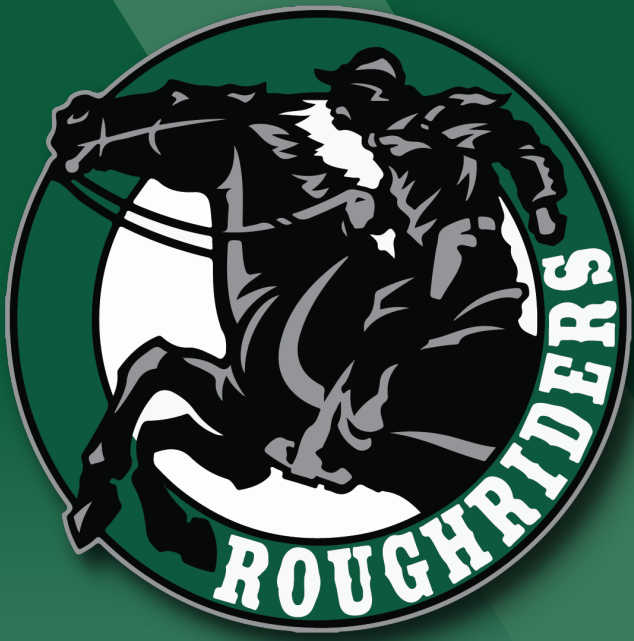


ROUGHRIDERS NEWSLETTER
MARCH & APRIL 2022



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DR. MIKE SIVERTSON

We are about to reach the midpoint of our final semester here at YHS and are heavily immersed in all of our spring academic assessments, activities, and athletic events. We are grateful for the dynamic environment that is being generated throughout our campus! We continue to build an amazing amount of positive momentum around campus and in our community as we finish out the school year. Special thanks to all of our faculty and staff for their commitment to student success throughout the school year and as we complete our cycle of state mandated assessments. Additionally, we want to thank our amazing students! We appreciate all of your hard work and commitment to your academic success.

We continue to offer after school tutoring Monday - Thursday in our Media Center from 2:15 - 4:00. We offer tutoring support in all academic disciplines and encourage students to attend whenever possible. Best of luck to our spring sports and activity programs as they are completing their spring seasons! Thank you for your support of Youngker High School. We are a growing school that continues to be the place to be for students, faculty, staff, and our community! Go Roughriders!! Sincerely, Michael Sivertson Principal

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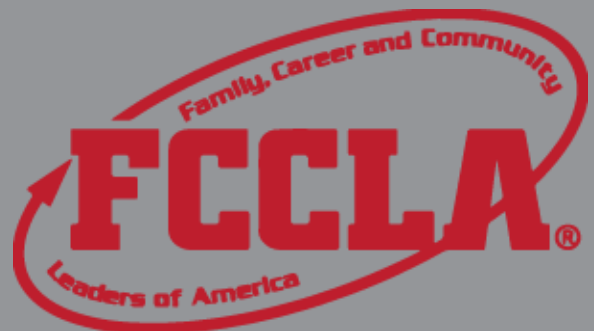
Michael Sivertson
Principal



FCCLA EARLY CHILDHOOD

NATIONAL FCCLA WEEK

The Early Childhood FCCLA Chapter celebrated National FCCLA week. Chapter members went around to the front office and delivered FCCLA cards and candy to advocate for FCCLA and thank their school for their support of their chapter.



For more information about the ECE FCCLA Chapter at YHS, contact Mrs. Kinney, FCCLA Advisor at cassie.kinney@buhd.org.

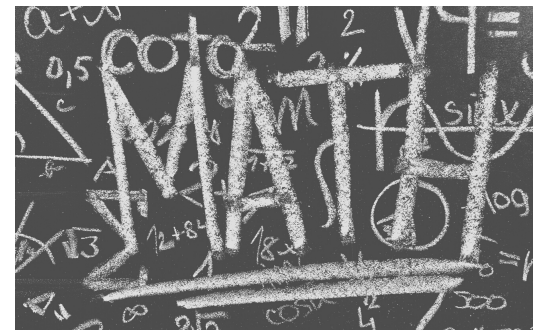


YOUNGKER MATH DEPARTMENT

BY MRS. DAWN STARK

VISION: PROVIDE INSTRUCTION ALIGNED TO ARIZONA'S STANDARDS THAT PREPARES YHS STUDENTS TO COLLABORATE, PERSEVERE, AND THINK CRITICALLY

Exploring our Logo - Did you know the math department has its own logo and vision statement? We do! Last year, our team sat down to discuss what is important to us as math teachers. This led us to our vision statement: "Provide instruction aligned to Arizona's standards that prepares YHS students to collaborate, persevere and think critically." Our logo, displayed above, has elements that represent the important aspects of our vision: a circle with puzzle pieces to symbolize student collaboration, a mountain to symbolize perseverance, a brain to symbolize critical thinking, a mathematical expression to symbolize our content and the state of Arizona to symbolize our standards.



Bringing our Vision to Life - As students returned to our classrooms, it was important to our department to continue to promote collaboration, perseverance, and critical thinking. Team members are staying up to date with current research to help our students be successful:

- One team member has introduced the Modern Classroom with Blended Learning to better respond to the needs of our students as individuals. This mastery-based model allows students to persevere while learning at their own pace.
- Several of our team members participated in a book study of Peter Liljedahl's "Building Thinking Classrooms." The title says it all! This has led several teachers to implement thinking tasks in conjunction with "Vertical Non-Permanent surfaces" to allow for students to be up and collaborating.
- "Experience First, Formalize Later" - Team members are using investigations to develop a deeper understanding of mathematics for students. Through these investigations, students build critical thinking skills and are taking ownership of their learning.

Never Stop Growing - The members of the department understand the importance of growing as professionals. Every member of our department has participated in training to better understand how to use graphing calculators.

Individual team members have participating in various trainings including:

- Modern Classroom Essentials
- Advanced Placement's Summer Institute
- The University of Arizona's 18th Annual Mathematics Educator Appreciation Day Conference
- Teachers Teaching with Technology Regional Conference

The Right Resources Make a Difference - With the help of the Arizona Department of Education's DonorsChoose initiative, seven math teachers were able to buy supplies to help bring our vision to life:

- Four teachers were able to purchase whiteboard tables. These dry erase tables allow students to work together to solve problems without fear of mistakes.
- Two of our teachers purchased supplies to implement Interactive Notebooks in their classrooms. With the use of interactive notebooks, students can organize their thoughts while building a mathematical portfolio.
- One of our teachers ordered materials such as fidgets, kick bands and standing desks to help our freshmen move and focus on learning!



FBLA BUSINESS

HEADED TO CHICAGO FOR NATIONALS

On April 4-6, the Youngker FBLA Business Chapter took 28 students to compete at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Tucson, Arizona.

The students were excited to get back to competing in person in a variety of events from, Introduction to Business, Client Service, Business Management, Marketing and many more.

All the FBLA members did an outstanding job, and we are proud of each of them for taking on the challenge and being leaders of Youngker High School.

Congratulations to the nine students who are headed to Chicago, Illinois this June to compete at the National level.

Emilio Santos, Esteban Santos, Isabella Saenz, Charley Wolfe, Jayde Garrett, Quintcy Jenkins, Holden Stevens, Ki'Marra Bates, Evelyn Torres

For more information about FBLA at YHS, contact Mrs. Malec, FBLA Advisor at nmalec@buhd.org

FBLA-IT

HEADED TO CHICAGO FOR NATIONALS

Our newest FBLA Chapter at Youngker High School is FBLA-IT. Mr. Oseas Castillo, Advisor, has done an outstanding job building his chapter over the past two years at Youngker. This was the chapter's first year competing at the State Leadership Conference in Tucson at the beginning of April. Mr. Castillo and two outstanding students will be traveling to Chicago, Illinois this summer to represent YHS and compete in their qualifying events.

Best of Luck to Kenneth Ranks competing in Cyber Security and Jagger Horne in Computer Problem Solving.



For more information about FBLA-IT at YHS, contact Mr. Castillo, FBLA Advisor at oseas.castillo@buhd.org.



Teacher Spotlight

My name is Haley Custis, I am one of YHS' World History and Geography teachers. I have spent the last two years at Youngker being a part of so many wonderful programs dedicated to bettering the Youngker Way; Student Council, Varsity swim, Track and Field, and JV Softball. Each program provides students with opportunities to be a part of something bigger than themselves, both in and out of the classroom, while also practicing skills they can take into the real world. Also, students have the opportunity to travel with their peers from Arizona to D.C., and New York at the conclusion of the school year. Without teachers and coaches willing to put in extra time allowing students to grow, I do not think I would be where I am today.

I was blessed with the opportunity to experience high school as an Eagle of Ironwood High School in the Peoria Unified School District. There, I was able to experience sports, clubs, dances, CTE, and more all while making memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Ironwood High School provided me with a the teachers and coaches impacted me.

Time and time again, the staff taught more than just the lessons in our textbook. I was taught to be compassionate, understanding, family-oriented, and passionate about everyone and everything around me. Without teachers like Margret Ohmes, Tammy Custis, Missy Carter, Sean Flanigan, and Joann Listen; I would not be half the woman and educator I am today. These are the men and women who taught me what it means to be more than just an educator but to be a good person too. Without them, I would be in a very different position.

After accepting a scholarship to Northern Arizona University, I pursued a degree in nursing; this, thank God, did not work out. I was then forced to decide on what I wanted to do with my life. After several tears, and many late nights, I still did not have an answer. I then found myself doing the next thing that felt right, I went on a mission trip to Oahu, Hawaii. There I worked with students to help improve, math, English, and history skill in the classroom. After a few days, I realized I had never been happier. Never in my life had I ever felt this sensation of joy; one that I knew would change my life.

Upon my arrival back home, I sat down with my mother, Tammy Custis. It was then that we discussed me becoming a teacher and how she "knew it all along, you just had to figure it out yourself." Since that day, I have done all I can to emulate her and every other teacher who has impacted me. This list has only grown with my time at Youngker High School. Being a part of this school has allowed me to meet so many wonderful people who have accepted me for who I am and encouraged me to grow; Davlyn Edgett, Molly Northup Smith, Christina Chadwick, Torie Martin, Sara Townsley, Anese Littrell, Kara Thompson, Reba West and so many more. They have been my strong foundation and I could not imagine this life without them. They tirelessly support me in all I do and in all I will ever do.



Haley Custis, YHS Teacher

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our March and April Students of the Month at Youngker High School!

March Future Ready SOM

Aurora Marshall

March CTE SOM

Alicia Contreras

April Future Ready SOM

Sierra Naranjo

April CTE SOM

Jaslin Avila



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YOUNGKER EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH AND APRIL YOUNGKER EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH!



**ESTER CELAYA
MATH TEACHER**



**MICAH BLAISDELL
ENGLISH TEACHER**



**TONYA LEE
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**



IMPORTANT DATES:

- EMCC Field Trips - April 29th & May 6th- juniors to tour EMCC and to learn about the degree related to their career interests
- Senior Awards Night - May 2nd-a celebration for families and awards ceremony for graduating seniors who are receiving an award or scholarship
- Senior Decision Day - May 10th-a recognition of seniors commitment to their post-secondary pathway; this will be held during both lunches; students will have their name read with their pathway, seniors will get free lunch, get their picture taken, and they will sign their senior banner
- Summer Success Camp-May 26th-for incoming freshmen
- Lumberjack Leadership Summit - June 5-10

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From: 9AM - 1PM
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Learn everything you need to know about high school

- See the campus
- Meet with campus school and student leaders
- MUCH MORE!!!!

Transportation is provided upon request

- Free Lunch
- Free T-Shirt
- Registration closes May 24th

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For more information about GearUp, contact your Youngker GearUp Coaches!



Scan the QR code or click on the link below to set up a meeting.
<https://calendly.com/gearup-christinataylor/15min>

If the available dates and times don't work in your schedule, email christina.taylor@buhd.org or denise.el.habach@buhd.org to schedule an alternate date and time.