and specify the "No Barriers" course fee scholarship as the gift restriction. Thank you for your consideration.

Upcoming Events:

March 3 at 1:00 PM: Seed Mania 2024 with Slow Food Prescott, Green Mountain Center for Sustainability, and Prescott Farmers will be held at **Prescott College** Stuckey Crossroads Center. Click [here](#) to learn more.

March 4 at 5:00 PM (AZ Time): Impact Careers Series is hosting an Education Careers Information Session. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the event.

March 11 at 5:00 PM (AZ Time): Impact Careers Series is hosting an Education Career Panel. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the event.



March 21: A Prescott Alumni/Friends Gathering, hosted by Jim Knaup with Julie Munro at Powersports in downtown **Prescott**. Click [here](#) to RSVP. We hope to see you there.

April 4: **Flagstaff** Alumni/Friends Gathering, hosted by Brad Dimmock and Julie Munro. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

April 8: Tentative Alumni/Friends Gathering in **Texas**, hosted by Jayanna Killingsworth

April 10-14: Friends and Family trip to **Kino Bay**; click [here](#) to learn more.

April 12-18: Adventure trip in **Kino Bay**; click [here](#) to learn more.

April 17: **Tucson** Alumni/Friends Gathering, hosted by Julie Munro/local host TBD

April 18: **Phoenix** Alumni/Friends Gathering, hosted by Tammy McLeod, with Julie Munro

April 18 at 5:00 PM (AZ Time): Impact Careers Series is hosting a Social Justice Careers Information Session. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the event.

April 25 at 5:00 PM (AZ Time): Impact Careers Series is hosting a Social Justice Career Panel. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the event.

April 27: Arbor Day Event: come and join us at the **Prescott College Sustainability Center** to celebrate Arbor Day by removing invasive plants and planting native species in your local watershed. Look at the flyer to the right for more information.

May 8-10: Ph.D. Colloquium and Alumni Gathering on campus, **Prescott, AZ**

May 11: Graduation at **Prescott College**

May 22 at 5:00 PM (AZ Time): Impact Careers Series is hosting an Environmental and Sustainability Careers Information Session. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the event.

May 29 at 7:09 PM (AZ Time): Impact Careers Series is hosting an Environmental and Sustainability Career Panel. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the event.

June 7-9: Board Meeting; open to the community (zoom availability soon)

June 14-17: Alumni River Trip: **San Juan**; click [here](#) to learn more.

July 11: Alumni Campout at **Two Sisters, OR**



July 26- August 2: Maasailand Alumni Reunion; click [here](#) to learn more.

Others have mentioned wanting to have events in their hometowns, and we would love to help you with notices of those activities to alumni in your area and through our website. Please reach out to [Jane Ratzlaff](#) to start the process.

Prescott College Advancement and Alumni Office

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