



ROUGHRIDERS NEWSLETTER

Youngker High School - January 2022



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year to all! We are excited to be back and begin our 2nd semester of the school year. We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication from our faculty, staff, students, and parents as we wrapped up the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year and transitioned to our recent holiday break. We look forward to the second semester and will continue to build on the momentum generated in our 1st semester.

We are pleased with significant levels of academic achievement produced by our students thus far and look to accelerate our learning and development continuously. Congratulations to all of our fall sports and activity groups on the completions of

their seasons and competitions. We appreciate your dedication to your teams and programs as you have represented Youngker High School. Best of luck to our winter athletic and activity programs as they continue with their seasons! Additionally, we will be ramping up our preparations for the required Arizona State Tests coming up in April, as well as resuming our before school and after school tutoring programs. Thank you for your support of Youngker High School and go Roughriders!

Michael Sivertson

PRINCIPAL

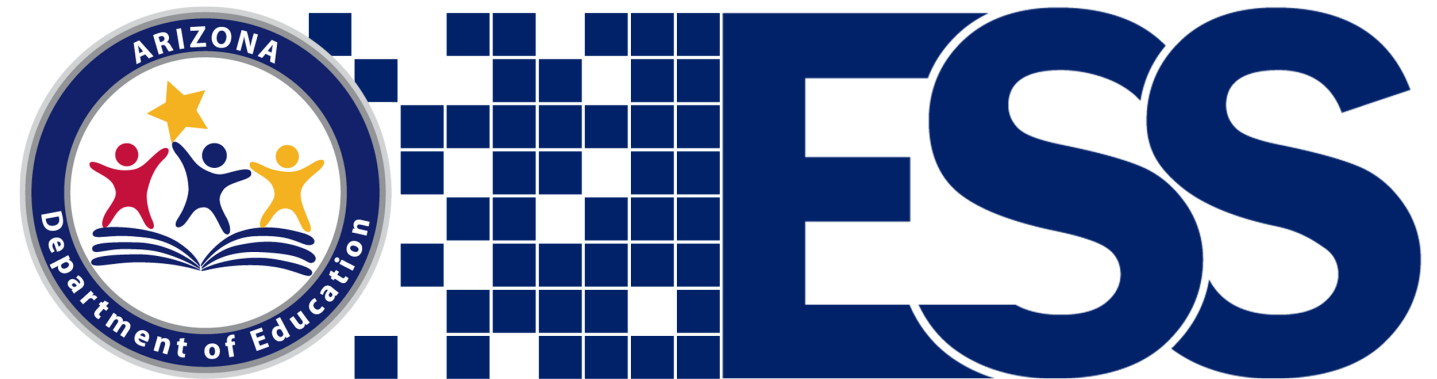


NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER



Congratulations to Mr. Eric Chapman from Film and TV

To qualify for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification, one must be a licensed teacher with a bachelor's degree and at least three years of professional experience. Having met those prerequisites, a teacher may apply for certification in one of 25 specializations.



"The secret in education lies in respecting the student." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Exceptional Student Services department or ESS, works with students in a wide range of educational capacities, like for example with accommodations and specially designed instruction. The ESS team is responsible for collaborating with parents/guardians, teachers, and students to ensure students receive the required services and supports they need to be successful both socially and academically. Our efforts encourage and aid students during their four-year educational journey here at Youngker High School, with a goal of helping students prepare for a transition to their career/life aspirations after high school. The ESS team designs and delivers specially design instruction (SDI) to assistance students in the classroom and to make

learning individualized to their needs. The ESS department also helps teachers and students in the regular education settings as well with paraprofessional support, testing referrals, eligibility requirements and recommendations for both accommodations and modifications.

Did you know:

When a student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a 504 plan, you'll likely hear the words like, accommodation and modification. While the two words sound similar, they mean different things.

- An accommodation changes **how** a student learns the material.
- A modification changes **what** a student is taught or expected to learn.

If you have question, please feel free to contact any of the amazing ESS teachers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATIONS

January 12

Senior Picture Day
Meet the Teacher Night

January 17

Martin Luther King Day-
No School

January 19

Future Freshman Night

January 20

- Pickup Cap & Gown and Ring order during lunch
- Community College Application Workshops @ Media Center during rider Roundup

January 25

8th Grade Visit YHS

January 27

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February 17

Spring Sport Parent Night
5:30- 6:00 PM @ PAC



Youngker High School

FAFSA NIGHT WORKSHOP

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

WHERE: YHS MEDIA CENTER

TIME: 5:00 PM (SESSION 1) OR 6:30 PM (SESSION 2)*

**Only need to attend one session!*



Did we mention *free* dinner?

Please RSVP using the QR Code to reserve your spot! Space is limited!!!



Seniors and Parents! Did you know you could earn \$6,495 for school of **FREE** money by filling out the FAFSA? Need help filling it out? Email Gear Up Coach Denise El Habach at denise.el.habach@buhd.org to schedule an appointment or come to our next FAFSA night Wednesday, February 16th at 5:30 PM in the media center!

If you're interested in completing it at home, go to fafsa.gov

CAP & GOWN INFORMATION

**BALFOUR WILL BE ON CAMPUS ON JANUARY 20TH!
PICK UP YOUR CAP AND GOWN DURING LUNCH HOUR.**

You can order online with the link!

<https://www.balfour.com/arizona/buckeye/youngker-high-school>

Our Balfour Rep is Susan Fearnside and her email address is

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ROUGHRIDERS OF THE MONTH

YHS CERTIFIED

Molly Northupsmith



YHS CLASSIFIED

Becky Conner



FUTURE-READY STUDENT

ReAna Reed



CTE OF THE MONTH

Juan Estrada Hernandez



THE PRINCIPAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Written by Emilio Santos and Hailee Padgett

It is the unquestioned goal and mission of Youngker High School to provide a competent populace to create leaders and problem solvers of the future, this being a noble though difficult task. We are working as a collective community to develop strategies at our school to build leadership capacity and purposeful action at YHS, where we embrace new and innovative techniques to mold the leaders of the future. Through the ongoing changes at Youngker High School, we are now better able to unite both the visions of students and faculty in creating Youngker's future.

That's where The Principal Student Leadership Committee comes into play. This is a coalition of sorts between both faculty and students who are strategically chosen by the staff members of Youngker. These students strive daily in what it means to be a Roughrider by expressing our six core values: Innovation, Diversity, Character, Community, Pride, and Communication. This group sets foot in providing an accepting and diverse environment for Youngker's student body, representing what it strives to achieve in the future for oncoming generations.

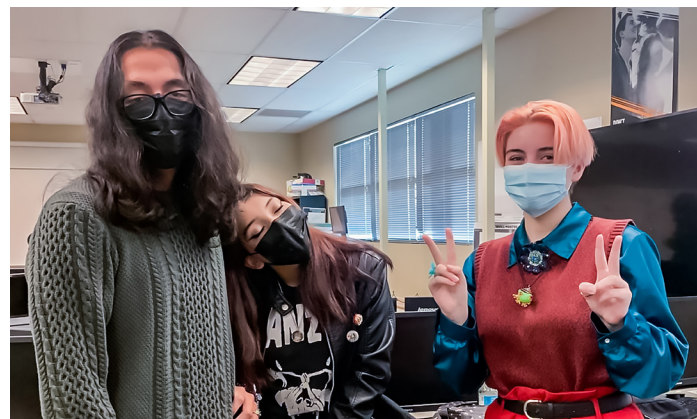


WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A PART OF YOUNGKER FTV

By Jason Perez and Hannah Rouse

Picture yourself sitting in class, the morning announcements are playing on the projector. Coverage of the different events at Youngker high school play before you and your classmates. Last week's assembly, a canned food drive, the football team's overwhelming victory against the rival school, your friends, your teachers, and your campus. A concept that generations of students before us never had. Film and TV Production is a program that was introduced to Youngker in the fall semester of 2021. The class has become a safe space and outlet for student creativity. The course teaches skills like editing with Adobe, camera skills, and exploring the creative process. Many students have found Film and TV to be the starting point for their future career in Film or TV Production and have expressed how the program has completely changed the atmosphere at Youngker High School. Creative freedom is a concept that many students aren't familiar in the current educational

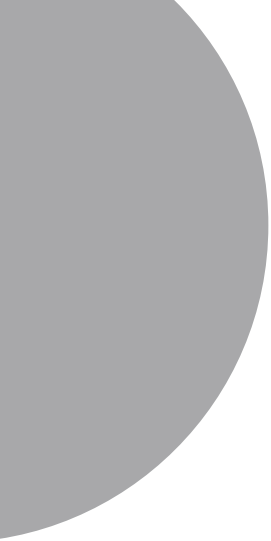
climate. This is what makes the Film and TV program stand out. Not many classes have students learn how to compose a live production, or create a commercial with a group of other students. From creating a storyboard to editing the final video, students are in complete creative control over their projects. We asked "What makes the Film and TV program stand out from other programs on campus?" Jason Perez, president of the Youngker Film and TV Club, said; "It's probably the most hands-on class here at youngker. I've had the opportunity to be on all sides of the production process,



editing, directing, camera work, even being in front of the camera." Students who are passionate about expressing themselves creatively thrive in this program, making it a gateway to a future career in the industry. Many students are interested in pursuing a career in film and television production. The program provides many resources to prepare these individuals for what they want to work towards. When asked if they were considering if they wanted to go into a career with Film and TV, Brody Mascerenas, Vice President of the Youngker Film and TV Club, said "Yes, I want to be a filmmaker so I can express myself.". In the class students are presented with the opportunity to learn how to use Adobe After Effects and Premiere Pro, two industry standard programs, to help with their video projects at no cost to them. Projects that students will work on offer them a chance to experience what workers in the film industry do. One of the most outstanding things about the Film and TV Program here at Youngker is the impact that it has made on students that are a part of the class and the club. Youngker FTV has a very social climate, meaning you get the opportunity to collaborate and interact with like minded and creative people. For a lot of

students, this means breaking out of your comfort zone. Hannah Rouse said,"Most of my high school career, I considered myself a very introverted person but after my experience in the Film and TV program, I began talking to more people, forming new relationships." This is an important aspect to developing the professional career of students, not only in the Film and TV industry, but almost every industry in the world. The relationships formed and strengthened in the Youngker FTV program is something that everybody holds dear to their heart. Film and TV Production has changed Youngker for the better. Giving us a new way to get word out and hear what is happening on campus, allowing students to be more involved with technology, and offering a new skill many students didn't even consider. Students moving on from this course will leave with knowledge to help their careers and hobbies. It also will always be a safe space for many students who want to do more through the club. Film and TV at Youngker will always be an expressive area for those with creative passion.





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