

Dear reader,

Happy fall. As we reflect on the excursions this summer from the San Juan River raft trip, the Sisters, OR, alumni event, and the Dopoi Center reunion, we realize that we *simply* must do more of these and continue connecting alumni to each other. We are so grateful for Julie Munro and those who hosted our events throughout the year.

Our two new deans were super active this summer, preparing the campus for student arrival in mid-August and revitalizing and re-engineering our programs and curriculum. No worries—adventure education and experiential learning are still strong. We look forward to sharing more news as we move into the fall. Stay tuned and join us for Zoom calls, on-campus events, and through our website.

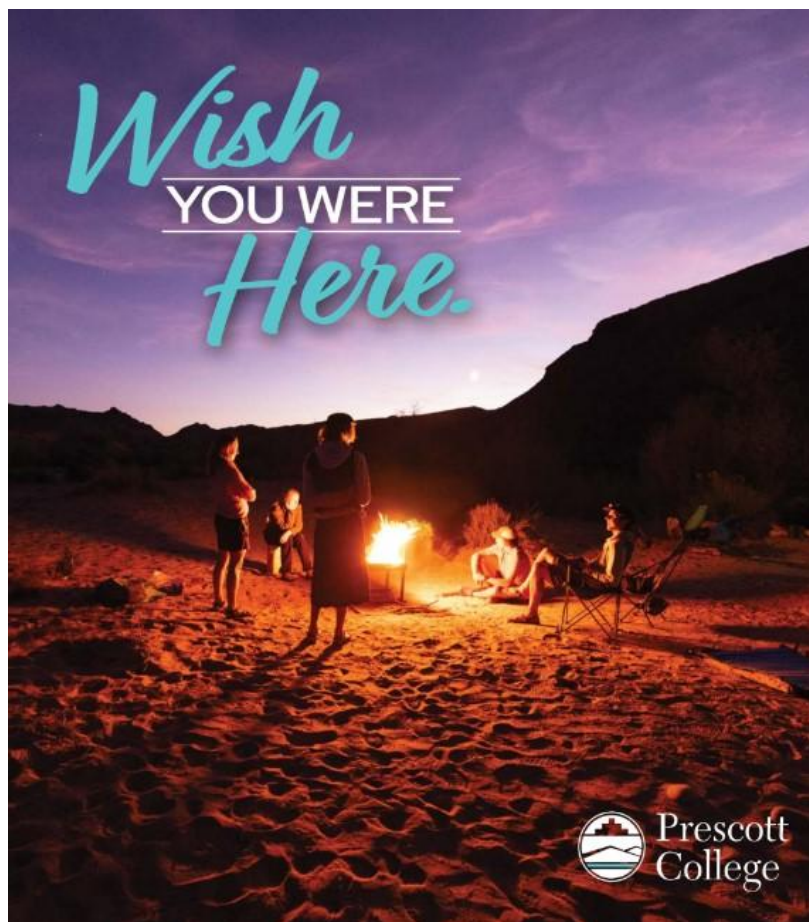
Alumni, parents, and friends continue to rally and support our campus revitalization, including two ribbon cuttings on Oct 3. You have stepped up to support programs with just over a million donations. I hope you know how much that means to us. Thank you.

Happy Trails,

Jane Ratzlaff and The Advancement and Alumni Relations Team



2024 Prescott College Viewbook



Click [here](#) or the image above to access the viewbook virtually.

Do you have a small school or co-op in your area where you would like to share our newest view book with high school students? Alumni are some of our most fantastic resources to share the incredible opportunity, impact, and experience that is Prescott College.

You can share this digitally with family members, your neighbors, and friends, or if you would like a few hard copies, please email development@prescott.edu

Julie Munro '85 and All the Places She Went —Thank you

Dear Beloved PC Alumni,

What a year. I am so grateful for my sabbatical opportunity to travel and visit with many of you. Seeing every one of you this past year was such a gift. Each time an alumni gathering was held or I traveled to visit individuals that I hadn't seen in years, and sometimes decades, my heart would just burst open with so much joy and appreciation for the community and tribe we call Prescott College. The goal of my sabbatical was to reconnect with alumni on behalf of the college to learn more about the great work you are doing in the world and your chosen communities.



After two alumni river trips and visits to 15 different cities/locations, I connected with over 200 alumni spanning the decades from the 60's up to the present. The wild stories and shared laughter were abundant. I enjoyed meeting your families and watching you reunite with each other. I loved making it possible for you to discover alums in your area that you weren't aware shared the same hometown—a special shout out to those who opened your homes and businesses to host a gathering. I appreciate your generosity so much. Another shout out to Brian Lilla, who captured a group of you on film and highlighted some of the accomplishments of our alum. If you haven't seen his short film, check out this San Juan River 2023 [Video here](#).

I have always been impressed by your leadership, entrepreneurship, and especially the friendship I would find around every bend. YOU, our alumni, are making a difference across the country. Your care for the planet and each other, as well as your drive to follow your passions, both inspire me and make me feel happy about the ways Prescott College influenced your life's path. Please keep in touch and keep an eye out on our Alumni FB page, emails and website for upcoming Alumni events, locally and in your region.

Blessings, Julie

Cycling at Prescott College

We are super excited to share a project in which we seek donations to launch a cycling club. This great activity will be a great way to attract additional students and embody the active spirit of our College.

Prescott College would be in the [Southwest Cycling Conference](#), allowing incoming students to participate in nationally sanctioned collegiate events through the [USA Cycling](#) organization.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 toward a coach, equipment, and uniforms to kick off this program. For more information, contact [Jane Ratzlaff](#).



Canoes Donations Needed and Appreciated

In a recent warehouse equipment intake, Kathy Young '85, Prescott College Field Equipment Warehouse Manager, asked us to share the school's need for some "new" canoes. Our current canoes are getting old and beaten up from past journeys, so they must be replaced this year.

We are preparing them for block one on their San Juan River Trip and would appreciate any canoe donations. Please email [Kathy Young](#) for further inquiries. Thank you.



Dopoi Alumni Reunion 2024: Celebration, Community, and Unity



Pictures were provided by those who attended the reunion. Thank you.

Prescott College's visit to Kenya's Dopoi Center this August was a transformative experience, showcasing the strength of community building and collaboration. A diverse group of 34 attendees, including alumni from the mid-70s to recent graduates, traveled from the US to engage deeply with the Maasailand community. Many brought their families and friends, enhancing intergenerational connections and enabling rich exchanges of knowledge and experiences.

The trip was filled with cultural exchange, including traditional Maasai dances, beading workshops, wildlife observation, and learning the Maa language. Celebrating 20 years of collaboration, the visit highlighted the partnership's successes, such as land returns to the Maasai and the training of Maasai paralegals by recent PhD graduate Perry Stern '24. Board members Jennie Marie Duran and Dean Pavel Cenkl joined in celebrating this milestone, underscoring the importance of community and shared vision. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this a meaningful experience.

Job Opportunities

Prescott College Job Opportunities

Consider joining our team as an alumni relations director or development officer. Email Susan.Krause@prescott.edu or Jane.ratzlaff@prescott.edu for more information.

Development Officer: Reporting to and working in close collaboration with the VP for Advancement/Alumni Relations (VP), the Development Officer will be responsible for the direction, management, execution, and evaluation of all of Prescott College's comprehensive development program, events, and activities, including our major gifts and foundation grants programs. Click [here](#) to apply and learn more.

Alumni Relations Director: This position is responsible for establishing and nurturing relationships with alumni across different regions, ensuring their engagement with the college through various activities and communications. This includes managing newsletters, social media, and the alumni website and organizing events like reunions and new graduate engagement initiatives. Click [here](#) to apply and learn more.

More Prescott College job opportunities are available; click [here](#) to learn more.

Maricopa County

Maricopa County has plenty of temporary and full-time positions for residents or those willing to relocate. Check out their career listings [here](#).

Harness Your Willpower with FreeWill



At Prescott College, we exercise our willpower to cultivate community, adventure, and advocacy daily—from our academics, which emphasize solving problems by getting into the field, to our programs, which immerse participants in real-world experiences. We want you to [harness your willpower to strengthen your legacy](#).

By creating your will and including a gift of any size to Prescott College in your plans, you build a powerful legacy that:

- Creates problem solvers who lead the way to a just and sustainable world
- Sustains our close-knit community of like-minded independent spirits
- Empowers students to find themselves—their people and sense of purpose

Our partner, **FreeWill**, has been utilized by more than one million people nationwide to craft their wills for free, including 50 members of our own Prescott College community. [By taking 20 minutes to join them](#), you can power our academic community—all while protecting your loved ones and planning for all your assets. You can learn more about how FreeWill is a trusted and accessible platform for creating your estate plan [here](#).

Make the most of your willpower, and together, we can create opportunities for students to effect positive change in education, the environment, and society for generations to come.

[Harness my willpower](#)

Class Notes

Prescott College Alumni, send us a Class Note or update your information [here](#).

The following people are featured in this month's Class Notes.

Courtney Osterfelt '11

Courtney was recently awarded the Foundation's Professional Leadership Award for her work at The Launch Pad, an inclusive nonprofit organization for teens in Yavapai County. Read more [here](#). (Photo from Signals AZ Staff)

Judd Schiffman '07

Judd recently had an art gallery, collaborating with fellow artists Athena Witscher and Eamon Brown. His gallery was also featured in an article by Michael Rose in Go Local Prov Lifestyle. Read it [here](#).



Suzanne Asha Stone '06

Suzanne founded the International Wildlife Coexistence Network. See what their efforts are and what they've been working on [here](#).

Jessie Emerson '04

Jessie recently published a new book titled, "Herbal First Aid." It combines information from her first book, "Medicine From the Kitchen," with plants easily found in herb stores, natural growers, co-ops, and even your backyard. You can order a copy [here](#).

Karen Murphy '08

Karen's historical heritage enactment piece, "A Tale of Two Cousins: A Wild West Parable," was in the Sharlot Hall Museum's final Summer Series fundraiser. Read about it [here](#).

Susan Fronckowiak '00

Susan is approaching her 50th trip around the sun. She has woven her love for the outdoors, community, and art into a local rite of passage, coaching business, and art business. If anyone is ever in the Portland, Oregon, area and wants to ski or connect, Susan would love to hear from you and connect. Contact Susan [here](#). Make sure to check out her Evergreen Holistic [Coaching](#) and [Art](#) business.

Tracy L. Teuscher '24

Tracy, the founder and President of The Buzz Maker, was recently selected as a Marquis Who's Who Listee, recognized for Excellence in Public Relations and Leadership. They wrote, "...Teuscher has established herself as a leader in the profession and the community. Named among Ohio's top public relations agencies, The Buzz Maker has served hundreds of brands and nonprofits with excellence." Read more [here](#).

Heather Houk '01 & '12

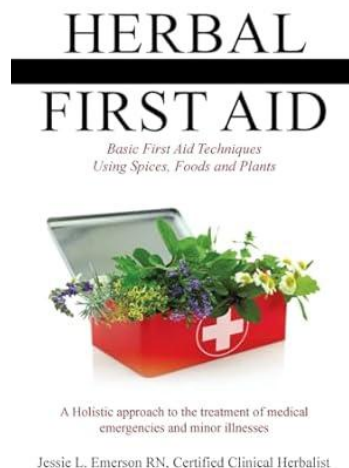
Heather was recently hired as the horticulture and agricultural production specialist for CSU Extension-La Plata County. Congratulations. Read more [here](#).

Cody Lundin '91

Cody was recognized in a Signals article, "5 Interesting, Famous People From Prescott, Arizona," for founding a survival skills school, writing two books on survival, and hosting Discovery Channel's reality television shows "Dual Survival" and "Lost in the Wild" while attending Prescott College. Read more [here](#).

Amanda August '21

Amanda was recently named Delaware Business Times 40 Honoree. Congratulations. Read more [here](#).



In Memorium

Kathleen Kuehn '85

Kathleen Kuehn passed Tuesday, February 6, at the age of 91. Read more [here](#).

Tom W. London II ('69)

Tom passed surrounded by his family on June 16, 2024, at his home in Eagle Bend, MN. Read more [here](#).

Susan Margaret Elliot '73

Susan passed on May 6, 2024, leaving a legacy of activism. Read more [here](#).

Kathleen (Mulvey) Reilley '73

Kathleen “Katie,” “Cathy” (Mulvey) Reilley, 74, passed away at her home in Bristol on Aug. 10, 2024, after a heroic fight with melanoma. Read more [here](#).

Mara-Gai Katz '75

Mara-gai Katz, 71, passed away on July 11, 2024, in Bozeman, Montana. Originally from Lexington, Massachusetts, Mara found her professional and spiritual home in Bozeman after a diverse career and life experiences across the country.

An accomplished artist, Mara was known for her work in jewelry, cardmaking, photography, and architecture. She was fiercely independent and pursued her creative passions with integrity and joy. Her architectural career flourished when she ran her firm, earning regional and national accolades. She also taught at Montana State University.



Mara's strong beliefs were evident in her work with [Preserve Montana](#) and a local town board dedicated to historic preservation, where she faced criticism but remained resolute. Her artistry extended to beautiful holiday cards and a love of vibrant colors, though she dressed almost exclusively in black.

Beyond art, Mara enjoyed music, horses, dogs, river rafting, sailing, and traveling. Her belief in personal freedom was central to her life, but she formed deep connections with places and people she loved. In her final year, inspired by Dylan Thomas's poem, Mara continued to fight for her vision of life until her peaceful passing. Read more [here](#).

Remembering Cathy Sposito

Join some PC Alumni for a buffet lunch on September 28 at 11 am at Willow Lake, the Hilltop Ramada.



Faculty & Staff News

(includes full-time faculty and staff members, former members, adjunct faculty members, and instructor news)

Prescott College Faculty Members in recent Care More Do Better podcasts

Dr. Em Affolter, program director and faculty member in the PhD in Sustainability Education degree program, recently appeared on the Care More Be Better: Social Impact —Sustainability —Regeneration podcast. In her episode, *Rehumanizing Higher Education With Emily Alicia Affolter, PhD*, she shares how to dismantle the destructive supremacy culture that leads to discrimination and instead incorporate a pedagogy of love into school curriculums to shape knowledgeable, responsible, and well-rounded individuals. Her ultimate goal is to promote equity in leadership roles and bring back the human aspect of higher education. Listen to the episode [here](#).

Dr. Laird Christensen, the founding Director of Online Graduate Programs in Environmental Studies and Resilient and Sustainable Communities, recently appeared on the Care More Be Better: Overcoming Climate Anxiety Through Collaboration podcast. In his episode, *Laird Christensen, PhD* emphasizes the utmost need for collective action to create massive waves of change nationally and globally. He explains how to focus more on collaborative work among local communities and environmental activists and less on antagonistic conversations that only sow anger and dissent. Laird also stresses the importance of patience and the genuine desire to listen when amplifying personal impact dedicated to sustainability and regeneration. Give it a listen [here](#).

Dr. Scott Ramsey inspires us to create a sustainable and just future through education. He explains how Blue Mind science is incorporated into their doctoral program in Sustainability Education. He talks about his foundation of the Alaska Outdoor Science School, which offers programs centered on social and environmental justice. Corinna Bellizzi, the Care More Do Better host, joined him in his course this past August. Tune into the episode [here](#).

Prescott College Faculty Member Dr. Em Affolter, in a recent Intentional Teaching podcast

Dr. Emily Affolter, program director and faculty member in the Prescott College PhD in Sustainability Education degree



program, recently joined Derek Bruff in Intentional Teaching's podcast, "Culturally Responsive Teaching with Emily Affolter." In the podcast, they discussed what culturally responsive teaching looks like, how to build trust with one's students, the unique position an instructor has in fostering equity, how to work toward equity even in extensive lecture courses, and what it means to decolonize marine biology. Listen in [here](#).

Prescott College Centers

(the following links are stories, social media posts, or webpages that relate to the happenings at each center)



Click either center above to view their content.

Alumni and Prescott College Events

Past Events:

Alumni Gathering in Sisters, OR: Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Alumni Gathering with Julie and Jane in Sisters, OR. Thank you to Danny '08 and Kelly St Lawrence '11 for hosting our gathering at their taphouse and restaurant, The Barn in Sisters.



2024 Counseling Colloquium: The school year started with the Counseling Colloquium, where over 260 MS in Counseling students flocked to Prescott College's campus to learn more about their program and possible areas of study. Thank you to everyone who attended and made this colloquium a packed one and another for the books.



Upcoming Events:

October 3: Join us on **October 3 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Prescott College** for a Ribbon Cutting for the Betsy Bolding Center, Healing Gardens, to meet our new deans, learn more about the Butte Creek Restoration Project, and see what else is new in our Prescott College community. RSVP [here](#), or contact Jane Ratzlaff.

A collage of images related to the October 3rd event. It includes a photograph of the Betsy Bolding Center building, a map of the Butte Creek Restoration Project, a circular inset photo of the new deans, and a photograph of the Healing Garden. The collage is set against a green background with white text.

You're Invited!
You are invited to a special celebration on campus.
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Betsy Bolding Center

Butte Creek Restoration Project

NEW Deans

Healing Garden

November 13-17: Friends and Family Trip to **Kino Bay**. For more information, contact [Ana Martinez](#).

Others have mentioned wanting to have events in their hometowns, and we would love to help you promote those activities to alumni in your area and through our website. Please reach out to [Jane Ratzlaff](#) to start the process.

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