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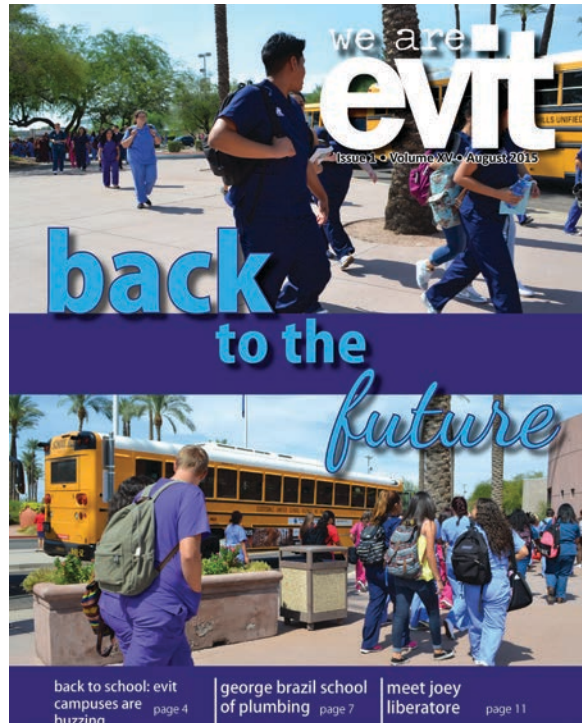


Most people think of this time of year as back-to-school time, but at EVIT, it's back-to-the-future time. EVIT students are focused on becoming the first responders, the precision machinists, the radio personalities, the fashion designers – and so much more – of the future.

The East Valley Institute of Technology offers over 40 quality career and technical education (CTE) programs for high school students and adults. Nearly all of these programs prepare students to test for a professional industry credential. Fifteen programs offer over 200 hours of dual enrollment college credit. And in every program, students learn through hands-on lab experiences, internships or job shadowing.

EVIT students learn alongside classmates who share their passion for that career and from instructors who worked in that industry. In many programs, they have the opportunity to interact with the public by providing a service, such as hair styling, auto repair, massage therapy, and web design. And all programs participate in competitions that sharpen students' skills and put them to the test.

With so much going on and so much at stake, EVIT students don't have time to waste. They're back in school so they can get back to focusing on the future.



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## UPCOMING events

- **Sept. 7 –**  
Labor Day, No School
- **Sept. 14, 4:30 p.m. –**  
EVIT Governing Board Meeting, Main Campus
- **Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m. –**  
EVIT Governing Board Meeting, Main Campus
- **Oct. 9, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. –**  
EVIT Career Fair, Main Campus
- **Oct. 12-16 –**  
Fall Break, No School



# back to school: evit campuses are buzzing!

The 2015-16 school year is in full swing at EVIT's Main, East and Apache Junction campuses where record enrollment – nearly 5,000 high school students and adults – is filling classrooms and parking lots, and buildings are undergoing renovation.



In addition to new students, EVIT has many new teachers this year to accommodate our growth. And, we have a new administrative team in place too. Mark Yockus, formerly of Canyon State Academy in Queen Creek, is now principal at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, and Craig Pearson, who served as a Main Campus assistant principal last year, is now principal of the East Campus. The Main Campus leadership team also includes health director Denise Kruckenberg and assistant principals Dana Kuhn and John Corsaro. In addition, registration and counseling departments at the Main Campus have been merged to create the new Center for Career Advancement, under the leadership of director Pauline Acosta.

Renovation and construction are under way at the Main Campus, where EVIT's hugely successful Cosmetology and Aesthetics programs will be housed in the new EVIT Academy of Cosmetic Arts. The former adult education building is being transformed into a spa-like environment where students will not only learn, but also provide services to the public.

And at the East Campus, a front office for a working vet clinic has been created for the booming Veterinary Assistant program. Eventually, the public will be able to bring pets to the EVIT clinic for minor grooming and care. Expanded classroom space has been added for the vet program and Human Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Careers, and the Future Engineers program has a new engineering lab.

"We are very excited about all the changes and growth at EVIT," said Superintendent Sally Downey. "We're expecting this to be another banner year for our students and programs."

# evit cosmetology students test their skills blindfolded



On Aug. 21, Mrs. French and Mrs. Diesing's first-year Cosmetology students put their skills to work as they were combing out and teasing hair on mannequins. They had to do it blindfolded. Winners for the best comb out were picked in AM & PM sessions. Great job everyone!

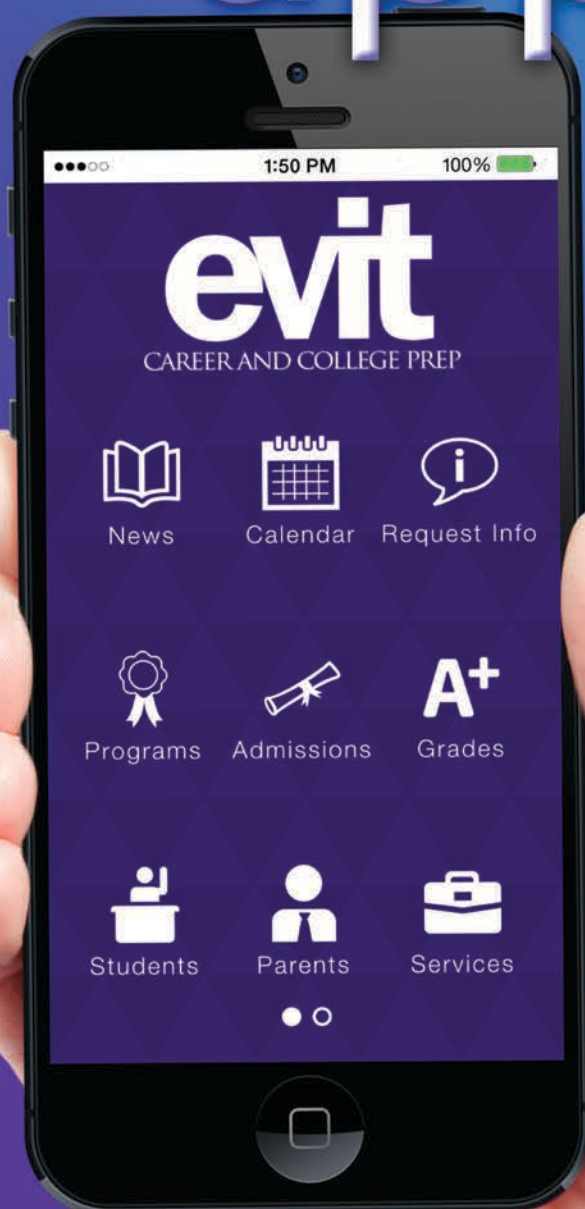


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## george brazil home services opens plumbing school at evit

**G**eorge Brazil dreamed of starting a school that would carry on his legacy of professionalism in the plumbing industry. Not only would his school train residential plumbers and technicians in the skills of the trade, but also in the work ethic and commitment to customer service that George Brazil Home Services was known for in the Valley.



George passed away in 2012, never having the chance to fulfill the dream he shared with his wife, Patricia Langlin Brazil. So Pat has made it her mission to start the George Brazil School of Plumbing at the East Valley Institute of Technology.

The new plumbing school at EVIT's Dr. A. Keith Crandall (Main) Campus in Mesa will soon begin offering training for adults who have what it takes to learn and provide high-quality plumbing service in the George Brazil way.

Offered through EVIT's adult education program, the plumbing school won't accept just anyone. Candidates will have to complete a rigorous application process, including an interview. The reward will be worth it for those who get in and complete the 600-hour course: Internship and/or employment with George Brazil or other Valley plumbing companies and a potential salary of \$50,000 to \$80,000 as a residential plumbing technician.

"We want to make sure the school is training service plumbers to be the best they can be, that they care more for their customers than they do for themselves, that they are constantly trying to be everything that George would have wanted," Pat said.

George Brazil believed in giving the customer full value and he wanted plumbers and technicians who would represent the industry well to the public.

Instructor Barry Morris added: "He wanted this to be the Harvard, Stanford or Yale of all plumbing schools."

Morris and EVIT were hand-picked by Pat, a retired educator who served for years as the state director of vocational education in California and oversaw industrial arts programs.

"Barry is a wonderful addition. He has such passion for education and young people," she said.

Morris grew up in New York City, the son of a fireman who also operated a small residential plumbing business. At age 19, he joined the United Association of Plumbers and started his professional career; in his 20s, he became a Master Plumber. Today, he has 39 years professional experience, including three years of teaching in New York.

"Realizing the shortage of plumbers, I decided to become a plumbing educator," he said.

The first George Brazil plumbing class will start as an adult evening program as soon as the student roster is filled. Morris said the program would be a good fit for 18- to 22-year-old high school graduates, veterans, or adults in their 30s or 40s who are looking for a career change.

"Candidates for the plumbing school should be of good moral character and have high ethical standards, as well as the ability to communicate well with others," he said. "They should have the desire to be trained and become one of the best plumbers in the industry."

Interested applicants should contact the EVIT admissions department at (480) 461-4108 or stop by the Center for Career Advancement at the EVIT Main Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa, for an application and advisement.

Superintendent Sally Downey appreciates the guidance and resources that the George Brazil company has given EVIT to start the George Brazil School of Plumbing. "It's an extreme compliment that Pat Brazil would put her faith in us to deliver the high standard that is the tradition of their company," she said.



# the pulse expands airwave reach across phoenix

A new signal is expanding the reach of EVIT's student-run radio station, The Pulse, across the Phoenix metropolitan area.



Hitting the airwaves on Aug. 11, 88.7FM The Pulse, a Top 40 Dance station, is now covering more area with a much clearer signal than its previous stations, 90.7FM and 92.7FM. The new tower, located in Maricopa, broadcasts 15,000 watts on 88.7, compared to 2,000 watts that the previous stations played.

That's good news for the Radio/Audio Production students at the East Valley Institute of Technology who operate the station, their listeners and their supporters.

"We are heavily supported on 88.7FM The Pulse by our sponsors, and so not only does our stronger signal help the average listener with our increased signal power and strength, but it's a huge benefit to our Friends of the Pulse underwriters," said Emily Aiton, the station's business manager. "We now will be able to grow our listenership, and our sponsors' message will hit even more people in the Valley."

Radio/Audio Production instructor Steve Grosz started EVIT's radio station in 2010, broadcasting at 90.7 FM. In 2012, the station expanded to 92.7 FM. Since then, the Radio/Audio Production program and radio station have grown to include recording booths and a state-of-the-art recording studio.

"We also currently have a donation tab on our website, PulseRadio.FM, if our community would like to help us meet the goals of our program, as we are listener-supported," Aiton said. "This will not only benefit the station, but the students that are currently enrolled in EVIT's radio program."

About 100 high school students and young adults from the East Valley are enrolled in the Radio/Audio Production program at EVIT, a career and technical education school. EVIT offers more than 40 occupational training programs. For more information about the Radio/Audio Production program and EVIT, visit [www.evit.com](http://www.evit.com).

The Pulse operates from EVIT's Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa. For more information about The Pulse, visit [PulseRadio.FM](http://PulseRadio.FM).



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LIBERATORE

Joey Liberatore, 17, is a second-year student in EVIT's Radio/Audio Production program, where he also serves as program director for 88.7FM The Pulse. He will graduate this year from Perry High School in the Chandler Unified School District, but already he is gaining valuable experience for a career in sports broadcasting.

All his life, Joey played baseball, a passion that he and his father would connect over when dad was on the road working as a truck driver. Then an injury sidelined Joey from the game. But after taking a summer class in EVIT's radio program, Joey discovered that he could continue his passion for baseball -- through broadcasting.

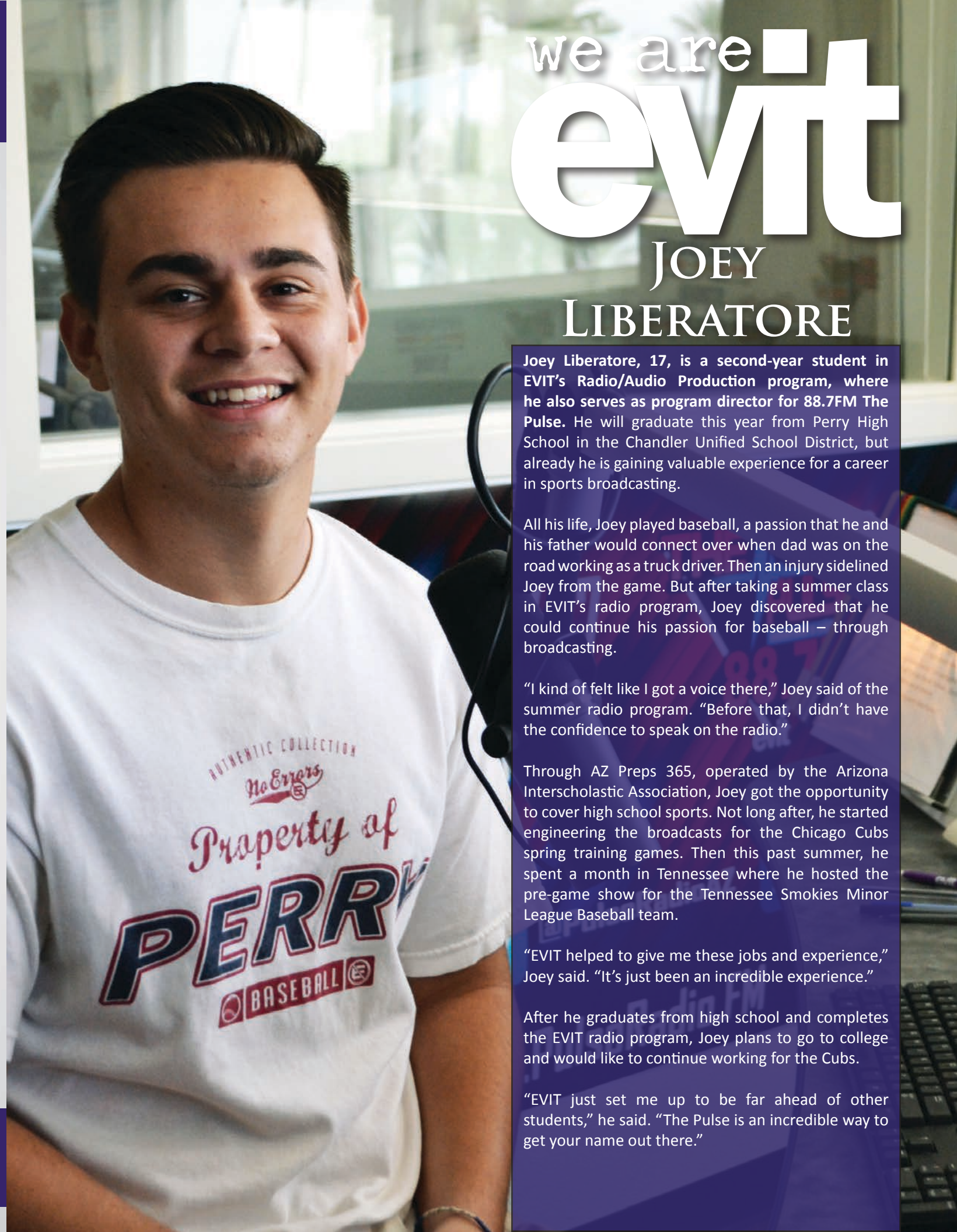
"I kind of felt like I got a voice there," Joey said of the summer radio program. "Before that, I didn't have the confidence to speak on the radio."

Through AZ Preps 365, operated by the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Joey got the opportunity to cover high school sports. Not long after, he started engineering the broadcasts for the Chicago Cubs spring training games. Then this past summer, he spent a month in Tennessee where he hosted the pre-game show for the Tennessee Smokies Minor League Baseball team.

"EVIT helped to give me these jobs and experience," Joey said. "It's just been an incredible experience."

After he graduates from high school and completes the EVIT radio program, Joey plans to go to college and would like to continue working for the Cubs.

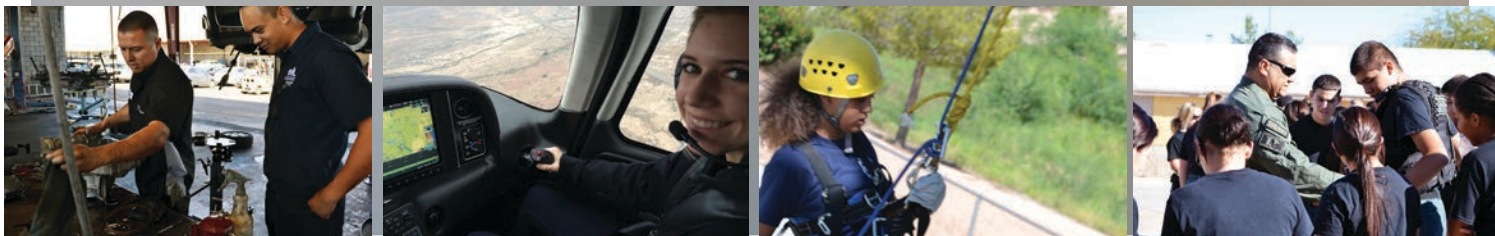
"EVIT just set me up to be far ahead of other students," he said. "The Pulse is an incredible way to get your name out there."



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## college opportunities for evit students



With two out of three EVIT students going to college, EVIT is continuing to expand opportunities for students to earn college credit.

This summer, Upper Iowa University relocated its Mesa education center to EVIT's Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa. Located in Building 15, UIU-Mesa offers programs in accounting, business administration, criminal justice, human services, human resources management, psychology, public administration (general, law enforcement or fire science emphasis), and social science. UIU offers certificates, associate degrees, bachelor degrees and master degrees.

"In our continuing effort to meet the needs of all Mesa-area residents, Upper Iowa University is very pleased to be located on the EVIT campus," Dr. Kurt Wood, UIU provost and executive vice president, said in a news release. "The EVIT location, including easy access to mass transit and free parking, provides outstanding benefits to all students and further strengthens our commitment to meet Mesa's higher education initiatives."

EVIT Superintendent Sally Downey said the partnership will give EVIT students another option for higher education, and will especially benefit health students who will eventually be able to take a year of training through EVIT and then a year of education through UIU to obtain an associate degree in programs such as

physical therapy, respiratory therapy and radiation technician.

In addition to the UIU partnership, EVIT has expanded the college credits it offers through dual partnership arrangements with Central Arizona College, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Eastern Arizona Community College, Gateway Community College, Mesa Community College and Scottsdale Community College. EVIT now offers over 200 college credits in 15 programs: 3D Animation, Automotive Technologies, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science, Information Technology and Engineering Careers (ITEC), Multimedia, Precision Machining, Radio/Audio Production, Video Production, Culinary Arts & Commercial Baking, Aviation, Law Enforcement, Massage Therapy, Welding and Fashion, Interiors & Textiles.

The expanded dual enrollment credits and partnership with UIU are examples of how career and technical education has evolved into a pathway for both college and career. In fact, national studies show that students who combine CTE training in high school with an associate degree in college have a competitive advantage over students who take no CTE and go on to four-year universities.

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## EVIT News in Brief

### EXPO IN NOVEMBER



The annual EVIT Expo is moving from January to November to better accommodate students in sending schools whose registration for next school year starts as soon as they return from winter break. Like last year, the theme for expo is “EVIT Gives Back.” Students, parents and the community are welcome to visit the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main Street in Mesa, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 14. There will be trolley tours of the 65-acre campus, entertainment, activities for kids, and much more. See you at EVIT Expo!

### TOP WELDING SITE



EVIT Main Campus is now a nationally accredited testing site for the American Welding Society. EVIT students and professional welders can test there to obtain the highest credential available to welders. For more information, contact Leon Zamora at [lzamora@evit.com](mailto:lzamora@evit.com) or (480) 461-4133.

### JOBS FOR EVIT ALUMNI

Valley employers love to hire EVIT alumni. See the latest listing of job openings at <http://evit.com/studentjobs>. EVIT is quality career and technical education (CTE) that puts people to work!

### CLASS OF 2014



A year since finishing their EVIT programs, the Class of 2014 is doing great! According to our latest statistics, these students had a 96%

high school graduation rate and 87% are now in jobs, college or the military. Over 250 Arizona businesses hired 322 of these 2014 grads, and 757 students from EVIT’s Class of 2014 are now attending 76 colleges, universities and other post-secondary schools.

### SAVE THE DATE



The EVIT Foundation Gourmet Breakfast Fundraiser is 7:30 to 9 a.m., Nov. 4 in the Culinary Banquet Hall at the Main Campus. Registration starts at 7 a.m. This annual event raises thousands of dollars to help EVIT students in need pay their program and uniform fees. For more information, contact Kona Purcell at [kpurcell@evit.com](mailto:kpurcell@evit.com) or (480) 461-4114.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE CAR



EVIT students with perfect attendance this year will have chance at winning a 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier donated by Thorobred Chevrolet of Chandler. This annual event encourages EVIT students to commit to attendance not only in school, but in their work ethic and future employment as well. Thank you, Thorobred Chevrolet and service director Steve Marley for this generous incentive!

### FCCLA GOLD

McKenzie Dickman and Jordan Reuss, who both completed the Fashion, Interiors & Textiles program last spring, won gold medals at the national

championships for FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America). Congrats, McKenzie, Jordan and FIT instructor Kim Foulger!

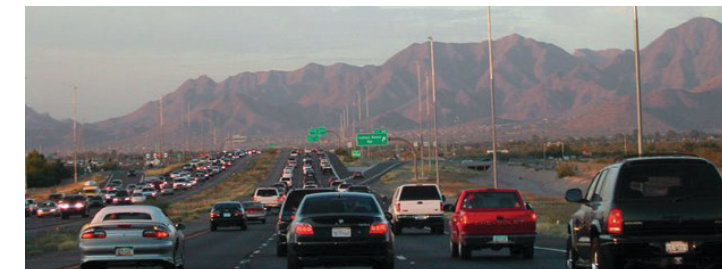


### SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS



Aviation students Skyler Peterson and Gunner James had a great summer. Both attended the University of North Dakota Summer Academy. And, Skyler also completed his first solo flight out of Mesa’s Falcon Field. The EVIT Aviation program is located at the East Campus, 6625 S. Power Road.

### 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](mailto:ldavis@evit.com). You can find more information about carpooling at [www.sharetheride.com](http://www.sharetheride.com) or bus route information at [www.valleymetro.com](http://www.valleymetro.com).



### August Birthdays

1	Kyle Frost	20	Justin Lisonbee
3	Ivan Jaksic	20	Enna Post
3	Janet Jensen	22	Kim Foulger
6	Thom Bunch	22	Michael Knotts
6	David Nguyen	25	Cailon Earl
8	Jon Howell	27	Christie Zepeda
11	Katelyn Tellez	30	Armour Black
14	John Diana	30	Steve Grosz
15	Jaylene Morris	31	David Pullman
20	John Howell		

### September Birthdays

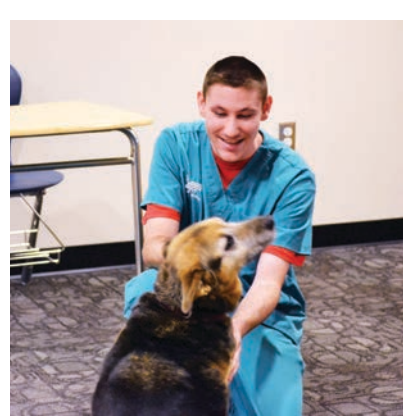
7	Christopher Cantmell	17	Robert Hewitt
7	Teri Mosier	23	John Dunbar
8	Pauline Acosta	27	Becky Devine
10	Mark Yockus	27	Sherry Rea
11	Michael Southerly	28	Lee Smith
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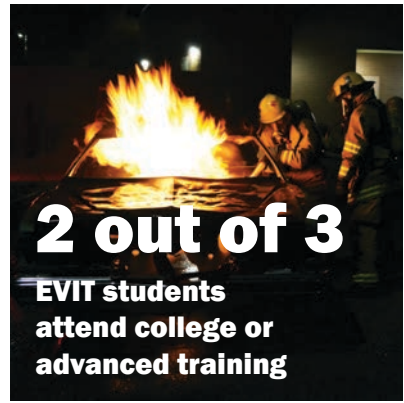
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