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Happy fall! Prescott College is committed to supporting your student’s educational success - the kind of success which forges lifelong bonds. Trails Home, the parent newsletter, is one way we hope to keep you informed and share useful information about the Prescott College Community. You may also want to visit the Prescott College Parent Web pages at www.prescott.edu/parents.

Holding Tight or Letting Go?

by Laurie Silver, Vice President of Student Affairs

The time for sending a child off to college is often a time of mixed emotions. On one hand, you want them to stay young forever, while on the other, you want them to grow up. The key to a successful launch into college is trusting in your student’s instincts and the positive values you have modeled. Letting go and realizing that you will no longer be able to see every part of your student’s life can be a big change from life before college. We know from studies that a student who feels trusted has more confidence and can stand up for what she or he believes when they know they have support back home.

Your relationship with your student is evolving. They need you to let go as it’s harder to make a new life if the old life keeps pulling them back. They need to be able to make mistakes. This is a big part of developing independence. Trying new things and taking some risks can lead to growth. And they need to know you believe in them, even when their perspectives and worldviews change. After all, this is what college is about, isn’t it?

At Prescott College we are committed to developing the whole person. Our mission states, “We regard learning as a continuing process and strive to provide an education that will enable students to live productive lives while achieving a balance between self-fulfillment and service to others.” To foster these values it is important to:

- provide opportunities for students to achieve competence in both academic and non-academic arenas;
- challenge them while also providing support;
- help them become autonomous and interdependent rather than dependent;
- encourage them to determine who they really are and what they stand for – to truly find themselves;
- support the development of positive relationships;
- and to help them identify and pursue their purpose in life.

To accomplish this, we act as advocates for students by making ourselves very available to them. We invite students to come to us with any problem and treat them as adults by getting them involved in solving their own problems. We respect students’ privacy but intervene if we become aware of potentially life-threatening behavior. And we educate them on ways to keep themselves and others safe.

We expect students to take responsibility for their actions. Taking responsibility means having to answer for their behavioral choices; respecting rules and policies; practicing academic honesty; showing personal integrity; developing healthy study, eating and sleep habits; seeking assistance when they need it; and being a positive member of the Prescott College community. We support them in making smart choices in the new challenges they face in college, especially about decisions regarding alcohol and drugs, handling their finances, and practicing personal safety.

We are here to support students at Prescott College by providing an array of caring and experienced professionals. We make ourselves very available to students and except in the most extreme cases, we consider it the student’s responsibility to ask for the assistance they think they need. Students have access to the following professionals and services:

- Career and mental health counseling
- Academic counselor/learning specialist
- Resident Life Coordinator
- Student Life staff (includes housing, health insurance, student government and activities)
- Faculty advisors
Faculty advisors
Registrar, Business Office and Financial Aid
Community engagement through the Ripple Project
Physical activity and well-being through membership at Prescott YMCA
Campus Safety (includes after hours patrols, escorts and response)

At Prescott College, we are committed to providing an environment where students have access to the resources and support they need to succeed academically and to live productive and meaningful lives. Our office is here to support you and your student through this journey. Please, don’t hesitate to be in touch should you have any questions at lsilver@prescott.edu or 928-350-1001.

Viva la Verde!

Film premier of student Hugh Denno’s Senior Project Viva la Verde October 7, 6-9 p.m. Hugh has spent many wonderful days at the Verde River and interviewed more than 40 people while developing the story for Viva la Verde. The goal of the film project is to bring the river to the attention of the local communities and unite the Verde River community to ensure the river has a long healthy life, VIVA la VERDE! There will be food and mingling as well as a Q&A session following the screening. For more information visit the Viva la Verde Facebook page or view the trailer on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_Z0OpH2ddM.

Tri-College Student Leadership Conference

Friday October 21 (6-9 p.m.) & Sat. October 22 (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Davis Learning Center. Cost: Free!

Encourage sending your students to the first tri-college Student Leadership Conference, Leaders Today, Leaders Tomorrow! The Keynote Speaker will be Kurstin Lee, Board of Directors Vice President for the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Program of Arizona. Besides developing valuable new leadership skills, students from all three area-colleges will also have a chance to connect and have fun at an ice cream social with a comedian! For more details and shuttle information, please contact DeeAnn Resk, Student Leadership & Event Coordinator, at dresk@prescott.edu or (928) 350-1007.

Tri-College Conference Keynote Speaker
Kurustin Lee

Kurustin Lee is passionate about helping others reach their potential! After earning Bachelor of Arts & Master of Arts degrees in Communication, she spent several years as an organizational consultant bringing effective communication and conflict management programs to the health care industry. She also taught at the university level as an Assistant Professor of Communication at the University of Toledo in Ohio. In 2000, she formed a business partnership with her graduate school mentor, co-owning a gourmet food company that supported cancer research in Park City, Utah. Their business grew from a home basement into a 10,000 sq. ft custom production facility. Kurustin relocated to Phoenix in 2007 after the passing of her business partner and mentor. She now serves as the Director of Development for two companies jointly owned in Scottsdale (Davison Benefits & Clinical Resources Group) where her communication expertise supports the employee benefit programs of their corporate clients.

Kurustin is passionate about community service as evidenced through her work as an Advisory Board member for Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership of Arizona, which offers free leadership development programs to Arizona high school students. In addition, Kurustin is certified by The Blanchard Foundation, a nonprofit organization created by international leadership expert Ken Blanchard, to teach his “Student Situational Leadership” course at the middle...
school, high school and college level. This course blends the successful curriculum of Blanchard's legendary leadership programs into an educational environment to help students prepare to successfully lead themselves and others. Kurstin is blessed to share her life in Tempe with Brad, her longtime beau, and Cotton, an 11 year old white Bichon Frise dog who thinks he's human.

**Love Songs for the Quarantined**

Arts & Letters faculty member K.L. (Kenny) Cook is eager to share his new book with the Prescott College Community! Love Songs for the Quarantined, which won the Spokane Prize for Short Fiction, is now available in the PC Bookstore. You can pick up a signed copy from Karen. Ask for the special discount! Kenny will personally inscribe the book to you at any time. There will be an official book launch celebration once the semester is underway (more details to come). You can get more info about Love Songs for the Quarantined at [www.klcook.com](http://www.klcook.com).

**Student Welcome Back Bash!**

**Friday, October 7, 2011, 8-11 p.m.**

Celebrate the kick off of the Fall Semester at the Welcome Back Bash!

Enjoy dancing and live music featuring bands: Spafford, Alyssa Garland, and the Butte Creek Boys!

This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Life, the Student Union Board (SUB), and the Peer Education Resource Center (PERC).

Cost: Free for Prescott College Students

**Fundraiser for Environmental Studies Program: Harvest Festival**

**Saturday, October 29, Noon to 8 p.m.**

The Second Annual Prescott Harvest Festival is a day-long celebration with music; local foods, dancing, and fine craft brews. Every year, proceeds are donated to a local organization that is focused on enhancing education and/or environmental awareness in Prescott. This year’s beneficiary is the Environmental Education Program at Prescott College!

The theme is a Day of the Dead celebration with Tucson headliners Sergio Mendoza and Calexico performing as well as Prescott-area music acts. The festival is an ideal atmosphere for the whole family. The kids will love the Fun Zone featuring games, arts, and activities. Order your tickets early for a discount (kids under 10 get in free). Pricing and more information at [www.prescottharvestfestival.com](http://www.prescottharvestfestival.com).

**Current Parents Mentoring Prospective Prescott College Parents**

"I'm so glad you offered a program like this. Thank You!"

~Prospective PC Parent

The primary purpose of this program is to build a connection between prospective parents and current Prescott College parents. Current Prescott College parent mentors assist with information through the sharing of their insights and experiences.

For more information on participating in the Parent Mentor Program and joining the Prescott College Parents’ Association, please contact msmith@prescott.edu.

**Parent Articles of Interest**

For the latest articles of interest to college parents today, connect with...

Additional articles on grades, stress, student success, time management, and more can be found at [http://www.campuscalm.com](http://www.campuscalm.com).

**Lifelong Learning Center**

The Lifelong Learning Center provides educational and service opportunities for learners of all ages. These life-enhancing learning experiences connect the learner to self, family, community, the environment, and the diverse cultures of the world.

For more information and a schedule of classes visit [http://www.prescott.edu/lifelong-learning/about/index.html](http://www.prescott.edu/lifelong-learning/about/index.html).

**What in the Sam Hill? Biennial Art Fundraiser**

October 29, 7-10 p.m. at the Sam Hill Warehouse. The biennial Prescott College Art Gallery fundraiser will be an evening of art, dinner, music, and mystery with keynote speaker Robert Booker, Director of Arizona Commission on the Arts. Tickets: $65 per person (discount available for faculty/staff and artists who have donated to previous art auctions), $500 per table. For more information visit www.prescott.edu/gallery or contact Jen Chandler at (928) 350-2341 or jchandler@prescott.edu.

**Dana Fritz and Brad Birchett - Photography Exhibition**

October 7 to 29, 2011

Opening Reception Friday, October 7, 6-8 p.m.

Free and open to the public

This exhibit will showcase the photographic works of two artists Dana Fritz of Lincoln, Neb. and Brad Birchett of Richmond, Va. This exhibition will explore the relationship between humans and our environment.

**A Great Gift Idea!**

Prescott College Parent Logo Clothing


**Make Sure We Have Your Updated Info!**

We can’t stay in touch with you unless we have your current info – mailing address, e-mail, and phone number. You can update your info online at [http://pcparent.kintera.org](http://pcparent.kintera.org) or by calling the Parent Programs Office at (928) 350-4502.

**Online Giving**

The Annual Fund for Academic Excellence is an investment in the future. Every dollar donated directly supports Prescott College in our mission to...
Alumni Sharing Knowledge Career Network

"Career Center Counselors advise seniors to make connections with alumni..."

Students will benefit from working with a Prescott College Alumni Career Mentor!

The Prescott College Alumni Sharing Knowledge Career Mentor Program matches students with alumni mentors who can assist with career-related decisions.


Please continue to encourage our students to make the world a better place by contributing to the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence today!

[http://www.prescott.edu/give/annual-fund/annual-fund-intro.html](http://www.prescott.edu/give/annual-fund/annual-fund-intro.html)

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