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### Upcoming Events:

- Mar 4: Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-thon
- Mar 7: Mystery Chef Dinner (6 p.m.)
- Mar 11-15: Spring Break
- Mar 29: District Break

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## Medical Assistant student Jesus Yanez saves classmate’s life



Sixteen-year-old Jesus Yanez doesn’t think of himself as a hero, but that’s the role he found himself in February when he saved another student’s life at Mesa’s Westwood High School.

Yanez, a junior in the medical assistant program at the East Valley Institute of Technology, used the CPR skills he learned at EVIT. It was the first time Yanez, who plans to become a registered nurse, had performed CPR on another person.

“I had to help him, so I did what I knew,” Yanez said.

Yanez attends EVIT in the morning and Westwood in the afternoon. He was walking to his bus at Westwood when he heard a group of girls gasp and then saw a male student lying face-down on the ground and twitching.

He realized the boy was having a seizure and rushed over, putting the student in a recovery position. Then he started CPR compressions, and a friend came over to help as well. Yanez told the gathering crowd of

students to give him room and to call 911.

School security and firefighters arrived to take over. The student is now hospitalized and stable, Yanez said.

Students in EVIT’s medical assistant program learn to perform administrative and clinical skills in a number of settings such as doctors’ offices, hospitals and clinics. In addition to CPR and first aid, they learn medical terminology, body systems, optometry, EKG, phlebotomy, autoclave, federal safety standards, and other medical specialties. They also develop an understanding of patient billing, medical records, purchasing supplies, filing insurance claims and other office procedures.

The four-semester program prepares graduates to take the exam for Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA). Yanez plans to take additional college courses to become an RN. He’s grateful for the jump-start that EVIT is giving him – and very humble about the life-saving actions he performed this week at Westwood.

“I’ve learned a lot of things I never thought I would learn,” he said. “People can say I’m a hero, but I’m just a normal human being.”



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# Program Highlights

## 3D Animation Rural Summer Contest Winners

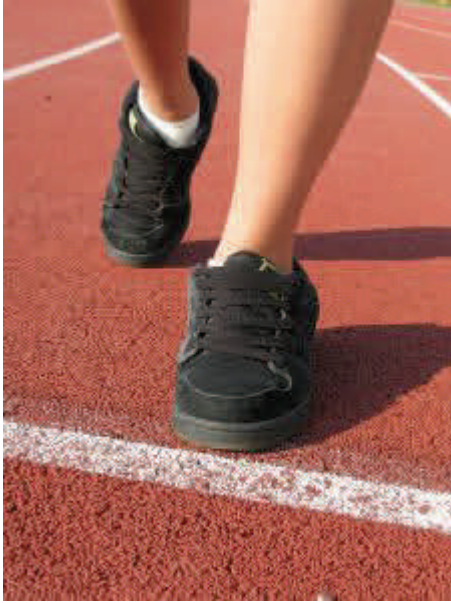
Congratulations to EVIT 3D Animation & Game Design students Kenneth Fellenze & Michael Depper, Rae Zeviar and Gianluca Nicastro for being top contenders in the Rural Summer Scene contest.

The students were put to the test to design a rural setting in the summer. They were praised for the sophistication and quality of their work produced by high school students.



# Program Highlights

## EVIT students walk to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation



Students in health occupations programs at Mesa's East Valley Institute of Technology will walk the talk Monday, March 4 as they lace up their shoes to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

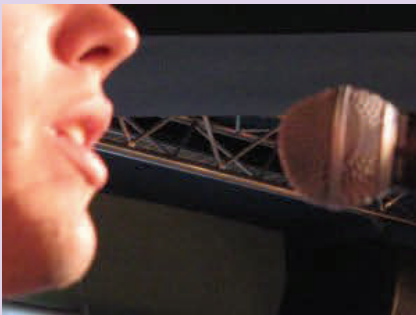
The Health Occupations Students Association has organized the fundraiser. Each student walking in the event has pledged \$6 to the cause. They will walk for two and a half hours during their normally scheduled class time. The morning session will be from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., and the afternoon session will be 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

The EVIT teachers have encouraged the students to participate as a service project. In past years, this event has been limited to the health occupations students, but this year, it has been opened up to students in other programs as well.

In addition, Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road, Gilbert, donated 35 percent of meal receipts to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on Feb. 28 if

diners presented the EVIT flyer about the offer or mentioned that they heard about it on EVIT's radio station, The Goldmine 90.7FM and 92.7FM.

### Oh say can you sing?



Attention students: The EVIT 2013 Completion Ceremony will be here before we know it, and this year we're adding a special feature to the event. We're looking for a student who is completing his or her program this year to sing the

national anthem at the ceremony on May 21.

Auditions for the honor will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m. April 8 in Building 14 of the Main Campus. Auditions from the East Campus will be broadcast into the Building 14 auditorium. Sign up with Brittany Johnson at the information desk on the Main Campus or with Kathie Kopp at the East Campus.

Start warming up your rendition of the Star Spangled Banner!

### Rotary Students of the Month

Congratulations to our Mesa East Rotary Student of the Month, Maura Sweeney, who is in the East Campus cosmetology program.

Congratulations to our Mesa Rotary Club Students of the Month, Jesus Yanez, who is in the Main Campus medical assistant program, and Josh Porter, a student in the Main Campus Fire Science program.

# Program Highlights

## Annual Mystery Chef Dinner benefits EVIT Culinary Arts



East Valley Institute of Technology  
Culinary Arts presents

# 21st annual Mystery Chef Dinner


Thursday • March 7 • 6 p.m.

**Timeless Classics**

Please join us Thurs, March 7, 2013 for EVIT's 21st Annual Mystery Chef Scholarship Dinner benefiting East Valley Institute of Technology & Careers through Culinary Arts Program, Inc.

\$65 per person (pre-paid)  
\$75 per person (paid at the door)

Seating is limited. Tickets are available by contacting the EVIT Culinary department at (480) 461-4139.



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It'll be good food for a good cause at 6 p.m., March 7 when Mesa's East Valley Institute of Technology hosts the 21st annual Mystery Chef Dinner benefitting EVIT's Culinary Arts program.

Twelve chefs from restaurants around the Valley will donate their time and food by preparing three- to four-course gourmet meals for about 250 guests.

"It's a mystery what chef you get and what the food will be," said Tricia Guerrero, instructor for the culinary arts program. "It allows the community to come in and enjoy meals by top chefs at a reasonable price."

The theme of this year's dinner is "Timeless Classics," and the chefs will prepare the meals in the Culinary Arts dining room at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

Tickets are \$65 per person if pre-paid or \$75 per person paid at the door. Seating is limited, so call the culinary department at (480) 461-4139 to reserve yours today. All proceeds will go to a scholarship fund for EVIT culinary arts students.

EVIT's Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry Arts programs are accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation.

For more information on EVIT's culinary arts programs, visit [www.evit.com/culinary](http://www.evit.com/culinary).

# Superintendent Spotlight

## All students deserve a school where learning works

By Sally Downey



Sometimes, it takes a pair of outside eyes to see what those who are closest often overlook. Such was the case last year when the East Valley Institute of Technology was touted by TIME magazine as “learning that works.” The writer traveled to Mesa, toured EVIT and saw first-hand how we prepare young people for productive, successful lives while meeting the needs of business and industry. Hearing from EVIT students made the biggest impact. Kids want to come to EVIT. They love it here. EVIT is one of 13 joint technological education districts (JTEDs) in Arizona offering career and technical education (CTE) programs. But among those, EVIT is unique. For instance, EVIT is tuition-free to charter and online students, as well as district students.

In the 1990s, legislation was passed to allow for the creation of JTEDs. EVIT became the first as 10 school districts – Mesa, Gilbert, Higley, Chandler, Tempe, Apache Junction, J.O. Combs, Queen Creek, Fountain Hills and Scottsdale – came together to create one career and technical campus that would offer rigorous CTE courses in the most cost-efficient way.

EVIT began in 1991 as a 14-acre campus with 750 students at 200 S. Center in Mesa. Today, EVIT serves more than 3,000 students at two Mesa campuses: the 65-acre Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus and the 10-acre East Campus. An additional 15,000 students are enrolled in “satellite” programs at their home schools that are funded by EVIT.

EVIT offers nearly 40 occupational programs – aviation, cosmetology, fashion design, video, among others – to high school students. Tuition-based programs for adult students are also offered.

Programs on the EVIT campus are not the basic shop or home economics classes you may have taken in high school. Working with Valley business advisers, EVIT creates training programs that are market-driven, filling an industry need. Our campuses feature high-tech, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Through unique partnerships with businesses and organizations like Leading Edge Auto and Adelante health care, we are able to train students for careers AND college. In fact, 2 out of 3 EVIT students go on to college compared to 1 out of 3 students at traditional high schools.

Most EVIT students earn certificates, licenses, or documentation of completing a business- or industry-certified program. For instance, 97 percent of our 450 cosmetology students become licensed.

EVIT’s programs are successful because we make teaching and learning relevant to what students want to know and do. Or, as we like to say: We turn passions into paychecks.

EVIT is open to ALL kids, including honors students who plan to go to college.

Students like Oregon neurosurgeon Dr. Neil Roundy, who took EVIT’s health foundations class about 15 years ago. “EVIT was an eye-opener and a door-opener for me,” Roundy told EVIT health students on one of his return visits. “It was a start to get me where I wanted to be.”

Landry Low, who completed EVIT’s fashion merchandising program in 2011, is now studying at the prestigious Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

“The best choice I ever made in my life was to come to EVIT because EVIT led me to Pratt,” Low said during a recent visit. “Everybody has a place in this world. EVIT allows you to find your place.”

Every day, similar success stories are being written at EVIT as our students are immersed in education and training based on our “3 Rs” – rigor, relevance and relationships. They are proof-positive that career and technical education works.

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# Counselor Corner

## Scholarship Opportunity for 1st Generation College Students

### Scholarship Opportunity for Animation Students

Amount of Scholarship:

\$1,000 scholarship to a current high school senior who intends to pursue an animation related field at an accredited post-secondary school or college

Scholarship Name:

The AnimationCareerReview.com “Aspiring Animation Professional” Scholarship

Basic Qualifications:

To be eligible to compete for this scholarship, an individual must:

- Submit an application and 500- 1000 word essay online at:

[www.AnimationCareerReview.com](http://www.AnimationCareerReview.com)

Submit materials by the deadline date of 6/1/2013

Due Date:

June 1, 2013

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# Superintendent Spotlight

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But often, students must overcome obstacles to attend EVIT. For instance, if they delay taking many of their required academic courses until their junior or senior year, they may be unable to fit an EVIT class into their schedule. Embedded credits – which would allow rigorous CTE courses based on math, science or other academic subjects to count as required credits to graduate – are prevalent in other states and long overdue in Arizona.

So, as we observe Career and Technical Education Month, let’s celebrate our CTE successes in Arizona. And let’s look for ways to ensure all of our kids have the opportunity to attend a school like EVIT, “where learning works.”

Sally Downey is superintendent of the East Valley Institute of Technology.

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# Photo Gallery



Congrats to Dustin, an EVIT Early Childhood Education student, for winning \$50 for referring a parent & student to the [BRiDGES Preschool](http://www.bridgespreschool.com) on our A. Keith Crandell (Main) campus!

For more info about Bridges Preschool at EVIT and their referral program, call (480) 461-6746 or visit [www.bridgespreschool.com](http://www.bridgespreschool.com).

## Got something to share?

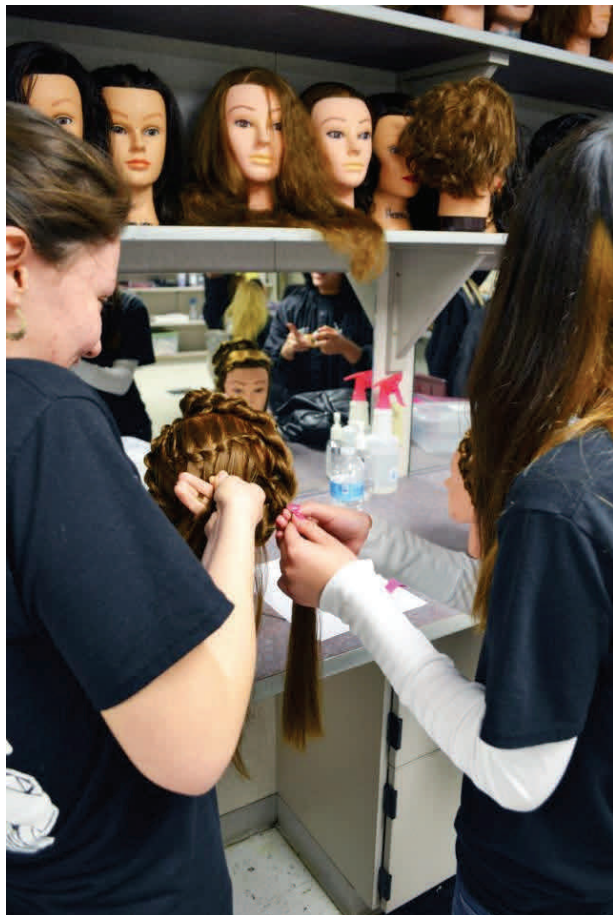
Send it to [Public Relations](#) with a brief caption/description.

## East Campus Blood Drive



# Photo Gallery

## Cosmetology French Braiding Contest





# Photo Gallery



Rep. Doug Coleman visited and toured the EVIT East Campus. He made a stop at the Aviation program to try his hand at the flight simulator.



EVIT East students learn about the parts of the mouth.



## EVIT's Bowers an advocate for motivating kids



**By Cathryn Creno**  
The Republic

Rusty Bowers has served in the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives, has been a lobbyist for the rock and gravel industry, and is an accomplished water-color artist.

Bowers, 60, has also been the external-affairs director of the East Valley Institute of Technology for nearly two years. *The Republic* recently interviewed him.

**Question:** What do you do as EVIT's external-affairs director?

**Answer:** I interact with every living creature that has ears and eyes outside of this school: Government officials of every type, church groups, clubs and organizations, business people and groups, trade associations, education agencies and institutions, and other joint technology education districts. I promote the values of career and technical education and the education model of EVIT, which was an inspired creation of some good people in 1992. I also work to create new courses that are relevant to the needs of the business community.

**Q:** What attracted you to working with kids in technical education?

**A:** I was raised by a master tradesman and local coach and teacher, Wes Bowers. We learned from our youth to work in a variety of trade applications, and throughout my life I have fallen back on that foundation. Coming and seeing these kids learn to have that confidence, with all its attendant benefits, has been very enjoyable. I want to go to school here!

**Q:** What are some of the issues facing EVIT in 2013?

**A:** EVIT is always facing the growing challenge of academic requirements from the Arizona State Board of Education. Most of our students are fighting to dedicate three to four hours to come for this training. Many are taking online courses and summer school to be able to enjoy this experience. Nearly 70percent of our students go on to college. This is the experience that lights their way, yet it is made harder and harder to take advantage of. But we don't give up.

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# General Announcements

## Happy Birthday!



March Birthdays			
1	Laurie Morehouse	16	Randy Golding Shayna Stephens
3	Laura McKinley	17	Christian Vencill
5	Stacey Fentress Carolee Price	18	Belinda Long Anita Moody
6	Paul Johnson Arturo Zamorano	25	Sarah Liu
12	Leon Zamora	29	Kathie Kopp
13	John Hall Sharon Richter	30	Lou Ann Hoffman
15	Edith Perez		

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**Q:** I understand you also are an accomplished painter. Do you teach any classes?

**A:** I paint and sculpt. I have taught a bit in the past and contemplate doing it in the future.

**Q:** There is so much discussion in Mesa about higher education and students completing college. Do you sometimes think EVIT students are left out of the discussion?

**A:** Most discussions that I have been involved with of late have been conversions from the mystery of getting kids interested in school to one of the best solutions available to applied CTE — career and technical education. When one of our young colleagues get bit by the passion of doing something they enjoy and can see relevancy, they want to run with that ball, and many times its accompanying price is to do good in their other classes so they can continue. Then, they see the other possibilities and want to pursue them into higher academics.

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is not the filling  
of a pail,  
but the lighting  
of a

# fire

- William Butler Yeats



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We want to spread the word about EVIT's great students and teachers. If your class has an interesting project going on, students who have won awards or scholarships, etc., please let the public relations office know. Email CeCe Todd at [ctodd@evit.com](mailto:ctodd@evit.com) or Patrick Jervis at [pjervis@evit.com](mailto:pjervis@evit.com). You can also call 4032 or 4037. Thanks!