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.

In Memoriam

Prescott College was notified in the afternoon on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, of a tragic incident that took place when a group of students went rock climbing recreationally at the Granite Dells in Prescott. During a lead climb, Sean Hennelly, a sophomore studying Adventure Education and Wilderness Leadership, fell and sustained a traumatic head injury. Despite the best efforts of the other students on the scene, the Prescott Fire Department, and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue, Sean died before he reached the hospital.

This is a deeply felt loss for all of us here at Prescott College, and we extend our condolences to Sean's family. The College is providing ongoing support to students who were present or affected by this tragedy.

A message from President Kristin R. Woolever and Steven Pace, Director of Risk Management for Field Activities to Students

As the College is deeply saddened by the tragic accident that claimed Sean Hennelly’s life during a recreational climb at Granite Dells on January 17, that tragedy also brings with it a call for all students to be aware of the dangers inherent in adventure activities. In Sean’s memorial service on Wednesday, January 18, many people shared stories about Sean’s adventurous spirit and enthusiasm for life. We can honor that spirit while at the same time learning from the tragic accident that took his life. In class and out of class, we need to respect the potential for the unexpected, for error, and for unintended consequences. Most importantly we want to be aware that everything we do has risks and rewards.

We strive to be aware of the risks and manage them well. Taking risks that could lead to serious injury or death is not something we teach here. Instead we learn activity skills progressively and state of the art risk management practices that allow us to have incredible educational adventures. We urge all students, faculty, and staff to think of other's safety.

The College provides appropriate equipment and training in its courses; students are encouraged to avail themselves of this training and use the same risk management practices they learn in class when out recreating on their own.

Prescott College is a leader in experiential education – we graduate professionals who will in turn lead others in adventure education and other fields. There will be an opportunity to gather as a community on campus for a memorial celebration of Sean Hennelly Friday, February 3, 4-6 p.m.

Save the Dates!

Spring Alumni and Parent Gatherings in Arizona

Tucson, AZ
March 9, 2012
Location: Details Forthcoming

Phoenix, AZ
March 10, 2012
Brunch and conversation with Prescott College President Dr. Kristin R. Woolever Home of Prescott College Board Member Michael Rooney 2011 E. La Vieve Lane Tempe, Ariz. 10 to 12 p.m.
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/](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](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/](http://theatergrottesco.org/).

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### Get Informed About Prescott College Events

Prescott College's events calendar allows you to submit, filter, and subscribe to all of our different categories of events. To submit an event, go to the calendar at [http://calendar.prescott.edu/](http://calendar.prescott.edu/) and click on the “Submit an Event” button on the left. A link to the calendar can also be found in the header of each page of the Prescott College Website.

To subscribe to a specific category and receive alerts in your e-mail or RSS feed, you can choose from the subscribe box in the left sidebar. You can also choose to put an event directly on your calendar.
Prescott College seniors Lizzie Werner-Gavrin and Brooke Bischoff spent their winter block in Birmingham, Ala., as volunteer community organizers and researchers for the Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice. The coalition brings together faith communities, immigrant justice organizations, concerned individuals, labor, the Alabama ACLU, and Occupy Birmingham in a coordinated campaign to repeal Alabama's draconian law HB56, which is based on Arizona's SB1070 and is widely considered to be the nation's harshest anti-immigrant legislation. Lizzie, who is completing a competence in Social Justice with an emphasis in community organizing, had the opportunity to provide direct support to campaign organizers. Lizzie plans to pursue a career in community organizing. Brooke, a Cultural & Regional Studies student, conducted legal research for the ACLU, providing a contribution to the campaign that is directly related to her goal to attend law school and become a public interest attorney. Lizzie and Brooke were also invited to conduct research and prepare a report on the role of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) in the introduction of the legislation in Alabama.

Prescott College Faculty Tom Fleischner's book, *The Way of Natural History*, was recently reviewed under the heading "Best of Science" in the *Wall Street Journal*. Read more at [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204224604577032081608324136.html?mod=googlenews-wsj&articleTabs=article](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204224604577032081608324136.html?mod=googlenews-wsj&articleTabs=article). The book has also been favorably reviewed recently by the *SE Journal*, the magazine of the Society for Environmental Journalists; *Shambhala Sun*, a Buddhist magazine; and several websites.

Arts and Letters Faculty K. L. Cook's short story, "Love Song for the Quarantined," was nominated for a Pushcart Prize by *The Louisville Review*. Another story, "Filament," was selected for inclusion in the *2012 Best American Mystery Stories*. Both stories are available in the recently published collection, *Love Songs for the Quarantined*, which won the 2010 Spokane Prize for Short Fiction.

Arts and Letters Faculty Sheila Sanderson's collection of poetry, *Keeping Even*, has come out from Stephen F. Austin Press. It is available from the publisher as well as online sources.

Students need to file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) every year for student aid. If the student is under 24 years of age, the parents' tax information must be included unless they meet one of the exemptions outlined in the FAFSA worksheet. Early tax return filing will help speed the process for completion of the FAFSA; however, parents do not have to have their tax returns completed to submit the FAFSA.

The Prescott College Art Gallery at Sam Hill Warehouse announces the opening of the art exhibition, *Bricks and Bones*, featuring the sound installations of San Francisco artist Tamara Albaitis. Albaitis' interactive sound installations reflect her interest in the natural, constructed, and simulated environments that exist in a technology-saturated world. This exhibition is on view Feb. 24 through March 24.

Prescott College parents and students are also invited to attend an artist talk on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m. with a reception for the artist to follow from 6 to 8 p.m. There will also be a collaborative dance performance with Tamara Albaitis and Prescott College instructor Delisa Myles on Friday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. in conjunction with the City of Prescott's 4th Friday Art Walk. All events are free and open to the public.

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**Students Work as Volunteer Community Organizers**

by Zoe Hammer-Tomizuka

Prescott College Political Studies Faculty

**Faculty News**

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A big thank you to all who gave to the College's Annual Fund for Academic Excellence this past fall. All donors qualified to win a weeklong vacation at the Casamar Suites in Mexico, so generously provided by the Sawyer Family. The winning ticket was drawn from over 250 donors, and we are thrilled to congratulate Diane Curtis, mother of alumnus John Finefrock '11, as our winner! Enjoy your trip Diane!

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**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**
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—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

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.

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.

Graduation Dates Spring 2012

Friday, May 4, 2012
Baccalaureate

Saturday, May 5, 2012
Resident Program Graduation

Sunday, May 20, 2012
Adult Degree and Graduate Graduation

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