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## Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Winter Break. No school.
- Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m.: Governing Board meeting.
- Jan. 20: Civil Rights Day. No school.
- Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: EVIT Expo, Main Campus.
- Feb. 1, 8 a.m.: EVIT Bootcamp, Main Campus.

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## Long, straight, curly, fuzzy, snaggy, shaggy, ratty, matty ...

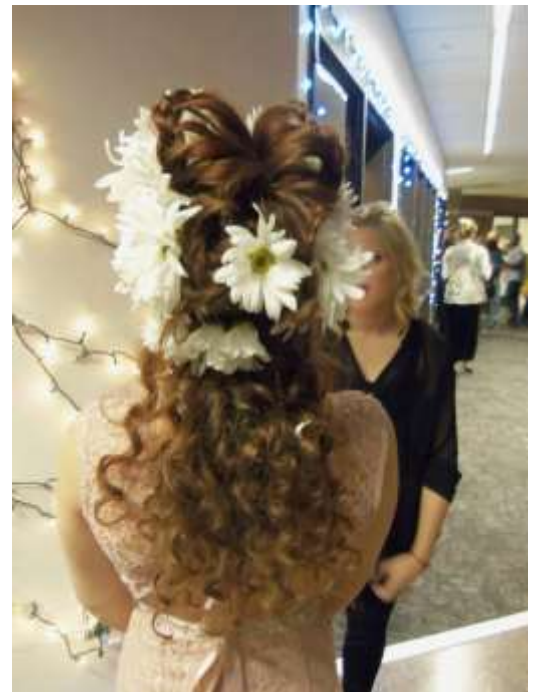
# HAIR!

'Tis the season not only for turkey, stuffing and Santa Claus – but also for hair! The East Valley Institute of Technology's largest program – Cosmetology – recently hosted hair shows on the Main and East campuses to showcase students' styling skills and creativity.

The EVIT East Fantasy Hair and Fashion Show drew a crowd of about 400 people. The campus was set up like an art gallery with twinkling lights and hair models and their creators staged throughout. The event raised about \$585 for Mesa United Way.

The Main Campus Fantasy Masquerade Hair Show included daytime shows by first-year students that raised \$500 for the United Way. The students' hair designs were modeled after characters in children's books and movies, such as "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Hairspray."

Participants in the evening Fantasy Masquerade Hair Show were Aesthetics and second-year Cosmetology students who chose their own theme and created the look from head to toe. The show attracted 380 guests and raised money for the student fund and for entrance fees in Skills USA competitions coming up in February and April.



Cosmetology thanks everyone for their support and help in putting the shows together, especially the Radio, Video, Multimedia, and Fashion, Interiors and Design programs, as well as maintenance and administration. But most of all, said instructor Janice Kongas, thanks should go to the students. "Without the students," she said, "none of this would be possible."

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# In the News

## Program provides multiple paths to early childhood careers



After she graduates from Scottsdale's Desert Mountain High School, Claudia LaGarde plans to go to college and become a special education teacher. But already at age 16, she's getting classroom experience through the Early Childhood Education program at Mesa's East Valley Institute of Technology.

"I'm learning to be really patient," LaGarde said of her work with children in a Head Start program that partners with EVIT. "They're willing to love you if you love them."

When she completes the program in spring 2015, LaGarde will have received over 120 hours of instruction and worked 100 to 300 hours in a classroom setting. She and her classmates also have the opportunity to earn 16 hours of college credit while in high school through dual enrollment with Mesa Community College. And, starting in the 2014-15 school year, a Child and Family Studies Certificate from MCC will be offered.

"The students coming out of the EVIT early childhood program are unique because they've already accomplished so much by the time they get out of high school," said instructor Lisa Bradford.

Her program is an example of how EVIT has evolved into a school that prepares students for college, as well as careers after high school.

Tuition-based programs for adults are also available – an area that EVIT is trying to grow in its early childhood program. Bradford said the program especially has openings for adults in the morning session. Once they complete the program, they are fully trained and ready to work as professionals in early childhood education.

Students in the two-year program focus in their first year on early childhood development, careers, health, nutrition and special education. They also gain practical classroom experience working with infants, toddlers and young children at partner Bridges Preschool, which serves as a lab training school on the EVIT Main Campus. And, they can get additional experience at the Head Start program located nearby at Webster Elementary School. In their second year, they select an internship and research professional opportunities. Qualified students can earn their Child Development Associate Credential, a national certification.

Students completing the early childhood program have the opportunity to interview for jobs with the program's three partners – Bridges Preschool, Head Start, and Bright Horizons, a corporate-sponsored child care service.

EVIT students also have the option of enrolling in a college-prep Education Professions program, where they learn more about the teaching profession and theories of learning. **(Continued on Page 5)**

# East Campus Spotlight

## Nursing Assistant students earn CPR certification



# Main Campus Spotlight

## First Lady of Drag Racing visits EVIT Automotive Program

*Submitted by Gary Nellis*

Elaine Larsen from Larsen Motorsports was on campus Oct. 3. She brought her newest jet dragster for the students to admire and answered questions about her newest vehicle.

Elaine and her husband, Chris, own Larsen Motor Sports and have a great facility in Daytona Beach, Florida. They utilize automotive, auto engineering and related students from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as interns in their shop activities. They are presently racing two jet dragsters and will have four separate vehicles and drivers beginning in 2014. They also expect to expand into specialty jet vehicles that are more for entertainment than for competition.



Elaine spoke at several EVIT assemblies and talked to students about the patience, persistence and work that each person needs to do to achieve their individual goals. Her inspiration, extra time spent with non-traditional students, and her love for all students looking to succeed was appreciated by students and staff alike.

In December, Elaine is being honored at Disney World as the First Lady of Drag Racing.

## Automotive students take part in job shadowing



# Program Highlights

## Early Childhood Education

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“It’s an individualized program,” Bradford said. “We are a gateway to college with multiple exit points.”

In fact, 100 percent of the students who completed her program last spring have been placed in jobs, college or the military – with most being enrolled at Grand Canyon University, Arizona State University, and other colleges.

Bradford said the program is not only a gateway to teaching, but also to other professions that work with young children, such as pediatrics or counseling.



Deidre Hightower, a mentor teacher with Maricopa County Head Start, said she is not aware of any other high school program that prepares students as in-depth as EVIT does in early childhood education.

“They’ve had the opportunity to interact with children in a classroom on a daily basis,” Hightower said. “They learn all aspects of getting kids ready for kindergarten.”

For more information, visit [www.evit.com/earlychildhood](http://www.evit.com/earlychildhood).



## Trip Reduction Program

In a partnership with Valley Metro, the EVIT Trip Reduction Program is designed to reduce single occupant vehicle (SOV) trips to the work site.

If you carpool, vanpool, walk, bike or ride the bus to school you are considered an Alternate Mode User (AMU), and you can register to win quarterly prizes valued at \$25.

For more information, or to sign up as an alternative mode user, contact Liz Bortkun at 480-461-4160 or e-mail [lbortkun@evit.com](mailto:lbortkun@evit.com).

You can find more information about carpooling at [www.sharetheride.com](http://www.sharetheride.com) or bus route information at [www.valleymetro.com](http://www.valleymetro.com).

# Program Highlights

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Courtesy of EVIT Multimedia students:  
Natalies Cervantes, Jason Josaphat & Angelina Nelson



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## Thanksgiving sale a success for Culinary/Baking program



# General Announcements

## EVIT students honored by Mesa for toy drive



ECC officers and advisor Eric Perez were recognized at a recent Mesa City Hall meeting by Mayor Scott Smith and Councilman Dennis Kavanaugh for their \$1,200 donation to the annual toy drive for Cardon Children's Medical Center.

EVIT is proud of our students and student leaders for giving back to their community!

## #evitphotochallenge FRIDAY

POST A PICTURE OF THE  
**TOOLS YOU USE IN YOUR  
PROGRAM** ON INSTAGRAM

TAG US WITH HASHTAG  
**#EVITPHOTOCHALLENGE**

\*Prize winners will be  
announced on Tuesday!



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# General Announcements

## Happy Birthday!



December Birthdays			
5	Marika Marfai	17	George Meggo
6	Gale Landau	17	Kathleen Thorson
13	Pete Aguilar	18	Ria McBride
13	Greg Copeland	19	Lawrence Varela
14	Sylvia Flaherty	27	Jennifer Bray
15	Rochelle Boggs		
16	Bettye Atkinson		



Superintendent Sally Downey hangs out at EVIT East with veterinary assistant teacher Jessica Berger and Harley the guinea pig.

### Videos, Expo, and Bootcamp

If you haven't seen them yet, be sure to check out the new EVIT promotional video on our homepage at [www.evit.com](http://www.evit.com) and the EVIT movie trailer, which will be showing at Tempe Marketplace Harkins Theatres and AMC Mesa Grand Theatres over the next several weeks.

Mark your calendar for two big events at the EVIT Main Campus. The annual EVIT Expo is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25. And a new EVIT Bootcamp for prospective students to experience an EVIT class is 8 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 1. More details coming soon about both events!

### Follow EVIT on Instagram!



We just hit **500 followers** on Instagram! You can follow EVIT on Instagram at: [instagram.com/evitnews/](https://www.instagram.com/evitnews/)

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