

# July 2019



## Sam Hill and the Future of the Campus

Things change and it's not always easy. Just the other day, we completed the sale of the Sam Hill Warehouse building. Generations of Prescott College students have danced, partied, exhibited, sang, and studied in that wonderful old pile. It was a tough decision to let it go. Why on earth did we do it?

Prescott - the town - is growing and growing fast. Various groups of stakeholders at last recognize that this growth threatens the very things that make the town attractive. The robust grassroots effort to limit development in the Granite Dells - <https://www.savethedells.org/> - is only one manifestation of this increasing concern over the quality of life in our little town. The Granite Creek Corridor Revitalization Group is a private/public partnership to make Granite Creek through downtown attractive and sustainable. Yes, the College is involved with that effort along with several local nonprofits headed by, or founded by, Prescott College grads. Not much goes on in this town about land use, water conservation and environmental issues that does not include passionate advocates for environmental sanity from the College community. Prescott now has all sorts of hiking and mountain biking trails, including one through our new 67-acre property in the Dells. There is a 78 mile "Prescott Circle Trail" that unsurprisingly circles the town. Every weekend Prescott is flooded with bikers and hikers. Even the most conservative of our city fathers are coming to recognize that the wealth of the community is ultimately tied to the natural environment around us and the esthetics of the town itself.

Read [more](#).

## Reminder: Orientation Survey

Recently we sent an email inviting undergraduate alumni to complete a survey as part of a study of

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## About Ecos

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Prescott College's acclaimed Undergraduate Orientation program. Thank you if you have already participated. If you have yet to participate, there is still time. The study, being conducted by faculty members Forrest Schwartz and Cecil Goodman (current Orientation Director), is a first of its kind retrospective that seeks to develop a deeper understanding of the Undergraduate Orientation experience and the meanings participants attach to the experience up to 50 years later.

Below is a link to the online survey – would you please help us out by taking 10-15 minutes of your time to complete the survey?

[Click Here to Complete the Survey](#)

This anonymous survey will ask you some questions related to what you learned and gained through your PC Undergraduate Orientation experience. Your responses will be combined with those of others to progress our understanding of the influence these sorts of Orientation experiences have on participants. We are particularly interested in the long-term value of the experience.

Thanks in advance for your help in this landmark study. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Dr. Forrest Schwartz at [forrest.schwartz@prescott.edu](mailto:forrest.schwartz@prescott.edu).

Forrest Schwartz and Cecil Goodman  
Prescott College Faculty

## Class Notes

### Patricia Bischof '11

Patricia's discusses her book *Memoir of a 2G* in a recent interview with *Our Town* Newspaper. Read the article [here](#).

### Jamie Boshears '94

Jamie is looking to connect with anyone who was in the ADP Program in Tucson from 91-94. You can contact her at [jamieboshears1@gmail.com](mailto:jamieboshears1@gmail.com).

### Wendy (Bauer) Piersall '92

Wendy was elected to the Woodstock, Illinois City Council in April 2019 for a four-year term. She is also

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Prescott College appreciates all who give to support our future generations of alumni. You can find the May 2019 donor list [here](#).

## Looking for a Job?

Check out <https://www.prescott.edu/jobs/>.

Join the Prescott College Alumni Facebook Group for additional listings!

## New Online Store!



Many of you have expressed interest in shopping for Prescott College swag online. Well, your ship has come in! Go to

the CEO of Woo! Jr. Kids Activities, a business she started in 2008. Wendy lives in Woodstock with her husband and 2 of her 3 children.

### **Mary T. Yelenick '76**

Mary Yelenick, recipient of the 2019 Eileen Egan Peacemaker award from Pax Christi Metro New York, has been elected to the international board of Pax Christi International board, a global Catholic peace and nonviolence organization headquartered in Brussels. Since retiring as a litigation law partner from her law firm in Manhattan at the end of 2016, Mary has been serving as Pax Christi International's Main Representative to the United Nations in New York, where she focuses on issues of peacebuilding and nuclear abolition (as a member of the 2017 Nobel Prize-winning ICAN coalition). In April, Mary participated in the meeting of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative in Rome.

### **Dreaming of Kino Bay?**



In June, the Kino Bay Marine Mammal Program had sightings of a very energetic Humpback whale and some large groups of long-beaked common dolphins. You can read more about the sightings [here](#).

### **2020 Safari Wildlife Wonders of Tanzania**



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### **Reciprocal Healing: Nature, Health, and Wild Vitality**

#### **A National Confluence ~ November 5-8, 2019**

Join the Natural History Institute and help activate a coalition of engaged people to inspire and empower connections between disciplines. Interactions between naturalists and ecologists, psychologists, physicians, educators, artists, writers, and advocates will light a path that connects humans and nature through healing both the human and more-than-human world. This national confluence is dedicated to nurturing a sense of hope grounded in tangible, actionable outcomes. We intend to emerge with the strategies and skills to take this work into the wider world.

Our goal is to illuminate the healing ground that lies at the confluence of natural history, medicine, and psychology. From this common ground we intend to grow the practices and associations that will foster the health of all life.

For more information, visit <https://naturalhistoryinstitute.org/reciprocal-healing/>.

### **Save the Date Prescott College 2020 Reunion**

We are still in the planning stages about events and schedules and so forth but I can make the following commitments:

Take a trip with emeritus faculty member Walt Anderson and Augustine Mwangotya, founder and owner of Aardvark Safaris.

**Tanzania (Jan. 23-Feb. 4) and Mkomazi option (Jan. 21-23).**

If an African safari could be a once -in-a-lifetime experience for you, then make it the best! And do it with expert leadership, people who know the patterns and behaviors of wildlife—who not only can find and spot the wildlife but who also can provide the rich details of context that makes this more than merely accumulating lists. Walt writes, "As a serious wildlife artist and photographer myself, I highly recommend this trip to artists and photographers who value the time, patience, and physical space to capture the best images. Add the in-depth natural history we provide, and you will have vivid memories to last you for the rest of your life." For more information, visit [http://www.geolobo.com/?page\\_id=522](http://www.geolobo.com/?page_id=522).

**Thursday, September 24, 2020 - Sunday  
September 27, 2020**

If there is sufficient interest, we will have some on campus programs during the day and there will be evening events, and we're working on ideas for the kiddos too!

We want to invite as many old-timey faculty as we can find. We are looking for expressions of interest so we can gauge the numbers. We are looking for volunteers to reach out to alumni and a variety of other tasks. We are looking for sponsors. Any beer distributors out there?

And we are looking for your ideas. We have a special email account for the reunion. Talk to us at: [reunion2020@prescott.edu](mailto:reunion2020@prescott.edu).



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