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### Upcoming Events:

- June 2-July 31, Monday-Thursday, EVIT summer hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Fridays.
- July 23: Enrollment Completion, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Main Campus)
- July 24: Enrollment Completion, 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Main Campus)
- July 31: New Teachers In-service. (Main Campus)

## The best day: EVIT 2014 Completion Ceremony



EVIT students had the best day of their lives May 20 as nearly 1,200 of them took part in the 2014 Completion and Awards Ceremony at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Highlights included Emergency Medical Technician student Abrianna Braaksma belting out the national anthem, the announcement of 10 Students of the Year, Law Enforcement Instructor Tony Garcia being honored as Best High School Teacher, Radio/Audio Production duo Donovan Ryan and Peyton Van Hoy

singing “The Best Day of My Life,” and of course, the procession of students across the stage to accept their completion certificates.

But pictures do the event more justice than words ... **(More photos on Pages 3-9)**

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# In the News

## Second time's the car for lucky EVIT student with perfect attendance

Last year, Luke Shaffer had perfect attendance at the East Valley Institute of Technology, earning the right for a chance to win a car. As the cameras rolled, he and five other students drew keys to try and start the car. But Shaffer never got to try his key in the ignition, because another lucky EVIT student with perfect attendance drew the winning key and started the car before it was his turn.



So this year, when once again, Shaffer, an EVIT pharmacy technician student, had perfect attendance and won a drawing for a chance to win the car – he decided not to get his hopes up. During Monday's car giveaway, he waited for his turn and then put his key in the ignition of the 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier donated by Thorobred Chevrolet.

And nothing happened.

Shaffer thought he had lost again. Worse, the key was stuck in the ignition. So he got out of the car, and EVIT radio instructor Steve Grosz slid behind the wheel to see if he could get the key out.

And the car started. "You won the car!" Grosz said to a disbelieving Shaffer. Turned out: The Gilbert High School senior forgot to push in the clutch.

"It's more than I could hope for," Shaffer, 18, said. It's also more than his 14-year-old brother could hope for because Shaffer, who already owns a car, plans to give his little brother the car he won at EVIT.

For eight years, EVIT has given away a donated car to a student with perfect attendance. At the end of the school year, all students with perfect attendance enter a drawing – and then six are selected to participate in the car giveaway. Each student selects a key, and then the one whose key starts the ignition, wins the car. This year, 281 students had perfect attendance.

"We train our young people to go into the workforce," said Sally Downey, superintendent of EVIT, a career and technical school offering more than 30 occupational training programs for high school students and adults. "So we put a lot of emphasis on going to school every day, just like you would be going to work every day."



# 2014 Completion & Awards Ceremony



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## The Best Day



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Americanism Award  
Amanda Bria



Extra Effort Award  
Carli Schaff and Julia Donahue



On the Road to Success  
Award  
Ally Baker and Jesus Yanez

Community Service Award  
Cinthia Andrade  
And  
Vanessa Caruso



# 2014 Students of the Year

While all of our EVIT students are remarkable, there were 10 in 2013-14 who especially distinguished themselves – the nominees for Student of the Year. Each was nominated by their teacher and then interviewed by Superintendent Sally Downey for the final decision. But in the end, she couldn't pick just one because they were all too fantastic. So, here are the 10 EVIT Students of the Year!



**ISABEL AMBALADA** – Isabel is a student in Becky Devine's Human Anatomy & Physiology class. She has only been at EVIT for one year because she just moved here from the Philippines. Isabel wants to be a doctor and will be attending ASU in the fall, where she has received a \$32,000 New American University Scholarship. Isabel says that EVIT and her teacher Ms. Devine have given her the confidence to do anything.



**KIRSTEN CARNEVALE** – Kirsten is a student in Janet Jensen's Dental Careers class. Kirsten gave up being captain of the varsity basketball team at Gilbert High School to attend EVIT. She has received a \$44,000 scholarship to attend Robert Morris College in Pennsylvania and plans to become a dentist. Kirsten feels prepared and far ahead of the game because of EVIT. She says students at EVIT are more focused on learning, which makes it a great environment for learning.



**RUBEN GALLEGOS** – Ruben is a student in Belinda Long's Medical Assistant class. He became a campus tour guide because he loves promoting the school. He has been hired as a result of his internship at a local eye clinic for \$25 an hour. And he currently holds three jobs. Ruben says EVIT is a family and the teachers are extraordinary. He turned down a Wildcat Scholarship at the University of Arizona because he wants to organize all of Maricopa Community Colleges to become members of HOSA. He was recently elected Region III HOSA Vice President to represent all of Maricopa County. Ruben plans to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.

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# 2014 Students of the Year



**DERRICK LAWTER** – Derrick is a student in my Radio/Audio Production class, and can be heard daily on The Pulse as he broadcasts live each morning from EVIT. He will be attending Boise State University in the fall majoring in economics. He plans to become a lawyer, and someday, a politician. Derrick says that after attending EVIT he knows he can do anything because EVIT has given him that much confidence.

**HOLLIE MULLINS** – Hollie is a student in Kelley Grantham's 3D Animation class. Hollie has given 110 percent to her program at EVIT and says the two years she spent at EVIT have been a joy. Hollie plans to attend college, possibly the University of Advanced Technology. She wants to work for Dream Works or Pixar as a character animator. She feels that EVIT has truly set her up for success.



**BRITTANY NIGH** – Brittany is a student in Lisa Bradford's Early Childhood Education class. As a first-year student, she was inducted into National Technical Honor Society for her excellent attendance and near perfect grades, and accumulated over 50 hours of volunteer time with Head Start preschoolers. This year, at the Future Educators of America state competition, Brittany won a gold medal and \$2,500 scholarship. And, as an intern, she has logged more than 200 hours volunteering with the 6<sup>th</sup>-graders at Ishikawa Elementary School. Brittany will attend Chandler-Gilbert Community College in the fall and plans to become a certified elementary education teacher.

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# 2014 Students of the Year

**ALEX RODRIGUEZ** – Alex is a student in Captain Al Mittelstaedt’s aviation class. He was elected Mr. EVIT East this year. He also soloed this year and will have his private pilot license upon graduation. Alex is going to attend the University of North Dakota to pursue his degree in aviation.



**VALERY SANTACRUZ** – Valery is a student in Lou Ann Hoffman’s Medical Assistant class. She holds a 4.2 GPA, is president of her senior class and National Honor Society at Skyline High School, and also is a member of the school’s basketball team. Valery received a \$7,000 Wildcat scholarship and will attend the University of Arizona in the fall. She plans to be a doctor, and because of her EVIT internship this year, she wants to be an OB/GYN. Valery says she is fortunate to have had Ms. Hoffman as her teacher two years and attributes her great instruction as the reason for her wanting to attend medical school.



**ADAM VAUGHN** – Adam Vaughn is in Jan Bray’s Nursing Assistant class. Adam has a 3.75 GPA, and wants a career in medicine so he can help people. He hopes to join the Peace Corps after getting his nursing license. Adam absolutely



loves EVIT and feels that Anthony Toscano and Jan Bray are the best teachers he’s ever had. Adam says being a student at EVIT has been a true gift.

**COLTON ZEITLER** – Colton is in Karen Marsh’s Nursing Assistant class. He has a 4.1 GPA and 448 hours of service this last year. Colton plans to become an anesthesiologist and will be working at Children’s Hospital this summer. He will attend Grand Canyon University in the fall where he has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. Colton says Ms. Marsh and his year spent at EVIT have been the best educational experience ever.



**CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS OF THE YEAR!**

# 2014 Scholarships

## EVIT seniors win over \$853,000 in college scholarships

When EVIT first started in the mid-1990s, it was known more for being a vocational school for high school students who didn't plan to attend college. Today, nine of the school's programs offer dual enrollment college credit – and two out of three EVIT students go on to college. In fact, students in the EVIT Class of 2014 have won well over \$853,000 in scholarships this year to continue their education. Here is a sampling:

**AVIATION: Willow Seward**, “Girls with Wings” \$1,000 scholarship and \$140,000 in sports and “Women of Excellence” scholarships from Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute; **Robert Mathis, Ephinee Zaragoza, Zack Garcia, Courtney Poulin and Christian Penwell**, scholarships to attend Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Camp; **Ephinee Zaragoza**, Arizona Pilots Association scholarship (\$1,000) and scholarship to attend University of North Dakota summer aviation camp; **Jonathan Higgins**, Arizona Pilots Association scholarship (\$1,000); **William Brown**, scholarship to attend University of North Dakota summer aviation camp;



**Aaron Joya, Alexandria Williams, Harrison Gregory, Alex Rodriguez, Justin Acuna, Kyle Skabelund and Lowell Susunkewa**, selected for US Air Force Academy; and **Alexandria Williams**, Donald Hess Estate for Aviation Scholarship.

**DENTAL CAREERS: Kirsten Carnevale**, \$44,000 scholarship to Robert Morris College.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: Brittany Nigh**, \$2,500 Future Educators of America scholarship and \$2,500 to Grand Canyon University; **Joanna Alshalabi**, \$10,000 to Arizona State University; **Michaela Zehring**, \$2,500 to Grand Canyon University; **D'Sha Burton**, \$8,772 to Northern Arizona University; **Lindsay Pierce**, \$8,772 to Northern Arizona University.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN: Liza Ortega**, Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship (\$1,000) to EVIT's adult education Surgical Technologist program; **Aubrey Scoville**, Grand Canyon University Antelope Award (\$6,500/year); **Kiara Parham**, Southern Utah University WUE Award (\$10,500/year); **Alexis Ramirez**, Central Arizona College athletic scholarship; **Linh Ngo**, Arizona State University \$4,000 grant; **Mohamad Salhani**, Grand Canyon University Faculty Scholarship (\$5,750/year); **Carressa Baguindo**, Grand Canyon University Faculty Scholarship (\$6,750/year); **Morgan Shippen**, Fort Lewis College Athletic (\$2,000) and Academic (\$3,000) scholarships; **Kathleen Murphy**, University of Arizona Wildcat Excellence Award (\$9,000/year); and **Orion Igleheart**, University of Arizona Wildcat Excellence Award (\$5,000/year).

**FASHION, INTERIORS AND TEXTILES: Dominique Flores**, FCCLA scholarship to FIDM (\$3,000); **Savannah Kensington**, FCCLA scholarship to FIDM (\$1,000); **Anderson Osmun**, FCCLA scholarship to FIDM (\$1,000); **Emmaline Copley**, FCCLA scholarship to FIDM (\$3,000); **Maddie Greenhalgh**, EVIT Fashion Show First Place Scholarship (\$2,800); **Anderson Osmun**, EVIT Fashion Show Second Place Scholarship (\$1,800); and **Nicole Salas**, EVIT Fashion Show Third Place Scholarship (\$800). (Continued on Page 11)

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**HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY:** **Isabel Ambalada**, \$32,000 New American University Scholarship to Arizona State University; **Alexa McKenzie Stewart**, 2014 National Technical Honor Society Jon H. Poteat Scholarship.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT:** **Valery Santacruz**, \$7,500 Wildcat Scholarship to the University of Arizona.

**NURSING ASSISTANT:** **Kelsey King**, \$8,000 to Grand Canyon University; **Kylie Mayhew**, \$38,000 (full ride) to Northern Arizona University; **Dusty Spillman**, \$12,500 to Grand Canyon University; **Eryn Wunderl**, \$6,000 to Grand Canyon University; **Sierra Yeager**, \$9,700 to Grand Canyon University; **Diana Alshalabi**, \$1,000 to Arizona State University; **Madison Kill**, scholarship to Arizona State University; and **Colton Zeitler**, \$10,000 scholarship to Grand Canyon University.

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN:** **Elizabeth Smith**, \$1,200 to Brigham Young University; **Justice Malone**, Presidential Full Tuition Scholarship (4 years), Mesa Community College; **Logan McDermott**, \$24,000/year to Arizona State University; **Aspen Pellettieri**, Presidential Full Tuition Scholarship (2 years), Mesa Community College; **Alison Gritchen**, half-tuition/4 years, University of New Mexico; **Hailey Lawson**, CAC Promise for the Future full tuition/2 years, Central Arizona College; **Jake Bailey**, \$9,500/year for 4 years to Arizona State University; **Dusty Woods**, Presidential Full

Tuition for 2 years to Arizona State University; **Luke Shaffer**, National Merit Finalist scholarship, \$13,500/year; **Bethany Lehmann**, \$9,800/year to Grand Canyon University, Eastern Star \$1,500, and Grand Lodge \$800; **Mireya Ortiz**, WUE scholarship to University of New Mexico.

**RADIO/AUDIO PRODUCTION:** **Ally Baker**, \$60,000 to Vanguard University.

**STUDENTS OF THE YEAR \$350 SCHOLARSHIPS:** **Isabel Ambalada** (Human Anatomy & Physiology), **Kirsten Carnevale** (Dental Careers), **Ruben Gallegos** (Medical Assistant), **Derrick Lawter** (Radio/Audio Production), **Hollie Mullins** (3D Animation), **Brittany Nigh** (Early Childhood Education), **Alex Rodriguez** (Aviation), **Valery Santacruz** (Medical Assistant), **Adam Vaughn** (Nursing Assistant), **Colton Zeitler** (Nursing Assistant).

**ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF EAST VALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS (\$2,000):** **Jordan Adler**, (Radio/Audio Production), **Jenny Davis** (Fire Science), **Erasmio Mares** (Nursing Assistant), **Thalia Morales** (Massage Therapy), **Brandyn Orr** (3D Animation), **Martin Valenzuela** (Nursing Assistant) and **Lisa Walston** (Massage Therapy).

**EVIT EXECUTIVE CLUB COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS (East Campus):** **Sara Ferrin** (Cosmetology), \$500; **Layla Lwiss** (Nursing Assistant), \$250; **Valery Santacruz** (Medical Assistant), \$500; **Yaneth Contreras** (Nursing Assistant), \$250.

Congratulations, EVIT scholarship winners!

# EVIT Honors Students

This spring, over 160 students at the East Valley Institute of Technology were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. This organization honors the achievements of top career-and-technical education students and promotes excellence in the development of a skilled workforce. EVIT inductees included:

**EAST CAMPUS:** Katharyn Aarness, Brittani Akre, Rachel Bennett, Amanda Bria, Emily Brown, Micko Bunag, Victoria Davis, Bailey De-LaTorre, Jasmine Duran, Benjamin Fellman, Sara Ferrin, Dominique Fiacco, KyLee Flores, Sydney Garcia, Samantha Glasgow, Collin Goode, Karley Grantham, Joselle Marie Hilao, Taylor Izard, Hannah Kyzar, Tracy Lape, Abriel Lively, Malysa Loughrey, Cassidy Lussow, Diana Martinez, Hiris Martinez Velasco, Madison McDonald, Erika Memmott, Marilyn Mews, Alyssa Montgomery, Ashlyn Nichols, Bailey Osentjuk, Grace Rauguth, Zurisadai Rosas, Erika Salter, Kaley Schafer, Samantha Scherf, Amy Selby, Taheera Shabazz, Samantha Smith, Alexa Stewart, Autumn Stickler, Miranda Stratton, Tiahna Thorson, Karlie Tipton, Tiffany Todd, Adam Vaughn, Kellie Welch, Yaquelin Yopez.



**MAIN CAMPUS:** Cesario Acosta, Joanna Alshalabi, Chase Andrews, Abelardo Barrera, Juan Basoco, Sophia Birsa, Ellie Bleazard, Abrianna Braaksma, Daphnie Bradley, Jacob Buchert, Ada Sheinte Carpenter, Makaila Ceja, Rachel Chapman, Ashley Colby, Charles Coleman, Carlie Corcoran, Kerena Corder, Jonah Corder, Alma Correa, Melanie Crossman, Angelina Cruse, Vernice Cruz, Cody Dahlin, Adriana Dan, Courtney Danks, Kendahl Darschewski, Jenny Davis, Alyssa Diaz, Brieana Dolce, Jeremiah Egan, Ariana Estrella, Adrianna Flores, Alesandra Fogge, Alejandra Gamez, Julia Garcia, Alicia Garcia, Auriel Gill, Don Gonzalez, Anai Gonzalez, Araceli Gonzalez Mendoza, Desiree Gould, Dylan Goveia, Reyna Gracia-Espinoza, Shannon Greenwood, Joshua Greenwood, Megan Harris, Troy Harrison, Seth Hartsock, Kandice Hein, Carli Hermann, Myloan Hoang, Elexis House, Joshua Humphrey, Alexis Ibarra, Olivia Illgen.

Emily James, Shadae Jocewicz, Kelsey Johnsen, William Johnson, Jason Josaphat, Kristen Kerzie, Thao Khuong, Amanda Kolkhorst, Samantha Krueger, Breanna Ledesma, Joshua Lentz, Shawnessy Limos, Martin Loehr, Breanna Lutz, Allistar Machacek, Eric Malm, Justice Malone, Stephanie Martin, Shelby Masterson, Logan McDermott, Evgenia McKearn, Jordyn McMillan, Mikayla Miller, Paige Nagel, Tawn Palmer, Brooke Paulsen, James Payne, Marisa Payne, Trevor Pond, Alena Porter, Somer Portz, Daniella Prieto, Serena Ramos, Isaac Reinoso, Angela Rivera, Kristen Rivera, Noelle Rogers, Fermin Ruiz, Caitlyn Rywant, Tyler Schaefer, Carli Schaff, Brittney Shaw, Robert Sheehan, Amanda Sheehy, Kayleigh Simons, Cassidy Sonnemann, Tanner Stanley, Tayler Stevens, Nicole Stoner, Melanie Sutton, Halie Tafoya, Ramsey Taylor, Tristan Taylor, Keegan Taylor, Angel Tovar, Abby Vanderknoop, Jessie Voigtsberger, Amanda Walker, Katelyn Werline, Marina Youkhana, Colton Zeitler.

**Congratulations, EVIT National Technical Honor Society Inductees!**

# State Awards

As they do every year, EVIT students dominated state competitions this year that put their CTE skills to the test. About 75 students brought home a slew of medals, awards and scholarships.

## **FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America):**

(Fashion, Textiles and Interiors) **Dominique Flores**, Gold, \$3,000 scholarship for FIDM, National Recommend; **Veronica Herrera**, Gold; **Savannah Kensington**, Gold, \$1,000 scholarship for FIDM, National Recommend; **Anderson Osmun**, Gold, \$1,000 scholarship for FIDM; **Emmaline Copley**, Gold, \$3,000 scholarship for FIDM, National Recommend; **Dean Smith**, Silver; **Alma Serrano**, Gold; and **Nikki McPherson**, Silver.

**Skills USA: Marco Castillo** (3D Animation), Gold; **Jayden Vezi** (3D Animation), Gold; **Hollie Mullins** (3D Animation), Silver; **Chris Low** (3D Animation), Silver; **Ariana Garza** (Law Enforcement), Silver; **Hannah Vogan** (Cosmetology), Gold; **Megan Mardis** (Cosmetology), Silver; **Alyssa Forbes** (Aesthetics), Bronze; **Charles Coleman** (Fire Science), Silver; **Dylan Goveia** (Fire Science), Gold; **Jake Valera** (Precision Manufacturing), Silver; **Guillermo Bracamonte** (Precision Manufacturing), Bronze; **William Montey** (Welding), Bronze; **Cayden Wells** (Law Enforcement), Silver and Fourth; **Chris Reynolds** (Law Enforcement), Fifth; **Adam Pray** (Cosmetology), Bronze; **Nick Gabos** (Radio/Audio Production) and **Sean Samms** (Radio/Audio Production), Bronze.



**CCAP (Careers through Culinary Arts Program):** (Culinary Arts & Commercial Baking) **Esmeralda Arriaga**, \$1,000 scholarship; **Megan Kienitz**, \$3,000 scholarship; **Sierra Noel**, \$5,000 scholarship; **Abby McCallum**, \$6,250 scholarship; **Paige Martinez** and **Kristen Mick**, Juniors Top 10, \$100 class at Le Cordon Bleu Scottsdale.

**FEA (Future Educators of America):** (Early Childhood Education) **Brittany Nigh**, Gold; **Michaela Zehring**, Gold; **Lyric Dreese**, Silver; **Laura Gonzalez**, Silver; **Adrey Hagan** and **Cinthya Castelo**, Service Project Winners; **Jordan Parsley**, Speech Winner; **Alex Chavez-Riggs**, **Ashlee Francis**, and **Claudia LaGarde**, Public Service Announcement Winners; **Melanie Crossman**, Public Speaking Winner; **Shay Chesser**, **Zoey Freeman**, and **Jessica Gilchrist**, Storybook Creation & Presentation Winners; **O'Sha Burton**, **Mikayla Miller** and **Shelby Parent**, Ethics in Education Winners.

**HOSA Future Health Professionals: Leslie Valdez** (Dental Careers), Second; **Rebeca Flores** (Medical Assistant), Second; **Kathleen Murphy** and **Brooke Shumway** (Emergency Medical Technician), Second; **Jake Bailey-Molnar** (Pharmacy Technician), Second; **Alexia Huizar** and **Carressa Baguindo** (Emergency Medical Technician), Second; **Martin Loehr** (Human Anatomy & Physiology), Placed for Nationals and Third Place; **Trinity Werder-Scott** (Medical Assistant), Third; **Rosemary Ajca** (Dental Careers), Third; **Justice Malone** (Pharmacy Technician), Third; **Kirsten Carnevale** (Dental Careers), Fourth; **Kendahl Darschewski**, **Breanna Lutz**, **Taylor O'Dell**, and **Carlie Schaff** (Human Anatomy & Physiology), Fourth; **Cameron Iverson** (Pharmacy Technician), Fourth; **Abrianna Braaksma** and **Aubrey Scoville** (Emergency Medical Technician), Fourth; **Kate Chavez** (Medical Assistant), Fifth; **Alicia Johnson** (Nursing Assistant), Fifth; **Orlon Igleheart** and **Tarek Salhani** (Emergency Medical Technician), Fifth; **Luke Shaffer** (Pharmacy Technician), Fifth; **Marilyn Mews** (Veterinary Assistant), Second; **Erica Lodge** (Veterinary Assistant), Third; and **Maryanna Swinehart** (Veterinary Assistant), Fourth.

**Ford/AAA:** (Automotive) **Alex Holle** and **Mark Murray** had the highest combined written test scores in the state, placed fifth in hands-on competition, and received scholarship opportunities from Lincoln and Ohio Technical Institutes.

# Program Highlights

## Students train for professional licenses, certifications



At age 17, Amanda Gary of Gilbert already knows the meaning of work and commitment. Every morning, she's out of bed by 5:30 to get herself and her younger siblings ready for school. From 8 to 11 a.m., she takes classes at Learning Foundation and Performing Arts charter school, before heading to the East Valley Institute of Technology for cosmetology training from noon until 4 p.m.

Then, she's off to her job at Lifetime Fitness from 5 to 9 p.m. And after that, it's time for homework.

It's a grueling schedule – but she wouldn't change a thing, because after she completes the

cosmetology program, she will take the exam for her state license and a career right out of high school.

"It gives you a jump-start in life to have a career so early on," Gary said.

Every program at EVIT, a public career and technical school, has students who have figured out at a young age what they want to do in life. Many of them are not only getting a high school diploma in May, but are also completing EVIT programs with a professional industry-endorsed credential that makes them immediately employable.

EVIT offers more than 30 occupational training programs tuition-free to high school students who reside in 10 East Valley districts – Scottsdale, Mesa, Tempe, Fountain Hills, Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Higley, Queen Creek and J.O. Combs. Tuition-based programs for adults are also offered with financial aid available.

Students in the Emergency Medical Technician program are currently going through their certificate testing process. To become an EMT in Arizona they have to pass an EMT program that has been approved by the Arizona Department of Health Services, such as EVIT's program, and then pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians skills test and computer-based test. So far, 100 percent of this year's class has passed the NREMT skills test.



Instructor Traci Plough said EVIT's EMT program has a 75 percent pass rate, and 13 students from last year are certified EMT's. Brooke Shumway, 17, a senior at Mesa's Mountain View High School, and Kathleen Murphy, 17, a senior at Higley's Williams Field High School, are confident they will soon join their ranks.

"Our teacher is phenomenal," Shumway said of Plough. "She's also a part-time paramedic, so she doesn't sugar-coat it. She's real."

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# Program Highlights

## Radio, multimedia programs take summer school to the mall

The East Valley Institute of Technology's radio and multimedia programs are hosting free summer school in June and July at Gilbert's San Tan Village.

Sponsored by Ford's [www.drivingskillsforlife.com](http://www.drivingskillsforlife.com), the summer school will give students the opportunity to earn 1/2 elective high school credit while learning about radio, audio production, web design, graphic design, photography, video, marketing and more. Students will also create public service announcements about teen driver safety that will be played on EVIT's radio station, The Pulse at 90.7 FM and 92.7 FM.

The classes will be held in a storefront EVIT is leasing for the months of June and July at the outdoor Gilbert mall. The EVIT storefront, located next to Johnny Rockets and near Harkins Theatres, will also be a place where the public can stop by to learn more about EVIT programs and campuses. Store hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.

The classes will be offered in two sessions:

- Session 1 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 5-6, 9-12, 16-19 and 23-26.
- Session 2 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 1-2, 7-10, 14-17 and 21-24.

The classes are open to all students, from incoming ninth-graders in 2014-15 to graduating seniors from the Class of 2014. High school credit is only available to East Valley students.

Special events will be planned daily and tweeted @teenpulseradio on Twitter and posted on [www.pulseradio.fm](http://www.pulseradio.fm). Special events include Free Doughnut Day, Free Ice Cream Day, Free Makeover Day, video game tournaments, video games provided by Mesa's Golfand/Sunsplash, and a lounge area to chill while watching the NBA or NHL finals and other sporting events.

90.7 and 92.7 The Pulse will broadcast live from the EVIT store all summer with the student DJs providing live interviews and playing requests. Special appearances from local and national celebrities are also being scheduled.

To enroll, contact EVIT at (480) 461-4000 or visit [www.pulseradio.fm](http://www.pulseradio.fm) to download and print the enrollment form.

For more information, email radio instructor Steve Grosz at [sgrosz@evit.com](mailto:sgrosz@evit.com).

## Licenses, certifications (continued from Page 14)

For both students, the EMT certificate is just a beginning. Murphy plans to major in physiology at the University of Arizona and then go to medical school. She hopes to use her EMT certification to obtain employment at a Tucson hospital while she's in college. Shumway wants to go to Paradise Valley Community College to earn an associate degree in firefighting.

While two out of three EVIT students go on to college, about 32 percent go directly into the workforce.

That's the goal for many in the automotive program, where earlier this year, 176 students passed 205 certification tests. In the second round of tests this spring, 124 automotive and diesel students earned 307 certifications. At an assembly, Superintendent Sally Downey explained why those certifications are so important: "You all have a transportable credential so that a potential employer will be able to tell that you have met the industry standard for them to employ you."

# Program Highlights

## Auto, Diesel students earn 300-plus certifications, badges

East Valley Institute of Technology has one of the premier automotive programs in the nation, according to Mike McAfee of the Arizona Automobile Dealers Association.

In Arizona, EVIT was the first school to obtain NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) certification. And it has maintained that certification for 14 years, McAfee said.

“You have to have accreditation and certification,” he said. “That tells our employers that you’re teaching the right stuff.”

Consequently, EVIT is one of the top high schools in the nation for placing automotive students in jobs. And there is no other school in Arizona that comes close, McAfee said, adding that other high schools might produce six or seven automotive interns each year while EVIT produces 40. “It’s huge what this school does for our industry,” he said.



EVIT also has the only NATEF-certified collision repair program in Arizona.

This spring, over 120 Automotive and Diesel students earned more than 307 professional certifications. Those earning certificates and badges included:

### **AUTOMOTIVE**

Jared Andersen, Irving Andres, Adrian Aragon, Damien Ashcraft, Nicholas Ashcroft, Mitchell Bailey, McEnroe Baille, Asa Barber, Robert Beck, Tyler Bennett, Diego Bermudez, John Bickes, Jacob Bingham, Alex Bizari, Brek Blackstad, Chase Bolick, Zach Boline, Maleko Boyd, Michael Hollywood Calderon, Max Campillo, Hector Campos, Logan Chacon, Connor Chamalvide, Nicholas Chern, Chandler Cortez, Malyk Crudup, Alisia Cruz, Codey Curtis, Alex DeGroote, Tyler DeLong, Jose Enciso Hernandez, Joseph Evanston, Angel Fernandez, Francisco Fierros, Troy Finley, Alfredo Flores, Fernando Flores-Quiroz, Colton Foster, Samuel Foster, Wesley Funk, Andy Garcia Cordero, Giulio Garino, Keith Griffiths, Austen Gritchen, Taite Grondahl, Jhoselin Lopez, Noah Hanks, Jonathan Heft, Mario Hernandez, Nicholas Hess, Megan Higginbotham, Shane Hinsley, Clayton Holman, Arthur Horner, Dillon Huynh, Scott Kimball, Daniel Kimber, Nicholas Kneller, Jacob Knox, Logan Koch, Lacey Krafcigs, Zack Lawson, John Lira, Alan Lopez, Jeff Lyon, Helio Mancera, Patrick Marks, Alberto Martinez, Vincent Maxey, Robert McLellan, Kyler Mcnamara, Tyler Mecl, Yovanny Medina, Mark Murray, Nathan Naranjo, Bryce Nichols, Adam Nordine, Carlos Norzagaray, Andres Ortega, Kristofer Oxford, Ismael Palafox, Bryan Parkinson, Josh Patton, Shania Peterson, Joseph Petrelli, Hunter Plaza, Joe Pochervina, Matthew Richardson, Uriah Richardson, Dakota Rider, Rylan Rodoni, Zackary Rodriguez, Arturo Roman, Jayden Ross, Chris Roth, DeAnn Roy, Morgan Ruesga, Alec Russo, Logan Russo, Kyle Schwarz, Nick Self, Emerson Senseman, Carlos Sepulveda, Cody Skree, Taylor Smith, Tristan Smith, Kyle Snider, Tanner Sparks, Omner Terrazas, Nahum Tesfaye, Alejandro Tilapa, Zachary Van Kanegan, Anthony Vasquez, Jose Vazquez Munoz, Jonatan Victoria, Brandon Vopat, Benjamin Warren, Harley Wendelschafer, Tristan Wrigley, Holden Yount, Roman Zaccardo, Jeffery Zeiner.

### **DIESEL**

Rhane Echeverria, Andrew Lopez.



# Program Highlights

## Emergency Medical Technician Mock Medical Emergency Scenarios



On Tuesday, May 13, the Emergency Medical Technician students at the East Valley Institute of Technology responded all day to mock medical emergency scenarios.



# Main Campus Spotlight

## Annual Fashion Show: What Inspires You?



# East Campus Spotlight

## Official with world's largest aviation group visits East Campus



In May, Mark Baker, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, visited the EVIT Aviation program and instructors Al Mittelstaedt and Lou Amadee. While there, he met EVIT students who have spent nearly every Saturday this school year at the East Campus where they are building an airplane.



# General Announcements

Happy Retirement, Al Mittelstaedt, Bruce Johnston, & David Haro!



## 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).

# General Announcements

# Happy Birthday!



May Birthdays			
1	Jessica Berger	15	Ivan Tyau
4	Kasey Doran	22	Ray Segarra
9	Karen Cunneen	27	Jonathan Rabago
11	Lisa Bradford	31	Molly Miller
11	Amanda Diesing		
11	John Miller		
15	Mike Montgomery		

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to *light*  
- Allan Bloom

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June Birthdays			
1	Janice Parker	13	Amelia Sanchez
5	James Conner	19	Porfirio Delgado
7	Susan Chamberlain	19	Andrea Rabago
11	Elena Bustos Elaine Marett	22	Maria Acevedo Chino
11	Marvin Moody	22	Kristie Rogers
12	Doug Neuckranz	27	Lisa French
13	Joseph Kraus	29	Carlos Sanchez

## A Note to Our EVIT Community:

There were many events and activities at EVIT this year that made TV news or the local paper or the national career and technical education magazine. But it's often the unsung moments that make EVIT such a wonderful school.

Fashion students rushing on stage to hug instructor Kristen Johnson at her last show. Students so passionate about aviation that they spent every Saturday building an airplane. Law enforcement students who refused to quit during the rigorous Academy Week.

There are so many moments like this that happen every day at EVIT.

This spring, EVIT won five awards from the Arizona School Public Relations Association, including the Award of Distinction for Overall Public Relations Excellence. Our public relations and marketing efforts would not be possible without the leadership of Superintendent Sally Downey, the support of our Building 3 family, our dedicated EVIT teachers and the remarkable students they inspire every day.

We are EVIT – and proud of it.

Everybody have a great summer!

**CeCe, Patrick and Kelly**  
**Your 2013-14 Public Information and Marketing Team**

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