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Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 3: Labor Day (Holiday)
- Sept. 10: Board Meeting
- Sept. 19: Parent Night and Open House (6-8 p.m.)
- Oct. 1: Board Meeting
- Oct. 8-12: Fall Break
- Oct. 11-12: District offices closed
- Nov. 7: EVITEF Breakfast

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Culinary joins elite group with ACFEF certification

The culinary arts and baking and pastry arts programs at the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa, AZ, received initial programmatic certification from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation (ACFEF) Accrediting Commission's Secondary Certification Subcommittee through 2017.

EVIT is amongst an elite group nationwide and is the only secondary school in Arizona to receive ACFEF programmatic certification. Several post-secondary schools in Arizona have been accredited including Scottsdale Community College that offers EVIT students the opportunity to earn up to 16 credits toward a certificate of completion or associate's degree in Culinary Arts.

"We are extremely proud of our program and this distinction. But most importantly, it will benefit our students through additional membership, certification and professional development opportunities" said instructor Carlton Brooks, who is also a Certified Executive Pastry Chef and Accredited Certification Examiner by the American Culinary Federation.

The ACFEF programmatic certification is voluntary but assures that a program is meeting at least a minimum amount of standards and competencies set for faculty, curriculum and student services. Certification ensures that the program follows established standards, has accountability and credibility standards, and maintains a high level of professionalism and up-to-date practices.

To receive programmatic certification, a program must first submit a self-study. Then, a two-member team performs an on-site evaluation to validate the information submitted in the self-study, which is compiled into a team report. Next, the Accrediting Commission Secondary Certification Subcommittee reviews the report, along with the institution's self-study, and decides if certification will be granted and for how long. The entire process took EVIT approximately three years to complete.



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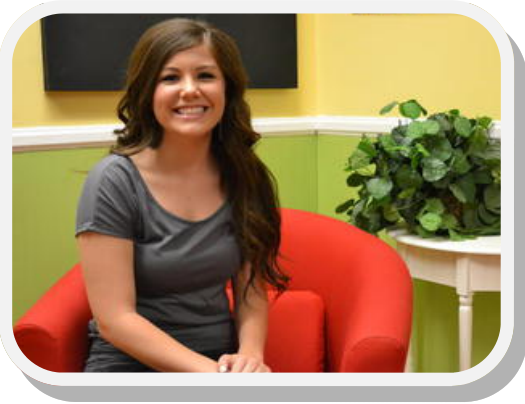


About the American Culinary Federation

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 20,000 members spanning more than 210 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

Program Highlights

Interior Design student wins gold at FCCLA nationals



Lauren McEwen, an 2012 Interior Design completer and graduate of Desert Ridge, traveled to Orlando, Florida in July with her instructor and advisor, Kim Foulger, to compete at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Nationals.

Challenged with designing and updating a southern shotgun-style home, built in the late 1800's, McEwen impressed the judges and was awarded the gold medal taking top honors in the nation for Interior Design.

The rigorous competition included developing a floor plan to ¼ inch scale along with three room elevations that artistically displayed the interiors in color including her drawings, pictures of furniture, fabrics and textiles. Additionally, McEwen prepared a proposed budget and written description of her design process and incorporated sustainable or green elements throughout the modernized home.

Students were judged on how well they met the criteria and client demands along with how professionally they delivered their information a 15-minute presentation. McEwen was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) and hopes to secure additional scholarships to be able to attend this fall. She plans to become a set designer and FIDM offers a great program and ideal Hollywood location.

Three health students place in top 10 at HOSA nationals

EVIT Health students competed for national titles and represented Arizona as state officers at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) National Leadership Conference held in June in Orlando, Florida. The conference drew more than 5,000 participants competing in 56 health-related events.



- EVIT was recognized as the top school in the nation for the HOSA community service project raising more than \$7,700 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). This is the third year in a row that EVIT was recognized as the top school in the nation.
- Lisa Vannaheuang (Desert Ridge) competed in the Extemporaneous Health Poster event and received a bronze medal, placing 3rd in the nation.
- Emily Harney (Skyline) advanced to the second round of the Nursing Assisting competition and finished 5th in the nation.
- Cassie Walker (Highland) advanced to the second round of the Medical Assisting competition and finished 6th in the nation.
- The HOSA Bowl team of RJ Poirier (Queen Creek), Heather Walters (Queen Creek), Cristian Chiriboga (Queen Creek) and Tyler Routt (Apache Junction) advanced to the second round and finished 17th in the nation.

New Employee Spotlight

Start of school year brings new classes, leadership to EVIT

The East Valley Institute of Technology has been a leader in career and technical education for more than 20 years. Often known best for its high school programs, EVIT also offers highly-specialized training in a variety of fields for adults looking to change careers or enhance their marketability. The summer months have brought several exciting changes to EVIT including the naming of three new administrators:



Paul Johnson, Campus Director, brings to EVIT a wealth of experience in education and healthcare. Following a 20-year career in the military, Johnson served as a medical program educator at Willow Canyon High School in the Dysart School District and as a principal for West-MEC. He holds degrees from Southern Illinois University (B.S.) and University of Phoenix (MBA) and received his Principal Education Certificate from Arizona State University. Johnson's responsibilities include daily oversight of high school operations with more than 3,200 students on two campuses. He will also work to ensure student success by maintaining relationships with the ten sending districts.



Karen Perna, Director of Adult Education, recently transitioned from her role as EVIT high school counselor to lead the adult education department. She is certified as a K-12 school counselor and in CTE by the Arizona Department of Education. Perna holds degrees from Ottawa University (B.A. and post-graduate certificate in Organizational Development) and Northern Arizona University (M.A.). Prior to EVIT, Perna worked for Intel as a training and safety manager for North America Logistics. Her duties include the coordination and supervision of adult education programs and the development of courses to train or enhance the skills needed for employment in the current market.



Tim Vanda, Team Lead/Assistant Principal, has spent the past 20 years working for the Apache Junction School District where he served in roles such as special education teacher, varsity basketball coach, counselor, dean and assistant principal. Vanda holds a B.S. in Education and Master of Educational Leadership with Distinction and is the co-founder of the Arizona Dream Catcher Equestrian Foundation that provides free therapeutic horseback rides to more than 150 special needs riders weekly. He will supervise eleven high school program areas along with the registration department, student testing and SkillsUSA.

Several new teachers and staff have also joined the EVIT team to accommodate expanded course offerings at the East Campus along with the introduction of new programs on the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus.

A special welcome to **David DeArmond** (HVAC/Construction Instructor), **Michelle Middleton** (Medical Assistant Instructor), **Stacy Lynn Fentress** (Allied Health Instructor-East), **Lisa Ann Gandolfi** (Anatomy & Physiology-East), **Hollywood Leary** (Collision Repair Instructor), **Laura Lomayesva** (Adult Education Counselor), **Bert Salease** (Adult Collision Repair Instructor), **Anthony Toscano** (Anatomy & Physiology—East), and **Brian Turner** (Video Productions Instructor).

Look for profiles on some of these new instructors in next month's edition of the EVIT Insider!

EVIT is Makin' Headlines

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

AJHS Student Tyler Routt Part of Winning EVIT Team (P)
July 2, 2012—Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News

[Chandler Teen heads to Oshkosh](#)

July 3, 2012—Copper State Fly-In (non-profit)

EVIT student turns internship into employment (P)

July 4, 2012—Mesa Independent

[School Notes: Forensics, pop tabs, and our future medical providers](#)

July 10, 2012—East Valley Tribune

EVIT students place in national HOSA competition

July 11, 2012—Mesa Independent

[Chandler leaders tout fiscal policies, education partnerships](#)

July 19, 2012—Arizona Republic

[Back to School: Create a culture of college completers](#)

July 21, 2012—East Valley Tribune

[Back to school: No shortage of school type, options in Arizona](#)

July 22—East Valley Tribune

[Desert Ridge graduate wins gold in design contest](#)

August 2, 2012—Arizona Republic

[Aviation Education Fosters Excellence in the East Valley](#)

August 3, 2012—Gateway to the East Valley

[EVIT seeks items to make masquerade masks](#)

August 15, 2012—Arizona Republic

[EVIT's new director relates to his students](#)

August 24, 2012—Arizona Republic

[Surgical Technology students awarded \\$3500 in scholarships](#)

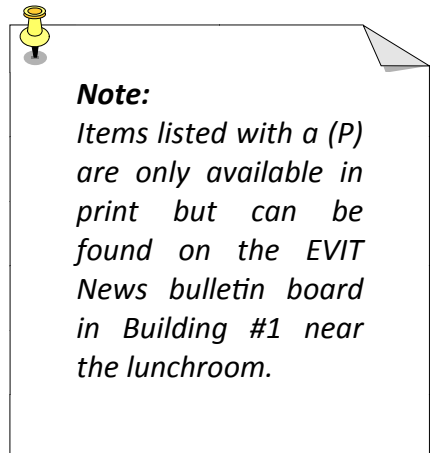
August 27, 2012—East Valley Tribune

Culinary students exposed to fine dining, top valley chefs (P)

August 29, 2012—Mesa Independent

[Bridges preschool to open on EVIT's Mesa campus](#)

August 29, 2012—Arizona Republic



Adult Education

Surgical Technology students awarded \$3,500 in scholarships

Accredited program prepares health care students for national certification and transition into workforce



Two adult students in the Surgical Technology program at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) were recently awarded scholarships totaling \$3,500 for their outstanding academic achievement.

Mesa resident Deveanna German (right) was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship from the Fountain Hills Rotary Club. Lisa Ricke (left) of Gilbert received the Association of Surgical Technologist Sandra Edwards award for \$500. German and Ricke are currently doing their clinical training at Banner Desert Medical Center and Chandler Regional Medical Center respectively.

“Lisa and Deveanna are very strong students in the classroom, mock operating room lab and in clinical training. They are dynamic, caring students that have already been offered jobs upon graduation” said Rod Jaynes, Surgical Technology program director and clinical coordinator. “I am confident they will be a great fit in any hospital or operating room they choose.”

Surgical technologists are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients. They work under the supervision of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures by ensuring the operating room environment is safe, equipment functions properly, and the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

The Surgical Technology program at EVIT is an 11-month program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). It offers a convenient class schedule, affordable tuition and small classes. Applications are currently being accepted for the next course starting in January 2013.

EVIT also offers a 20-hour CST Exam Review course open to any Surgical Technology graduate, regardless of school attended. The course is designed to help students prepare for the national certification exam. Surgical Technologists with a national certification credential typically earn higher wages and have additional opportunities for promotion. The next review course will start on Sept. 6.

About EVIT Adult Education

The East Valley Institute of Technology is one of the best resources Arizona's students have to guarantee themselves success. Upheld as a model for career and technical education by the U.S. Department of Education, EVIT provides students with the advanced skills and training needed to thrive in today's competitive job market. EVIT offers high-quality, affordable adult training programs in the areas of health care and nursing, industrial and commercial technology, human services and collision repair to help you get trained and get to work. For more information, call 480-461-4028 or visit www.evit.com/adulted.

Public Relations

Public Relations Update

By Tiffani Nichols & Katie Askins

The summer months flew by for the Public Relations staff as they were getting ready for the start of another school year. Activities included roster reconciliation with each of the sending high schools, campus tours, redesigning program brochures, meeting with new administrators and the coordination of registration completion at the east and main campuses.

The first week of school, EVIT faculty and students showed their EVIT pride on the first **EVIT Spirit Day**. Students purchased EVIT shirts, danced to music provided by the Goldmine and celebrated the start of the new school year. EVIT will host Spirit Day the first Friday of each month.

If you haven't purchased your new EVIT t-shirt yet, stop by the Public Relations office at the Main Campus or the Information Desk at the East Campus to get one for only \$10! Men's and women's shirts are available with two different designs.



Winners of Golfland/Sunsplash tickets at Spirit Day



Students compete for Sub Zero ice cream courtesy of the Goldmine at the Perfect Attendance assembly

On Monday, August 27 the **Perfect Attendance** contest kicked off for high school students at the Main and East Campuses. To qualify for a chance to win a car, students must not have any absences (except for an approved home school activity) or unexcused tardies. Students are allowed only two excused tardies for the year. The next assembly will be held in nine weeks recognizing students who have maintained perfect attendance.

Thank you to all of the teachers who encouraged students to apply as **EVIT Tour Guides**. Interviews will begin the first week of September and students will be notified as they are hired. Training will begin in late-September. As a reminder, please select a student ambassador in your classroom to speak with tours and show them around.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the **Parent Night & Open House** from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 19. This event will be held on both campuses and flyers will be distributed to teachers after the Labor Day holiday. An e-mail and phone message will also be sent to parents. Please encourage your students bring their parents and a friend that may be interested in attending EVIT!

New program brochures are being finalized. PR Liaisons will be meeting with teachers to review the proof and other marketing ideas for your program. These new brochures will be placed in the sending high schools and used for recruitment events. Finally, don't forget to send all written materials, flyers, etc. to Public Relations for review before printing or distribution and let us know of any guest speakers, special events or field trips!

Upcoming Events

Craft donations needed for dinner benefitting local women

EVIT students creating masquerade masks for East Valley Fresh Start fundraiser on Nov. 1



Fashion Merchandising and Interior Design students are ready to use their creativity and eye for style to create masquerade masks for the upcoming East Valley Fresh Start Dinner fundraiser.

This year's event, themed "Life is a Masquerade," is co-chaired by Dr. Sally Downey, EVIT superintendent, and Janice Parker, director of partner development for EVIT. The masks created by students will be auctioned at the event with proceeds benefitting East Valley Fresh Start.

To create these one-of-a-kind masks, students are looking for donations of costume jewelry, feathers, beads, sequins, glitter, fabrics, glue and other various craft supplies. Gift cards are also appreciated for the purchase of supplies for this project. Donations can be dropped off at EVIT from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1601 W. Main Street, Mesa (Building #1).

"Since the Fresh Start East Valley Center opened on the EVIT campus, it has been an honor to provide their clients with career training opportunities" said Downey. "Gaining the right skills is essential to long-term employment and self-sufficiency and EVIT looks forward to more women benefitting in the future."

Tickets for the East Valley Fresh Start Dinner on Nov. 1 at the Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa can be purchased for \$125 each, or \$1,250 for a table of 10, by calling 602-261-7159.

About Fresh Start

Fresh Start Women's Foundation empowers women to transform their lives with services that are focused on three core values: economic self-sufficiency, self-esteem enhancement and lifelong learning. The Fresh Start East Valley Center opened on the EVIT campus in September 2010. The East Valley center offers personal development through master's level counselors, family law support including divorce and child custody issues, legal information and career services. For more information, visit www.phoenix.wehelpwomen.com.



EVITEF Gourmet Breakfast Fundraiser

The 7th Annual Gourmet Breakfast Fundraiser to benefit the EVIT Education Foundation will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 a.m. The EVIT Culinary Arts Department will spoil their guests with a lavish gourmet breakfast. 100% of the funds generated from this breakfast will provide assistance to EVIT students who qualify for financial help in paying for class fees, uniforms, kits, and adult tuition. To purchase a seat, table or sponsorship, please contact Kona Purcell at 480-461-4114.

Photo Gallery

Superintendent Huppenthal and representatives from the Arizona Department of Education were presented with a framed copy of the TIME Magazine article from May 2012 featuring EVIT and a school on the Navajo reservation.



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



Thanks to a tremendous amount of support from EVIT Maintenance staff, industry members such as Leading Edge, SATA and Chief and instructor Hollywood Leary, the Collision Repair program has received a complete overhaul this summer with more great stuff on the way!

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



Zachary Lindblom, an EVIT Law Enforcement alumni, has been serving in the US Marines for more than 3 years. He is stationed in 29 palms and visited with his dog Ellie, who recently retired from her job as an explosive detector after serving in Afghanistan.



EVIT held it's first "Spirit Friday" on Aug. 10. The Goldmine welcomed students with music and giveaways. T-shirts were available for only \$10.



EVIT students get fired up at the Perfect Attendance car giveaway kick-off assemblies on Aug. 27.



Instructor David DeArmond teaches his Construction and HVAC students about electrical on training boards custom made this summer for hands-on learning.



First year culinary students enjoy dinner prepared by second year students and served by top Valley chefs.

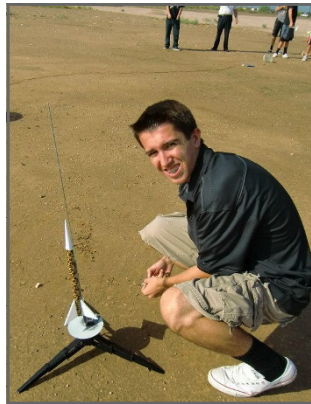




Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students are certified in infant, child and adult CPR.



The Aviation program had guest speakers from Quantum Helicopters (top left), US Airways (top right) and launched rockets designed and built by students after an academic segment on aerodynamics and rocket mechanics.



Fashion Merchandising students showed off their creativity at the first fashion show of the year. The “Go Green” garments were made out of materials such as plastic table cloths, playing cards, cereal, fresh flowers and more! Students and staff voted for their favorites.

Counselor Corner

Scholarship Opportunities

A variety of college scholarship opportunities are available for high school students. For a complete list and additional information on how to apply, please contact the David Pullman, EVIT Counselor, at 480-461-4108.

Arizona Dream Builder Foundation Scholarship	
Award	\$4,000 scholarship (\$1000 each year for up to four years) to help complete an undergraduate degree
Basic Qualifications	To be eligible to compete for the Arizona Dream Scholars Scholarship, an individual must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate from high school this academic year (between 12/1/12 and 8/31/13) • Earn a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 • Plan to pursue an undergraduate degree at a public or private college or university with a start date no later than 9/30/13 • Demonstrate a personal commitment to the ideals of great world leaders through participation and leadership in school and community activities
Due Date	Friday, September 14, 2012
EVIT Contact	David Pullman 480-461-4158
More Information	http://azdreambuilder.org/dream-scholarship or call the Arizona Dream Builder Foundation at (480) 744-6293

Quantum Helicopter/CGCC AET107HH Scholarship	
Award	Scholarship to attend Private Pilot Ground School Class (AET107HH) at Chandler-Gilbert Community College with required textbooks included.
Basic Qualifications	Applicants must be drug-free residents of Maricopa County; a Junior, Senior or student who has graduated high school within the last 12 months; and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
Due Date	Monday, November 26, 2012
EVIT Contact	David Pullman 480-461-4158
More Information	Quantum Helicopter/CGCC AET107HH Application Quantum Helicopters Scholarship Program Attn: Chief Flight Instructor 2401 S. Heliport Way Chandler, Arizona 85286

Flinn Foundation Scholarship	
Award	<p>This year, 20 of Arizona’s highest-achieving students will become Flinn Scholars, receiving an unparalleled package for undergraduate study including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free tuition and room and board • Funding for study abroad • Mentorship from brilliant faculty and exposure to world leaders • Fellowship in an extraordinary community of current and alumni Scholars. <p>This program, in partnership with Arizona’s three state universities, provides enriched educational offerings that expand scholars’ life and career options and create the kind of stimulating, intellectually challenging environment that students might find at the nation’s most selective colleges.</p> <p>Total dollar value, including the cash value of tuition provided by the universities, exceeds \$100,000.</p>
Basic Qualifications	<p>Applicants for the Flinn Scholarship must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a U.S. citizen by the time of entry to the university • Be an Arizona resident for two years by the time of entry to the university • Score a minimum 29 on the ACT or 1300 on the SAT I (counting critical reading and math sections only; not the writing section) • Attain at least a 3.5 grade-point average • Rank in the top 5 percent of their graduating class • Participate and demonstrate leadership in a variety of extracurricular activities
Due Date	Friday, October 19, 2012
EVIT Contact	David Pullman 480-461-4158
More Information	http://www.flinnscholars.org/what-it-takes/how-to-apply or call the Flinn Foundation Scholarship Program at (602) 744-6800

Partnerships

Bridges Preschool and Adelante Healthcare at EVIT

This fall, two new businesses will open on the EVIT campus. Bridges Preschool, a professional preschool with degreed teachers, will open its seventh location at EVIT on Oct. 1 in partnership with the Early Childhood Education Program. Renovations are currently underway including painting and moving furniture and tours of the new facility are scheduled to begin Sept. 17. For more information, call 480-834-0003 or see the flyer on page 14.



Also opening in October is Adelante Healthcare’s new, state-of-the-art, public health center located on the northwest corner of the EVIT Main campus. To learn more about Adelante, visit their website at www.AdelanteHealthcare.com, and stay tuned for details on the grand opening and other events!

General Announcements

Happy Birthday!



September Birthdays			
1	Daniel Martinez	22	Karen Perna
5	Robert Null	24	Cynthia Ludwig
7	Theresa Mosier	25	John Underwood
8	Pauline Acosta	27	Sherry Rea
11	Alec Harvey	28	Liz Bortkun
15	Barbara Spielbusch	29	Robin McEnany
17	Brian Higgins		



Auto Safety Tip of the Month

What's worse than a flat tire? How about getting out to change that flat tire and finding that your spare is also flat! If you want to prevent a bad situation becoming worse, stop by the auto department and let EVIT students check the tire inflation of your spare tire at no charge!

Please call Mr. Suprak at 480-461-4146, Mr. Butler at 480-461-4060 or Mr. Hall at 480-461-4128 to let them know your coming by and a student will check the spare tire for you.



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.



A New Beginning and an Opportunity for Enhanced Education will soon be at EVIT!

BRIDGES Preschool is a professional preschool with degreed teachers and will open its 7th new school October 1, 2012 on the EVIT campus. Our curriculum includes cooking, gardening, sign language and Spanish each week. Every month areas of science, dramatic play and math manipulatives are changed out in the classrooms to enhance and stimulate students learning skills and educational growth. BRIDGES Preschool also supports our parents in supplying resources to FREE parenting workshops for specific needs and/or concerns they have with their children.

Mark your calendar for the “don’t want to miss” dates:

September 17 - Bridges Preschool open for tours!

October 1 - Bridges Preschool open for quality education!

Call the number listed below for more information and schedule a personal tour.

**BRiDGES Preschool continues to open doors
to quality Early Childhood Education.**



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