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Upcoming Events:

- June 4-28: BAMB Summer School (Session 1)
- June 4-July 27: Auto Tech Summer School
- June 12: Board Meeting
- June 18-28: Aviation Summer School
- July 4: Holiday
- July 9-Aug 2: BAMB Summer School (Session 2)



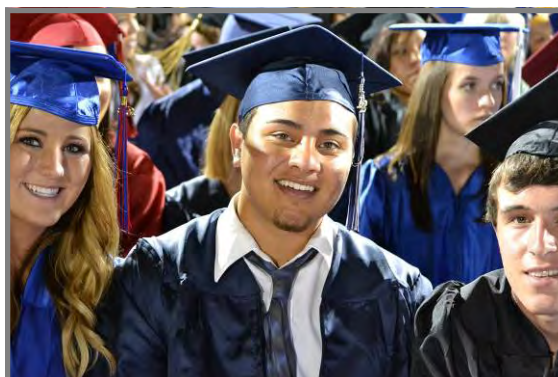
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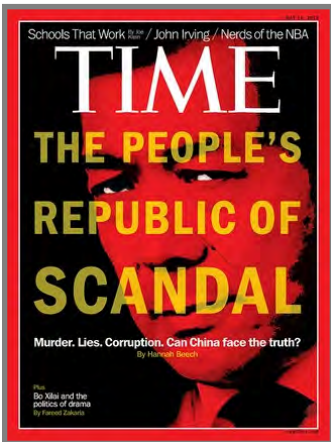
2012 EVIT Completion Ceremony

Program completers recognized at Scottsdale Stadium on May 22

This year, completion ceremonies were moved from Mesa Arts Center to a larger venue, Scottsdale Stadium, to accommodate the nearly 1,100 program completers in one ceremony. Despite record temperatures, more than 6,000 parents, friends and guests attended this spectacular event. Guest speakers included Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal, EVIT Superintendent Dr. Downey and the 2012 Student of the Year award winners, Ben Newcomb (Radio), Kelly Ranft (Fire), Cassie Walker (Medical Assisting) and Sheldon Weiss (Welding). Additional pictures of completion can be found at www.Facebook.com/EVITnews.



Program Highlights



Time Magazine features EVIT programs

The East Valley Institute of Technology was featured in an article in the May 14 edition of Time Magazine titled "Learning that Works" by Joe Klein. During a visit to Arizona in late-April, Klein toured EVIT's Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) campus with Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal. Klein also met with a group of students to learn about their experience at EVIT and asked how the education system could be improved in Arizona.

The article discusses the changing trends in vocational or career and technical education (CTE) and how students who participate in these programs are more likely to score higher on state aptitude tests, graduate from high school and go on to college than those who don't. No longer just for students unable to succeed in

the classroom, today's CTE students are getting trained in programs that lead to jobs or recognized certification, often in partnership with the industry.

Read the full article: <http://www.time.com/time/printout/0,8816,2113794,00.html>

Student designs winning park logo

Tyler Larson, a second-year Multimedia student at EVIT and senior at Mountain View High School, designed the winning logo for the Encanto Garden of Dreams. The contest was sponsored by the ASU Lodestar Center, the American Humanics Student Association and the City of Phoenix. The winning logo out of 75 entries was unveiled on April 22.

After graduation, Tyler plans to enroll in Multimedia at Mesa Community College before transferring to Arizona State University for his undergraduate degree in visual communications.



Auto students compete in skills contest

Automotive Technologies students Fernando Hernandez (Mountain View) and Ryan Ozment (Mesa) put their automotive skills to the test at the 2012 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition on May 4 in Glendale.

The two-person team earned their spot in the competition with a top ten score on the state qualifying written exam beating out more than 1,000 of their 11th and 12th grade peers representing 30+ schools. The "hands-on" competition featured a new Ford Motor Company vehicle that was uniformly "bugged" so each

team had identical malfunctions to diagnose and repair. Teams were given 90-minutes to make the repairs and penalties were assessed if any repairs are not completed.

To help prepare for the competition Berge Ford provided EVIT with a 2012 Ford Fusion so Hernandez and Ozment could familiarize themselves with the vehicle.

Rotary Student of the Month

Aviation Student Jay Kunz (Desert Mountain) was named the East Mesa Rotary Student of the Month for May. Jay had a perfect 100% academic average, is consistently prepared for class, and maintained perfect attendance. He also works a part-time job to pay his tuition and drove more than an hour each day from Scottsdale to Mesa Gateway airport to attend his courses at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

Despite an already full and hectic schedule, Jay is very active in the Glendale DeMolay Chapter. He has dedicated more than 350 hours of his time in the past five years to various events and charities. Additionally, Jay assisted several times on weekends and after school to help EVIT Aviation promote its programs to prospective students at Air shows, Career Fairs and tours.



Perfect Attendance Car Giveaways

Thanks to its partnership with Thorobred Chevrolet, EVIT participated in two “perfect attendance” contests for the 2011-12 school year. The Chevy Drive for Perfection contest, sponsored by valley Chevrolet Dealerships, was only open to graduating seniors. At the end of the school year, 154 seniors at EVIT qualified for a chance to win a new Chevy Cruze or Sonic along with other prizes such as laptops, baseball tickets, televisions and iPods at the final event on May 17 at University of Phoenix Stadium.

The second contest, open to all EVIT students, featured a 2001 Chevy Camaro donated by Thorobred Chevrolet.

More than 260 students finished the year with perfect attendance and were awarded a certificate and EVIT key chain. Four names were drawn for keys during assemblies on May 18 and one of those keys started the car on May 21. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Collin Rogers (Mesa) from Computer Repair & Networking!



Collin with Dr. Downey and John Simonson of Thorobred.



EVIT receives award from Mesa United Way

Students, staff and administrators from EVIT attended the Mesa United Way luncheon on May 16. At the event, EVIT was recognized with the 7th Annual "Community Partnership Award" for its fundraising efforts for the Mesa United Way. Not only did EVIT meet its annual goal, it exceed it by more than \$2,000 thanks to numerous events and fundraisers such as EVIT Expo, basket drawings, Diamondback ticket auctions, tax credit donations and more!

Program Spotlight: Welding

Mesa provides steel fabrication experience to students

Partnership provides job training for students and savings to City of Mesa



The City of Mesa Solid Waste Management Department and East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) have partnered to develop a program that provides students with real world experience in steel fabrication while providing an essential service to meet the City's business needs.

Under the guidance of school instructors, students refurbish City of Mesa trash containers in need of repair. The Solid Waste Management Department provides the materials needed to repair the containers and inspects each finished product to ensure it meets City specifications.

The pilot program began in the fall of 2011 and has proven to be successful. Twenty front load trash bins have been repaired by EVIT students and an additional four bins are projected to be completed before the end of the school year.

"EVIT students are prepared to make a successful transition into the workforce thanks to strong connections with the business community and industry partnerships," EVIT Superintendent Dr. Sally Downey said. "This project not only allows students to fine-tune their welding skills and work as a team, it gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment seeing the finished product and earning money for their program."

Because of the success of the pilot program and the cost savings generated through the partnership, it will continue during the next school year and will be enhanced by adding additional rewards for students.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be donated to the school by the Solid Waste Management Department. EVIT staff will be able to use these funds to help students needing financial assistance with program fees and safety equipment purchases.



"The City of Mesa has a long history of putting a high value on education and I could not be more proud of the City and EVIT for forming this partnership," Mesa Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh said. "Providing students with real world, hands on experience is a vital part of education and I am excited that Mesa and EVIT can team up to provide it."

For more information about the EVIT's welding program, visit www.evit.com/welding.

Additional photos and videos can be found in the City of Mesa Newsroom:

<http://www.mesanow.org/article.php?id=206>

EVIT is Makin' Headlines

A variety of EVIT events, programs, and students were featured in the media this past month. Here are some of the highlights:

[Young fashion star in Arizona](#)

Channel 12 (Evening News)—May 1, 2012

[Students compete for the best auto skills](#)

Channel 12 (Morning show)—May 2, 2012

(TV) Bruce Kelly and the launch of 92.7 FM

Channel 3 - Morning Show—May 2, 2012

(P) Radio vet joins EVIT team

Arizona Republic—May 2, 2012

[EVIT students capture 13 medals at statewide FCCLA competition](#)

San Tan Valley Today—May 6, 2012

[EVIT student designs winning logo](#)

East Valley Tribune—May 8, 2012

(P) Automotive students qualify for state skills competition

Mesa Independent—May 9, 2012

(P) EVIT is point of pride

Arizona Republic "Opinions"—May 12, 2012

[Mesa student wins design contest for neighborhood logo](#)

Arizona Republic—May 14, 2012

[Learning that Works](#)

Time Magazine—May 14, 2012

[EVIT receives Time mention as "school that works"](#)

Fox 10 News—May 14, 2012

(P) EVIT multimedia student wins logo contest for Phoenix park

Mesa Independent—May 16, 2012

[2 Desert Vista students win Outstanding Youth honors](#)

Arizona Republic—May 17, 2012

[EVIT highlighted in Time magazine](#)

East Valley Tribune—May 21, 2012

[Student wins car for perfect attendance](#)

Channel 5—May 22, 2012

[Arizona Horizon: AZ Vocational Education in TIME Magazine](#)

PBS (Channel 8)—May 24, 2012



Note:

Items listed with a (P) are only available in print but can be found on the EVIT News bulletin board in Building #1 near the lunchroom. Not all TV coverage was available online.



Adult Education

Student Profile: Wendy Watson

Non-traditional student from Chandler finds passion for welding

How did you get interested in welding?

My dad is very handy and does everything (welding, plumbing, woodworking, bee keeping, gardening, etc.). I have always enjoyed spending time learning from him in the garage. Seeing what he is able to do has made me more independent. In high school, I took an intro to welding course and loved it. Then, a few years ago I began looking into entering a Demolition Derby. I quickly realized there is a lot of welding required to prepare a car. I still plan to enter a Demolition Derby one day!



Wendy with her silver medal SkillsUSA teammates

Why did you choose EVIT?

I was looking into the programs EVIT offers to the high schools for my son and found they also offer Adult Education. I looked a few other places, but EVIT was flexible and perfect for my schedule. Originally I was going to register for a health class but then decided I needed to sign up for something that was challenging but fun. My family was a little surprised when I signed up for welding not nursing!

What have you learned?

In two semesters, I have learned to weld using all three process (Stick, MIG and TIG) along with the techniques for different positions (vertical, horizontal and overhead). I have also learned to use the different tools to cut the metal (gas torch, plasma cutter, cutting sheer, and cutting wheel) and about different metals, size, type, what filler material to use, etc. Additionally, I have learned about weld symbols and how to read the prints you will see on a job.

What are your career goals?

I don't have this completely figured out yet, there are so many possibilities. Eventually, I would like to become a welding inspector. I have been offered a couple of different opportunities to get more experience, I just have to figure out what best fits with my goals and current schedule. For now, I love making it my hobby and continuing to learn and build different things. So far I have made my mom a quilt rack, created garden corners for my raised garden and fixed a few things for friends that have broken.

How do you feel about being a non-traditional student?

I love it. I don't feel like a non-traditional student because I feel like I fit right in! The first day I was really nervous standing around with a bunch of guys with surprised looks on their faces like they wanted to ask me if I was in the wrong place. Mr. Zamora broke the ice and made me comfortable being there and I think he made the guys feel comfortable having a "girl" in the class.

What tips would you give other female students considering welding?

If you enjoy it, do it! Don't let the idea of being in a class dominated by males intimidate you. If anything, they are willing to help you learn everything they know. I sometimes ask silly questions but they always answer and I become more knowledgeable knowing the little things that matter. For example, how to change the grinding wheels so when you turn it on, the wheel doesn't go spinning off! If you aren't sure it's for you, come to a class and hang out with me for a few hours to see. Everybody is there to learn and to become better welders. There are no limits just because I am a female!



Collision Repair student places 2nd at auto show

Edgar Diaz, an adult student in Collision Repair, placed second in the 90's class division at the Mesa Auto Show in April with his 1997 Lincoln Town Car. He recently finished Auto Collision Repair at EVIT and earned his certificate for Auto Collision Repair.

Edgar's love for cars started at a very early age and his hobby is car refinishing and hydraulic installation/repair. Edgar plans to continue entering car shows and shares this passion with family, friends, and colleagues in the business. His sister, also a student at EVIT, helps with the interior car design and upholstery. Congratulations Edgar!

Photo Gallery



Mesa Fire Department talked with students about the functions and operations of a ladder truck including the types of gear and equipment carried on the truck and how it is utilized.



EMT students put their practical skills to the test on their fellow students as victims.

Photo Gallery (Continued from p. 7)

Thanks to the Mesa United Way and Friends of the Goldmine such as Golfland/SunSplash, EVIT Radio (90.7 FM and 92.7 FM) has an impressive new van that will be used for radio remotes at valley businesses, events and schools.



Welding students learn how to do a special weld used to join large pipes together by a retiree from Pipefitters 469. The Pipefitters also donated the steel for the students to practice. Special thanks to advisory member Aaron Butler for bringing in this special guest and donations!

Stay up to date with the latest pictures and events at www.Facebook.com/EVITnews!



On May 17, Bruce Kelly & Company talked with the Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction and EVIT Superintendent on The Goldmine (90.7FM/92.7 FM) about the recent Time magazine article titled "Learning that Works" by Joe Klein.



Got an accomplishment or picture to share?
Send it to [Tiffani Nichols](#) with a brief caption/description.

General Announcements

Happy Birthday!



June Birthdays			
1	Janice Parker	19	Andrea Rabago
11	Bruce Grimes	22	Kristie Kehrer
11	Marvin Moody	22	Kate Palacios
12	Doug Neuckranz	23	Tetta Watts
13	Amelia Sanchez	27	Lisa French
19	Porfirio Delgado	29	Carlos Sanchez



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.

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