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This year's annual EVIT Foundation Gourmet Breakfast is the perfect example of how so many contribute to the success of our school. Over \$76,000, led by donations from event sponsors Okland Construction, Alliance Bank of Arizona and the University of Advancing Technology, was raised to provide scholarships to deserving EVIT students. Without these scholarships, many of our students would struggle to pay their program fees.



Events and Foundation Coordinator Kona Purcell said the EVIT Foundation Board was very involved this year in finding and securing table sponsors.

"I appreciate the fact that so many of the board members are extremely busy in their own right, but still managed to make phone calls and get the word out to help with the fund-raising side of things," she said. "They are truly a joy to work with."

During the breakfast, Jason Pistillo, president of UAT, was honored with the Sam & Olga Bender Award, and a portrait of John Lennon painted by tribute artist Randall Hedden. Over the years, UAT has graciously given equipment to EVIT, and Jason donates his time by serving on the EVIT Foundation board. We also heard from Todd Cavanaugh of Tel Tech Networks, Inc., who spoke about the need for quality career and technical education. Todd has been a huge supporter of EVIT's iTEC (Information Technology & Engineering Careers) programs and is himself a product of career and technical education, having attended Mesa Vo-Tech.

EVIT Grounds Supervisor Marty Askins, who puts such care into the beautiful landscaping of our campus, gave the invocation for the breakfast. Alumna Robyn Roseborough, valedictorian of the 2012 Practical Nursing program, came back to give a testimonial, EVIT Law Enforcement students presented the colors in the flag ceremony, Radio/Audio Production instructor Steve Grosz emceed, Culinary Arts & Commercial Baking staff and students prepared the four-course gourmet breakfast, and students from all programs helped serve. Guests also bid on Silent Auction items donated by each EVIT program.

"This wonderful event comes together each year because we all pull together to make it happen," said Superintendent Sally Downey. "It truly puts the 'we' in our 'We are EVIT' motto."

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- **Nov. 22, 7 a.m. –**
EVIT Fitness 5K, Main Campus
- **Dec. 3, 6 p.m. –**
Smart Santa Workshop, Main Campus
- **Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m. –**
Governing Board Meeting, Main Campus
- **Jan. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. –**
“EVIT Gives Back” Expo

welding set to open valley's first national testing center

The East Valley Institute of Technology is on track to have the Valley's first welding testing facility nationally accredited by the American Welding Society. The Welding program hopes to have it up and running in January, offering testing for the highest credential a welding professional can obtain.



"This is about helping our industry partners," said Superintendent Sally Downey. "And it will be a great opportunity for our kids. They'll be first in line."

Photos courtesy of American Welding Society

The American Welding Society Arizona chapter held a special dinner for EVIT welding students, staff and business partners in October.

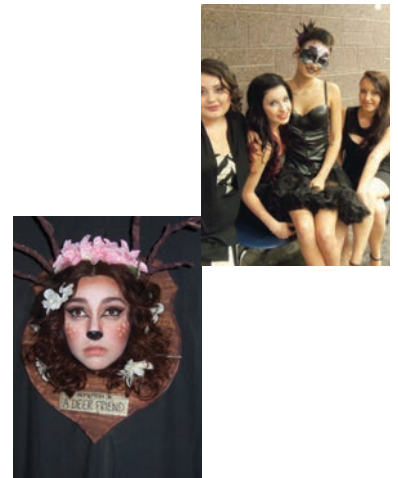
EVIT being one of the stops on his nationwide tour, Dean Wilson, president of American Welding Society, gave a presentation on welding innovation and introduced a new online system that will allow students to post their resumes and experience to find welding-related jobs across the United States.

Wilson also discussed the upcoming launch of their online education program for students to continue their education and improve their credentials at their own pace. He emphasized that there is a high demand of skilled workers in the welding field and an abundance of leadership opportunities.

He also took time to shake hands and talk with EVIT Welding students. Proceeds from the dinner went toward scholarships offered by AWS.

east campus cosmetology

fantasy hair show



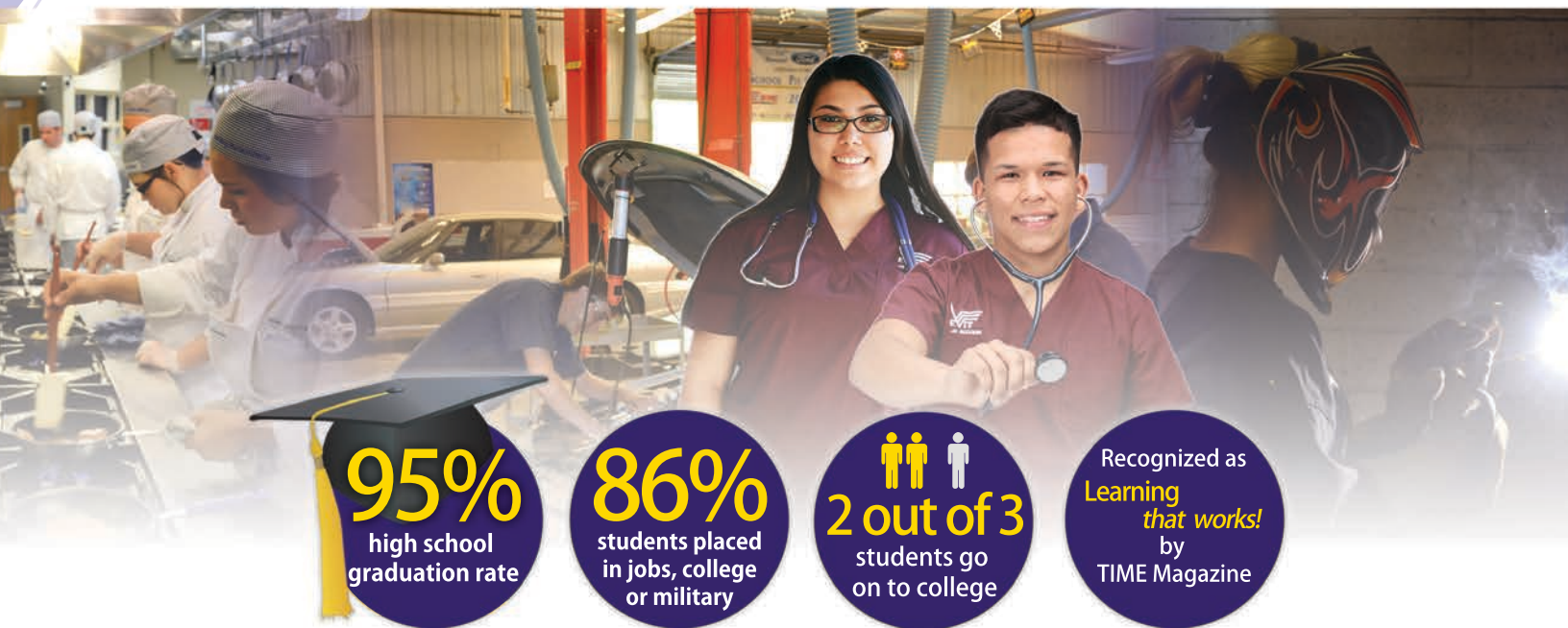
EVIT East's Cosmetology students present- Fantasy Hair Show! 30 teams and many more students worked hard to make this event an amazing and creative success! **See more photos on page 14.**

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the great globe project moves to arizona science center

The Great Globe Project developed at the East Valley Institute of Technology is drawing crowds and fascinating young minds at the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix.

Under the direction of mechanical engineer Bryan Beaulieu, The Great Globe Project is the creation of a 42-story, rotating replica of the Earth that will be built in south-central Arizona as an educational tourist attraction. The globe's surface will be made of over 10 million 4-inch triangular tiles detailing every natural and man-made feature that is larger than 30 feet. Using kits made by EVIT students, children from all over the world will research, computer model and fabricate the 3D tiles.

The Great Globe model and lab have been moved from EVIT to the Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, where they will be on display through Jan. 4. Children who tour the exhibit have the opportunity to go into the lab and create one of the tiles that will form the state of Arizona on the globe.

"Our goal is to have 6,000 tiles made by Arizona kids by Jan. 4," Beaulieu said. "We're about half-way there."

About five years ago, Beaulieu was looking for lab space to develop his project and found it at EVIT, a career and technical education school with two campuses in Mesa serving high school students and adults. In EVIT Superintendent Sally Downey, he found a champion for his larger-than-life dream.

"The Great Globe is not only a vision of a scientific project, it's a big, hairy audacious goal," Downey said. "Just the idea that we're trying to replicate through technology and 3D printers, science, math and engineering something on this scale ... It'll be the eighth wonder of the world."

"To have a project like this on a high school campus so that kids can see that anything is possible, so they are engaged and inspired to dream and get out of the box and do things they've never done before -- that is so important," she said. "This is a country of innovation, and we need people who can think and do things better and differently."

Students in numerous EVIT programs, such as Precision Machining Technologies, Welding, Multimedia and Fashion, Interiors & Design, have spent time in Beaulieu's Great Globe lab learning computer-aided design and drafting. It's an example of how the STEM academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering and math are emphasized in career and technical education.

"STEM is the crux of our programs," Downey said.

In fact, EVIT was named as a finalist for the title of "Best STEM School" in the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee's STEM Superhero Awards presented by Freeport McMoRan.

On Nov. 18, The Great Globe Project hosted an open house at the Arizona Science Center, for the public to learn more about the project and its progress. NASA has been key to the project, Beaulieu said, by providing satellite imagery and topographic data. And the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois has provided mathematical assistance.

Dean Briere, chief innovation officer for the Arizona Science Center, said more than 5,000 people have visited The Great Globe since the exhibit opened on Sept. 20 next-door to the traveling National Geographic Earth Explorers exhibit. Briere said that many of the exhibits at the center are finished projects that emphasize STEM.

"What we like about The Great Globe is that it's in process and it engages our guests to be part of it," he said. "We think it's an opportunity for people to get involved with STEM."



A pair of EVIT Law Enforcement alumni from the Class of 2010 enlisted in the Army after graduating from Chandler High School. Both served in Afghanistan, where they were wounded and honored as heroes. We recently caught up with Joshua Salas and Spencer Yand.



Joshua is serving as an airborne Cavalry Scout in the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Germany, but will be medically discharged soon. He was injured in three IED blasts while serving in Afghanistan, and was awarded a Combat Action Badge and an Army Commendation Medal for saving the life of another wounded soldier. Paperwork is in process for Josh to receive a Purple Heart.

Q: Are you still using the skills you learned in EVIT's Law Enforcement program?

A: Oh definitely. Being in the Law Enforcement program prepared me for multiple things. Tony Garcia was a pretty great instructor. Not only did it teach me different law enforcement tactics that coincided with military, but it also taught me discipline, mental/physical toughness, and above all, to do the right thing, especially when no one is looking ... We learned a lot of team building skills and that's all we do in the military. We all have to work as a team to accomplish the mission.

Q: Did you attend or finish college?

A: I am pending a medical discharge out of the Army due to issues from deployment ... I am looking forward to getting out and using my GI Bill to go back to school to either major in information technology or criminal justice ... I am proud to have served with the guys that I've been able to serve with here in the Army, but I am ready to start a new chapter in my life as a civilian.



Spencer served in the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan and was awarded the Purple Heart for his sacrifice in service to his country. He is currently living in Texas where he will soon undergo his fourth surgery at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Q: Can you share what happened in Afghanistan?

A: I enlisted to serve in the war and was inspired to fight terrorism since I witnessed the events of 9/11. (In Afghanistan), I was inside a two-story building with three other soldiers. Before we could clear the rest of the building, the enemy detonated a bomb on the first floor and the whole building was leveled to the ground ... I am one of three survivors out of a total of 18 inside the building. A lot happened that day that isn't easy to talk about.

Q: What are your plans since receiving a medical discharge?

A: I am living in San Antonio, Texas and still receiving care as well as going to school in the area using my GI Bill ... I am studying toward two bachelor degrees – one in biomedical engineering and a second in chemical engineering.

Q: How well did EVIT Law Enforcement prepare you for what you would face in the military?

A: EVIT helped me out a lot before going into the military. Mr. Garcia ran our class with a high standard and that made for a good stepping stone before I went to basic training and working as an Infantryman in the Army.

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katastro

on **the pulse**



On Tues., Nov. 4, Katastro performed a couple of their hit songs and answered a few questions at The Pulse Recording Studios.

the icarus account

on the pulse



On Wed., Oct. 29, The Pulse had its first musical guest in the all-new The Pulse Recording Studios -- The Icarus Account. The acoustic band of twin brothers were interviewed and performed a couple of their hit songs

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white lace top, stands in a workshop. In the background, a person is welding, creating bright sparks. The workshop has a red curtain and various equipment.

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Brittany Johnson

Brittany is going on her fourth year of employment at EVIT. She was hired as the attendance clerk/receptionist for Building 1 on the Main Campus, and then promoted last year to administrative assistant for Assistant Superintendent David Schapira.

Q: Why did you decide to apply at EVIT four years ago?

A: My mom found the job and said I should apply for it. I come from a small town and I have a lot of friends and family who didn't go to colleges and universities. My dad worked in HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning), so I was already familiar with career and technical education.

Q: What do you like about your job?

A: The students. I love seeing and hearing about them after they graduate from high school and go to college and end up in a career where they are successful.

Q: Is there anything you think people don't realize about EVIT?

A: They don't realize how successful our students really are. They all usually continue their education after leaving here or they go into the workforce.

Q: If you were in high school, which EVIT program would you want to take?

A: I like interior design, or, if I could do it, maybe something in medical. But actually, if I had to pick one, I think it would be welding. Welding would be awesome.

donations keep evit automotive on cutting edge

Automotive Technologies students at the East Valley Institute of Technology will have the opportunity to work on a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, 2007 GMC Acadia, and two other engines thanks to a generous donation from two programs at Glendale Community College.

The vehicles were donated through General Motors ASEP (Automotive Service Educational Program), a training program at GCC, and the engines were donated through Ford ASSET (Automotive Student Service Educational Training), an apprenticeship program at GCC.

EVIT automotive instructor Randy Baker estimated the donations exceed \$80,000 in monetary value. Thompson's Towing towed the vehicles and engines to EVIT free of charge. The educational value, however, is priceless.

"It is one of our more significant donations because of the new technology," Baker said.

GCC is one of several education institutions and businesses that serve on the advisory council for Automotive Technologies. Each EVIT program has an advisory council to ensure that training meets the latest industry standards.

Zac Soriano, 18, can't wait to get his hands on the new vehicles. A senior from Chandler's Basha High School, Soriano is a first-year automotive student at EVIT.

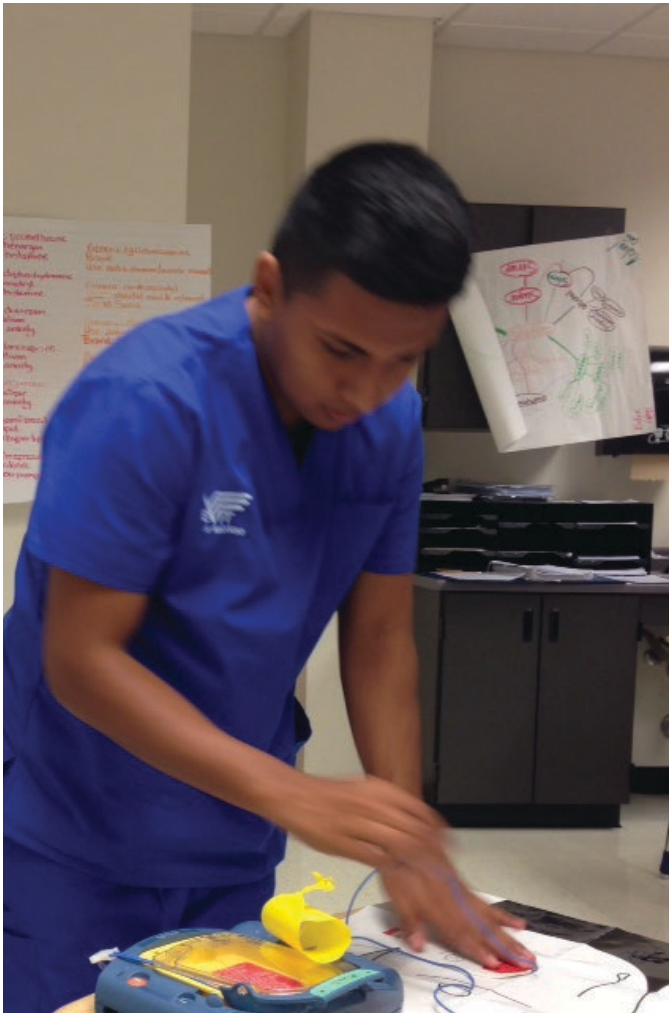
"It's always cool to get something like this, especially from someone as big as GM. It's giving us something more recent to work on," Soriano said.

Soriano wants to use his EVIT training "to provide financial stability so I can own my own business or become an automotive engineer." His ultimate dream: Move to Europe and work as an automotive engineer on American imports.



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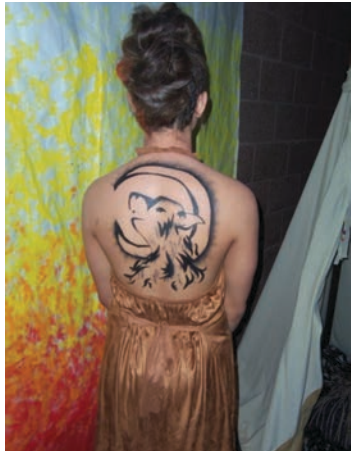
pharmacy tech learns cpr



On Tues., Nov. 4, Gale Landau's **Pharmacy Technician** program learned adult and infant CPR. Photos by EVIT Pharmacy Technician program.

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Job shadowing immerses EVIT students in auto industry

Over 60 companies opened their doors to EVIT's Automotive students this fall for job shadowing. This annual event immerses the students in their chosen field and exposes them to aspects of the automotive industry they may not have considered.

"When they see the breadth of what goes on here, they're just in shock," service director Steve Marley said of Chandler's Thorobred Chevrolet, one of the participating businesses. In addition to new and used car sales, Thorobred includes an auto parts shop, auto body shop, accessories catalog and service center. It's a large facility with an equally large range of career opportunities.



Jason Sanchez has worked at Thorobred since completing EVIT's Automotive program in 2010. He earned his associate degree through the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program, is ASE and GM certified, and is now training to be a Driveability and Electrical Technician.

He remembers his job shadowing experience as an EVIT student quite well. "I got lost," he said.

Marley said that's normal for the job shadowers. "They're extremely surprised by what they see," he said.

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"It's huge," first-year Automotive student Kyle Wagner said of Thorobred Chevrolet during this fall's job shadowing. "It's really cool." The 16-year-old from Mountain Pointe High School was engrossed in learning about front suspensions from service technician Paul Miller.

"From day one, I want (job shadowers) involved and actually working," Marley said. "I want them to get their hands dirty."

Tristan Chambers, 18, a Higley High School graduate who is enrolled at EVIT as an adult, enjoyed the job shadowing at Thorobred.

"I like cars and I like this career path," he said.



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offers range of programs

Maryann Garcia of Chandler had been working for Banner Health for several years as a technician and a certified nurse assistant when she decided she wanted more training to become a surgical technologist. With a full-time job and two children, she needed a school that could provide a quality education while meeting the needs of her busy schedule.

She found what she was looking for in adult education at the East Valley Institute of Technology.

“At EVIT, I was able to get in right away. There was no wait list,” Garcia said. “The program was challenging, but would also fit my schedule.”

Now, Garcia is about two months away from completing the EVIT training that could help her land a surgical technologist job paying \$5 to \$7 more an hour than she earns now.



Every year, hundreds of adults like Garcia take classes at EVIT. Adult programs charge tuition at rates that are competitive with private trade schools, and an EVIT financial advisor can help adults identify assistance opportunities, such as grants or the G.I. Bill. Most adult classes are offered at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

EVIT Adult Education offers:

- An afternoon and/or evening Cosmetology program with enrollment opportunities every four to six weeks for the first 26 weeks of the program.
- Daytime Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, and Sterile Processing Technician programs.
- Evening Nursing Assistant, Precision Manufacturing Technology, Collision Repair, Welding, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning programs.

In addition, adults may enroll in high school programs at EVIT that are identified as “blended” to include adults, said director John Underwood.

“Perhaps the biggest advantage for adults is our program structures,” Underwood said. “Typically at a community college or technical school, vocational courses are tied to the typical semester scheduling and the program is normally broken up into smaller classes as credits ... Enrollment numbers for a single 3- or 5-credit class may dictate if that class will be offered – or be postponed to another semester.”

At EVIT, adult programs start with a group of students and continue until finished, ensuring once a student starts, there is a defined end for the training, Underwood said.

Also, EVIT's adult students typically pass state licensing exams at higher rates. For example, the 2013 first-time pass rate for EVIT's adult Nursing Assistant program was 100 percent for the written exam and 83 percent for the manual skills exam, according to the Arizona State Board of Nursing website. The 2013 state average was 89 percent for the written exam and 80 percent for the manual skills exam.

Sterile Processing Technician is EVIT's newest adult program, and there are plans to offer an assisted living caregiver facility training program and an industry-supported residential service and repair plumbing program this fall.

Students in the health programs are required to complete a certain number of hours at a medical site. For three months, Garcia has been doing a surgical technologist externship at Cardon Children's Medical Center and Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa. "Surg techs" facilitate invasive surgical procedures and maximize patient safety.

"It's been very, very interesting, all the different types of cases I get to see," Garcia said. She would recommend EVIT to other adults. "My instructors were great, EVIT as a whole is great, and the hours were great," she said. "I have two children and I'm managing a full-time job and school. It's hard, but it can be done."

Adult students at EVIT must be 18 and have a high school diploma or GED. Adults in "blended" high school programs must pass a fingerprint clearance, and some programs have additional requirements. Information: www.evit.com/adulted or (480) 461-4028.

General Motors Foundation donates \$15,000 to EVIT

The EVIT Foundation has been awarded \$15,000 by the General Motors Foundation to help fund scholarships for students' program fees at the East Valley Institute of Technology. Randy Mott, senior vice president and global chief information officer, presented the GM donation Nov. 20 to Superintendent Sally Downey at a ceremony at the GM IT Arizona Innovation Center in Chandler. The GM Foundation also awarded \$10,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

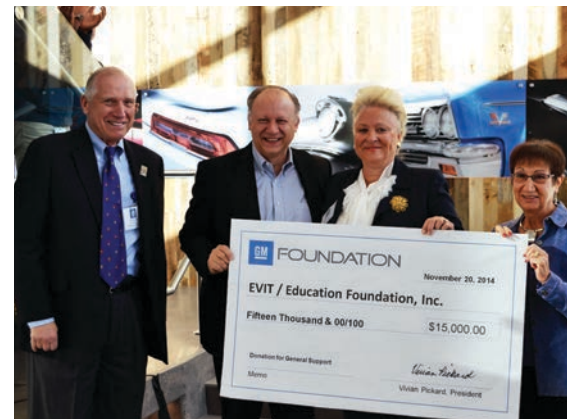
"It's important that we are good community neighbors here in Chandler and these grants provided by the GM Foundation allow us to give back in a big way each year," Mott said in a news release. "Through the Plant City Grants initiative, we're helping to build stronger communities and are striving to enrich the lives of our neighbors."

Employees of the GM innovation center voted to award the grants to EVIT and Make-A-Wish. Downey said Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Chucuri played a key role in EVIT getting the grant, and she acknowledged the long-time support of Chandler's Thoroughbred Chevrolet and its service director, Steve Marley.

"EVIT has a huge automotive program and a huge connection with that industry," Downey said. "EVIT could not be the school that it is ... if it didn't have that connection to business and industry."

EVIT places more students in jobs than any other high school automotive program, Downey said.

The GM Foundation grants are given to a variety of organizations across the country that serve families, improve education and impact communities' quality of life, according to the GM news release. "This year, the GM Foundation will provide more than \$1.7 million in funding to 209 organizations in 45 plant cities where GM employees live and work," said GM Foundation Vice President Lori Wingerter. "Through these grants, we continue our mission to give back and build stronger communities where GM does business."



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pharmacy tech alumna **helps** with lesson



On Thurs., Oct. 30, EVIT alumna, Corbin White, stopped by the EVIT Pharmacy Technician program to help with the lesson of counting and processing medications.

Corbin completed the EVIT Pharmacy Technician program in 2012. She is now a certified pharmacy technician at CVS and attending Mesa Community College to continue her education.

where is **einstein?**

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Law Enforcement student organizes EVIT Fitness 5k

Two-time cancer survivor CJ Goode wasn't expected to live long enough to attend kindergarten, and he's been told that he likely will be diagnosed with cancer again. But this Gilbert 18-year-old is unfazed by such odds.

"I'll kick its butt when it comes," says CJ, a Law Enforcement student at the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa and a senior at Higley High School. "I'm positive all the time. I find the positive in the little things."

Overcoming leukemia and thyroid cancer is no little thing, and neither is organizing a 5K community run. But CJ has approached both with the same upbeat attitude and a desire to help others. He is currently organizing the EVIT Fitness 5K – 7 a.m., Nov. 22 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandall (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa -- to raise money for San Tan Valley's Angel Acres, Inc. and the EVIT Law Enforcement program.



Entry fees for the event range from \$10 to \$50, depending on if the runner also wants a T-shirt with his or her name on it and other items. For more information or to register, contact EVIT instructor Herb Williams at hwilliams@evit.com or 480-461-4071.

CJ said that 80 percent of the proceeds will go to Angel Acres, 3738 E. Hash Knife Draw Road, an organization that provides exercise therapy through horseback riding to at-risk youth and children with special needs. At Higley High, CJ served as president of a community service club for Angel Acres.

At EVIT, CJ is a second-year Law Enforcement student and captain of his class. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the EVIT Fitness 5K will go to the Law Enforcement program, which prepares students for careers not only in law enforcement, but also in forensics, criminal investigations, asset protection, security, corrections, emergency dispatching and more. The program operates like a police academy and includes physical training and the opportunity to earn college credit through dual enrollment at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

"This program encompasses everything," CJ said. "We learn job skills for the real world. I want people to know that EVIT is a great opportunity."

CJ plans to major in biology or marine biology in college and is considering a program at the University of the Virgin Islands. His ultimate goal is to become a game warden or marine biologist.

Early Childhood program, Bridges Preschool offer Smart Santa workshop

With holiday shopping coming up soon, the Early Childhood Education program at the East Valley Institute of Technology wants to help parents of young children select toys that will stimulate development and learning.

So from 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, EVIT will host “Smart Santa Workshop” in partnership with Bridges Preschool. Parents who attend will learn about different types of toys and receive a registry that lists the best toys for each age group from birth to kindergarten age.

“You can spend \$20 and get a toy that’s OK. Or, do you want more? It’s like the difference between nutrition or food that isn’t nutritious,” said EVIT instructor Lisa Bradford. “If you’re going to buy something, know what you’re buying. Don’t assume it’s going to have an educational value. Be a smart Santa.”

The workshop will be held at the Early Childhood Education building on EVIT’s Dr. A. Keith Crandall (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa. Admission is \$5; for an additional \$10, Bridges, which operates a preschool in the same building, will provide child care for the evening while parents participate in the workshop.

Space is limited, so parents are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible by calling Bridges team leader Kristine Retuta at (480) 461-6746. Participants will also be registered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card.



Proceeds from the “Smart Santa Workshop” will go to two “Angel Tree” programs the Early Childhood Education Program and Bridges are sponsoring over the holidays to purchase gifts for disadvantaged children.

Bradford will be assisted by one of her students in conducting the workshop. The information that will be presented about development and learning is a standard part of the Early Childhood Education program, which trains students for careers in child care, education and health care.

A child’s earliest years are so important because 90 percent of the brain is developed by age 5. Toys that require their active involvement help create “pathways that become super-highways in the brain where all other learning occurs,” Bradford said.

That’s why paper and markers or Legos make a better present for a young child than a coloring book or Transformers, Bradford said. They encourage creativity.

And children’s books always make a good holiday gift, she said, because they are essential to developing a child’s language and literacy skills.

EVIT News in Brief

CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



The East Valley Institute of Technology has just signed an intergovernmental agreement with Central Arizona College that will create a “seamless system of pathways” to associate degrees for EVIT students. “Their offerings line up beautifully with EVIT,” Superintendent Sally Downey said. Details will be announced soon!

DIESEL ENROLLMENT

The Diesel/Heavy Equipment program at EVIT is experiencing its highest enrollment in three years due to increased demand for diesel technicians. “There’s good potential to be hired right away in diesel,” said assistant principal Tim Vanda. Enrollment in Diesel/Heavy Equipment doubled this year to 50 students, and Vanda expects that growth to continue.



Last year, the program formed a partnership with Empire CAT. Students who complete the two-year Diesel/Heavy Equipment program may continue their training at Mesa Community College’s “Think Big” program, and if qualified, they can also apply for entry level employment at Empire Southwest.

CLASS OF 2010

EVIT is working on a project to find out where our alumni from the Class of 2010 are now, if they’re employed, in college, using the skills they learned at EVIT, etc.



The project will help gauge the effectiveness of EVIT programs and is expected to be finished by June. If you completed an EVIT program in 2010, please contact

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CeCe Todd at ctodd@evit.com or (480) 461-4032 to answer a few survey questions.

VIDAL SASSOON COMPETITION

Adam Pray, a cosmetology student at EVIT’s East Campus, recently won first runner-up in the “Sassoon Student of the Year” competition.



Adam competed against many other competitors at the Vidal Sassoon Salon in Scottsdale. Main Campus cosmetology student Isabella Lee also competed in the event.

SHED PROJECT

Construction Technologies students are building sheds to help raise money for their program. The students meet with clients to design the shed and provide a list of materials needed. The clients pay the cost of materials and delivery of materials to EVIT plus \$100 to the construction program and a 100-percent tax deductible state tax-credit donation for at least \$200. The sheds are built at EVIT using standard house construction framing methods. For more information, contact Construction Technologies instructor Sheldon White at swhite@evit.com or (480) 461-4080.



FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD

EVIT has received the Association of School Business Officials’ Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the fiscal year ending June 3, 2013. The award reflects EVIT’s commitment to high

standards in financial reporting. Congratulations to business manager Edith Perez!

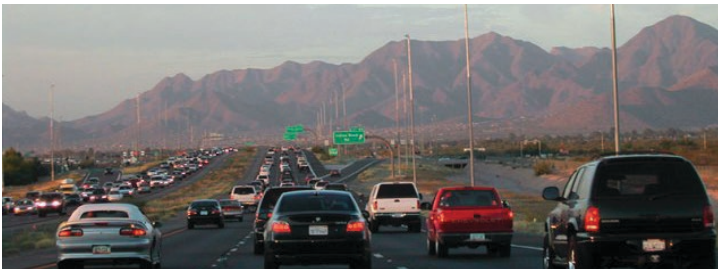
GOLF TOURNAMENT

EVIT’s Construction Technologies program will receive a portion of the funds raised at the Association of the Wall & Ceiling Contractors of



Arizona’s 22nd Golf Tournament Shootout at 8 a.m. Dec. 5 at the ASU Karsten Golf Course, 1125 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe. Registration, beginning at 7 a.m., is \$120 per golfer or \$480 per foursome. That includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and gifts. Checks should be made payable to AWCC/AZ and mailed to PO Box 42237, Phoenix, AZ, 85080. For more information, call (602) 631-4083.

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 Lacy Davis at 480-461-4016 or e-mail ldavis@evit.com. You can find more information about carpooling at www.sharetheride.com or bus route information at www.valleymetro.com.



November Birthdays			
3	Janice Kongas	15	Carlton Brooks
4	Susan Bangerter	17	Kelly Harris, Gary Nellis
11	Hollywood Leary	20	Thomas Abbott
12	Melissa Ludewig	22	DJ Warrick
13	Rodney Johnston	29	Kona Purcell
14	Mark Howard		

December Birthdays			
1	Joe Kalfus	17	Katie Thorson
5	Marika Marfai	18	Ria McBride
6	Gale Landau	19	Lawrence Varela
13	Greg Copeland	27	Jennifer Bray
14	Sylvia Flaherty	30	Mary Williams
16	Bettye Atkinson		

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Sign up for the Smart Santa Workshop!



Bridges Preschool and the Early Childhood Education program at the East Valley Institute of Technology invite parents to the **Smart Santa Workshop** to learn how to choose toys that stimulate brain development and learning.

WHEN: 6-7 p.m., Dec. 3

WHERE: Early Childhood Education Building/Bridges Preschool, EVIT Main Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

COST: \$5; child care provided by Bridges is an additional \$10.

TO SIGN UP: Call Bridges team leader Kristine Retuta at (480) 461-6746.

Participants will be registered for a \$50 gift card!