

# February 2020



## A New Five-Year Strategic Plan for Prescott College

Last year was a good one for the College. Those of you who read my “Year in Review” in the last edition of *ECOS* perhaps got a sense of how many interesting things happened in 2019. And thanks for asking; I am really enjoying my secret, off-the-grid yurt on our new 65-acre Granite Dells property!

At the end of that essay I slipped in a mention of our new strategic planning process. Okay, I know that some of you out there who have endured one of these things are probably rolling your eyes. It’s true that strategic planning is de rigeur these days, particularly in the non-profit sector. Like many good things, it is often done to excess. Read [more](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sturgis Robinson".

Sturgis Robinson '75  
Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations

## Class Notes

### Scott Hecker '79

Scott was recently featured in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* in *Monadnock Profiles: A love of nature was a pathway to long career*. Read more [here](#).

### Amy (Okerman) Moore '01

Amy writes, "Prescott College met me where I was at in 1999; it was just where I needed to be. I didn't plug into the community as much as I could have while I was there. Instead, I spent most weekends in Taos, New Mexico with friends. With that said, I am greatly appreciative of Prescott College. Orientation was an unforgettable and educational experience. I had a wonderful roommate who I am still in touch with today and I had amazingly supportive professors. I have and will always be grateful for the independence, creativity,

## Green Mountain College Alumni

### GMC Class Notes/News

#### Meanwhile, back in Poultney...

Submitted by Carl Diethelm



A group of GMC alumni living in the area have formed a 501(c)3 non-profit: Reclaimed Inc. Located in the original REED Shop (the Brass Butterfly building), the makerspace will serve local youth, artisans, hobbyists and entrepreneurs that value hands-on work and learning. Reclaimed acquired the tools and materials from the Renewable Energy and Ecological Design (REED) program with generous support from the Vermont Community Foundation.

The organization aims to provide vocational skills training to anyone

and self-directed values Prescott College stands for. Today, I live in Denver with my two kids and a dog. In June of 2019, a couple friends and I started a podcast, *Less Alone: A Podcast About Connection*. We hope you'll take a listen, subscribe, and share. You can find it wherever you find your podcasts!"

### **Burns "Buzz" Nichols '17**

Buzz was recently featured in *the Pyramid* for his work helping students at Wabash Academy in Utah. You can read more [here](#).

### **Dan Nudel '13**

Dan was featured in Massachusetts's Brookline High School Newspaper *The Sagamore* for his work with the school's BRYT (Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition) Program. Read more [here](#).

### **Jim Pittman '97**

James is living in Sausalito, Calif., after several years living and working in jungles of the Upper Amazon Basin. His work is now focused on promoting a global hydrogen tech company positioned to rapidly replace coal and natural gas for grid power generation, industrial/district heat, and water desalination, and also consulting for multiple organizations working on regenerative agriculture, sustainability-based blockchain, as well as carbon and ecosystem service market innovations supporting natural solutions for climate restoration. If you would like more information, you can contact Jim at [jamesRpittman@gmail.com](mailto:jamesRpittman@gmail.com).

### **Anne Marie (Mayes) Ward (M.Ed.) '14**

Anne Marie is challenging incumbent Paul Gosar for Congress from Arizona District 4. Her campaign website is <https://www.annemarieforcongress.com/>.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Charter Faculty Pedro Aisa**

Another Prescott College legend passes us on the trail....

On Saturday, January 25, students, colleagues and other admirers gathered on campus to celebrate the life of Professor Pedro Aisa.

From all around the globe they came: Diane Papoulias



interested in woodworking and was founded in response to the announced closure of Green Mountain College. Through these programs, the group hopes that GMC's legacy of building sustainable skills with hands-on learning will live on.

From near or afar, you can help Reclaimed see the vision through. Support the GoFundMe campaign, or reach out with any ideas, questions and suggestions through Facebook or by E-mail: [info@reclaimedvermont.org](mailto:info@reclaimedvermont.org).

### **The Flying Squirrels**

Submitted by The Flying Squirrels  
Ultimate Frisbee Club



On October 26th the newly reconstituted Flying Squirrels attended their first Tournament together. Coming off of a great team sponsored Hat Tournament in Poultney this past July and a much more casual potluck and "Day of Pickup" earlier in October, Squirrels of many generations got their first opportunity to fly together. We had members stretching from the founding of the team (1999) to the final graduating class but we also had some new members looking for a fun and friendly bunch of fellow costumed discers to join up with on a beautiful sunny Vermont Saturday. The Vermont Law sponsored Homebrew Tournament offered some fun competition and in classic Squirrels style we played hard, scored well, and took most of our games to the bitter end but still came away with no wins

'79, Scott Hecker '79, former faculty Alan Weisman, former faculty and former president Bob Harrill, Ecee Coffin '70, Deb Henry '88, Jim Landis '69, Nancy Barnham Pena '69 Jan (PC) Pierson '86, Kathy Lauerman '72, Andrew Thompson and many others. Father David Denny, who attended the College with the intention of becoming a Buddhist but had a change in his cosmic strategy, helped officiate the service earlier in the day.

The locals were out in force as well: Dana Oswald '71, Noel Cox Caniglia '72, former faculty Carl Tomoff, Peg Millett '83, Ted and Cynthia Schleicher '72, Maggie Mcquaid '75 and her sweetheart Jeff King '70, Jan Marshall '89 and her sweetheart former faculty Joe McShane, Doug Hulmes '74, Becky Ruffner '70, former PC president Joel Hiller and so many more.

People spoke movingly of their experiences around the world with Angel, as Pedro is often known. Tears were shed by most. But not Ann-Lawrie. She stood in the center of the room, beaming, smiling, clasping proffered hands, offering reassurances, exclaiming in delight at the memories so vividly remembered by some so many dear friends, the result of a 65 year partnership that has enriched so many lives.

*Adiós a nuestro maestro, marcaste la diferencia. Vaya con dios.*

At Ann-Lawrie's request, a fund has been established in Pedro's name benefiting the Kino Bay Center for Cultural and Ecological Studies at the College.

### **Charles Morriss '11**

Charles passed on November 29, 2019. Described as a philosopher, writer, entrepreneur, comedian, brother, son, adventurer, professor, larger than life on-air personality, lover of women and epic renaissance man, you can find his obituary [here](#).

## **Faculty News**

### **Patrisse Cullors**

Prescott College faculty member and Black Lives Matter co-founder was featured in the Los Angeles Times regarding her efforts in leading a new online MFA program combining art, social justice and community organizing at Prescott College. Read more [here](#).

on the day. Perhaps we didn't soar as well as we could have, perhaps some old bones and creaky joints slowed us down, and maybe we just had too much fun in lieu of taking it seriously but there were some great lessons learned and relationships built on the day. We'll see what opportunities there are this winter but it seems to me that next spring the Flying Squirrels will be ready to emerge from their cozy winter nests to hit the field running, jumping, and hopefully catching.

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### Ernesto Todd Mireles, Ph.D.

Check out Chicano Studies faculty member Ernesto Mireles's new book *Insurgent Aztlán The Liberating Power of Cultural Resistance*. Read more [here](#).

## Happenings at The Natural History Institute

### Melanie Campbell-Carter



**Date:** Thursday, February 6

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** [126 N Marina St, Prescott, AZ](#)

In her talk titled *Passion, Devotion, Intimacy: Art and Natural History*, botanical artist Melanie Campbell-Carter will explore the strong connection between art and natural history. She will also share some of the stories behind the Southwest Society of Botanical Artists' Arizona Originals, on exhibit in our gallery from January 24 - April 10, 2020.

Please join Melanie, and other artists from the chapter, for an evening of fresh ideas about a cherished tradition belonging to both art and natural history. This event is free to the public and will also be available via livestream for those who can't attend.

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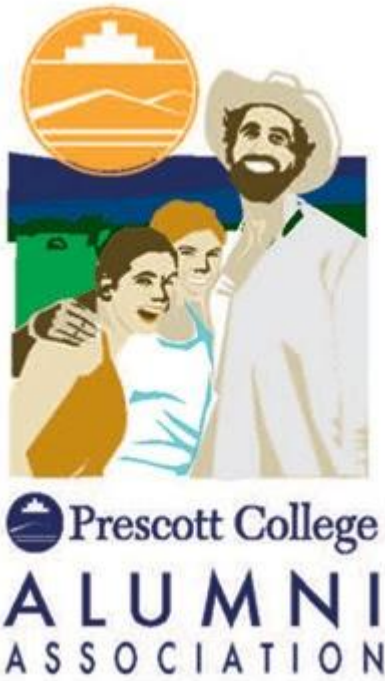


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