January 2012

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday break. 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.

Senior Graduation Tea

Fall 2011 graduates celebrated at the President's graduation tea on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011 at the Sam Hill Gallery.

It's Coming...

Prescott College joins alumni Lee Caldwell '73 and John Flax '74 to host a complimentary presentation of STORM for our Prescott College family. STORM, a collaboration of Theater Grottesco and the Out of Context Orchestra, is a play about environment and a journey into the social paradigms that prevent the world from taking action. STORM is also a new artistic form: a mosaic of projections, music, and characters that closely capture the chaotic spirit of these times.

Bring your family and friends!

Saturday, February 25, 2012

6 p.m. Catered Champagne Reception
7 p.m. Show
8:30 p.m. Post Show Reception with Artists

Center for Contemporary Art’s
Munoz Waxman Gallery
1050 Old Pecos Trail
Santa Fe, N.M.

Cost: Complimentary
Seats are limited, so please R.S.V.P. at http://santafe.kintera.org/.

STORM includes contributions from national and local writers, environmental and social scientists, visual artists, and several Santa Fe children. The production uses environmental hot point topics to open the door on critical threads of our national psyche that prevent us from taking action, including our relationship with “truth,” addiction, and the nature of paradigm and paradigm shift. STORM’S artistic form is a unique structured improvisation that will lead audiences to the brink of a chaos closely capturing the spirit of these times, while tapping fresh emotion and providing insight into hurdles that can no longer be ignored.

STORM promises to be like nothing any of us have ever seen before. Please visit http://vimeo.com/31395901 to see a new version of STORM as a work-in-progress.

Theater Grottesco creates explosive, visually oriented theater, rekindling interest in live performance and offering a fresh perspective of humanity and culture. The company shares their techniques with artists, youth, and the general public. For more information, visit http://theatergrottesco.org/.

A Summer of Infinite Potential

By Daniel Roca ’12

For 28 days last summer, I climbed, kayaked, trekked, and rafted across Europe. Mammoth glaciers, fields of rowdy wildflowers, and crystal blue Mediterranean waters followed me everywhere. But as a Wilderness Leadership major, the ingredients of my journey I savored most were the students whom I led. As a trip leader for Adventures Cross Country, a teen adventure company based out of Mill Valley, Calif., I traveled alongside 12 students and another leader through Italy, Switzerland, and France.

I especially remember our last night in Paris. We ate and laughed ourselves stupid, trying to make it to the Eiffel Tower by midnight before the rain fell. We caught the last Metro back to our hostel. The students were boarding a plane the next morning without me. And as that final night progressed, the reality of our separation became very clear.

All 12 of the students were incredibly unique and energetic people. I reached out to each of them throughout the summer, sharing my views, my dreams, and my belief in each and every one of them. They all reached back in their own unique ways. I hated leaving them at the airport the next day. I hated it terribly.

These expeditions build bonds and memories with individuals that stick with you forever and have the potential to help mold you as a human being. I grew up failing to believe in my own capabilities. I lowered myself constantly and never gave myself the benefit of the doubt. The outdoors allowed me to see that my self-perception was the factor that hindered me from accomplishing anything I set out to do. By recognizing it, I could face it. And in facing it I could overcome it. I want that experience for others. I want everyone to know that they are limitless.
This past summer, I put my dreams to work. Co-instructor Crystal Winn ’07 and I tackled being facilitators, medics, confidants, and guides for 12 students ages 16 to 18. The trip was not easy. We nearly got struck by lightning atop a peak in Tuscany, dealt with train strikes and scheduling delays throughout Italy, lost our tickets and bartered our way to Paris, not to mention backpacked nearly 60 miles around the Monte Blanc Massif, home to Europe’s highest mountain range at 15,783 feet. But the rewards were endless.

Glaciers sat at our backdoor. Every hike had a new and amazing vista. And the transparency of the warm Mediterranean Sea baffled me. We had periods of hardship, where the pressures made us question ourselves, made us look in the mirror. But those moments made us grow the most. It was that internal journey I made with the students and Crystal that gave me the most warmth.

A note about the author: Daniel Roca is an avid photographer, writer, and rock climber. He is currently putting together an independent study in Dog Sledding and plans to take the Wilderness Leadership semester in Alaska next summer. His Senior Project is a book entitled *Wind Whispers*, a collection of poems, notes, and photographs documenting his time spent outdoors while at Prescott College. A transfer student to Prescott College, Daniel is pursuing his dreams of a career in helping people empower themselves through experiences in the outdoors. He sees each person as “an infinite being in an infinite universe,” capable of doing anything they set their hearts out to accomplish.

### Hear their color

Amidst the clouds I heard the wishing words of baby wildflowers dancing through Alpine borderlands.

They shared with me hidden words and phrases.

I would give them to you except you would not understand.

Only they can teach you to hear their color,
And my friend, that sound was born on Creation

"I've Always Wanted to Be a Teacher"

"Prescott College's educational methods are so unique. I wish I'd had the chance to go to school here as an undergraduate."

"More people should have an opportunity for their education to be this meaningful."

As a parent of a current student, it’s probably not surprising to find out that we hear sentiments like these from parents of potential and current Prescott College students during Parents and Preview Weekends.

What might be surprising is the fact that it’s not uncommon for parents of current students to enroll right along with their undergraduate offspring. Many of these parents are fulfilling lifelong dreams of becoming a teacher. (Check for an article on multigenerational Prescott College Families in *Transitions* magazine.)

Prescott College has awarded nearly a thousand teaching credentials in its history, most of those through the College's limited residency teacher certification track, to busy working adults across the nation who finished their certifications working with mentors in their home communities.

Prescott College offers low-residency programs for working adults at
Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4, 2012

bachelor's, post-bachelor's, master's, and post-master's of arts levels.
Areas of specialty include:

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education: Learning Disabilities
- Serious Emotional Disabilities
- Mental Retardation
- School Guidance Counseling

For more information on the opportunity to fulfill your dream of becoming a teacher, please contact Ted Bouras at (877) 350-2100.

New Computers in the Library

Funded by the Technology Fee and Sustainability Fee, we have refreshed computers in the library. Twenty-five brand new PCs and six new iMacs have been installed. We have also invested in software, which will ensure that these computers run more efficiently. Please see Kistie Simmons, Director of Instructional Technology, if you have any questions: ksimmons@prescott.edu or (928) 350-3219.

Student Orientation Photo Prize Winner

The Prescott College Advancement Office is proud to announce the winner of the Fall 2011 Orientation Photo Contest. On-campus undergraduate student Blake Crumpton ’16 submitted several beautiful photographs. Blake's winning photo was a photo taken of fellow student Jon Arndt ’15 during Wilderness Orientation. Blake will receive a $50 prize for her superb efforts. Congratulations Blake!

Slavery’s Legacy: What Would Healing Look Like?

For the next four years, as a nation, we will be commemorating the 150th anniversary of one of the most tragic events in our nation’s history – the Civil War (1861-1865). Beyond the reenactment of various Civil War battles, what would healing look like for the nation, for future generations, the planet, and the environment?

Writer, educator, and producer Belvie Rooks will present on the topic of slavery’s legacy on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Prescott College Crossroads Center. A workshop will follow on Sunday, Jan. 22, from 9 to 10:50 a.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Rooks is co-founder of Growing a Global Heart project to plant a million trees along the Trans-Atlantic Slave Route in West Africa and the Underground Railroad in the United States. The trees are planted to honor the millions of lives lost during the slave trade (www.growingaglobalheart.com). As an educator, Rooks is the creator of Hey Listen Up: A Sense of Self—A Sense of Place, an urban eco-literacy project and curriculum featured in the Journey of the Universe Educational DVD Series.

She was one of the founding members of Pulitzer Prize winning author Alice Walker’s publishing company, Wild Trees Press. She has also served on the boards of the Urban Habitat Program, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Positive Futures Network/Yes Magazine, and Bioneers. Rooks is a current board member of the Institute of Noetic Science and the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation.

Event contact: Frank Cardamone at fcardamone@prescott.edu or (928) 350-3218.

Prescott College Community
Supported Agriculture (PCCSA)

PCCSA is a multi-farm CSA that supports 15 farmers and ranchers using sustainable practices within a 100-mile radius of Prescott. Becoming a member of the PCCSA is the most convenient and economical way to receive the freshest locally grown produce year-
The Spring Share, which runs through winter block and spring semester, includes local, naturally grown produce such as root veggies, salad greens, cooking greens, onions and garlic, herbs, citrus, and winter squash. Occasionally, the share includes honey, wheatberries, dry beans, eggs, homemade bread, pasta, or pecans! Prescott College members can sign up either for a "full" (average of eight items each week) or "partial" (average of four items each week) shares. In addition, we offer optional beef shares and dairy herdshares, and all kinds of extras are available in the CSA Store (in the Bookstore) Monday through Friday for members and non-members alike!

You can find out more information about the PCCSA by stopping into the Bookstore/CSA, emailing us at pccsa@prescott.edu or on our website: www.prescott.edu/csa.

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.

Please Add Your Support with a Gift to the Annual Fund.

Gift Levels

- **Gold & Turquoise Circle - $10,000 and up**
- **President’s Circle - $5,000 - $9,999**
- **Humphrey's Peak Society - $2,500 - $4,999**
- **Thumb Butte Society - $1,000 - $2,499**
- **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.
Prescott, AZ 86301
development@prescott.edu
(928) 350-4505 or (877) 350-2100, ext. 4505

Additional giving options can be found at: www.prescott.edu/give

Current Parents Mentoring Prospective Prescott College Parents

"I'm so glad you offered a program like this. Thank You!"
~Prospective Prescott College 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 University Parent Connection's media information. Click on the link at http://www.universityparent.com/connection.

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

Lifelong Learning Center

Lifelong Learning Center Winter & Spring Course Catalog Available Now!
The Lifelong Learning Center at Prescott College provides courses for learners of all ages. Join us for offerings in professional development, certifications, wellness, languages, travel, and more! The spring 2012 catalog, full course descriptions, instructor biographies, and registration is available online at: http://www.prescott.edu/lifelong-learning/index.html.

Check Out the Latest Transitions Magazine

Transitions, a publication for the Prescott College community, shares news of Prescott College faculty, staff, students, and alumni through
feature articles and news briefs. To read the fall 2011 issue, go to http://www.prescott.edu/experience/publications/transitions/index.html

January Exhibit: A Place Called Home
Sculptural Works of Roger Asay and Rebecca Davis

In this exhibition, “A Place Called Home,” the artists explore familiar materials that abound in the Prescott Basin. Because the land is so diverse in its offerings, they are able to bring together but a sampling of all that there is to be experienced in this amazing place that they have called home for so long. Each sculpture speaks for itself, but carries with it the joy the artists find in discovery and collaborative sharing. “May these materials that we know so well strike a chord deep within all who call Prescott home.”

Opening reception Friday, Jan. 13, 6-8 p.m. as part of Prescott 4th Friday Art Walk. Exhibit runs Jan. 13-Feb. 10, 2012, and is free and open to the public.
Event contact: Jen Chandler at (928) 350-2341 or jchandler@prescott.edu.

A Great Gift Idea!

Prescott College Parent Logo Clothing

Proceeds benefit the Prescott College Parents Supporting Field Studies Scholarship. Polos and baseball caps are available online at http://pcparentclothing.kintera.org.

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 or by calling the Parent Programs Office at (928) 350-4502.

Donate by Simply Shopping at Amazon

Prescott College thanks you for using our associate’s link for all your Amazon purchases. Everything from textbooks, to hair pomade, to stationery, to plasma TVs … did I mention textbooks? If you haven’t already, save this link as one of your browser favorites: http://bookstore.prescott.edu/. When the link opens, click on the Amazon logo to your right. So far this year, Prescott College has made $1322. Thank you for your continued support!

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.


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**Keeping in Touch**

**Sending Mail**

Every On Campus Undergraduate Student currently enrolled at Prescott College is issued a student mailbox. Student mailboxes are housed within the Service Center, which is located on the first floor of the San Juan Building (Prescott Campus). Student mail and packages are distributed to student mailboxes throughout the course of the day. Students can check their student mailboxes Monday – Friday anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For your student’s protection a valid photo id is required for all mail and package pickups (no exceptions). Valid forms of photo ID include: Prescott College Student ID, Passport, or State Issued Driver’s License/Identification Card. When sending mail and packages to your student, please utilize the following address formats to expedite the handling process:

During Wilderness Orientation: (For dare letters/packages going go students out in the field)

Students Full First and Last Name (No Nicknames, Please)
Wilderness Orientation
Prescott College
220 Grove Ave.
Prescott, AZ 86301

For Everything Else:

Students Full First and Last Name (No Nicknames, Please)
Prescott College
220 Grove Ave.
Prescott, AZ 86301

Questions Regarding Mail?
Please direct all mail questions to Service Center personnel at: (877) 350-2100 ext. 2200, or by e-mailing: servicecenter@prescott.edu.

**E-mail**

All students are issued a Prescott College e-mail address through the technology department. Typically, student e-mail addresses are first letter of student’s first name + last name@prescott.edu. So, for example, John Doe’s email address would be jdoe@prescott.edu. Please check with your son or daughter for their address.

**Emergencies**

In case of emergency, you can call the Resident Undergraduate Dean’s Office at (877) 350-2100 ext. 2000.