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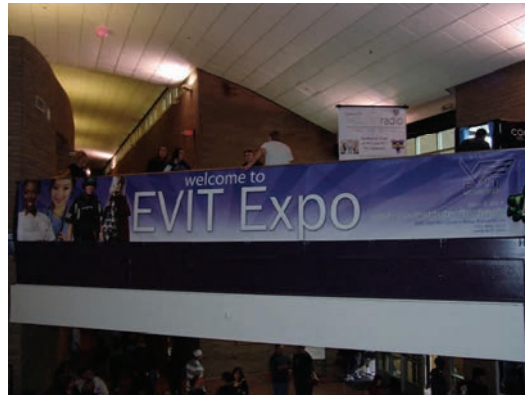
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Upcoming Events:

- February is National Career & Technical Education Month
- Feb 18: Holiday (No School)
- Mar 4: Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-thon
- Mar 7: Mystery Chef Dinner (6 p.m.)

EVIT Expo 2013 is a success despite weather



EVIT Expo 2013 drew a crowd on Jan. 26 despite torrential downpours that resulted in some events being brought inside and others being cancelled.

A steady stream of parents and students flowed into Building 1, where they sought guidance at the information desk. Counselor Pauline Acosta said there seemed to be interest in all of EVIT's programs rather than just a few departments. And, without the distraction of outside events, instructors had more interaction with families.

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"The instructors have always felt that those other activities distracted from their programs," Acosta said. "It was the first time in a long time that they had so many visitors and prospective families asking them questions."

Superintendent Sally Downey agreed and said that next year the expo will be more focused the instructional programs. "The rain taught us a lesson," Downey said. "We don't need all those bells and whistles. People want to come here to

learn about our programs."

Acosta said the other thing she noticed was that the expo attracted parents of younger students who wanted to find out what they need to do now to ensure that their kids can attend EVIT when they're older.

"Those parents are already planning and laying down the groundwork for their kids to be able to come here," she said. "They were just wowed and wanted to know how to get started."

Team Lead Tim Vanda said Tony Garcia and the law enforcement students deserve huge thanks for braving the rain all day to ensure parking was available to everyone, gates were monitored, the campus was secure, and standing water was removed from critical entry areas.

Special thanks also to Lynn Strang, who retired from EVIT public relations a couple of years ago, but returned to organize a very successful EVIT Expo 2013!



Program Highlights

January unofficially named Fire Truck Donation Month

Donations from local city and companies help improve training in Diesel & Fire Science programs.

January could have been called Fire Truck Month at EVIT as the Mesa Fire Department and Rural Metro donated two fire engines for students to use in Fire Science and Diesel Technology.



When the 1985 yellow fire truck donated by Rural Metro pulled into the Diesel garage bay, about a dozen students climbed on board eager to start their hands-on study of the big vehicle.

The students in Gary Swinehart's Diesel Technology class take a lot of pride in what they do, with some describing their experience at EVIT as being "like going to college."

Garrett Mack, 18, a senior at Ahwatukee Foothills' Mountain Pointe High School, said EVIT is giving him a good jump-start on a career in the diesel industry. EVIT is where "you can learn something you're actually interested in," Mack said. "This actually takes you somewhere in the real world."

Swinehart, who started teaching at EVIT in the fall of 2011 after working more than 30 years in the diesel industry, likens the experience to a certain famous female chef.

"Julia Child said it best: 'You'll never know everything about anything, especially if it's something you love,'" he said, "and my students love to learn."



Colin Williams, public information officer for Rural Metro, said it was a natural fit for the emergency services provider to donate an E-ONE diesel fire engine to the Diesel Technology program because so many of EVIT's Fire Science students end up working for Rural Metro.

"We like it because that fire engine served as a front line fire engine for a long time," Williams said, "and now, it doesn't go to the fire truck graveyard. It gets a second lease on life by educating people."

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Program Highlights

Fire Trucks continued



Meanwhile, the Mesa Fire Department donated a 1997 Pierce Quantum 4-door cab fire truck to the Fire Science program. During a donation event on campus, Mesa City Councilman Dennis Kavanaugh said there will be a return on investment many times over.

“When I travel around the country, people point to Mesa as a leader in fire and public safety,” Kavanaugh said, adding that the ideas and spirit of entrepreneurship that make Mesa Fire a leader are part of EVIT’s philosophy as well. “And that’s why you will be successes,” Kavanaugh said, pointing to the Fire Science students who attended the event.

Fire science technology instructor Terry Baugher said EVIT appreciates the Mesa Fire Department’s continued support. He said the students will get a lot of pride and experience out of the truck donated in January.

“Mesa Fire Department has come through for us from the beginning,” he said.

On behalf of the students, seniors Jasmine Beals and Guess Huffman thanked the fire department for the 470 HP Detroit Diesel truck that includes a fire pump, 500 gallon water tank, 20 gallon foam tank, booster reel and deluge gun, among other features.

Beals said it will “advance my learning ... It’s really amazing. I can’t even put it into words. This program has done so much for my future.”

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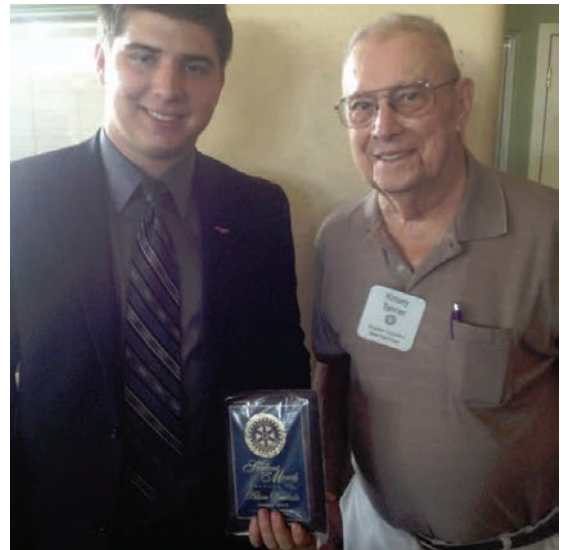
Did you know EVIT is on Facebook? The main page has over 3,500 followers, and during the week of EVIT Expo 2013 reached more than 5,400 people. If you haven’t “liked” the page yet, please do by going to www.facebook.com/EVITnews.

We’ve discovered in the past few weeks that many, many EVIT alumni are following us on Facebook. So we’ve decided to start an EVIT Alumni Association. Spread the word – and if you have ideas for how to get this group going, give CeCe Todd a call in the public relations office at ext. 4032.

EVIT is also gaining more followers on Twitter. Follow @EVITnews on www.twitter.com. And, we have started some interesting boards on Pinterest. Check those out at www.pinterest.com/EVITnow.

Social media can be a great tool for keeping current and former students and staff in touch. We’ve received some wonderful comments on Facebook from alumni who rave about their experiences here.

Elise Gonzales wrote: “I would not have been able to get the jobs I’ve gotten without the help of EVIT and my amazing instructor. Though I am now an alumni, my previous EMT instructor, Mrs. Plough, is still there to advise me and answer my questions whenever I need. Quality teachers equals quality education, and you can be 100% sure you will find that EVIT!”



Adam Krainski and Rotarian Kinsey Tanner

Mesa Rotary Student of the Month

EVIT East Aviation student Adam Krainski was the Rotary student of the month for January '13. Congratulations Adam!

Program Highlights

Mister and Miss EVIT candidates raise over \$4300 for Mesa United Way

When Mister and Miss EVIT were announced Saturday at the East Valley Institute of Technology, it wasn't your usual crowning of a high school king and queen.



Instead, the winners of this contest were the students who raised the most money for the Mesa United Way.

About \$4,300 was raised by Mister and Miss EVIT contestants, with two morning students and two afternoon students from the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus and the East Campus raising the most

money to earn the crowns and titles.

"We as educators are educating the whole student, and part of that education is helping them find their place in the community where they can give back," said EVIT Superintendent Sally Downey. "We're trying to lead them in that direction where they realize that giving back is important."

Mister EVIT winners included Benjamin Wilson, Sequoia Academics & Arts senior; Shea Ressa, Chandler High School senior; Ty Harada, Red Mountain High School senior; and Carlos Alexander Rodriguez, Perry High School junior. Miss EVIT winners



included Courtney Clardy, home-schooled senior; Shelby Cooper, Mountain Pointe High School junior; Leanna Draper, Freedom Christian Academy junior; and Bailey Guthrie, Perry junior.

The crowning took place at the conclusion of EVIT Expo 2013, which featured a variety of events and exhibits to showcase more than 35 of EVIT's vocational training programs.

That's where the annual Mister and Miss EVIT contest comes in. Students can be nominated by a teacher or classmate, or through self-nomination. They turn in applications, and from there, the candidates are selected. Then in the days leading up to the EVIT Expo, each candidate raises money for the Mesa United Way by getting the school community to give to their donation jars.

"This is such a special event and we so look forward to being there to be part of it," said Linda Haskell, vice president of resource development for the Mesa United Way.

EVIT Alumni Spotlight

Landry Low: EVIT and beyond

As a junior at Scottsdale’s Chaparral High School, Landry Low loved to sew and dreamed of working in fashion design, but wasn’t sure how she would get there. Then at a school event, this 4.6-GPA honors student happened to spot a pamphlet for the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa.

“I had no idea what EVIT was and no one had ever explained it to me,” she said.

Through her own research, Low discovered that not only could she attend the public career and technical high school for free, but that she could also study in the field that was her passion: fashion design.

“It was a chance to expand my education in the direction I wanted,” said Low, 19, now a second-year student at the prestigious Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Landry Low, EVIT Fashion Merchandising alumni and current student at Pratt Institute, visited her former class during her visit home from Brooklyn, NY to teach current students about draping and pattern-making.

Low visited the EVIT campus in January and helped teach a class.

“EVIT is the school where kids love to come because we turn their passion into paychecks,” said Superintendent Sally Downey.

Downey said 64 percent of EVIT students go on to college, and former EVIT students are working in industries all over the Valley. In fact, EVIT’s specific mission is “to provide a productive, technically trained workforce that meets the market-driven needs of business and industry.”

For Low, who completed the fashion design program in 2011, the choice to attend EVIT was simple: “I had control. I got to choose what I was learning.”

Low didn’t just want to belong to a school fashion club; she wanted to actually make fashion herself. Through EVIT, she was able to develop a portfolio of her work and win national design competitions – all of which helped her get into Pratt Institute, a college known for turning out well-rounded, employable artists and designers who can earn six-figure salaries in their first year, she said.

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

Counselor Corner

Scholarship Opportunity for 1st Generation College Students

Amount of Scholarship:

Up to \$65,000 (depending on cost of attendance and FAFSA received)

Scholarship Name:

Dorrance Scholarship

Basic Qualifications:

Graduating High School Seniors, First Generation to attend College, minimum 3.0 GPA, accepted by one of Arizona's 3 state universities

Due Date:

February 22, 2013

More Info:

www.DorranceScholarship.org

or

Call the Arizona Community Foundation

602-381-1400 or 800-222-8221

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

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

Due Date:

June 1, 2013

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Photo Gallery



EVIT East MC10- Ms Cunneen's classes learned the importance of proper hand washing. This special gel shows under a black light what germs are left, even after the hands are washed!



EVIT East Aviation Class- building bridges out of toothpicks and seeing how much weight it holds until it breaks! This one held more than 15 lbs!

Got something to share?

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



The new 90.7/ 92.7 FM The Goldmine media center went live on Jan. 24 just in time for EVIT Expo on Jan. 26. Bruce Kelly and BAMM students show Iris, of ABC15, around during a live broadcast.

Photo Gallery



The Automotive department instructors take a photo with a hot rod just before EVIT Expo.



Mister EVIT PM Candidates answer questions at the Mister and Miss EVIT Intro Assembly on Jan. 11.



Michael Ortiz, Mister EVIT AM candidate, received a standing ovation after performing at the Mister and Miss EVIT—Got Talent assembly on Jan. 25.



Phillip Martinez, Mister EVIT PM candidate, get the crowd involved as he sings a country song.

Photo Gallery



Mister and Miss EVIT East Candidates perform at Mister and Miss EVIT Got Talent on the East Campus on Jan. 25.

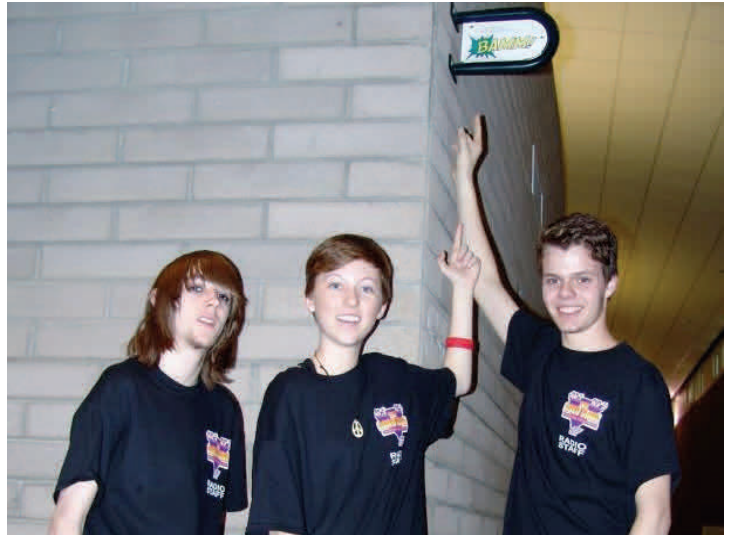
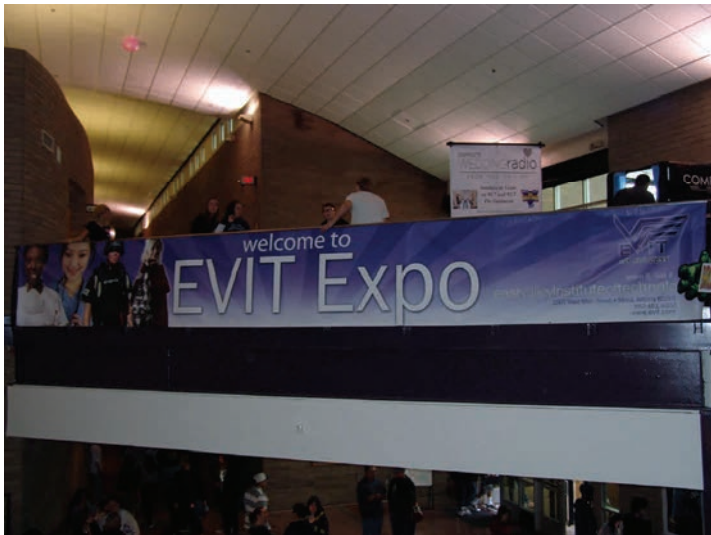


Some photos from the EVIT Expo on Sat., Jan. 26. Playing Just Dance and taking vitals in Medical Assisting, making pastries in Culinary Arts and baby goats and iguana with Veterinary Assistant.



Free chair massages and aviation activities were popular at the EVIT Expo on Jan. 26.

Photo Gallery



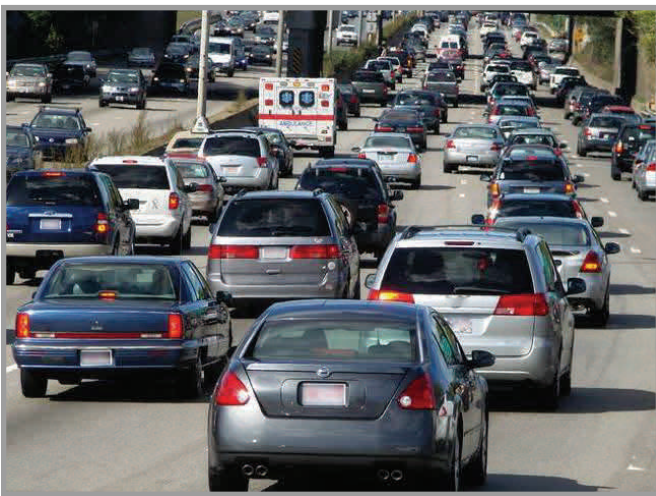
EVIT EXPO 2013

General Announcements

Happy Birthday!



February Birthdays			
1	Dylan Sistek	16	Wendy Udall
1	Brian Turner	17	David Schapira
2	Tyler Vegh	17	Cornelis Schreur
3	John Royere	22	Pete Acosta
9	Ed Allen	24	Ricardo Garcia-Fonseca
14	David Haro	29	Michelle Middleton
14	Karen Marsh		



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.

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

Upcoming Events

*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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