Higher Education Reaches New Heights in Yuma County

BY JOYCE LOECKE

The May 18 college commencement was a momentous occasion for higher education in Yuma. Not only did hundreds of graduates receive associate degrees from Arizona Western College. In a first for Arizona, students from all three state universities also walked the line to receive their bachelor’s degrees – and in some cases postgraduate degrees - earned without having to leave home.

The diplomas handed out to celebratory graduates represented an array of career choices offered by the four schools designed to meet the existing and future needs of the community through innovative programs.

“Most certainly there is plenty of WOW in Yuma higher education,” noted Dr. Daniel P. Corr, AWC president.

When Tanya Hodges became regional academic program coordinator for The University of Arizona-Yuma 10 years ago, the program had one agricultural major and three students. Now the school offers 16 degrees and has some 200 students majoring in such sophisticated programs as microbiology, biosystems, food safety, systems engineering, cyber operations, intelligence, family studies and nutrition.

“Agriculture no longer is just about following the plow,” Hodges said. It’s about technology like drones, mapping systems, automation and sensors and cutting-edge microbial detection science - technology and science that lead the nation in sustainable agriculture.

Students not only take course work, they’re engaged in research, mentoring, internships and projects, such as two undertaken by systems and industrial engineering teams. One team developed a system to collect water samples from irrigation ditches to test for pathogens. The other team created a web-based mapping system of data relevant to agricultural ranches in Yuma County.

Then there’s UA’s new cyber operations program that prepares students to become cybersecurity professionals, whether going into high-security government work or on a defense and forensic track such as the data crisis experienced in recent years by Home Depot and other retailers.

The goal is to grow Yuma’s own next generation of skilled workers, people who grew up here, have ties to the community and want to stay if they can find meaningful employment, representatives of the four institutions say.

“We’re trying to solve the employment problem,” said Hodges, noting that UA-Yuma students are finding jobs. “We want to make sure students have pathways ...

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Ahh, Summer is here, and it’s time to hit the road and find cooler temperatures, right? However, before you load up the covered wagon and take your cash out of town, may I take a moment to remind all of our members that Shopping Locally means so much more in summer months than at any time of the year! After Joyce Lobeck’s lead article last month regarding Shopping Locally, I took a few social media shots referencing, “Nobody REALLY shops locally because not all of our needed goods are made in Yuma!” While the ladder you buy at Southwest Lumber/Do it Best was not made here in Yuma, you should still shop there for reasons I will get to, soon. Think Yuma First! Buy as much of your vacation needs here and take it with you. Your friends and neighbors need the support and truly appreciate the gesture. In my opinion, Shopping Locally creates more local shopping! Your local merchants, the independents, and local restaurants also use local support for their businesses. Your local businesses feed other local businesses . . . Big time!

Your local businesses could typically use MGM design for their website, Yuma Investment Group for their financial planning, Yuma Office Equipment for their IT support and office solutions, Hoppstetters for their office furniture, SignPro for their banners and signs, Sun Graphics for their business cards and stationery, Shippen-Pope and Associates for their accounting, Shay/Chevron for their gasoline, Fisher Automotive Group for their cars and trucks, Byrne & Benesch for their legal matters, and Harry Longbottom for their last will and declarations. Let’s remember, Lines and Lundgreen Roofing, Big Bob’s for your flooring, PHD for plumbing, and D & H Electric for the juice. I assure you, your Target store does none of this.

Yes, shopping locally builds a tax base, but it simply creates more jobs and more revenue from those businesses supporting each other. SHOP LOCALLY, your community might just depend on it. Your Yuma County Chamber of Commerce will continue its campaign to Shop Locally, and we look forward to making our presence known in South County, as well.
Quality Rehabilitation Network or QRN for short, was founded in 2002. They provide aquatic and hands-on therapy. They have over 45 years of experience in the therapy field. QRN believes in creating an environment which allows their patients to relax while they are guided toward health and wellness.

Carl Malmquist is the present owner of QRN, which has been serving Yuma County for over 14 years. Carl graduated from Simmons College with a Masters Degree in Physical Therapy from his home state of Massachusetts. The former officer in the Marine Corps has over 20 years of experience in the Physical Therapy field and was instrumental in bringing Aquatic Therapy to the Yuma area. An avid sports enthusiast, he enjoys golf and racquetball in his leisure time. God, country, and Corps. Family always. Semper Fi!

QRN offers a full range of aquatic & dry-land services:
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- Worker’s Comp and Post-Surgical Therapy
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- Pain Management for back, neck, arthritis & more
- Sports Performance Training including massage for all ages

QRN’s popular aquatic therapy is available in their Foothills location. This endless pool offers faster recovery times because they can start exercising earlier than they could with land-based therapy. The current can be adjusted based on the user’s needs and can also be used for sports performance training. The pools have low-chlorine purification, which is gentle on your skin. Try out the endless pool today – you’ll be glad you did!

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June Calendar of Events

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Team Building and Customer Service
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14 — Good Morning, Yuma! 6:30 am
Pivot Point Conference Center - Hilton Garden Inn
Sponsored by Adult Literacy Plus
Program: Workforce Development by Arizona @ Work Cost: $25 Members $15

27 — Monthly Mixer - Emerald Springs 5:30 pm
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In Yuma it's all about creating opportunities...
Family Partners held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 3, 2018 to celebrate its new location at 2197 S. 4th Ave, Suite 101. They were very excited to announce that due to significant growth this past year, they had to move to a larger office space! Family Partners is committed to inspiring people with developmental disabilities to reach their full potential by encouraging meaningful life experiences. Family Partners loves providing home and community-based services in the Yuma area- They have dedicated employees and support the families of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Community Health Associates' grand opening was held on May 2, 2018. This organization has teamed up with Adult Probation, HOPE, Inc. and The Living Center Recovery to open an Integrated Outpatient Office in the department’s location at 410 S. Maiden Lane, Yuma. Working closely with Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Targeted Investment Program, and Cenpatico Integrated Care, the 6500 square foot facility is to integrate primary medical care and behavioral health services for adults transitioning from the jail or prison. While justice-involved individuals, probationers and parolees and their family members are the primary targeted populations, services will be available to members of the general public.

The University of Arizona had their Grand-opening of their Yuma building on May 17, 2018. School officials dedicated a new educational facility in Yuma, marking the University's continued commitment to providing Arizona citizens access to relevant, high-value degrees! You can find them at 7875 E. 24th Street Ste 7.
Yuma County has been recognized with two Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

NACo recognized:
1) Risk Management for its program titled “Enterprise Risk Management: Addressing Uncertainty, Improving Decision-Making” in the category of Risk and Emergency Management, and
2) the Yuma County Library District, San Luis Branch, for its program titled “Hispanic Heritage Art Exhibition” in the category of Libraries.

“Yuma County has a commitment to being one of the best-managed counties in the country,” says Susan Thorpe, Yuma County Administrator. “It is for that reason we continue to innovate and provide community outreach to improve our services.”

The success of any organization depends upon how well it addresses the uncertainties that affect its objectives. Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) has been an effective tool that has helped Yuma County manage uncertainty across the organization, leading to improvements in operations and decision-making. Through the active participation of County employees in the ERM program, the County has saved money, allocated resources more efficiently, attained strategic objectives, analyzed and treated its risks, and improved interdepartmental and intergovernmental communication.

The 2017 Hispanic Heritage Art Exhibition had 1,699 visitors, including school tours, which broke all previous records. 34 artists were featured, and 164 works of art were displayed. As a direct result, an Artists’ Club has been organized which meets weekly. This is especially helpful in the City of San Luis where there are no art galleries. The exhibit also encourages patrons to visit the library for a community event and learn about books, resources, and programs available.

NACo President Roy Charles Brooks said, “Counties seize opportunities to deliver services more efficiently and build stronger communities every day. Achievement Award-winning programs are examples for counties that are determined to enhance services for our residents.”

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

NACo will recognize award-winning counties at its 2018 Annual Conference and Exposition July 13-16 in Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee.
The S. June Pallack Award Winner for School Services is Oscar Garcia from Kofa High School, nominated by Mike Sharp. Oscar has worked in Yuma schools for over 30 years, and throughout that generation of service, has always made sure that the school environment is a source of pride and safety. Mr. Garcia's work ethic is unmatched and it is said to be an inspiration to others. Working in an older facility, this individual has been known to be very creative in how things get fixed - and - how problems get solved. Seen with him are the 2 honored nominees, Tony Garcia from Yuma High and Lourdes Marquez from Crane School District.

The School Administrator of the year is Jaime Haines from the Gowan Science Academy, nominated by Liz Williams. Ms. Haines nomination form is full of words like vision, collaboration, kind, energetic, involved, and engaged. Jaime is also said to be extraordinarily optimistic and uses a professional background to facilitate the development of lifelong learners, readers, creators and leaders. She is no stranger to awards ceremonies and is truly a role model for others. The honored nominees for School Administrator are: Jose Cazares from 4th Avenue Jr. High, and Johnnie Cady from the Crane School District.

This year's S. June Pallack Award for School Board member, nominated by Nerissa Freeman is Rick Holtz from St. Francis of Assisi School. Mr. Holtz, like the 2 honored Nominees, is completely dedicated and committed to the educational excellence of all the students, teachers and staff. He, like the others, contributes greatly to the community. However, Rick Holtz stood out because of his work inside the school, physically helping to build their library, actually working on technology upgrades and showing staff and teachers how to use current technology. Mr. Holtz is ambitious, creative and innovative. The 2 honored nominees in this category are Bruce Gwynn and Phil Townsend from the Yuma Union High School Board.

The S June Pallack Award for Instructional Support Staff, nominated by Steve Pallack is Bobby Guzman of Aztec High. Like the 2 honored nominees, this years' winner in the new Instructional Support Staff category does so many things outside the job description. Bobby Guzman goes out of their way to make sure that students get back on track, and stay on track. He is strict, but is the catalyst for the student to achieve more. Mr. Guzman not only runs the computer lab, but is the coach, lawn care man, and role model for his students. The honored nominees for Instructional Support Staff are Mary Slater from St. Francis of Assisi school and Caitlyn Zaksheske from Yuma High.
The 2018 Yuma County Teacher of the Year - Jamie McGilliard receives the ceremonial 'ticket' for a trip to Hawaii from Tom Rush, Senior Wealth Advisor at Yuma Investment Group. Thanks, Yuma Investment Group for once again, sponsoring this prize for the Yuma County Teacher of the Year.

Pictured is the S. June Pallack award for Support Staff, nominated by Linda - Elliott Nelson, Biridiana Martinez. Biridiana creates a warm and welcoming environment for nervous students - so they can talk with her about their problems and learn about the lifelong learning process. Her poise and professionalism provide an exemplary role model for students in our community. Ms. Martinez transcends her basic job by volunteering at other schools, she is the chair of their schools classified employee group and is also a student! Anna Estrada from Adult Literacy Plus and Rebecca Lorona from Carver Elementary are the honored nominees for Support Staff.

The S June Pallack Award to the Business Benefactor to Education, with their EverFi program, nominated by Jeff Byrd, is 1st Bank Yuma. This business, in this category, has been up on this stage before as a nominee for the S June Pallack award. 1st Bank Yuma truly transforms students, affording them life skills and opportunity. Yuma County students did not have prior to 2012. Today, their program is in 10 high schools, and to date, have had over 10,600 students pass their innovative, no cost to the school or student, curriculum. The honored nominees are Michael Morissey from the City of Yuma, and (not pictured) Dan Shay from Shay/Chevron.

Congratulations, to ALL of the award winners and honored nominees for the S. June Pallack Awards for Excellence in Education for 2018.
You go to considerable trouble and expense to identify, interview, and hire great employees for your organization. So retaining them should also be a top priority. Luckily, most good retention practices are inexpensive to implement.

Effective retention
To understand how to retain good employees, you first need to know what they’re looking for. Today, the best employees want:

- Career development opportunities and a chance to grow in their chosen field
- Regular feedback on how both they and the company are doing
- A chance to contribute directly to the organization and be recognized for doing so
- Flexible work schedules that recognize their need for work/life balance
- A good salary or wage and an opportunity to increase it over time
- Benefits tailored to their individual needs

Key strategies
Good retention starts from the time you hire employees to the time they leave your company. See how tweaking some of your employment practices can have a big impact on employee retention:

- Recruitment and hiring. Its worth spending time and effort on recruiting. When there's a good match between employees and your organization, retention is less likely to be an issue.
- Training and development. Training and development are key factors in helping employees grow with your company and stay marketable in their field.
- Performance evaluation. When employees know what they're doing well and where they need to improve, both they and your organization benefit. Pay and benefits. While today many employees tend to rate factors such as career development higher than pay, good pay and benefits still count.

Engage employees to increase retention
Engaging your employees—that is, making sure that they are committed and productive in their work—can benefit you as much as it benefits employees. If you hire the right employees, chances are good they’ll be engaged—committed to your business and happy in their work. But to ensure ongoing engagement, you as an employer must play a major role, particularly when it comes to communication. Consider these five strategies:

- Be clear on what your business stands for. Your company's mission and vision and brand must be front and center in everything you do.
- Communicate well and often. Your employees need to know—on a continuous basis—how both they and your company are doing.
- Understand generational differences. To get the best out of all your employees, know what motivates different generations.
- Find out what your employees need. Ask your employees on a regular basis how they're doing, and be ready to follow up on their input.
- Empower all employees to do their best. Provide the leadership, resources, and training your employees need to realize their potential.

Understanding what engages employees can help during all phases of the employment cycle—from recruitment to training to performance assessment and beyond. It’s also much easier to retain employees who are engaged and committed to your company’s success.

Need assistance? Contact your ARIZONA@WORK Business Service Representative at 928-329-0990 or visit http://www.careeronestop.org/businesscenter/.

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Yuma International Airport Seeks Community Support for Continuance of Multi-Use Path & Intersection Beautification Project

As a strong community partner, Yuma International Airport is proud to be a ‘Port of Opportunity’ for over 154,000 guests who arrive and depart Yuma each year for business or leisure. The airport team realizes the importance of each guests’ experience at the airport reflects on our entire community, therefore we’ve stepped up our customer service game, incorporated Yuma’s rich history into our décor, implemented the Airport Ambassador program to assist guests and help to promote Yuma’s events and businesses.

Recently the City of Yuma completed two beautification projects on the corners of 32nd Street/Avenue B and Pacific Ave/32nd Street in conjunction with the Clean and Beautiful Commission and Yuma Union High School District creating aesthetically pleasing environments at major intersections. While Yuma International Airport’s terminal is beautiful, inviting and relaxing, the airport is looking to improve the entrance, retention area and lack of continued multi-use path are areas for aesthetics and safety purposes.

In 2016, Yuma International Airport began working with the Yuma Regional Bicycle Coalition (YRBC) who strongly advocates bicycle paths/routes be incorporated into transportation planning which in turn increases opportunities for increased exercise for visitors and residents of Yuma. The existing multi-use (exercise/walk/bike) path leading to the entrance of Yuma International Airport was not extended along the front of the airport’s property, causing a disruption of flow in pedestrian/bicycle traffic as well as confusion at this very busy intersection. Yuma International Airport’s team used existing asphalt millings to create a flattened surface, however now seeks to construct a safe and more permanent pathway for all to enjoy.

Yuma International Airport recently provided a presentation to the Clean and Beautiful Commission who is in support of the project. The City of Yuma’s Public Works team designed the project which will include xeriscape landscaping and multi-use walk/bike path, a new entrance sign and aviation related features. The design is complete and ready for implementation. Yuma International Airport plans to begin work in July with completion by November.

As an Airport Authority, Yuma International Airport does not receive funding from the city, county or state and is a non-profit organization. Yuma International Airport has a small budget set aside for this project, and seeks sponsorships from trusted community partners. The Airport Authority is considered a governmental entity according to Arizona state law, making any donations to this effort is tax deductible. There are several levels of sponsorships available and in exchange for your generous contribution, the airport will recognize your company in various ways including digital advertisement on the TVs adjacent the airline ticket counter, social media, and at the future ribbon cutting. Other ways the community can become involved in the project include helping to plant succulents and creating aviation related figures/features.

Please call Gen Grosse or Sarah Halligan at (928) 726-5882, extension 2211 or email them at Gen@yumaairport.com or Sarah@yumaairport.com to discuss your sponsorship or involvement interests.

Together we are #United4Yuma!
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Military Affairs Committee
Next meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 8 am at the American Legion. At the April 25 meeting:
- Dr. Kelli Ward and her husband were present and gave a short speech after the meeting. She will also be attending the mixer this evening.
- YMAD dates for 2019 will be February 16. It is the same date as Boogie, Brews & Blues. This should work out well since the YMAD event is downtown on Main Street from 9 to 2 (versus 3 like we had this year) and the Boogie, Brews & Blues historically been 11 am to 7 pm at Gateway Park. The date has been secured with the City.
- Stand Down is scheduled for October 24 at the American Legion.

Legislative Affairs Committee
Next Meeting: Friday, June 8, 2018 at the Yuma International Airport conference room at 11:30. Invite and RSVP required.

Education Committee
Next Meeting: As needed.

Marketing Committee
Next Meeting: As needed.

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Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2018 at 3 pm in the 180 W. First St. conference room. The board met May 15, 2018.
- The following members were approved: Up 2 Par Medical, CSL Plasma in San Luis, IHG Yuma YPG, Rolls and Bowls in San Luis.
- The June Good Morning, Yuma! will be sponsored by Adult Literacy Plus and will feature a presentation about workforce development in Yuma County. June's mixer will be at Emerald Springs.
- Lunch & Learn in Somerton at the Cocopah Casino's River Room is scheduled for June 7. John Courtis will be presenting the Team Building & Customer Service presentation which will be offered in Spanish on a separate screen.

Transportation Committee
Committee was dark in May. Next meeting will be June 28, 2018 at 11:30 am. At the April 26 meeting:
- Representatives from YRBC, City, County, airport, MCAS, and ADOT were present.
- Greg Wilkinson gave a special Powerpoint presentation on road issues. The city needs $8.3M to maintain roads and is only receiving $3.7M. The plan is to mill and fill (1-2 inch superficial fill) as the best way to utilize the funds they are receiving. Some roads will have to be considered to not be maintained because of the lack of funding.

Ambassador Committee
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Far too often, people experiencing a stroke mistakenly think symptoms will go away if they simply stop and take a nap. Instead, they lose valuable time as the window closes for a treatment that can prevent permanent disability and millions of neurons die with each passing minute.

This alarming fact represents why the Stroke Care Program at Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) recently launched a public outreach campaign that doctors say truly promises to save lives.

Dr. Gregory Baker, the lead neurologist for YRMC’s Stroke Care Program, points out that eighty percent of strokes could be prevented if patients would seek the correct medical attention in a timely manner.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain becomes blocked or breaks and deprives the brain cells of the blood and oxygen they need to function properly. Strokes are the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of serious long-term disability.

To help community members know exactly how to respond when a stroke transpires, Dr. Baker and his colleagues recently began working with local media and organizing public speaking events to help spread awareness.

Micaela Prevatke, RN, who serves as coordinator for YRMC's Stroke Care Program, says people also mistakenly choose to drive themselves to the hospital or waste time by going to their primary care provider first.

Prevatke stressed that the medicines and treatments needed for strokes are only available at the hospital. “If someone is having a stroke, they should dial 911 and be taken emergently to the hospital. Any other steps delays treatment and could mean permanent irreversible damage,” she said.

To help people remember the symptoms of a stroke, doctors use the acronym FAST, which refers to FACE drooping, ARM weakness, SPEECH difficulty and TIME to call 911.

Prevatke added that riding in the ambulance isn’t just the safest and fastest option for stroke patients. Local paramedics now immediately begin important blood work, for example, giving Emergency Department physicians valuable information so much sooner.

The Emergency Department can offer many patients a “clot busting” drug called alteplase.

“The faster we are able to give alteplase, the better outcomes we have for our patients,” Prevatke said. “Surgical removal of a blood clot is the other treatment option and stroke patients are evaluated for this at our Emergency Department.”

The Stroke Care Program at YRMC has been honored by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association with the Get with the Guidelines Stroke Bronze Quality Achievement Award.

For more information about the Stroke Program at YRMC, visit YumaRegional.org or call (928) 336-2442.
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June – Time to Celebrate!

June, of course, pretty much means summer is here in Yuma. Here and worth celebrating! This is a great time for river fun - tubing, kayaking, swimming, wading, and relaxing! Waylan’s Water World and the City of Yuma pools are now open daily – take friends and get wet! Water is not the only way to celebrate summer, however. Have you checked out Centennial Beach recently, or the new additions to the Stewart Vincent Wolf Creative Playground? Have you explored the cool walking / biking paths by the river and among the trees at West Wetlands? There are a lot of options! Try stopping by the Visitor Information Center at the Colorado River State Historic Park (it is great for locals). There you can not only rent bikes, but you will find lots of information on a ton of fun summer activities. Get out, do stuff … celebrate!

Speaking of cool stuff to do in Yuma, there are some excellent local events coming up this month:

June 2018 Events:

June 1 (every Friday) — **Summer Jazz Nights at Julieanna’s**
(Julieanna’s Patio Cafe)

June 2 — **Come Out and Play Day: Day for Kids**
(Yuma Civic Center)

June 2—July 28 — **Yuma Children’s Museum**
(Yuma Art Center)

June 8 (every other Friday) — **Lutes Summer Jazz Series**
(Lutes Casino)

June 20/21 & 26/27 — **Day at the Museum Kid’s Summer Camp**
(Sanguinetti House Museum)

And there’s much more! You can get more information on the above and plan for your tons of Yuma fun at VisitYuma.com. Our Visitor Information Center is located at 201 N. 4th Avenue and has more information on things to do and see. It is also the home of the Yuman Interest Gifts & Souvenirs shop.

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