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Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 20: *Civil Rights Day.*
No school.
- Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:
EVIT Expo, Main Campus
- Feb. 1: *EVIT Bootcamp,*
Main Campus
- Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m.:
Governing Board
meeting, Building 3,
Main Campus

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An EVIT Hit Parade



For the first time, the East Valley Institute of Technology was part of the Fiesta Bowl Parade in December with a float designed and built by EVIT faculty and students. Their hard work paid off – with the float winning the Queen’s Court Award!

The float was created by EVIT students and Welding instructors Brent Johnson and Leon Zamora, Multimedia instructor Eric Perez, Construction instructor Pete

Aguilar, Great Globe project engineer Bryan Beaulieu, Assistant Principal Tim Vanda, and Fashion, Interiors and Design instructors Kim Foulger and Kristen Johnson. Assistant Principal Mick Chamberlain chaired the committee. The float featured the EVIT logo and symbols representing various EVIT programs.

Students and staff representing each program marched with the float, along with Superintendent Sally Downey and Main Campus Principal Greg Copeland. The EVIT contingent was led by the color guard from the East Campus Law Enforcement program.

“Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! Once again EVIT hits it out of the park,” Downey said. “A huge thank-you to all that participated in the Fiesta Bowl Parade as well as the construction/design of the award-winning float.



“This was a marvelous opportunity to tell the EVIT story.”



We are EVIT!

Annual EVIT Expo to showcase programs, staff, students

The East Valley Institute of Technology will host its annual EVIT Expo – featuring campus tours, prize giveaways, a pet adoption event, and car show -- from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

The Expo is a good opportunity for students and families to tour the 65-acre main campus and learn about more than 30 occupational training programs that are offered tuition-free to high school students and tuition-based to adults. EVIT serves students who reside in 10 East Valley communities – Mesa, Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Tempe, Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Higley, Queen Creek and J.O. Combs.

The Expo will include plenty of fun activities for the whole family, including food vendors, prize giveaways, a video game truck, demonstration of unmanned aircraft, rock climbing wall, free chair massages, a car show, and a pet adoption event hosted by EVIT's Veterinary Assistant program. And, the EVIT student-run radio station, The Pulse at 90.7 FM and 92.7 FM, will be broadcasting live. In addition, EVIT partner Adelante Healthcare, located just north of the school's Health Sciences Center, will offer free Chick-fil-A breakfast biscuits to the first 100 visitors, a buy-one get-one-free scholastic book fair, and photo opportunities for the kids with Clifford the Big Red Dog, Cat in the Hat, and the Chick-fil-A Cow.

Mr. and Miss EVIT – the EVIT students who have raised the most money for Mesa United Way – will also be crowned during the event.

The theme of this year's Expo is "We are EVIT," because EVIT isn't just a place. It's the people – teachers, staff, industry partners, parents, alumni and students – who breathe life into it every day. Teachers, students, alumni and business partners will be available to talk with parents and prospective students about how EVIT can jump-start a career or college education.

Two out of three EVIT students go on to college, and eight EVIT programs – 3D Animation, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science, Multimedia, Automotive, Culinary Arts, Aviation and Fashion, Interiors and Textiles – offer dual enrollment college credit.

EVIT also provides a practical path to college by giving students the skills they need to obtain jobs to help pay for college. For example, some use their training in an EVIT program like Medical Assistant to secure a job in the health field while they go to college for nursing or medicine. Others train for a licensed position, such as massage therapist, that can help them pay for college, sometimes in a completely different field.

And for many students, EVIT remains the best way to secure tuition-free training for a career such as cosmetology, welding or automotive, right out of high school. For more information, visit www.evit.com, text EVIT to 90210, or call (480) 461-4000.

Poster for the EVIT Expo. At the top, it says "mister and miss evit • learn about evit bootcamp • entertainment from the pulse • free giveaways". Below that, "TEXT EVIT TO 90210 for more information". The main image shows four students: a male in a red shirt, a female in a grey hoodie, a female in a black jacket, and a male in a black jacket holding a camera. The text "we are evit" is written in blue and white, with "evit" in large white letters. Below that, "EVIT EXPO" in white. The date and time are "Saturday • January 25 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m." and the location is "EVIT • A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus • Mesa". At the bottom, it says "Learn more about EVIT programs & put us on your schedule!" and "EVIT offers more than 30 tuition-free, career specific classes for high school students. EVIT provides 3 elective credits each year." and "EVIT Adult Education Center also has classes for adults. For more information, call (480) 461-4028." There is a QR code on the left and the "eastvalleyinstituteoftechnology" logo and address at the bottom right.

Main Campus Spotlight

Design students present original EVIT T-shirt dresses

In December, second-year students in the Fashion, Interiors and Textiles program displayed original dresses made from old EVIT T-shirts. The designs were inspired by a famous architectural design.

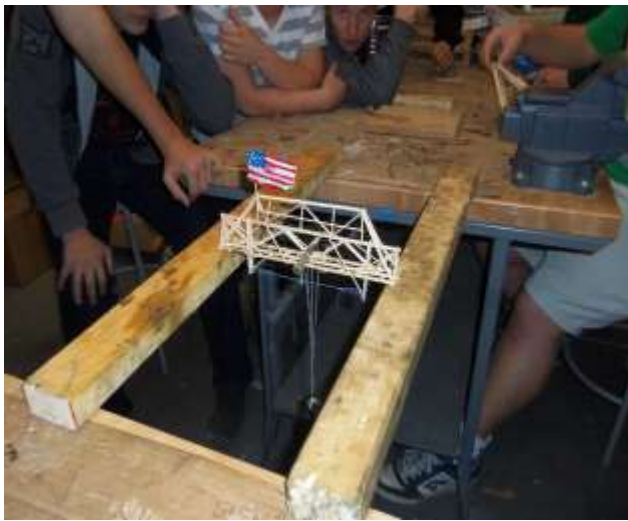


East Campus Spotlight

Aviation students build bridges at EVIT East



The EVIT East Aviation classes had a contest to see which team could build the strongest bridge made out of just toothpicks and super glue. They put weights on the bottom of it to see what weight would make the bridge snap. The winning bridge held a new record- 57.4 pounds! Great job everyone!!



Alumni Spotlight

In battle, in business, alumni uses EVIT skills every day



ALUMNI ROBERT CUNNINGHAM

EVIT Programs: 2-year Law Enforcement; 1-year Multimedia

Completion: 2002

Occupation: Professional documentarian, business owner

Q: How did EVIT prepare you for your career?

A: “ ... With topics ranging from tactical operations, interview skills, writing and how to skillfully interact with others, (Law Enforcement) instilled into me a deep understanding of professionalism, situational awareness and respect for people of all backgrounds ...

“ In (Multimedia) I learned how to apply a creative mind to a product that clients would be proud of. EVIT prepared me for higher education. I was accepted to the University of Advancing Technology, where I studied software engineering, network security, and multimedia. With a firm foundation of art mixed with defensive tactics and security, I took what I learned to the next challenge in my life – war.”



Cunningham documented 132 missions as an embedded photographer with the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. His work is displayed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Cunningham also released his first book – Afghanistan: On the Bounce – this month. It’s available at www.afghanistanbook.com.

Cunningham has photographed nine heads of state, 12 prime ministers, three governors, multiple astronauts, cosmonauts, CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, actors, musicians, race car drivers, and service members from 15 nations. He has also worked as a weapons and tactics instructor.

Q: Would you recommend EVIT to others?

A: Absolutely. EVIT is the best institute in the Valley for college and career prep. Its knowledgeable staff and instructors are without equal,” he said. “I use what I learned at EVIT every day.”

Program Highlights

Today, EVIT students will be ... INSPIRED

EVIT students have a new way to share their goals, dreams, and well, pretty much anything.

This month, the EVIT Inspiration Chalk Board was installed in the courtyard on Main Campus. Modeled after a similar project at ASU Polytechnic, the board includes the prompt "Today, I will make" and then gives lines where students can fill in the blanks to complete the sentence. The ASU board was inspired by an art project in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Survivors wrote on the board every day about what they wanted to do. It gave them hope and inspiration.



EVIT's board was designed and built by the Construction program, under the direction of instructor Pete Aguilar. It's been a hit among students who have filled it up with everything from "Today, I will make dinner" to "Today, I will make my parents proud."



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 alternate mode user, contact Liz Bortkun at 480-461-4160 or e-mail lbortkun@evit.com.

You can find more information about carpooling at www.sharetheride.com or bus route information at www.valleymetro.com.

Program Highlights

Early Childhood Education program grants Christmas wish



Just before winter break, the EVIT Early Childhood program hosted its annual "Wish Upon A Star" program for the children in the local Head Start program.

Each student from the Early Childhood program, with the help of the EVIT Executive Club Council (ECC), granted wishes for children who otherwise might not have received a gift this holiday season.



General Announcements

Happy Birthday!



January Birthdays			
1	Somdeth Keoma Agnes Lado	12	CeCe Todd
2	Jeffry Wheeler	15	Maria Pelliccio
5	Victor McLeod	16	Sylvia Aldaz
6	Bounthene Senethavilay	16	Dan Cifalia
9	Lou Amadee	22	Kristen Johnson
11	Lynne Holliefield	22	Marie Rozell
11	Sam Miller	28	Faye Claridge

Coming soon ...

A few upcoming events:

From 5:30 to 8 p.m., Jan. 31, students in EVIT's **Fashion, Interiors and Textiles** program will present chocolate couture at the **Haute Chocolate Market & Festival** at the Heard Museum in Phoenix.

On Feb. 1, instructors in 17 programs at the Main Campus will host **EVIT Bootcamp** for prospective students to experience what an EVIT class is like.

And, from 8 to 11 a.m., Feb. 8, **Adelante Healthcare** will host a **Heart Healthy Family Fair** featuring activities for the whole family. This will be held on one of the Saturdays when EVIT's **Culinary Arts** program assists **Market on the Move** in distributing produce on the EVIT Main Campus.



Welding instructors Brent Johnson and Leon Zamora recently created some birds for Dr. Downey's garden.

#WeAreEVIT Commercial Contest

Be sure to check out the fun videos EVIT students have been making. Go to [YouTube.com/evitnews](https://www.youtube.com/evitnews) and scroll down to the #WeAreEVIT contest. It's the EVIT Super Bowl of Commercials!

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