



COCHISE COLLEGE

2022-23

YEAR IN REVIEW



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



IT'S BEEN 59 YEARS SINCE COCHISE COLLEGE FIRST OPENED AND WELCOMED STUDENTS.

From a humble beginning of 441 students to serving a diverse population of over 9,000 today, I wonder if the college's founders knew how life-changing the college would become for students and what transformational impact it would have on our communities. Cochise County is a different place because of Cochise College! Like that first day in 1964, Cochise College is driven by its mission, vision and values.

Over the years, the college has been recognized nationally for its cost, return on investment and high success. This 2022-2023 Year in Review features the college named Best Community College in Arizona and ranked as a Top Nursing School. Additionally, we are proudly designated as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity. These recognitions highlight the college leading the way in preparing students for the ever-evolving new economy.

As you will read in the following pages, we had students completing inaugural programs this year. From the communications officer (dispatcher) training program to the behavioral health certificate program, many students found employment after only one year of specialized training. Furthermore, we have taken significant strides in addressing the immediate and long-term workforce needs by introducing 42 short-term certificate programs. These programs are designed for individuals to either reskill or upskill in their career fields,

ranging from tax preparation, medical billing and coding, to residential construction fundamentals and a commercial driver's license certification.

Among these work-ready certificate programs, 28 can be completed within a year or less, allowing individuals to enter the workforce quickly with the skills and expertise demanded by today's job market.

We expanded the First Responders Academy by constructing a 4.8-acre driving track, and there are more exciting initiatives to come. Our commitment to community extends beyond the classroom. Through our Cochise Cares program, the college contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours, further strengthening our bonds with the communities we serve.

Annually, our Year in Review publication celebrates the many remarkable achievements at Cochise College, all made possible by the dedication and innovation of our Governing Board, faculty, staff, and students. I am also grateful for all the support from our community and partners. As we look ahead to the academic year, we embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie before us.

Our mission, vision and values keep us moving forward as we enhance the quality of life by creating futures for a better tomorrow.

J.D. Rottweiler, Ph.D., College President

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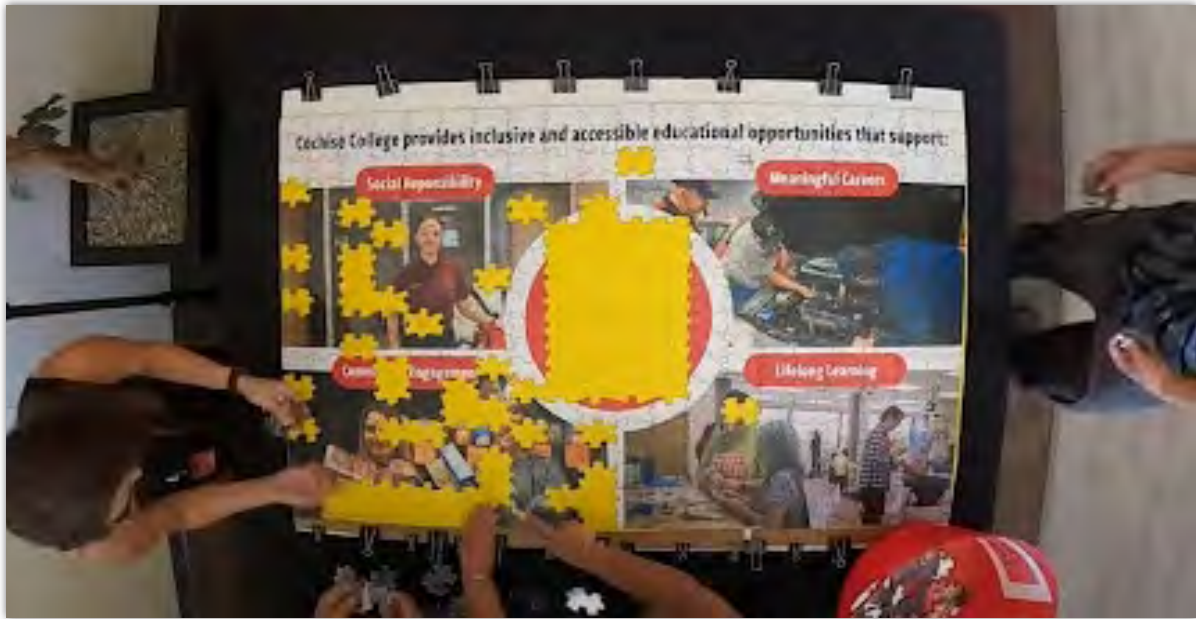
YOU COMPLETE THE MISSION!



Cochise College kicked off the 2022-2023 academic year at its annual staff and faculty convocation on August 15 on the Douglas Campus.

The theme was “You Complete the Mission!” Employees selected puzzle pieces from buckets representing Social Responsibility, Meaningful Careers, Community Engagement or Lifelong Learning.

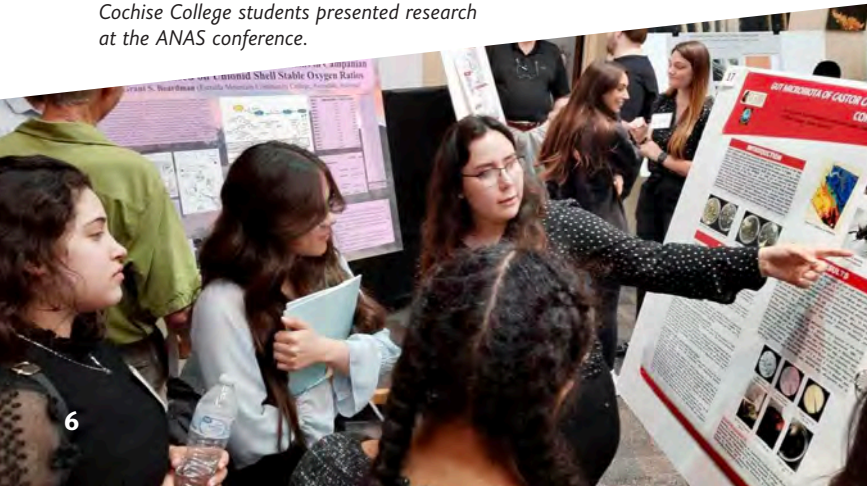
While the college is made up of many individuals, we all fit together to accomplish our mission.



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

- Phi Theta Kappa – Alpha Mu Zeta (Sierra Vista Chapter) Spring 2023 Distinguished Chapter Member was awarded to Nikko Ochoa.
- Jeremy Joubert, Lucas Milloy, Jose Valenzuela, and Tobin Vangorder were named to the All-Arizona Academic Team and received tuition waivers to complete their bachelor's degrees at an Arizona public university.
- Cochise College alumna, Staff Sergeant Abby M. Davis, was awarded the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Champion Award and recognized at the Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
- Cesar Zazueta was recognized by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge's Student Voting Honor Roll for his nonpartisan democratic engagement work with Cochise College.
- Instructor Kari Durham took six students to present research concerning the gut microbiota of beavers in the San Pedro at the ANAS (Arizona Nevada Academy of Sciences) Conference.
- Four students attended the HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities) Capitol Forum in Washington, DC.

Cochise College students presented research at the ANAS conference.



ATHLETICS

Women's Soccer

- New Soccer Head Coach Ricky Escalera started first season
- 2022-2023 NJCAA All-Academic teams
 - Megan Castricum, Soccer, First Team
 - Ivana Siles, Soccer, Third Team

Men's Baseball

- The First Pitch ceremony was held for the first baseball game on the new turf at Bo Hall Field
- Baseball advanced to NJCAA Region I championship game
- 2022-2023 NJCAA All-Academic teams
 - Mathis Meurant, Baseball, First Team
 - Zak Elvy, Baseball, Second Team
 - Evan Shaw, Baseball, Second Team
 - Kieran Gaffney, Baseball, Third Team
 - Eduarny Martinez, Baseball, Third Team

Men's Basketball

- Advanced to NJCAA Region I semi-finals
- ACCAC Conference Champions - 5th consecutive title
- Oscar Cluff was selected as a Second Team NJCAA All-American after finishing with the top Field Goal Pct. in the nation (74.8)
- 2022-2023 NJCAA All-Academic teams: Tracy Godfrey, Basketball, Third Team

Women's Basketball

- Advanced to the NJCAA Region I semi-finals and the 2023 NJCAA Women's Basketball National Tournament
- Maeva de laFortuna Ngnawo was selected as an NJCAA Women's Basketball Second-Team All-American after finishing in the top five in the nation in offensive rebounds (165)
- 2022-2023 NJCAA All-Academic teams
 - Maeva de laFortuna Ngnawo, Basketball, First Team
 - Clara Gonzalez, Basketball, First Team
 - Monique Taylor, Basketball, Second Team
 - Andjela Bigovic, Basketball Third Team
 - Alayna Contreras, Basketball Third Team
 - Ali Hardwell, Basketball, Third Team
 - Jessenia Lawson, Basketball, Third Team

Rodeo

- Laynee Gregerson qualifies for the 2023 College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, WY by finishing the season third overall in the NIRA (National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association) Grand Canyon Region in Goat Tying





COMMUNITY



IS OUR MIDDLE NAME

2023 COCHISE CARES VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Cochise Cares connects community groups with college staff, faculty, students, alumni and friends who want to give back.

- 1026 service hours recorded in Cochise Cares for 2022-23
- Student Volunteer of the Year Sierra Vista: **Isabella Jamka**
- Student Volunteer of the Year Douglas: **Ivanetza Molina**
- Faculty/Staff Volunteer of the Year: **Arian Lee**



2023 PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Silver - Dr. Jenn Wantz and Arian Lee



HOLIDAY INITIATIVES

Cochise College staff and students donated items and time with these community partners.

- Cochise Cupboard Thanksmas Tree
 - 685 food items donated
- Salvation Army Angel Tree
 - 40 angels sponsored
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
 - 27 volunteers from Cochise College rang the bell
 - 30 hours
 - 3 days
- Trio Club led several donation drives benefiting four different organizations.



Connections for Success
Photo Voice exhibits at Sierra Vista
and Douglas Campuses.



The Cochise College
Library donated 30 books to
Omega Alpha school in Douglas.

The ART 292 Advanced Topics class
and instructor JenMarie Zeleznak
painted a mural in the Sierra Vista Police
Department's auditorium.



19 Students from CAS - Douglas
were recognized as Standout Seniors.



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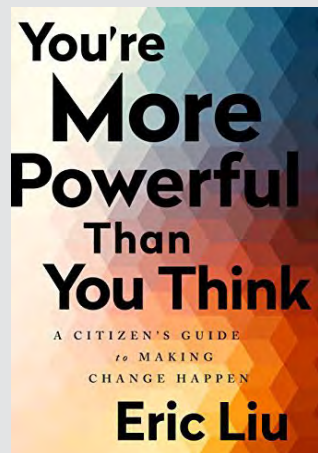


Cochise College staff visited Cananea and renewed the articulation agreement with Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Cananea (ITSC).



PTK Douglas and Club TRiO partnered to help out at the Community Clean Up Day event in Douglas.

Civic Engagement Committee hosts a book discussion *You're More Powerful Than You Think* by Eric Liu.



Student athletes read to Liberty K-8 Charter School and then the children attended the women's basketball game.

Cochise College received numerous awards and designations for its academic programs and campus involvement.



2022 Best Associate in General Studies
by *Intelligent.com*



2022 Best Nursing Programs in the Southwest
by *NursingProcess.org*



2023 Top 10 Best Nursing Schools in Arizona
by *Nurse.org*



2022 Highly Established Action Plan
to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement
by the *ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge*



2022 Most Engaged Campus
by the *ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge*

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Cochise College is a public, two-year institution that serves the residents of Cochise County at two campuses and four centers in Southeast Arizona. Cochise provides more than 90 general and technical education programs leading to a variety of workforce certificates and associate degrees and offers an affordable and accessible pathway and seamless transfer to Arizona universities and other universities across the country. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a federally-designated Hispanic Serving Institution.

- Cochise College celebrated its first graduating cohorts for the Commercial Driver's License, Behavioral Health Certificate and the Public Safety Telecommunications Academy.
- In partnership with the City of Douglas and Cox Communications, Cochise College received the 2022 Arizona Broadband Development Grant from the Arizona Commerce Authority. This awarded \$8,279,793 million to bring high-speed fiber internet services to the community and Cochise College Douglas Campus.

Left: The first cohort of the Public Safety Telecommunications certification program graduated in May. Right: Cochise College plays some home soccer games at Cyr Center Park, thanks to a partnership with the City of Sierra Vista.





Above, left: Food pantry receives \$30K grant from the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.
 Right: Cochise College students visit the state Capitol to advocate for community colleges.

- Cochise College's Cybersecurity – Associate of Applied Science program was validated by the National Security Agency as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity in September 2022; the distinction is valid through academic year 2027.
- Cochise College joined other community colleges from the 10 districts across the state to celebrate Community College Day at the Capitol building in Phoenix. The college showcased nursing, allied health programs and the First Responders Academy. Students visited the House of Representatives and met local representatives.
- In April, retired Cochise College faculty member Roger Weller shared stories and photographs of minerals, rocks, crystals and fossils at an event celebrating the launch of a new website featuring his work. The geology.cochise.edu website is an image repository of more than 5,000 minerals, rocks and fossils found and photographed from sites worldwide. It has been organized into four categories and can be used as a geological resource for educational and personal interests.
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
 - Alpha Beta Zeta (Douglas Chapter) Spring 2023 Awards: Honors in Action Theme 1: Essence of Play: Winner
 - Alpha Mu Zeta (Sierra Vista Chapter) Spring 2023 Awards: REACH Award (At least 15% of eligible students accept membership), College Project: Honorable Mention, Honors in Action Project: Honorable Mention, Distinguished Chapter: Honorable Mention

TIMELINE

AUGUST

- High school dual credit tuition reduced to \$20 per credit hour
- Brenda Axline Memorial Scholarship 35th anniversary commemoration
- First cohort of Commercial Driver's License students begins
- SBDC named Arizona Small Business Development Center of Excellence

OCTOBER

- Pit Fire Pottery Festival is held on Douglas Campus
- Dia de los Muertos talk



DECEMBER

- CNA/LPN recognitions and the first Behavioral Health Science Certificate graduation ceremony are held
- The Cochise College Jazz Band and Orchestra, Douglas Choir and Nuevo Mundo host holiday concerts
- College hosts Student Leadership Development Conference

JULY

- The City of Douglas, Cochise College and Cox receive state grant for broadband expansion
- Downtown Center Open House is hosted
- 2022 CyberPatriot season kicks off at Cochise College



SEPTEMBER

- Cochise College begins partnership with UA Global
- Nine students graduate from paramedic training program
- The college celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
- Student Club Fair is held
- Connections for Success Photo Voice exhibits are displayed on the Sierra Vista and Douglas Campuses
- Cochise College Rodeo is held at Cochise County Fair

NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month concerts are held at both campuses
- Both campuses coordinate voter education projects
- The college participates in National First-Generation College Celebration Day
- Adult Education poem exhibit is on display on the Douglas Campus
- Chiricahua Hall and the solar array are demolished on the Douglas Campus



JANUARY

- College and City of Sierra Vista break ground on the First Responders Academy Driving Track
- Welcome-back breakfasts held on both campuses
- Youth Arts Festival is held on the Sierra Vista Campus
- The college hosts the Black History Mobile Museum on the Sierra Vista Campus

MARCH

- Computer Challenge held on Sierra Vista Campus
- Student Services hosts a Grad Bash on both campuses
- Cochise College Rodeo is held at Fort Huachuca
- Wellness Committee hosts Health Fair on Sierra Vista and Douglas Campuses
- Workforce Development hosts Skilled Trades Day
- Undergraduate Research students conduct research at Kino Bay, Mexico
- Cochise College Foundation hosts Pathway to \$150K



MAY

- 58th Commencement is held on the Douglas Campus
- First medical billing students graduate
- Adult Education graduates its largest class of high school equivalency students
- College hosts annual President's Leadership Academy



FEBRUARY

- Communication officer training recognition is held for first cohort of students
- Frames of Reference Photography Exhibit is displayed on the Douglas Campus
- Testing Center recertification
- All-Arizona Scholars Luncheon and Recognition

APRIL

- College hosts President's Student Leadership Academy
- College hosts alumni social in Douglas, Arizona
- Red & White Awards Ceremony held on both campuses
- PTK induction ceremony is held
- Cochise College Expo is held on the Sierra Vista Campus
- College launches new geology website



JUNE

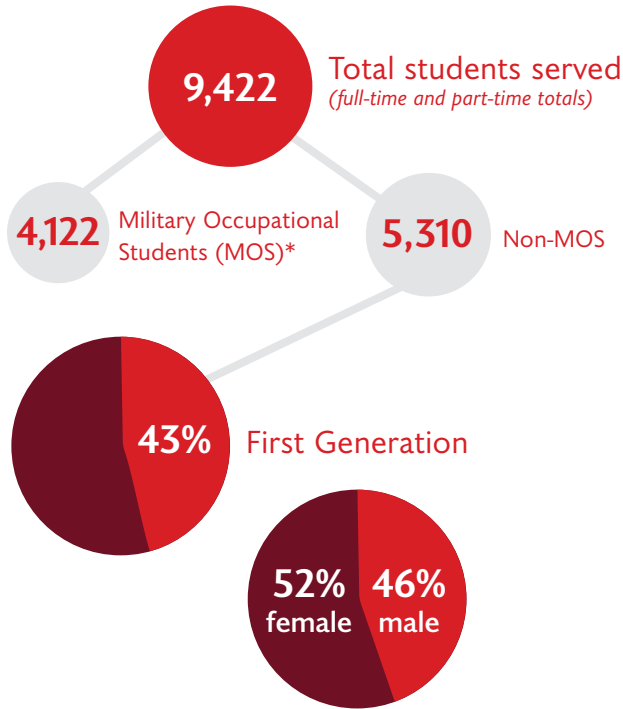
- Scholarship Universe launches
- GenCyber Camp held at the Downtown Center
- Early College Summer Campus return
- SBDC hosts Moonshot Pioneer Pitch
- Douglas TRiO hosts enrichment retreat



BY THE NUMBERS



QUICK FACTS & DEMOGRAPHICS

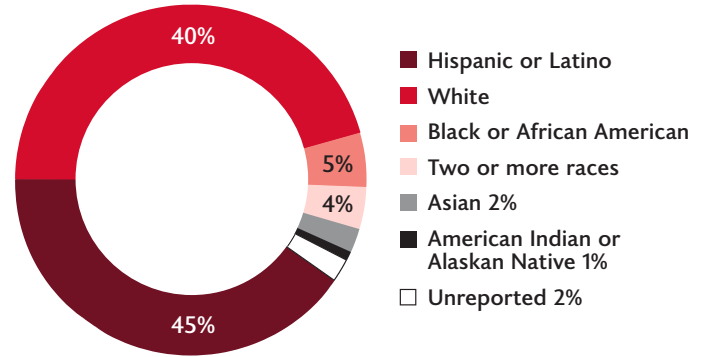


**Data reported does not include MOS student population except for Total Students Served and otherwise notated.*

Data sources: For demographics, race & ethnicity: 2022-23 IPEDS 12-Month Enrollment Survey, 2022-23 IPEDS Completions Survey, Financial Aid Office, Outreach Division.

For economic impact: Lightcast 'The Economic Value of Cochise College' Report, 2023. Preliminary data used for students served.

RACE/ETHNICITY



ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COUNTY

\$185.5 million



Total economic impact

2,544



Jobs supported

Average Age

26

Median Age

22

Class Size



12.4

Faculty-Student Ratio



1:15

Degrees & Certifications Awarded

includes MOS students

1,459

DEGREES AWARDED

528

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

BY THE NUMBERS

Center for Lifelong Learning

239

COURSES & LECTURES

2,818

COMMUNITY
MEMBERS
SERVED

Small Business Development Center

261.5

NEW JOBS

\$9,668,624

NEW CAPITAL

79

NEW BUSINESSES

81

JOBS SAVED

\$8,634,845

SALES
INCREASES

402

CLIENTS SERVED

30

EVENTS

610

ATTENDANCE

Cochise College Foundation Scholarships Awarded – 2022-23 Aid Year

765

STUDENTS
AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$647,924

TOTAL FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$857,340

TOTAL INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

Events at Cochise College

33

EVENTS
free and open to the public

60

BUSINESSES THAT
USED OUR SPACE

Cochise College has a great relationship with all of our county high schools and homeschool groups. We partner with them to provide tours, programming and workshops.

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

THROUGH STUDENT SUCCESS



- Student Services hosted a Grad Bash to prepare soon-to-be graduates for commencement. It also held an event to assist students with registration, and it partnered with TRiO to host transfer fairs for students planning to transfer to universities.
- President Rottweiler spoke at Student Leadership Academy, which engages scholars to develop their leadership skills.
- Career Services and AZ@Work hosted a job fair on the Sierra Vista Campus.
- The Tutoring & Learning Center held two meet-and-greets and seven workshops on MLA 9, APA and file management. Writing Lab tutors completed customer service training.





Left: The library began providing bilingual resources with physical and digital titles.
Right: President's Student Leadership Academy



- The library began providing bilingual resources with physical and digital multilingual titles for student use.
- The C.A.R.E.S. (compassion, advocacy, resources, education and support) Team formed to establish a comprehensive approach to student wellness. Team members are employees who attended specialized training on violence risk assessment and non-clinical assessment of suicide, and who meet when students are in crisis.
- Through a partnership with Community Health Associates, mental health counseling was available to students across the district.
- Wellness initiatives increased to include a Spring Wellness Fair with over 30 wellness partners on the Sierra Vista and Douglas campuses, wellness-related workshops, and wellness-themed information provided throughout the year in partnership with community organizations. The wellness committee also implemented a feminine hygiene project to provide supplies in all campus restrooms.





CELEBRATING OUR STAFF



- Retired faculty Star Jermyn, nursing, and Dr. Lori Keyne, music, were honored with faculty emeritus status for exemplary past service and continued connection to the college.
- The 2023 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awardees were Bryan Homrighausen, Connections for Success instructor, and Jessamyn Snyder, Spanish instructor.
- Janet Cramer, Harim Manzanares and Teresa Perez received the Achieved Excellence (AE) Award.
- Mark Domenic, English; Tasneem Ashraf, biology; Paul Culberson, welding; Imran Shafi, art and humanities; and Veronica Cantwell, English as a Second Language, were recognized with the Superior Teaching Award Recipient (STAR), for associate faculty.
- “Writing Placement in Two-Year Colleges: The Pursuit of Equity in Postsecondary Education” published a chapter by college faculty Ella Melito, Cat Matthesen and Denisse Canez, who developed self-directed placement for English and reading classes.
- Dr. Wendy Ashby, instructional designer in the Faculty Support Center, was selected by the U.S. Department of State Bangladesh for a one-week English Language Specialist project focusing on Sustainable Approaches to English Language Education in a Changing World for the Bangladesh English Language Teacher Association (BELTA).
- Dr. Steve Merkley published articles and photographs in southern Arizona media about projects at the San Pedro River.
- Cochise KUDOS is an employee recognition program established to promote a better, kinder, and more productive Cochise College workplace.
Cochise KUDOS Annual winners
2022 Q3 - Arturo Chacon and Yvette House
2022 Q4 - Theresa Biron, Stephanie Carr and Seyon Washington
2023 Q1 - Abraham Villarreal and Mary King Power
2023 Q2 - Angelita Bustamante, Nickola Dannels and Tinesha Smith
- Spanish faculty Stacie Munger led the development of four courses that incorporate online materials, saving students hundreds of dollars in textbook money.
- Men’s Basketball Coach Jerry Carrillo was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame and was named NJCAA Coach of the Year.
- Mark Schmitt, director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), received the Arizona District Recognition Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- James Perey, Ed.D., Executive Vice President for Academics, was one of 35 leaders selected for the 2023-2024 class of the Rising Presidents Fellowship. This prestigious Aspen Institute College Excellence Program develops the next generation of community college leaders.
- Phi Theta Kappa – Alpha Mu Zeta (Sierra Vista Chapter) Spring 2023 Awardees:
Tetima Parnprome: Honorable Mention - Paragon Advisor
Megan Cleary Moungey: Honorable Mention - Paragon Advisor
Dr. Jenn Wantz: Honorable Mention - Distinguished Advisor
Bryan Homrighausen: Winner - Distinguished Advisor

A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

Cochise College remains committed to investing in the community to offer students new and upcoming programs with access close to home.

Currently under development:

- Expansion of First Responders Academy to include additional virtual/mixed-reality simulators and an indoor firearms training facility
- Creation of opportunities and access to mobile trades programs in remote areas
- Creation of an electric vehicle curriculum
- Improvement of opportunities that inspire youth and high school students to pursue their passions



A LEGACY



IS SOMETHING YOU PASS ON.

IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE WE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL from a local CPA indicating one of his clients had passed away and, according to the trust, he needed to distribute assets to the Cochise College Foundation. The donor - Frank E Peterson - was a long-time law enforcement officer and someone who had never notified the college about his plans. Because of that, we were unable to thank him for his support or to help ensure his wishes could come to fruition.

Fortunately, the trust language was both specific and vague enough for us to carry out Mr. Peterson's charitable goal for scholarships to be awarded to those preparing for careers in law enforcement. But it's not always that way. Due to shifting workforce, student and college needs, it's not out of the question for circumstances to change over time.

In this case, Mr. Peterson's bequest turned out to be extremely pertinent to local workforce needs. Since 2018, the Southeast Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy has grown substantially, and more than \$110,000 in support has been provided to administration of justice majors and SEALETA cadets from the Frank E Peterson Memorial Scholarship endowment.

Mr. Peterson left a legacy that enables citizens to access higher education. We ask you to consider doing something

similar. The Cochise College Foundation seeks to help guide you and thank you as you plan your bequest, no matter the amount. Gifts do not have to be large to make an impact, but they do need to be targeted in such a way that they can be useful.

Peterson scholarship recipient Marcia Moreno is extremely grateful that the scholarship she received matches her goals. She dreams of becoming a federal agent, which will require schooling beyond Cochise College. However, she was unable to qualify for financial aid to attend Cochise and faced the possibility of going into debt to pay for tuition. Needless to say, the scholarship means a lot to her.

"I am very thankful that there are scholarships like these that can help people like me have the opportunity to attend college," Marcia says.

The Cochise College Foundation's vision is that a Cochise College education is accessible to all, so we couldn't agree more!

Sincerely yours,
Joanna K. Micheli ('68), Ph.D.
Cochise College Foundation
Board President





Planning Your Legacy

GIVING TO COCHISE COLLEGE



Learn more about how you can ensure access for future students by making provisions in your will for the benefit of academic programs, scholarships and other needs.

Estates of any size can leave a mark on the future by supporting higher education in Cochise County while creating brighter futures for generations of students.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE COCHISE COLLEGE FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE IN 2022-2023.

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