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Upcoming Events:

- May 3: 5th Season
- May 10: Awards Ceremony
- May 11: Health Awards
- May 14: East Awards
- May 21: Board Meeting
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- May 22: Completion
- May 23: Last day of school

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EVIT Radio adds second signal, new show on May 1

Valley radio icon Bruce Kelly returns to the morning airwaves on The Goldmine



On May 1, the East Valley Institute of Technology's radio station, The Goldmine, expanded its coverage to include the entire Phoenix metro area, Scottsdale and the West Valley thanks to a second signal high atop South Mountain. The original signal, 90.7 FM, will continue to cover the East Valley while the new signal, 92.7 FM, will reach an expanded audience to the west and north.

"With the addition of the second signal, The Goldmine will become the most powerful high school station in the nation with a potential audience reach of 2.5 million in the 12 to 49 demographic" said Steve Grosz, general manager of The Goldmine and head instructor.

Both signals will carry the same programming featuring commercial-free hit music that is also available worldwide via Smartphone applications and the internet at www.goldmineradio.com.

The Goldmine is unique in its ability to generate sponsorships to support EVIT's Broadcasting/Audio Production and Media Marketing (BAMM) program with current clients such as Thorobred Chevrolet, Mesa Golfand/Sun Splash, Tennison Financial, Dutch Bros Coffee and more than a dozen others including contracts from major brands from across the Valley being finalized.

"Hands-on, occupation-specific training is at the core of every EVIT program. BAMM students are not only being trained in broadcasting and audio-related fields but developing valuable marketing skills that can be applied in public relations, advertising and mass media" said Dr. Sally Downey, EVIT superintendent.

The launch of 92.7 FM also brought the return of Bruce Kelly, the Valley's morning ratings leader for more than 15 years. Bruce Kelly and Company will air from 6 to 9 a.m. on weekdays and promises his one-of-a-kind, predictable unpredictability, with local and national celebrity interviews and plenty of commercial-free hit music.



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Bruce Kelly and Diane Bonilla

Since leaving the Valley, Kelly was an original architect of XM Satellite Radio programming, managed Bob Marley's legendary band 'The Wailers' and spent two years in Fargo, ND as Vice President of a privately-owned radio group. He returned to the Valley as operations manager of The Goldmine in October 2011.

Also joining The Goldmine staff as consultant and executive morning show producer is Diane Bonilla, a Peabody award-winning veteran of Valley media for 20+ years at stations including KTAR and KFYI.

Program Highlights



TIME Magazine to feature EVIT programs

Arizona Schools Superintendent John Huppenthal and Joe Kline, TIME Magazine reporter and author of "Primary Colors," interviewed EVIT students about career and technical education (CTE) and their EVIT experience on April 18. They were extremely impressed by the students and facilities. The following week, a TIME photographer was sent to take pictures of medical and fire programs for an article that is anticipated to run in early May.



Rotary Student of the Month

Kelly Ranft, a senior at Fountain Hills High School and 2nd year Fire Science student, was named East Mesa Rotary Student of the Month. Kelly won the gold medal at Arizona SkillsUSA scoring a 100% on both the written test and practical skills portion. She is also a member of the Fountain Hills Fire Department Explorer Post and will be volunteering at the Arizona Burn Camp for children before traveling to Kansas City for SkillsUSA Nationals. After graduation, Kelly plans to pursue her Fire Science degree and get certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at a local community college.

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:

[KVIT To Expand Phoenix Coverage](#)

Radio Insight—April 3, 2012

[EVIT students capture 27 medals at SkillsUSA contest](#)

San Tan Valley Today—April 4, 2012

(P) AJHS Students Win EVIT Culinary Arts Scholarships

AJ/Gold Canyon News—April 4, 2012

(P) EVIT students capture 27 medals in skills event

Arizona Republic—April 6, 2012

[Our View: Each dollar counts in United Way drive](#)

East Valley Tribune—April 8, 2012

[EVIT health students shine at HOSA state conference](#)

Gold Canyon Today—April 9, 2012

[EVIT health students shine at HOSA state conference](#)

San Tan Valley Today—April 9, 2012

[DV students finalists for Phoenix's Outstanding Young Man and Woman of the Year](#)

Ahwatukee Foothills News—April 10, 2012

[EVIT students win honors](#)

East Valley Tribune—April 11, 2012

(P) EVIT students place in HOSA conference

East Mesa Independent—April 18, 2012

(P) EVIT students take 13 medals at conference

Arizona Republic—April 18, 2012

(P) EVIT students unveil 'Block of Dreams' house

Arizona Republic—April 21, 2012

(P) EVIT students win 13 medals at statewide FCCLA competition

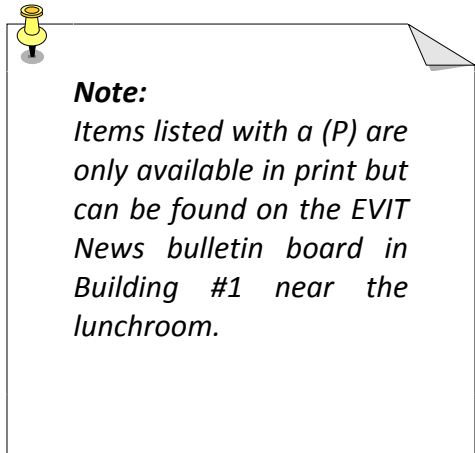
Mesa Independent—April 24, 2012

[EVIT student wins \\$80,000 culinary scholarship](#)

Arizona Republic—April 25, 2012

[Diane Bonilla Joins Bruce Kelly At The Goldmine/Mesa-Phoenix](#)

All Access—April 30, 2012



Arizona HOSA Conference

EVIT health students shine at HOSA state conference



Students from the East Valley Institute of Technology participated in the Arizona Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Spring Conference competition April 1-3 in Tucson. Of the 52 students competing, 31 placed in the top five or were named to state offices (photo attached). Gold medalists will travel to the HOSA National Leadership Conference June 20-23 in Orlando, Florida to compete for national titles.

1st Place

- Medical Assisting: Cassie Walker (Highland)
- Veterinary Science: Sarah Helmstadter (Chandler)
- Extemporaneous Poster: Shana Vales (Highland)
- HOSA Bowl: Cristian Chiriboga (Queen Creek), John Poirier (Queen Creek), Tyler Routt (Apache Junction) and Heather Walters (Queen Creek)

2nd Place

- Medical Assisting: Katie Tritschler (Highland)
- Nursing Assisting: Emily Harney (Skyline)
- EMT: Rachael Young (Queen Creek) and Isabella Dishong (Highland)

3rd Place

- Medical Assisting: Carol Castillo (Gilbert)
- Veterinary Science: Isabel Montano (Mesquite)
- Medical Terminology: Blossom Mendonca (Highland)
- HOSA Bowl: Jaime Chase (Chandler), Sidni DeMik (Chandler), Teresa Hernandez (Skyline) and Alexis Stein (Fountain Hills)

4th Place

- Pharmacology: Corbin White (Mesquite)
- EMT: Lexi Christensson (Perry) and Mariah Dreher (Highland)
- Veterinary Science: Shawna Wood (Campo Verde)

5th Place

- Medical Reading: Danielle Garza (Mesquite), Samira Shah (Arizona Virtual Academy) and Lyndsey Stoffel (East Valley Academy)
- HOSA Bowl: Katlyn Fritzsche (Red Mountain), Sierra Huels (Dobson), Monica Quinones (McClintock) and Diana Terreros (Red Mountain)

EVIT students elected to AzHOSA officer positions include Moriah McCarthy (McClintock) as state secretary and Gene Pomeroy (Mesa Distance Learning) as state parliamentarian. Additionally, EVIT was recognized as the winner of the Service Project Award for raising more than \$7,400 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

About HOSA

HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of ACTE. It is an integral part of Health Career Programs and offers leadership, motivation and recognition opportunities for its members. Learn more at www.azhosa.org.

FCCLA State Conference



Interior Design (left to right): Jessica White, Amber Lusk, Aubryn Bittorf, Val Yepiz, Lauren McEwen. Early Childhood (back row left to right): David Koyabe, Cynthia Peterson, Rachel Schmitzer, Stephanie Guillen, Anthony Valencia; (sitting left to right) Emily Greer, Jayme Taylor, Kaileigh Story, Diana Martinez.

EVIT students capture 13 medals at statewide FCCLA competition

Students from Interior Design and Early Childhood Education participated in the Arizona Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) conference March 29-31 in Tucson. As part of the conference, students participated in various "STAR Events" that rated their proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Gold medalists at the state level will travel to Orlando, Florida to compete for national titles July 8-12 at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference.

Medalists at Arizona FCCLA include:

- Gold medals to Interior Design students Lauren McEwen (Desert Ridge) and Jessica White (Highland)
- Gold medals to Early Childhood Education students Cynthia Peterson (Gilbert) and Rachel Schmitzer (Red Mountain) for "Creativity Crisis," a fundraising service project for making over 60 creativity kits for the children of the Child Crisis Emergency Center
- Gold medals to Early Childhood Education students Stephanie Guillen (Career Success High School), David Koyabe (Dobson) and Diana Martinez (Westwood) for "Tiny Tots," a fundraising service project for the infants and toddlers of the Child Crisis Emergency Center
- Silver medal to Interior Design student Aubryn Bittorf (Williams Field)
- Silver medal to Education Professions student Anthony Valencia (Marcos de Niza) for "Teen Traffic Safety Day," a service project in conjunction with the Mesa Police DUI Task Force promoting safer driving for teens
- Silver medal to Early Childhood Education student Emily Greer (Queen Creek) for her fundraising project, "Don't Shake Me, You'll Break Me," a service project creating awareness of the dangers in shaking crying babies
- Silver medals to Early Childhood Education students Kaileigh Story (Highland) and Jayme Taylor (Higley) for "A Christmas Come True," an angel tree project providing a Christmas celebration for the neediest children of the on-site Head Start program
- Bronze medal to Interior Design students Val Yepiz (Highland) and Amber Lusk (Sequoia)

About FCCLA

FCCLA promotes personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. They focus on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader. Members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and career preparation. For more information, go to <http://fclclainc.org>.

Advisory Councils



Joint advisory council meeting and tour

Submitted by Janice Parker, Partnership Developer

More than 100 business and industry members from various fields of expertise were invited to learn more about the Fashion, Interior Design, Multi Media, 3D Animation, Video Productions, Radio Broadcasting, Precision Machining and Welding classes offered at EVIT. The goal was to find professionals interested in joining the advisory council for one or more of these programs.



The event was coordinated by Team Lead Chris Williams in cooperation with the instructors for each program. Also in attendance was Dr. Sally Downey, who stressed to the group how essential it was to the success of EVIT students that business and industry be engaged with each of the more than 35 programs.

Instructors and a students presented information and gave tours of each respective classroom to provide a glimpse of what type of training is delivered and how business and industry can work with EVIT to appropriately train their future workforce.

Of the 100 invited guests, 60 agreed at the end of the evening to join advisory councils and work with the instructors to enhance the training delivered on the EVIT campus. If you know of a business or industry partner interested in getting involved, contact Janice Parker at 480-461-4027 or jparker@evit.com.

HVAC program receives AHRI donations

Submitted by Janice Parker, Partnership Developer

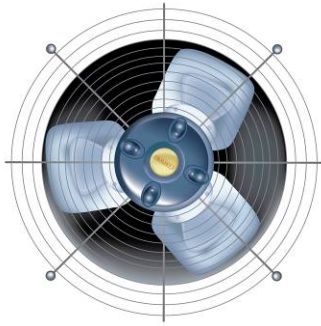
In late-April, EVIT received 24 pieces of brand new heating and air equipment from the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) located in Washington, DC. The equipment is from manufacturers such as Trane and Rheem, who are also members of the Institute.

The equipment was recently tested in labs prior to being distributed to dealers across the nation. Rather than shipping the equipment back to the manufacturer, it is donated to the AHRI for schools that have HVAC training programs. To date, EVIT has received two truckloads of donated equipment for the new high school HVAC program starting in August. Thanks AHRI!

If you know of a student interest in a “cool” career in the HVAC industry, call 480-461-4000!



Facilities Update



Air conditioning improvements

Submitted by Greg Vincent

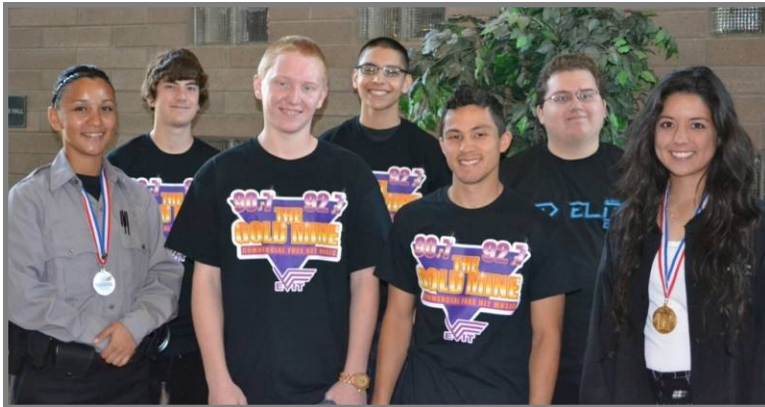
The EVIT Facilities Maintenance Department is performing “Phase one” of the Central Plant Retrofit. Repairs include a 100-HP chilled water pump overhaul, replacing a couple valves in the hot water system and overhauling a hot water 50-HP pump, and upgrading the Central Plant Building Automation System (BAS) hardware controls.

The repairs will take place in the next 12 weeks and will be operational for the start of school in August. Throughout the summer, there may be brief interruptions to air conditioning but it should be minimal at worst. Many of these systems are 15 years old and while some equipment is still functioning with an acceptable level of confidence, it is important to do what we can to eliminate possible failures associated with aging components.

This upgrade will also increase our ability to fine tune the Central Plant for energy optimization using the latest software control strategies. So, while some of you folks are gone this summer, we will be busy patching, painting, fixing and upgrading! With any luck, you won't even know all this has taken place.

Stay cool and we'll see you all next year!

Skills USA



Congratulations to all of the Arizona SkillsUSA competitors and medal winners. EVIT racked up 27 medals including 10 gold. Best of luck to the students going on to compete at nationals in Kansas City in June!



Photo Gallery



Arizona Governor Jan Brewer stopped for a quick picture with Barbara Spielbusch and Dr. Downey while on campus April 20th for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Luncheon in the EVIT Culinary Banquet Hall.



The EVIT staff/teacher vegetable garden is growing beautifully and will soon be producing tasty tomatoes, jalapeños, radishes, squash, cucumbers, herbs and more!

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



Arizona Schools Superintendent John Huppenthal and representatives from the Arizona Department of Education toured the EVIT campus including the Sterile Processing & Distribution area and health classes.



EVIT's first Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations (UAS) class completed construction of its Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and performed test flights last week. Score: Aircraft - 2, Ground Impact - 0! After the successful test flights and control tweakings, students and instructors are now ready to retrofit the pilot and sensor operator cameras to give the fledgling UAV operators a true "real-world" UAS experience!



EVIT Aviation

Future flight students check out the C-17s at Williams-Gateway Airport. Those are some BIG aircraft!

Future aviation maintenance students toured a local repair station for Embraer aircraft. Tom Schuh not only gave an up-close look at the very expensive business jets, he also spoke with the students about a career as an aircraft maintenance technician.



The U.S. Air Force showed off its "Supercar" and talked to students about opportunities after high school.



Construction and Interior Design students worked together to build and decorate a three-room home for the 3rd Annual Block of Dreams event. The Cape Cod inspired house titled "By the Sea" was built by construction students while they learned about framing, plumbing, electrical, masonry, roofing and more. It featured a small kitchen area, living area and master bathroom with exterior stucco and tile roofing. Interior Design students developed design boards of materials, colors and a floor plan. They presented their ideas in the fall to the construction class for approval and fundraised approximately \$850 to purchase items for house including the tile, wood flooring, furniture, artwork, lighting and accessories.

General Announcements

Happy Birthday!



May Birthdays			
2	Rod Jaynes	15	Ivan Tyau
2	Greg Vincent	19	Derek Hall
3	Kenneth Best	19	Thomas Powell
9	Karen Cunneen	26	Doris Moore
11	Lisa Bradford	27	Jonathan Rabago
11	John Miller	30	Phyllis Kinder
15	Michael Montgomery	31	Molly Miller



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.