



# Insider

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### Upcoming Events:

- April 4: Broadcasters Career Fair (10 a.m.)
- April 16: Orientation/ Open House (5:30 p.m.)
- May 2: Fashion Merchandising Fashion Show (6 p.m.)
- May 21: Completion Ceremony—Hohokam Stadium (7 p.m.)

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## HOSA students raise more than \$10,000 for cystic fibrosis

EVIT’s Health Occupations Students Association (HOSA) exceeded its goal of raising \$10,000 for the Arizona chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in March.

The student-led walk-a-thon on March 4 raised \$9,855.50. But when Lori Nelson, development manager for the state chapter, arrived at EVIT for the check presentation, she was given another check for \$180—bringing the total to \$10,035.50.

HOSA organized the fundraiser, with each student walking in the event pledging \$6 to the cause.

The EVIT teachers encouraged the students to participate as a service project.

Lori Nelson, development manager for the Arizona chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, accepted EVIT’s \$10,000 contribution.



She said no other school has raised as much money as the EVIT students.

“A lot of schools are fund-raising now, but we don’t anticipate them raising that amount of money,” Nelson said. “We are very appreciative of what EVIT has done for us.”

Check out the fun pictures from the Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-thon event on [page 12](#).



# Program Highlights



Teacher Mike Turcotte said the students won a total of \$105,580 this year — making it \$1.9 million that EVIT culinary students have won in scholarship money to date.

The students said the competition was nerve-wracking but they were well-prepared. Gero, who also attends Mesa's Skyline High School, said it's a "passion that drives" that has made EVIT's culinary program so successful in competition.

They added that EVIT's culinary students pull together

## Culinary Arts student rack up more scholarships

It's become a tradition for EVIT's Culinary Arts students to win the big scholarships — and this year's competitors at C-Cap finals didn't disappoint.

Senior Courtney Clardy won a scholarship valued at \$50,000 toward an associate's degree at the Art Institute of Phoenix, and senior Emily Spriet won a scholarship valued at \$43,830 toward an associate's degree at the Art Institute of Denver.

Senior Michelle Gero won a partial tuition scholarship of \$5,000 for the Arizona Culinary Institute and a cash scholarship for \$4,000. Senior Danielle DeZeeuw won a cash scholarship of \$2,000 to use anywhere.

Second-year students didn't claim all the glory. Junior Abby McCallum finished in the top 10 for one master chef class at Le Cordon Bleu Scottsdale and a week boot camp at Johnson & Wales in Denver, valued at \$750.



to help each other be successful. "We're all big team players," said Spriet, who also attends Higley High School.

Clardy, a home-schooled student from Chandler, wants to one day own and operate a restaurant with her father, Lonnie Clardy, "the best cook that I know." Clardy added, "If culinary is your passion, EVIT is where you need to be."

# Program Highlights

## EVIT programs preparing for spring Open House

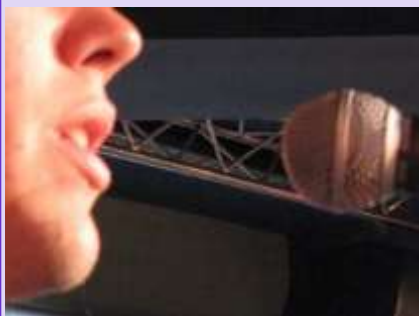
The East Valley Institute of Technology's Spring Open House and Orientation will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., April 16 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell Main Campus and the East Campus. This is a time for students who have registered for Fall 2013 to meet their instructors, see the classrooms, and get better acquainted with the campus.

It's also a great opportunity for students who have already registered to bring along a friend or two who might also be interested in enrolling.

EVIT has about 40 occupational programs that can lead to well-paying jobs after high school or jump-start a career that requires college or other post-secondary training.



## 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 Student of the Month

Congratulations to Rotary Student of the Month Mario Hernandez. Mario is a student in Derek Hall's Automotive class.

## EVIT makes national CTE news

The East Valley Institute of Technology is featured in three issues of ACTE's national award-winning Techniques magazine this year.

The March issue included an article about our new HVAC program. In April, Collision Repair teacher Hollywood Leary is featured. And, a May article highlights EVIT's efforts to increase non-traditional student enrollment.

After an issue is out for one month, you can read it for free at :

[www.acteonline.org/techniques/](http://www.acteonline.org/techniques/)

# Program Highlights

## Fashion Merchandising fashion show set for May 2

Tickets are now on sale for the 8th Annual EVIT Fashion Merchandising Fashion Show. Teacher Kristen Johnson said 150 outfits created by 53 first- and second-year students will be showcased at 6 p.m. May 2 in Culinary Arts. Forty students have volunteered to model on the 120-foot-long runway.

The students' designs will be judged by eight to 10 experts from the fashion merchandising industry, with the top three being awarded scholarships.

The fashion show involves several other EVIT programs. Multimedia helps the students create portfolios of their work, BAMB provides the music, Cosmetology handles the models' hair and makeup, and Video tapes the show. The event also includes a hair show by Cosmetology and a combination of outfit and chair designs collaborated on by the Fashion Merchandising and Interior Design students.

VIP tickets (front row) are \$20, Premier tickets (second row) are \$10, and General Seating is \$5. Johnson said the fashion show is expected to draw about 500 people. To purchase tickets, email [kjohnson@evit.com](mailto:kjohnson@evit.com) or call her at 461-4141.



# Speak Out

## Arizona already meeting Obama's call for education leading to jobs

By David Schapira



For all the flak that our state's education system has taken over the years (I've dealt some of it), we proudly lead the nation in an important segment: career and technical education.

What used to be referred to as vocational education, is now a far more robust system that prepares high school students, and some adults, for the careers of today and tomorrow.

A few weeks ago, in his State of the Union address, President Obama called for education leaders across the nation to "make sure that a high school diploma puts our kids on a path to a good job." He went on to challenge the states to prepare students for the "high-tech economy." We're doing it.

Arizona is at the cutting edge of career and technical education. More than two decades ago, the Legislature actually did something right and created a legal infrastructure that allows school districts to join together to form Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs). These joint districts pool financial resources provided by the communities that make up their member districts to form state-of-the-art centralized campuses, like the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) in Mesa.

What does that mean to many of today's Arizona high school students? A kid who has dreams of being a certified nursing assistant, a chef, a cosmetologist, a radio technician, a pre-school teacher, a graphic designer or an auto mechanic, has the opportunity in this state to get those skills. There's no cost to high school students, and most of these programs offer end-of-course certifications and credentials that make students immediately employable in the real world.

There are schools like EVIT in other parts of the country, but none of this size, scope and quality. Arizona JTEDs are part of an all-star team of career and technical schools in this country, and EVIT is the team's MVP. That's why EVIT got the attention of *Time* magazine's Joe Klein. In a piece entitled "Learning That Works," he cited EVIT and an agricultural program in Kayenta as shining examples of what modern career and technical education (done right) has to offer.

A popular and age-old misconception about these career-track programs is dispelled in the *Time* piece and flat-out rejected in the President's speech. Schools like EVIT are no longer for "those kids." Klein says that although the vocational schools of old may have been seen as dumping grounds for "the dumb kids or the supposed misfits who weren't suited for classroom learning," that paradigm is shattered today.

The graduation rate for EVIT students is 98.4 percent, much higher than state and national averages. Many EVIT graduates tout high school GPAs well over 4.0 and attend some of the most prestigious universities in the country. In fact, 2 in 3 EVIT students go on to college; in traditional Arizona high schools, the rate is only 1 in 3. The major difference between college-bound EVIT students and other high school students who never matriculated to a career and technical school: the EVIT grad starts adulthood with a marketable skill. Many use that skill to pay skyrocketing college costs.

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# Counselor Corner

## Time to enroll for summer and 2013-14 school year

EVIT is in full force accepting new applicants! Now is the time to attend a public tour of EVIT programs before the summer arrives. Counselors are available at the end of the tour for free advisement.

Students, get those applications in and your schedules set up to attend EVIT before your high school counselors leave for the summer!

Speaking of summer, we are offering:

- 8-week Automotive Basics
- Broadcasting and Media Marketing
- Business Entrepreneur

Contact EVIT Registration for more information at (480) 461-4108.



## Give a charitable tax credit to Mesa United Way

Did you know you don't have to wait until the end of the year to give a charitable tax credit to Mesa United Way? By donating now, you won't be trying to come up with the funds around the holidays.

Single taxpayers can donate a maximum of \$200 and married couples, if filing jointly, can donate up to \$400. To receive the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit, put "Charitable Tax Credit" on your donation form and itemize deductions on your state income tax return. Contact Liz Bortkun at ext. 4160 or Barb Spielbusch at ext. 4150 for more information.

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Those students who pursue a career in their EVIT field of study often make it to the pinnacle of their professions: like the former fashion design student studying with couture experts at Pratt Institute in New York; or the former nursing student serving his community today as a practicing physician; or the former cosmetology student who owns her own business.

EVIT and other modern career and technical programs provide outlets to high school students who want a head start on practical skill-building that's convertible into a job in today's market.

The most common question I hear from adults seeing EVIT for the first time: Where was this when I was in school? Well, it's here now, and we need to make sure every kid who wants to gets the chance to take advantage of it.

The President challenged the American education community to "redesign America's high schools" to fit the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For once, Arizona is ahead of the curve.

*David Schapira is a former three-term legislator representing Tempe and South Scottsdale and former Senate Minority Leader. He's now a member of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board and an educational consultant for the East Valley Institute of Technology and other educational initiatives.*

# Photo Gallery

## Bobby Van Spirit Award



Congrats to the EVIT Automotive students who participated in the Arizona Ford Motor Company High School Pit Crew Challenge on Feb. 22. These outstanding students received the Bobby Van Spirit Award.

### Got something to share?

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

## NTHS Induction Ceremony



# Photo Gallery

## Fashion and Interior Design Fabric Dye Fun





# Photo Gallery

## Blindfolded Hair Teasing & Styling



# Photo Gallery

## Teen Traffic Safety Day



# Photo Gallery

## Cystic Fibrosis Walk-A-Thon



# General Announcements

## Happy Birthday!



April Birthdays			
5	Jeffrey Leroy	16	Eugene Ward
5	Eric Perez	20	Sally Downey
9	Ronda Doolen	20	Terri Pearson
9	Traci Plough	28	Jeffrey Agnew
14	David Gertz		
15	Randy Baker		
15	Christine Mahoney		

### Congrats to EVIT's Skills USA 2013 Winners!

#### 3D Animation

Shyanne Bailey & Kara Braaten, Gold; Kenneth Fellenz & Michael Depper, Silver; Jamison Urie & Lexington Dath, Bronze.

#### Post-Secondary 3-D Animation

Damian Richards & Lance Wells, Gold; Kira Miter & David Hart, Silver.

#### Automotive Basics Services Level II

Brent Crissinger, Bronze.  
Also won a Snap-On plier set.

#### Automotive Services Level III

Brighton Hornbaker, Bronze.  
Also won \$3,000 scholarship to UTI and Snap-On plier set.

#### Aesthetic

Tyra Nelson, Gold.

#### Masonry Level II

Abel Norzagaray, Bronze.

#### Cosmetology

Laura Lee Garcia, Silver; Mia Lopez, Bronze.

#### Fire

Jasmin Beals, Gold.

#### Precision Machinery

Quaid Carroll, Silver; Carter Hill, Bronze.

#### Radio/Audio Production

Jesus Lynch & CJ Stork, Silver; Dillon Clinton & Nathan Dobbins, Bronze.

#### Welding

Tyler Gneck, Bronze.

#### Collision Repair

Christopher Kalliski, Gold,  
"Top Estimator in Arizona."  
Also won two weeks of training at Vale Tech in TX

# Designing Winners

## Fashion, interior design students big winners in FCCLA

EVIT's fashion and interior design students met with great success at the recent FCCLA competition.

### FASHION

Kiera Campbell: Gold, Fashion Design; National Contender - \$4,000 scholarship for Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM).

Emily Baker: Gold, Recycle and Redesign; National Contender - \$4,000 scholarship for FIDM.

Ryann Franklin: Gold, Recycle and Redesign; \$4,000 scholarship for FIDM.

Avery Thompson: Gold, Fashion Design; \$4,000 scholarship for FIDM.

Josh Vick: Gold, Fashion Design.

Marissa Hoffman: Silver, Recycle and Redesign.

Maddie Harris: Bronze, Fashion Design.

Christopher Camberos: Bronze, Fashion Design.

Leslie Mejia: Bronze, Fashion Design.

Xiomara Wibirt: Bronze, Entrepreneurship; \$1,000 scholarship for Johnson and Wales.

### INTERIOR DESIGN

Aubrey Mollett & Hailey Funk: First Place Gold with a perfect score; National Contenders.

Chloe Poturalski: Gold, \$4,000 per year FIDM scholarship.

Taehler West: Gold, \$4,000 per year FIDM scholarship.

Melissa Amstutz: Gold.

Bre Thomas & Taylor Baker: Silver.

Monica Edwards: Silver.

