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Upcoming Events:

- *May 10: Hot Diggety Dog (10:45 a.m.)*
- *May 14: EVIT Awards Ceremony (6:30 p.m.)*
- *May 20: Perfect Attendance Car Giveaway (2 p.m.)*
- *May 21: Completion Ceremony—Hohokam Stadium (7 p.m.)*

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EVIT voted 'Best Public School' in Tribune contest



The East Valley Institute of Technology has been voted Best Public School in the annual Best of East Valley contest. The annual competition sponsored by the East Valley Tribune encourages newspaper readers to vote for their top picks in restaurants, shopping, and a host of other categories, including education.

"Passionate students with passionate teachers makes this school special," one reader commented in voting for EVIT. Another reader said: "Both my daughters have attended EVIT and by doing so has changed their lives. The programs they offer prepare them for a career of choice! Thank you EVIT!"

"They work hard to provide great opportunities for students," another reader commented. "They demand accountability and responsibility from students. Totally turned my son around into loving school again."

Superintendent Sally Downey said EVIT's students deserve the credit. "Our students are the best of the best."



Garcia named 'Best Teacher'

Law enforcement instructor Tony Garcia was voted Best High School Teacher in the Best of East Valley contest. EVIT had three of the top vote-getters for best teacher.

Law enforcement instructor Thom Bunch and human anatomy and physiology instructor Jon Howell were runners-up in the annual newspaper contest.



Program Highlights

Health students have record-breaking year at HOSA spring conference

EVIT's HOSA students had a great showing at the spring leadership conference with five 1st place, five 2nd place, six 3rd place, two 4th place, and four 5th place wins, as well as two students placing to compete for national scholarships.

1st Place: Cindy Clark, Extemporaneous Poster; Savannah Geiger, Interviewing Skills; Cassiana Wright, Dental Science; Jayden Chavez & Sara Cooper, EMT; EVIT HOSA students, Service Project.

2nd Place: Shelomi Larrubis, Medical Assisting; Christian Buzzelle, Clinical Specialty; Stephen Studer & Elisabeth Fitzwater, EMT; Kirsten Carnevale, Dental Terminology; Devin Brugger, Dental Science.

3rd Place: Heather Blahak, Nursing Assisting; Gabriela Martinez, Medical Assisting; Jessica Bills, Dental Science; Marissa Fisher, Pharmacology; Ruben Gallegos, Tarek Salhani, Savannah Heyroth & Linh My Ngo, HOSA Bowl; Kimberly Vu & Christian Diaz, EMT.

4th Place: Francisco Herold, Pharmacology; Daniel Castillo & Andres Ortiz, EMT.

5th Place: Alyssa Kovacs, Medical Assisting; Erin Miller, Researched Persuasive Speaking; Sierra Huels, Nursing Assisting; Matthew Dorien & Deanna Lee, EMT.

Placed to compete for national scholarships: Tarek Salhani, Health Care Issue Exam; Miranda Young, Health Care Issue Exam.



Program Highlights

Automotive designer, reality TV star Chip Foose spends day at EVIT

On April 25, Chip Foose of Foose Designs and Discovery Channel's *Overhaulin'*, spent the day with EVIT Collision Repair students and faculty.

Special thanks to Leading Edge Auto Refinishes, Inc. and BASF for having Chip on campus.

Photos by Tim Vanda



Program Highlights

AJ, Gilbert, Phoenix mayors discuss EVIT and economic development



Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, Gilbert Mayor John Lewis and Apache Junction Mayor John Insalaco visited EVIT's Main Campus recently to discuss the school's role in economic development.

The mayors were interviewed by Bruce Kelly of EVIT's radio station The Goldmine, ate lunch in Culinary Arts, and toured the west Mesa campus.



EVIT nominees honored by ASPRA

The Arizona School Public Relations Association honored three individuals nominated by EVIT for their contributions to public education.

Education consultant Alan Helfman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal, and managing partner of Leading Edge Auto & Kachina Automotive Equipment John Rang received their awards at the April 26 ASPRA awards luncheon.



Program Highlights

EVIT's 'future educators' shine in state competition

Students in the Early Childhood/Education Professions program brought home several awards from the recent Future Educators Association state competition. Dustin Bojorquez, Michaela Zehring and Brittany Nigh won bronze medals for their entry in Education of the Future. Lindsay Pierce, Allison Hillman and Kylie Summers won gold medals for their entry in the Service Project Competition. The trio led a class-wide project called "Wish Upon a Star" in which they provided an entire Christmas celebration for six Head Start children in challenging financial situations. Allison, Lindsay and Kylie each won a \$2,500 Grand Canyon University scholarship in addition to their gold medals.

Boot Camp for Steve and Dylan!



The Goldmine's Steve Grosz and Dylan Sitek traveled to San Diego to join other Arizona educators in experiencing a week of U.S. Marines boot camp.

Students of the Month

Congratulations to our Mesa East Rotary Students of the Month — Heather Walters and Jasmine Beals.

Heather is a sports medicine student in Stacey Fentress' class.

Jasmine is a fire science student in Terry Baugher's class

Congrats Chef Carlton!

Baking and pastry instructor Carlton Brooks was awarded an ACF Western Region President's Medalion at the 2013 ACF Western Regional Conference in April.



Counselor Corner

School's in — and FREE — for summer at EVIT

The East Valley Institute of Technology will offer two free summer school sessions from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 10-27 and July 8-25 for high school students who have registered to attend EVIT this fall. The June class will cover Economics and the July class will be Government – two courses that are usually taken in a student's senior year.

Both classes will be taught at EVIT's Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

Assistant Superintendent David Schapira said EVIT is offering the summer classes at the request of school districts. EVIT serves students from 10 districts – Mesa, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Chandler, Tempe, Higley, Apache Junction, Queen Creek, Fountain Hills and J.O. Combs – as well as charter, online and home-schooled students.

"Some of our districts asked us to offer summer school to ensure that students are able to attend EVIT and graduate high school on time," Schapira said.

So far, Scottsdale, Apache Junction and Fountain Hills unified school districts and Tempe Union High School District have agreed to accept the EVIT summer school courses for credit if their students enroll.

Students in other districts served by EVIT – Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, Queen Creek, Higley and J.O. Combs – can apply but will not be enrolled until their home district approves acceptance of the credit.

The Economics class will be taught by longtime Arcadia High School teacher Clayton Guy. The Scottsdale district is going to provide a second teacher for the Government class.

Both classes are being offered at no cost to the student or district. The only requirement is that the student be registered to attend at EVIT this fall.

To enroll in the summer school, students should call Sylvia Aldaz at (480) 461-4108 or Kristie Kehrner at (480) 461-4110.



Photo Gallery

Annual EVIT Fashion Show



Photo Gallery

Aviation's women pilots fly solo at EVIT's East Campus



Arizona legislators 'Sine Dine' at East Valley Institute of Technology



Tortillas were tossed like Frisbees, tabasco was added to the sauce, but no one got food poisoning when state legislators took over the EVIT kitchen for the school's first Sine Dine event.

Photo Gallery

EVIT students learn to handle plane fires at Boeing

EVIT's Fire Science program recently spent two days at Boeing, where students learned to put out fires on planes.

EVIT is the only high school in the nation that provides this type of training for fire fighting students.

Photos courtesy of Boeing.



General Announcements

Happy Birthday!



May Birthdays			
1	Jessica Berger	19	Derek Hall
2	Rod Jaynes	20	Sally Downey
9	Karen Cunneen	26	Doris Moore
11	Lisa Bradford	27	Jonathan Rabago
11	John Miller	30	Phyllis Kinder
15	Michael Montgomery	31	Molly Miller
15	Ivan Tyau		

A few words from our new Assistant Superintendent ...



By David Schapira

I fell in love with EVIT the first time I visited 10 years ago. It was easy to recognize how special this place is and that it's made that way by the incredible students, faculty and staff who treat EVIT like a second home.

My primary goal as EVIT's new and first Assistant Superintendent is to build on the tradition of excellence and to continue to bring our teachers and campus leaders together as a community of passionate educators. In the coming months and over the next school year, we'll work together to ensure that our students are instilled with the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to be successful in their careers, in college and in life.

We'll also endeavor to spread the word about the leadership that EVIT provides in exhibiting what 21st century career and technical education should look like. That starts at home. We'll continue bringing leaders in business, education and government from across the Valley and state, including those in our member districts, to make sure that they understand the opportunities we offer to students. We also stand ready to serve as an exemplar for those who wish to replicate what we do across the nation.

Most importantly, in my new role, I recognize that nobody can be truly successful unless a whole lot of people want them to be. So let's help each other to get better every day. Let's all commit to continue learning and to providing the best career and technical education that this country has to offer.