



Dear reader,

As we approach the holiday season, I am reminded of how grateful we are for you. From student to graduate, community member, and nurturing future alumni through recruiting, mentoring, employment, and philanthropy, you are making a difference. Thank you.

In a meeting with an alumnus, he shared that much of his project buildout was done by PC graduates. Another shared how PC folks have pulled together in the South East after the traumatic storms. Just hearing that made me do a big wow. We all impact those around us in different ways, but one thing I know is that PC people are resilient and caring contributors to wherever they are.

Today's world needs more PC alumni. We are appreciative of your referrals for students as well as supporting them on their journey to impact.

Our new Alumni Relations and Annual Fund Director, Aaron Wilson, shared this quote from Jacques-Yves Cousteau, "When one man, for whatever reason, has the chance to lead an extraordinary life, he has no right to keep it to himself." Stay tuned for more from him, and see his brief introduction below.

Happy Trails,
Jane Ratzlaff and the Advancement Team



Prescott College Announces Curriculum Regeneration to Enhance Experiential Learning Opportunities



Prescott College has over a half-century of leadership in developing and refining experiential place-based and online educational models that have kept the college at the forefront of institutions seeking to address urgent issues currently facing human societies. Collaborative learning, transdisciplinary studies, and experiential and field-based learning are hallmarks of the Prescott educational experience. Prescott College proudly announces a transformative curriculum launch emphasizing its long-standing commitment to place-based, collaborative, and regenerative learning.

Prescott College is introducing new opportunities for the 2025/26 academic year that reflect the growing demand for innovative, practice-led transformative education and outcomes-focused skills development. These align with the College's mission to create a healthy, just, and sustainable world through transdisciplinary, hands-on education.

Read more about about the [curriculum regeneration here](#).

Cycling at Prescott College

We are still accepting donations to launch our new and exciting cycling club at Prescott College. This activity will attract additional students and embody the active spirit of our College.

We'd also love to take this opportunity to give a warm welcome to Coach Phil Reimer, who was recently hired at Prescott College as our Head Cycling Coach. Welcome to Prescott College, Coach Phil.



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 hope to attain at least **8 to 10 canoes**, about \$1,500 each.

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.

Continue Your Legacy with FreeWill



There are many ways to give to Prescott College, from IRAs and DAFs to stock and cryptocurrency. What do they all have in common? They help your gift go further by strengthening and cultivating community, adventure, and advocacy daily and helping you save on your taxes.

Take your generosity to the next level and give before end-of-year:

[Continue your legacy here](#)

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.

Libby James '08

Libby James publishes a 4000+ reader newsletter, helping writers strengthen their writing and creative practice, navigate the publishing world, and turn their art into an act of rebellion. Visit her [website here](#). She always wants to collaborate with other PC graduates who are thriving in the creative world.

Rachel Yoder ('01)

Rachel's novel *Nighbitch* has been adapted for the screen and will be in theaters on December 6. Congratulations, Rachel, on this exciting journey. Read more [here](#).

Devin Davis '20

Devin Davis is a congressional candidate in Louisiana and recently signed onto the full Protect Louisiana's Environment and Defend the Green Economy (PLEDGE) campaign. Read more about his candidacy and the



PLEDGE Campaign [here](#). (Image from Kalie Dutra for the Descendants Project; Devin is to the far right)

[In Memorium](#)

Robin Nicholas '74

Robin Nicholas, beloved friend, brother, and uncle of Santa Fe, New Mexico, passed suddenly on August 15, 2024. Read more [here](#).

Faculty & Staff News

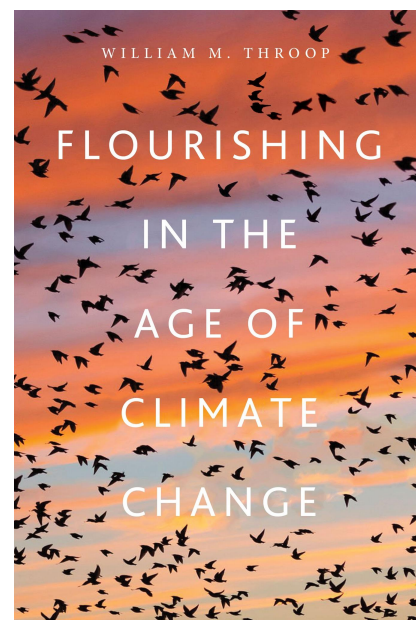
(includes full-time faculty and staff members, former members, adjunct faculty members, and instructor news)

Prescott College Faculty Member Joel Barnes Recognized by Daily Courier

Joel Barnes was featured in a recent publication of the Daily Courier as a part of their ongoing series - Unsung Heroes and Influencers in the community. Congratulations on this recognition, Joel. Read the article [here](#).

Recent Publication of a book by William Throop

We're pleased to announce the publication of a new book by our colleague, Dr. William Throop, *Flourishing in the Age of Climate Change*, just released by Cornell University Press. Bill's close relationship with Prescott College stretches back decades, whether helping found the EcoLeague in 2003, providing leadership as the Chair of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), or even presenting a preview of this book at the 2019 Prescott College Graduate Colloquium. Bill also oversaw the creation of several of our current graduate programs, and as a Visiting Professor he taught an influential graduate course in Sustainability and Resilience until retiring last year. Even now, he continues to serve on the Advisory Council of the Green Mountain Center for Sustainability at Prescott College. This is a book uniquely suited to our current times, offering readers the sense of hope and empowerment that we try to impart to our students. Purchase a [copy here](#).



Prescott College Kino Bay Faculty Member Shares Center's Findings

Prescott College Faculty member Héctor Pérez-Puig and Dr. Alejandro Arias Del Razo from Universidad de las Américas Puebla shared their recent findings related to the issue of sperm whales disappearing from the Gulf of California. Read more about what they found [here](#).

Prescott College Faculty Member Stacey L. Carrillo, PhD, NCC Interviewed

Counseling Degrees & Licenses in Arizona recently interviewed Stacey as a part of their "Ask An Expert" collum. Read the interview [here](#).

Meet New Advancement and Alumni Office Staff Aaron Wilson '12



A message from Aaron Wilson:

"The road that brought me to Prescott College was anything but a straight path. I had always been a bit of a free spirit and a wanderer, but if I'm honest, it had been in opposition to a standard issue life. It wasn't until I discovered Prescott College and the eclectic community it housed, that I felt like I had "arrived". Not where I had intended to go, but where I needed to be. While here, I found my sense of direction through its experiential outdoor curriculum; I gained the ability to see with depth as I learned to ask critical questions in its cultural and regional studies courses.

Most importantly, I learned to appreciate the journey and be present through the experience. My time at Prescott College has provided value beyond measure, and with my new role in Alumni Relations, I'm looking forward to connecting with other Prescotteers to see how their time here has nurtured them. Maybe most importantly, I'm excited to be able to share these experiences with the current PC Community and see how these stories will inspire the next round of graduates."

We're so excited to have you on the team, Aaron.

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:

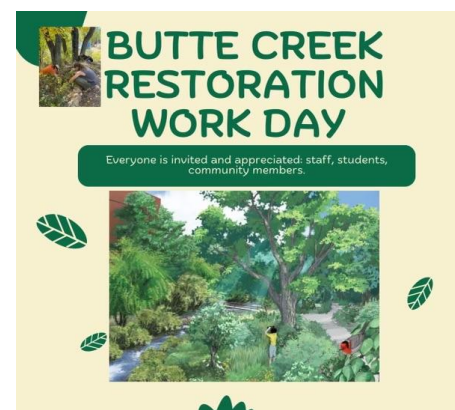
Prescott College Alums Gather in Chiricahuas: Thank you to everyone who attended the Chiricahuas gathering, and thank you, Wren Kothrade, for opening your homestead to alums. We hope you all had a great time and that we see you again soon.



From left to right: Sturgis Robinson '75, Beth Goforth ('73), Steve Huemmer '73, Angela Graner '72, Richard Ach '73, Tom Robinson '73, David Meeks '73, Wren Kothrade '74, Judy Clapp '74, Michael Zimmer '78, Ed Miller ('74)

Upcoming Events:

November 9: Join us on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Butte Creek Restoration Work Day. Help us remove invasive elms and assist with the creek's restoration efforts. Meet us at the **Wren building on the Prescott College campus, 234 Garden St.**



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

July 17, 2025: Stay tuned for a gathering in **West Burke, Vermont**, on Thursday, July 17.

October 2026: **Prescott College** 60th Anniversary Reunion. Stay tuned for info coming soon.

Others have mentioned wanting to have events in their hometowns, and we would love to help you promote those activities, especially for this upcoming spring and summer, to alumni in your area and through our website. Please reach out to Jane Ratzlaff to start the process.

Prescott College Advancement and Alumni Office

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