



May 2022

Anni Woods receives scholarship to Paul Smith College

May 23, 2022

Anni Woods, 18, a recent graduate of Flagstaff High School, competed in two competitions for the C-CAP on April 29, which helped her earn a full-ride scholarship to Paul Smith College in upstate New York.

Patti Pastor, culinary arts teacher at Flagstaff High School, is proud of Anni and said the scholarship is valued at \$93,000.

Anni said she is very thankful to C-CAP for allowing her to compete and to showcase her skills.

"I typically am more into baking and pastry [making], so the culinary aspect of this was a bit challenging for me," said Anni. "It was a little bit out of my comfort zone, but I was able to do very well. I'm very appreciative of my teacher, Ms. Pastor, because she was able to coach me through this and help me sharpen my skills for the competitions."

According to their website, C-CAP stands for Careers through Culinary Arts Program and it is a workforce development nonprofit that provides

underserved teens a pathway to success. They provide culinary, job, and life skills to over 20,000 middle and high school students across the nation.

Anni's long term goals is to open up her own bakery.

"Paul Smith College offers a great education [program] that helps young people open businesses," she said. "They have a lot of opportunities for business ownership. I really would love to open up my own business. One day, I want to have a bakery, it's where my heart is."

Anni is thankful for the support of family and teachers throughout the years.

"I would just really love to thank my teacher, Ms. Pastor, who has helped me through this and I couldn't have done it without her. She's such a major part of my life and she has done so much for me," said Anni. "I'm so thankful and I couldn't have been

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A message from our SUPERINTENDENT

End of School Year Message

May 26, 2022

Dear Team FUSD and Families,

As we close the 2021-2022 school year, I want to express my appreciation to students, families, and staff for all of your extraordinary efforts. The effects of the previous two years of disrupted learning services became more apparent this year, and I applaud the efforts of our staff to address both the academic and social emotional needs of our students. I am very proud FUSD was able to maintain in-person learning for the entire school year and understand it meant all of us were called upon to do more to support one another and sustain student learning and school services during the surges of COVID-19 in the Fall and Winter months.

Despite our challenges, we have much to celebrate and be hopeful for as we look ahead to the next year. FUSD students and staff continue to be recognized for their efforts and accomplishments. I am grateful for the years of service of our staff retirees and inspired by the

perseverance of our student Class of 2022. I wish the best for all the students and staff who will not return to FUSD next school year and thank you for sharing your time and talents with us.

We are looking forward to the many summer learning opportunities that FUSD is providing to engage students and families. As we look ahead to the next school year, we will continue to monitor COVID-19 conditions in our community and respond accordingly. I pledge to keep our staff, students, and families updated prior to the first day of school of the 2022-2023 school year on August 10.

I hope the summer months provide you with opportunities to recharge and reflect, and enjoy time with your family and friends.

Sincerely,
Michael Penca
Superintendent 🌲

Watch Superintendent Penca's video on Vimeo, LINK: <https://vimeo.com/713510339>



Jannette Bressler received the Outstanding Master's Student Honor. She is pictured with professors and associates of Northern Arizona University on April 29, 2022, in Phoenix.

Jannette Bressler receives Outstanding Master's Student Honor

May 1, 2022

Jannette Bressler received the Outstanding Master's Student Honor by the Arizona Professors of Educational Leadership on April 29 in Phoenix.

Bressler said she didn't even know she was nominated. In December, she completed her internship and credentials for principal certification, and she was contacted by Dr. Frank Davidson of Northern Arizona University and he informed her that she was nominated for the honor.

Professors throughout the state, including professors from Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, and Grand Canyon University select one outstanding master's student they observed through internship and through their program to represent their respective school.

"I was selected to represent

Northern Arizona University," said Bressler. "Which was such an honor and totally off guard."

Bressler worked in dual roles for Flagstaff Unified School District while completing her second master's degree, she works as an ELL specialist for a few hours a day and as the 21st Century grant coordinator at Killip Elementary School. Bressler has worked for FUSD for 20 years.

So, what motivates Bressler to do the work she does?

"What motivates me is the relationship that I get to make with the staff, with the parents, with the children..." she said. "I'm always looking for opportunities to grow and make things better. That has always been part of my teaching."

Bressler said she is very thankful to FUSD for their continued support.

"I'm just really thankful to FUSD for all the years of supporting me and growing me as a teacher," she added. "I feel very honored that they're still continuing to grow me as a leader. I'm very thankful to the [school] district." 🌲



Diane Immethun nominated for Viola Award

May 7, 2022

Diane Immethun, a third-grade teacher at Cromer Elementary School, was recently nominated for a Viola Award and was a finalist but she was not selected during an awards ceremony held April 30 at the Orpheum Theater in Flagstaff.

Immethun said being nominated was an honor in itself and is she is humbled for the recognition. She has taught elementary-aged children for 27 years, most of this time at Cromer Elementary School.

"I was just really honored that anyone would select to nominate me," she said. "And I felt that was award enough."

Immethun said she has a unique method to teaching.

"I infuse my daily learning with art and music, even though I teach in a general [education] classroom. I am the EPA teacher for third grade [and]

teach very bright students," she said.

She was nominated for her contributions to the education of mentors, mentees or new people entering the profession.

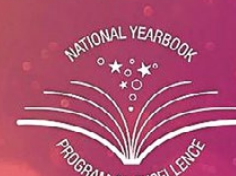
Immethun said the children motivate her to teach and do what she does.

"Every day is a thrilling new experience. You never know what the day will bring you. As much as I can hone my lesson plans to look a certain way, it's all about the children's interests... and curiosities... and the newness that curiosity brings to each moment," she said. "That is the thing that keeps me young and just completely energized for each and every day that I come into a classroom. I'm 60, it's the end of my career time, but I still love what I do."

The Viola Awards produced a video showcasing all the nominees, Immethun is featured at 1:16, video LINK: https://youtu.be/nSr4_wvsXNo



Coconino High School
Silver Level



PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE 2022

Recognizing Excellence in Yearbook Creation and School Engagement

Yearbook Clubs win honors from Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence

May 13, 2022

Congratulations to the Coconino High School and Flagstaff High School's Yearbook Clubs.

Coconino High School earned the Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence Silver Level Award for the first time ever in its school history. Flagstaff High School received the Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence Bronze Level Award.

The criteria to earn this distinguished award consists of a meaningful yearbook, student coverage, record sales, and effective project management.

According to Jostens, they recognize schools that continually strive to create and deliver an exceptional yearbook to every student.

LINK to the Program of Excellence 2022 publication, <https://bit.ly/JostensNYPoE22>



STEM Celebration held at Fort Tuthill April 30

May 5, 2022

The 2022 Community STEM Celebration was a success thanks to its attendees, participants, sponsors, and event organizer, STEM City of Flagstaff. This year's event was held at Fort Tuthill on April 30.

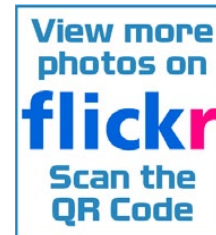
In its ninth year, the STEM Celebration provides an opportunity for all of Flagstaff to engage with

the STEM community. This year, the celebration returned to an in-person event with both indoor and outdoor venues at Fort Tuthill.

The celebration featured hands-on activities, demonstrations, and conversations to excite participants and expose the community to STEM educational and career opportunities in Flagstaff. The event also provides time to celebrate Flagstaff's

designation as America's First STEM Community.

Event photos are available on Flickr, LINK: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzNmk9> 🌲



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here without her."

"My dad was always there for me and supporting me, especially in the hardest times," she added. "My [parents] both supported me and my dreams, and have always helped me. I wouldn't be here without them."

For now, Anni graduated May 27 and is anxious and excited to start the new phase of her life.

"I'm super excited to see what the world has and holds for me," she said. 🌲

FHS, CHS performing arts students perform Legally Blond: The Musical

May 1, 2022

The Flagstaff High School Performing Arts, along with special guests from Coconino High School, put on a fantastic performance of Legally Blond: The Musical.

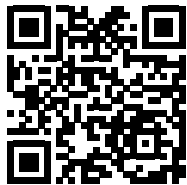
The Annual Spring Musical Production, organized by Flagstaff High School, conducted performances on April 30, May 6, and May 7 at Cromer Auditorium at Flagstaff High School.

Shayne Smith, director of bands and theater at Flagstaff High School, provided the musical synopsis.

"Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her, so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school," stated Smith. "While there, she struggles with peers, professors, and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world."

Event photos are available online via Flickr, LINK: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzP7E9>

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Graduation photos will be posted after June 1, 2022, on Flickr,
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Summer Food Service Program begins June 6 at various FUSD school sites

May 15, 2022

The Flagstaff Unified School District is sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program for children ages 18 and under without charge this summer regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

The summer meals program is a federal program. Due to changes at the federal level, FUSD will no longer be able to offer Grab 'N Go meals, parent pick-up of meals, or multi-day meals. Meals must be consumed on site.

Meals will be provided at the following school sites:

Cromer Elementary School from June 6, 2022, to June 30, 2022, Monday to Friday. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Killip Elementary School from June 6, 2022, to July 29, 2022, Monday to Friday. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kinsey Elementary School from June 6, 2022, to June 30, 2022, Monday to Friday. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Leupp Public School from June 6, 2022, to July 21, 2022, Monday to Thursday. Breakfast is served from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Marshall Elementary School from June 7, 2022, to July 29, 2022, Monday to Friday. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thomas Elementary School from June 6, 2022, to July 22, 2022,

Monday to Friday. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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FUSD Food Service conducts Food Waste ECO-Challenge

April 15, 2022

To celebrate Earth Day and "Stop Food Waste Day" in the month of April, the FUSD Food Service Department held a Food Waste ECO-Challenge at DeMiguel, Kinsey, and Killip Elementary Schools.

Taryn Kunkel-Lykins, food service director at Flagstaff Unified School District, explained the goal of the competition was to help educate K-5 students and food service team members about the amount and types of food that is being wasted.

"[We wanted to illustrate] how this wasted food contributes to unsustainable practices that negatively impact our earth," said Kunkel-Lykins. "In the U.S., 30-40% of all food produced in the [country] is wasted and never eaten. This wasted production contributes to greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane that accelerates climate change."

During the challenge, food waste was measured by the quart, by grade level, and by lunch period. The group with the least amount of waste at the end of the week won a pizza party.

"The challenge lasted one week and [it] involved the measurement

of uneaten fruit and vegetables thrown away or placed on the share table from the salad bar," explained Kunkel-Lykins. "Many kids take items from the salad bar that is more than they can eat and these items end up being thrown away and wasted."

The share table is a location in many school cafeterias where kids can put unopened foods from the salad bar for other kids to have or to be reused in the kitchen. The challenge encouraged students to think deeper about what they take versus what they will eat.

"Our staff also learned about what nutritious fruits and vegetables are preferred, and how we can support children better in listening to their full and hunger cues," Kunkel-Lykins said.

The winners of the competition were: DeMiguel Elementary – 1st Grade Class with 33 quarts; Kinsey Elementary – 4th Grade Class with 11 quarts; and Killip Elementary Pre-K, 1st and 2nd Grade classes with 56 quarts.

The Food Service ECO-Challenge informational video can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/696756162> 🌲



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