November 2011

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 web pages for parents at www.prescott.edu/parents.

Multi-Award-Winning Author to Speak at Prescott College

Award-winning author Marty Essen presents his high-energy multimedia show, Around the World in 90 Minutes, at the Prescott College Crossroads Center, 220 Grove Ave., Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Marty’s show features interesting facts, humorous stories, and the best of thousands of photos he took while traveling the world for his book, Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents. It’s the type of show where the audience has fun laughing at the stories, oohing and aahing at the photos, and then, when it’s all done, realizing just how much they’ve learned.

Highlights of the show include:

- Amazing animal facts
- Debunking animal myths
- Bizarre creatures and endangered species
- Swimming with piranhas
- Rafting with humpback whales
- Surviving a hippo attack in Zimbabwe

About Marty Essen

For the past three years, Marty Essen has been the most popular speaker with the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities, a major college activities programming service. Additionally, Campus Activities Magazine recently named Marty as one of their “Hot Speaker” picks for 2011. Marty Essen has won multiple book awards for travel/essay writing, including the Benjamin Franklin Award, the Best Books Book Award, and the National Indie Excellence Award. In addition, he won a first place award at 2009 Green Book Festival in Los Angeles, and the Minneapolis Star-Tribune named Cool Creatures, Hot Planet a top-10 “green” book.

Senior Graduation Tea

Prescott College President Kristin R. Woolever invites graduating seniors to celebrate the Class of 2011 at a graduate tea.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011
Time: 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Sam Hill Gallery
232 N. Grantie St., Prescott, AZ 86301

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Budget Adjustment, Prescott College Style

Over the last 10 years, Prescott College’s net revenues have increased from $11.1 million in 2001 to $19.2 million in 2011, a 73 percent increase. Prescott College offers innovative, highly experiential on-campus and distance education programs at bachelor, master, and doctoral levels. As a private, non-profit institution of higher education attracting students from across the nation, Prescott College has been insulated in recent years from the budget challenges that have confronted many state supported schools, colleges, and universities across Arizona. However, the longevity of the nation’s economic downturn has resulted this fall in the College’s first total enrollment decline.

Prescott College has addressed this budget challenge through an inclusive process aligned with the distinctive values and spirit of the College community. The budget process included close, iterative work with the deans and directors, communication of the issue and possible solutions to all employees, and invitations to gather input from each and every person and group.

Prescott College is deeply student-directed. The primary goal of the budget adjustment process was preserving and improving the student experience. Other goals included maintaining equity between faculty and staff groups and preserving the functionality of critical systems and processes.

The budget correction implemented this week begins to resize and redesign the institution to prepare for the uncertain economic future facing the nation, while still maintaining the distinctiveness of the curricula and student experience. The savings included a handful of reductions in staff as well as compensation reductions.

The reductions in positions were spread across all employee levels. When possible, staff members were transferred laterally into other positions. There are no reductions in faculty positions. However, all faculty, staff, and administration are taking salary reductions. These salary reductions are progressive with employees at higher compensation levels receiving higher percentage decreases.
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The College plans to engage faculty and staff in a creative redesign of curricula and program structure in ways that maintain the College’s distinctive mission and pedagogy at the same time that they enable greater flexibility and reduced instructional cost for future years.

“Every one of those employees separated from Prescott College has a legacy of building facets of the College that remain as strengths,” said Kristin R. Woolever, President of Prescott College. “It is a testimony to their efforts that we have the processes and operations in place that allow us to continue forward progress. In all honesty, I grieve their loss deeply as we all do. And I know we will move onward, honoring their work by continuing to build on the foundations they created.”

Paul Burkhardt
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost

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Provides Needed Support for:

- Academics
- Library Resources
- Instructional Expenses
- Student Services
- Scholarships
- Parent Relations
- Alumni Programs

Instructional Expenses
The Prescott College On-Campus Undergraduate Program has 77 full faculty members and an average student-faculty ratio of 7:1. The limited residency programs offer an even higher “touch” model of delivery, allowing students to work one-on-one with mentors and advisors in their fields of study.

Library Resources
In recent years, the library has significantly expanded access to electronic resources. The library now offers access to 86,000-plus e-books and 25,000-plus full-text journals. The library faculty has integrated instruction for how to access and effectively use these resources into the first-year curriculum for all low-residency undergraduate students.

Scholarships
Institutional aid for on-campus students has expanded from less than $300,000 in 2003 to nearly $5 million in 2011. Our capacity for offering Federal Student Aid has risen commensurately from under $10 million to nearly $16 million within the same period.

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- Founder’s Club - $500 - $999
- Bradshaw Mountains Club - $250 - $499
- Ponderosa Pine Club - $100 - $249
- Granite Club - $25 - $99

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220 Grove Ave.
Faculty News

From January to May 2011, Prescott College faculty member Dan Garvey sailed around the world with 600 college students as Dean of the Semester at Sea Program sponsored by the University of Virginia. Educational stops were made in the Bahamas, Dominica, Brazil, Ghana, South Africa, the Mauritius Islands, India, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Taiwan, Hawaii, and San Diego.

In May, Dan delivered a presentation to the National Outdoor Leadership School's International Faculty Summit titled The Future of Experiential Education. He also recently spoke at Project Adventure's 40th Anniversary Celebration in Boston, Mass., and visited William Jewel College in Liberty, Mo., where he offered suggestions about ways to make the curriculum more experiential.

Choreography in the Community

By Jason Leo '07

Every other year for the past decade, Delisa Myles has facilitated a class in which Prescott College students and local community members co-create a recital of original choreography and movement – Choreography in the Community.

"I think it's really good for the students to have an opportunity to work with people that they would not normally come into contact with" says Delisa. "People in college normally work with other college-age students. I wanted to kind of get outside that and work in the larger community because dance has such a potential to connect people. All people."

Until recently, each time it happened, the collaboration has been with a different outside group. As Delisa explains, "I don't usually like to repeat things in my art; I usually just go on to the next thing." This past spring, however, Delisa put together her second performance with the Skyview School 7th and 8th grade and a group of local Prescott elders. This was the same collaboration she had coordinated 10 years before in which a performance entitled "Growth Rings" was created by a group of 60 participants.

The second collaboration among Prescott College, the Skyview School, and elders included close to 30 people, approximately half the size of the first time. For Delisa, the smaller group works better, one of the many things she has learned teaching and performing dance over the past 10 years. "This was an important marker of my evolution; the decades feel like these important markers in your life. I can see the way I've changed as a teacher and dancer in 10 years, by repeating the same project 10 years later."

In 2000, Shinay Tredeau was a Skyview School middle school student and a participant in the first collaboration. This past spring, Shinay joined Prescott College. As a dance student, she found herself on the other side of the same collaboration she had been in 10 years prior. "I think this class is actually part of the reason I am now at Prescott College," says Shinay. "I could tell there was something going on there then. The energy in the room now and when I was in middle school dancing in an inter-generational environment totally rocked my world."

Shinay remembers what the class was like a decade ago, "Creating this project that was bigger than myself or my school that reached out to encompass many generations and different people. . . . I remember some of the choreography we did. I remember my groups that I was in, the total complete openness of everybody in the room, and the enthusiasm to create these dance pieces."

Shinay also describes her experience in the class this spring, as a young woman, and as one of the college student teachers, like those who facilitated her group. "It's been an experience of discovery for me, my own physical limitations, realizing there are things I can't actually do, my own limitations in dance. I see that in working with the middle school students and the elders, because I feel like just now, at 22, I am finding awareness of my own body in space, really knowing where my fingers and toes are, how my body moves through space, and so I recognize in others the need for that awareness, because I've also been there."

"When I originally did this project 10 years ago, I wasn't exactly that interested in working with middle school kids," recalls Delisa. "I see now how important it is to give students at that age an opportunity to have a positive experience through dance, because there's so much radical change happening in their bodies at that age, that it's really easy to shut down and be self-conscious and hide."

After 10 years and a variety of experience with that age group, Delisa has become an advocate for dance and body movement classes with young adolescents. "A positive experience in body movement can help them to feel comfortable in their bodies and with expression."
Choreography in the Community has proven to be an overwhelming success. "From the very first Thursday, it felt like we had entered into some kind of 'too good to be true space' where everyone was really present and engaged. I was thinking, 'oh well, how long is this going to last?'; it has literally lasted all the way through every single time that we've met."

"I think I've just been able to let go of some things more; I'm clearly the director, and I know that, but I also want people to really feel that they're creating it in a collaborative setting, that their ideas are valuable. They've all seen it, the youth and the elders; they've all given me ideas that I've used and integrated."

The LINE: National Juried Printmaking Exhibition

The line is a significant aspect of visual art, but while lines can define the space between one object and another, we also find lines defining our geography, our politics, our language, and our identities. Works selected for this exhibition were juried by John Risseeuw, Professor at Arizona State University, where he teaches Fine Printing & Bookmaking, Papermaking, Artists' Books, and Photo Processes from Printmaking. Over four decades, John’s art has often touched on political corruption, equal rights, environmental abuse, fascism, illegal wars, arms proliferation, and sheer idiocy.

Selected Artists Include:
AWG, Elizabeth Bennett, Tonia Bonnell, Dana Cohn, Chad Erpelding, Jennifer Ghormley, Josephine Gibbs, Yuji Hiratsuka, Anthony Holmquist, Brooke Holve, Andrew Huot, Mario Kiran, Louise Kohrman, Sarah Kriehn, Maria Lynam, Leslie Parsons, Jesse Rens, Meredith Setser, Katherine Sheehan, Mike Stephens, Eric Sweet, Crystal Wagner, Mark Williams, Mary Lou Wills, Dane R. Winkler

Grand Canyon Guided Hiking Tour

Explore northern Arizona with Rubicon Outdoors and the Lifelong Learning Center at Prescott College. The Grand Canyon Guided Hiking Tour includes a two night stay at the Marriott Springhill Suites in downtown Prescott, roundtrip transportation to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, one night at the Maswik Lodge South Rim of the Grand Canyon, dinner at the El Tovar Hotel, two-night backpacking trip, five breakfasts, four hand-crafted lunches, two backcountry dinners, all backpacking equipment, permits, and qualified guides.

Cost: $2395
Nov. 13-18, 2011
For more information and a schedule of classes visit at http://www.prescott.edu/lifelong-learning/about/index.html.

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