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If you want to know what makes EVIT a great school, just ask our students. Usually, they mention the hands-on learning that takes place in every program, the opportunity to learn from teachers who have worked in that industry, being in a school where they are treated like adults. They may also mention fun activities, field trips and internships, and the camaraderie they share with classmates who have the same interests and goals that they do.



But what they may not realize is that they – the students themselves – are what makes EVIT a great school. Our students come from 10 East Valley communities – district, charter, home-schooled, young adults. Some want to go to college and plan to use their EVIT training as a jumpstart toward that goal. Some want to go into an occupation that doesn't require a college degree. Some want to join the military.

All have chosen to leave their traditional high school environment for half of each day or to take an evening program to pursue their dream.

Sometimes that means getting up at the crack of dawn to take a super-early class at their high school or working into the night in an online class or giving up their summer for summer school – all so they can squeeze EVIT into a schedule loaded with graduation requirements. While some arrive at EVIT every day courtesy of transportation provided by school districts, others may take one or two city buses plus the light rail to get there. Some ride their bikes, even as long as an hour each way, just to get to their EVIT program. Every day, EVIT students inspire us with their determination and spirit. It's a privilege to work with them and watch them grow.

They are the reason why EVIT is a great school. They are the pride in "We Are EVIT."

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UPCOMING events

- **Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – EVIT Gives Back, annual Expo
- **Nov. 26-27** – Thanksgiving Break, No School
- **Dec. 11, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** – Hair Show, EVIT East Campus
- **Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m.** – EVIT Governing Board, Main Campus
- **Dec. 21 - Jan. 1** – Winter Break, No School



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Students
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The East Valley Institute of Technology sets the standard for quality career and technical education in Arizona. Touted by TIME Magazine as “learning that works,” EVIT was also selected as an A+ School of Excellence in 2015 by the Arizona Educational Foundation and was voted Best Public School by readers of the East Valley Tribune.

But the accolades are not what students mention when you ask them about EVIT.

“I didn’t always feel like going to school. But I love coming to EVIT,” says Sucet Gardea, 17, a Primavera charter school student in the Construction Technologies program.

“It’s definitely a more mature environment,” says Early Childhood Education student Marli MacLay, 16, a junior at Gilbert’s Campo Verde High School. “Everyone is doing this because they love it.”

Sucet and Marli are among several thousand students training at EVIT to be construction workers, preschool teachers, nursing assistants, robotics engineers – and so much more.

EVIT offers over 40 advanced career and technical education (CTE) programs tuition-free to students living in Mesa, Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Apache Junction, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert, Higley, Queen Creek and J.O. Combs. Students attend their high school for half the day and then receive career training at EVIT for the other half.

When A+ award judges visited EVIT last spring, they were impressed by the enthusiasm of the students, how they connected what they were learning to the workplace, and how they were striving for quality.

“Students are actively engaged in authentic and real world learning that is directly transferred to college and career,” the judges wrote in their critique of EVIT. “Students feel valued and connected to their instructors in a way that not only provides an educational experience, but also supports a strong bond and mentorship for life.”

Every EVIT program is built around hands-on training through labs, clinical experience, job shadowing or internships. And nearly every program prepares students for professional industry credentials that can help them get jobs.

Two out of three EVIT students go on to college. EVIT gives them a jump-start by offering over 200 hours of college credit through partnerships with area colleges. Many EVIT students also use their training to obtain employment to help pay for college.

Parents interviewed by the A+ judges said that EVIT “profoundly changed their child’s view on school and was the single most powerful motivator for their learning.” Their testimonials back up what statistics show: EVIT students have a 96 percent high school graduation rate. Arizona’s grad rate: 76 percent. And, 87 percent of students are in college, jobs or the military within a year of completing their EVIT training.

But the stats aren’t that important to the students. They just like being in a school where they can pursue a career doing what they love, such as fashion design, hair styling, welding or an interest in health.

As home-schooled Dental Assistant student Terah Thielen says: “Pretty much everybody here wants to be here. It’s something they chose.”



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It's not hard to figure out why the EVIT Academy of Cosmetic Arts often has waiting lists. The academy's Cosmetology students have a 98 percent high school graduation rate and Aesthetics students have a 100 percent grad rate. Their pass rates are well over 90 percent each year on the Arizona State Board of Cosmetology exams. And best of all, their career training at the East Valley Institute of Technology is tuition-free while they are in high school.

Some students use their training as the foundation for a career in cosmetology and aesthetics. Others use it to obtain a job out of high school that will help pay their college tuition in a different field. Alumni in these programs have gone on to be lawyers, Hollywood makeup artists, salon stylists, skin care experts and business owners – with their EVIT training starting them on their own unique career path.

"My future goal after cosmetology school is to go to a university to study business," said Rachel Van Gorp, 18, a Horizon Community Learning Center senior in the Cosmetology program. "Having a business degree along with my cosmetology license will give me the opportunity to possibly own my own salon or a freelance makeup company."

The public can learn more about the EVIT Academy of Cosmetic Arts -- and all EVIT career training programs -- during the free EVIT Gives Back Expo, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 14 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa. The expo will include grand openings for the George Brazil School of Plumbing and the expanded EVIT Academy of Cosmetic Arts.

Since 2005, enrollment in EVIT's Cosmetology and Aesthetics programs has more than doubled to 615 students today. Cosmetology is offered at the Main Campus and at the East Campus, 6625 S. Power Road, Mesa. In January, the Main Campus programs will move into a larger, newly renovated building. The approximate \$6 million project by Okland Construction and Hunt & Caraway Architects features state-of-the-art design and equipment in a salon environment where the public will be able to receive services.

EVIT Cosmetology students also have the opportunity to earn 44 college credits toward an associate degree through a new partnership with Eastern Arizona College.

In the Aesthetics program, 95 percent of students go on to college. In Cosmetology, 68 percent go on to college, while 29 percent go directly into the workforce. Dolce Salon and Spa and Toni&Guy Hair Salons are among numerous Arizona businesses that have hired EVIT Cosmetology students.

Rylei Shaffer, 18, a Hamilton High School senior in Aesthetics, wants to use her EVIT training to get a job working abroad as a brand representative for a skin care company. The health aspects of aesthetics, as well as the cosmetic, appeal to her.

"I feel like this field provides well-being for our customers," she said. "They can feel great and look great."



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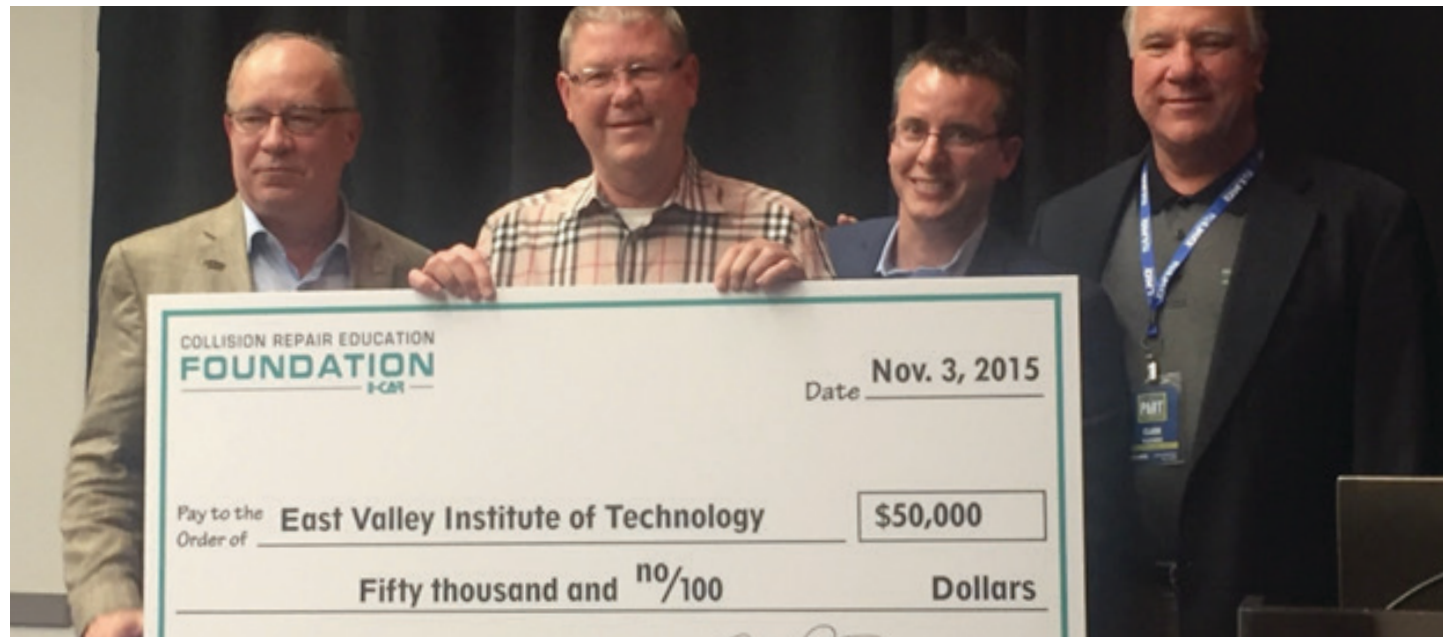
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collision repair wins \$50,000 makeover grant



The East Valley Institute of Technology's Collision Repair program has been selected to receive a \$50,000 Ultimate Collision Education Makeover Grant from the Collision Repair Education Foundation at I-CAR.

EVIT was the only high school program in the nation selected for the grant, which honors a school that has been doing an outstanding job in educating students in collision repair.

EVIT's grant was announced this week at the SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Show in Las Vegas. Over 140 high school and college collision repair programs applied for the grant. Post-secondary recipients included Saint Cloud Technical and Community College, Saint Cloud, MN; Texas State Technical College, Waco, TX; and Athens Technical College, Athens, GA.

The funds will be used to purchase tools, supplies and equipment.

"With strained school budgets, the Education Foundation and industry supporters have the opportunity to bridge the program's financial gap and to make a difference in the lives of the students studying collision repair," a press release from the Collision Repair Education Foundation said.



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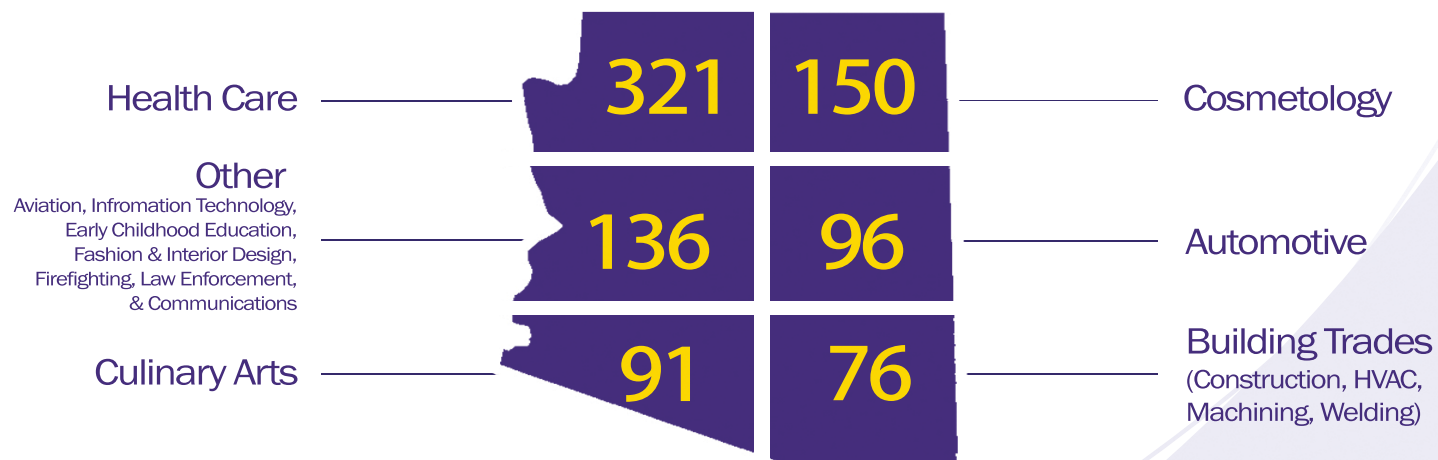
EVIT Students

From 2012 to 2015, within one year of completing their EVIT training:



Arizona Workforce

EVIT students hired by the following industries:



* Based on placement data for EVIT Classes of 2012, 2013 & 2014

time again for annual thanksgiving bake sale



Culinary Arts and Commercial Baking students at the East Valley Institute of Technology are prepping for one of their biggest events of the year: the annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale.

Valley residents can get some help with their holiday baking by purchasing rolls, pies and more prepared by EVIT's culinary and baking students.

A dozen cottage cheese dill rolls are \$4; a dozen whole wheat or white rolls are \$3. Prices on pies range from \$9.50 for chocolate pecan to \$7 for apple or pumpkin. Loaf breads are \$6 for cranberry orange, chocolate chip banana nut, or pumpkin. And the students will also be baking cranberry white chocolate bars and apple walnut caramel bars; each costs \$6.50.

All proceeds from the bake sale go into the Culinary Arts and Commercial Baking programs to assist students.

Orders can be picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 24 and Wednesday, Nov. 25 at the Culinary Arts building on the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

Order online at <http://mkt.com/evit-bakery>

evit foundation breakfast raises over \$80,000 for evit students

This year's EVIT Foundation gourmet breakfast fundraiser was a huge success. About 400 tickets and silent auction items were purchased by Valley businesses, organizations and members of the community to support low-income EVIT students who need assistance in paying their program fees. The event raised over \$80,000.

The theme of the breakfast was "EVIT Gives Back." Statistics show that EVIT, a public school that receives state funding and considerable support from business and industry, gives back every day by helping many young people find their career passion and fueling Arizona industry with a pipeline of technically-trained workers. From the Classes of 2012, 2013 and 2014 alone, 2,188 EVIT students went on to college, 870 were hired by Arizona businesses and 110 joined the military – all within one year of completing their EVIT training. During that same timeframe, many more EVIT alumni completed college and entered the workforce.

Keynote speaker Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwill spoke about the need in Arizona for more schools like EVIT, calling EVIT "a jewel of Arizona." Several current students and alumni spoke about the success they've experienced as a result of their EVIT training, and Culinary Arts chefs and students prepared a wonderful meal for all to enjoy.

Pat Brazil of George Brazil Home Services was honored with the Olga Bender Award for her contributions to EVIT and career and technical education. Brazil, the former CTE director for California, recently started the George Brazil School of Plumbing at EVIT.

EVIT recognized the Mesa Police Department and Mesa Fire Department for keeping our campuses safe, and the team at Food Ball, a game show for high school students that is filmed in the EVIT Culinary Arts kitchen and airs on a local Phoenix television station.

Also at the breakfast, performance artist Randall Hedden created a painting of the late Cardinals player and war hero Pat Tillman. Then Department of Public Safety director Frank Milstead auctioned off the painting, plus four Cardinals tickets donated by Bidwill, to the highest bidder for \$4,000. The winning bidder: Mrs. Brazil!

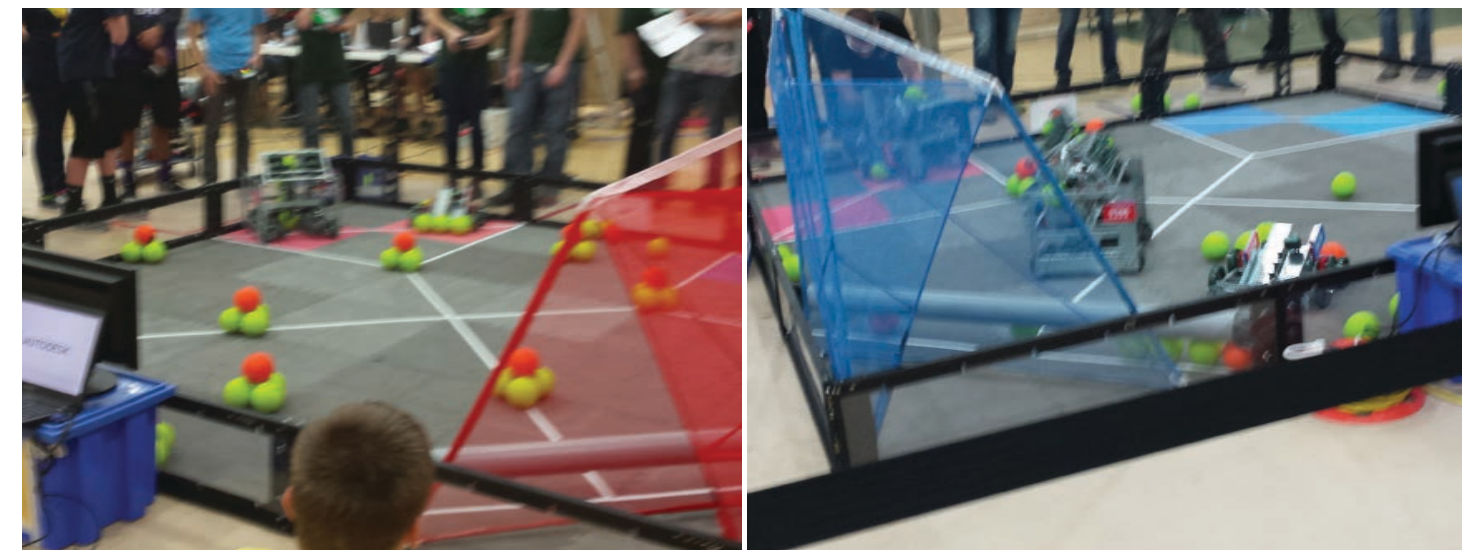
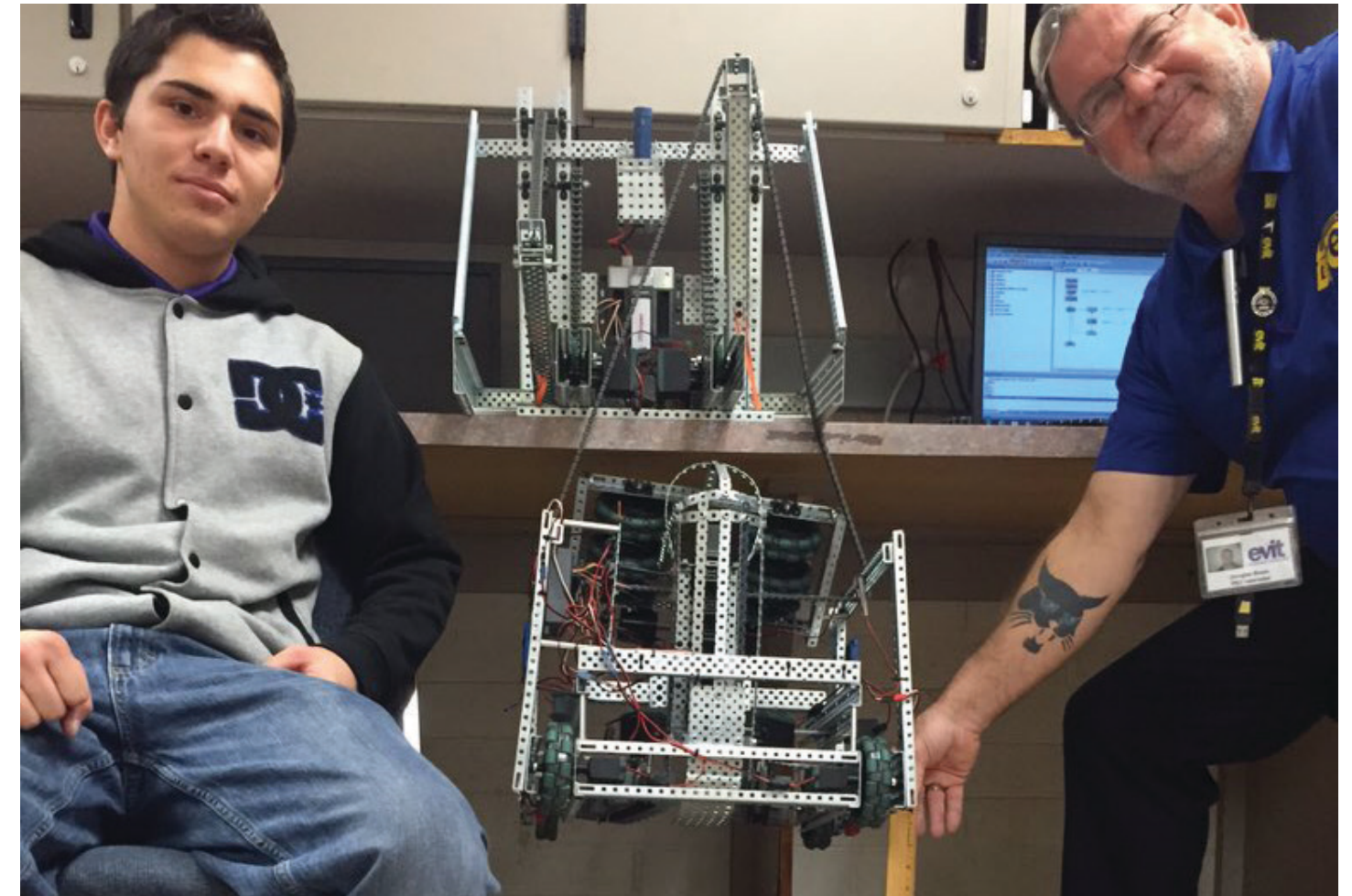
"This year's breakfast was a tremendous success," said Superintendent Dr. Sally Downey. "Our school is so grateful for the support that business and industry and our community continue to show our students. EVIT could not provide quality career and technical education without that support."



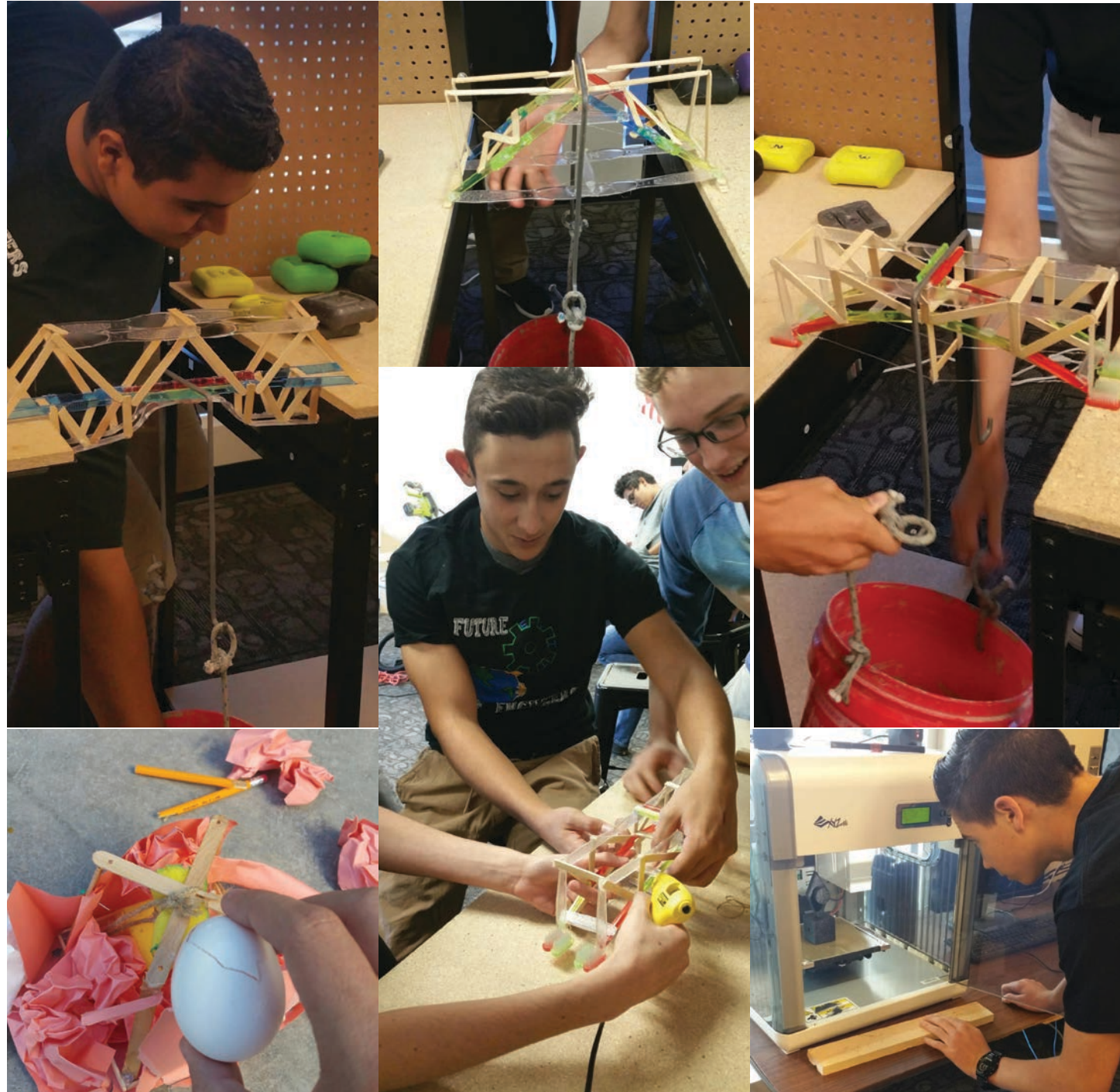
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GABRIEL
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Five years after completing EVIT's Culinary Arts program in 2011, Gabriel Garfio, 22, is part owner and executive chef of Mesa's Sunnyside Breakfast Lounge, a restaurant that offers a healthy breakfast and lunch menu while specializing in a variety of healthy juices, Bloody Marys and Mimosas. Gabe also serves as a judge on Food Ball, a culinary arts game show filmed in the EVIT Culinary Arts kitchen and airing on a local Phoenix television station.

Q: What did you do after completing the EVIT culinary program and graduating from high school?

A: I went to Johnson & Wales University in Denver, CO. Graduated with associate in science of culinary arts. I also obtained a job at the prestigious Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills, CO.

Q: What are you doing now?

A: After I graduated, I partnered up with my parents to bring a fresh and new concept of healthy breakfast and lunch in northeast Mesa, Sunnyside Breakfast Lounge at Power & McDowell. Locals and winter visitors alike have taken a great liking to the restaurant. I am part owner as well as Executive Chef.

Q: What are your future goals?

A: My future goals involve expanding this concept, and synchronizing with another passion of mine, which is gardening, evolving my restaurant possibly to a different location, making it "farm to table" with the possibility to offering gardening plots to others who share my passion for freshly and organically grown foods.

Q: Do you still use the skills you learned at EVIT?

A: The skills I learned at EVIT are priceless in the sense that I wouldn't be the person I am and the cook I am if not for my peers I met at EVIT, as well as the amazing instructors who took the time to expand my knowledge in a passion that I knew very little about. Chef Mike, Chef Diana, Ms. G, and Chef Brooks all had a certain personality in them with a mastery in their profession that only ignited my passion further.

Q: How beneficial was EVIT to getting you to where you are today?

A: EVIT was a huge stepping stone in my path to success, and without the two years I spent there, I might have not gotten into the university that I aimed to get into. Having the skills and knowledge I learned at EVIT made it easy for my transition into another culinary school. Now that I had all the basics under my belt, I was able to prove to my other chef instructors not only that I was capable to do the tasks they asked, but I was asking the more serious questions and striving to another level where most had not yet begun because the university was their first step.

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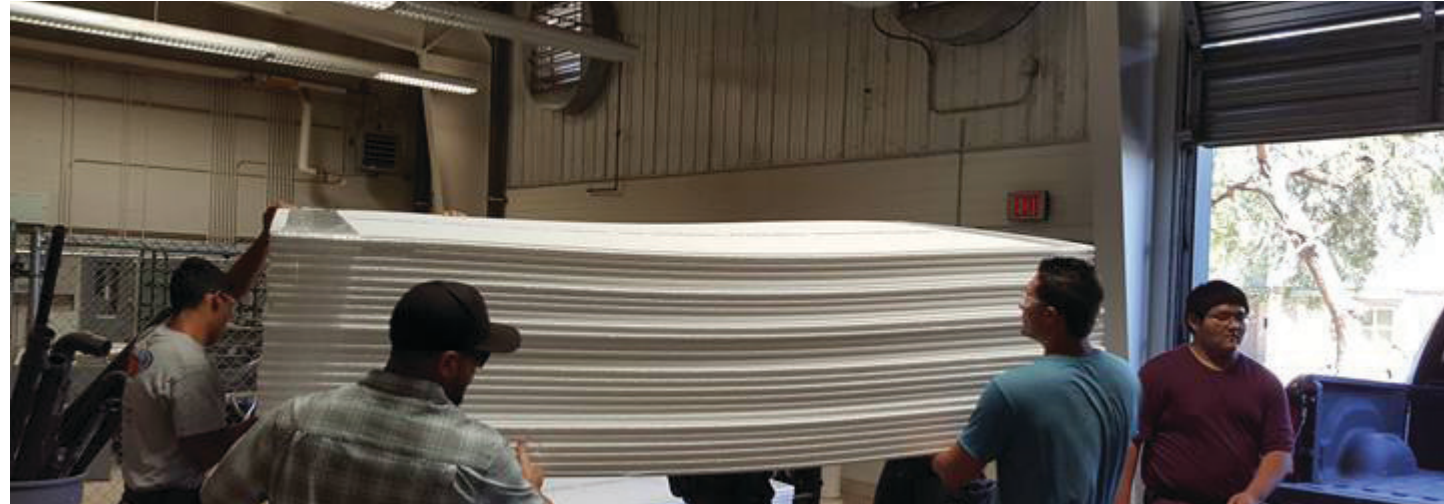
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EVIT News in Brief

Aviation scholarship



Dylan Kuchan, a second-year student in the Aviation program at EVIT East Campus, has received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association to help pay for the completion of his flight training. The AOPA gave scholarships to four students. Dylan was the only high school student in the nation selected for the award. Dylan is a senior at Mountain View High School in Mesa, and was selected as EVIT's East Mesa Rotary Student of the Month in October.

Adult Ed accreditation

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Adult Education at EVIT has been officially accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education. EVIT currently offers 12 tuition-based programs for adults: Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Aesthetics, Electrical Power Technician, George Brazil Plumbing Technician, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning), Nursing Assistant, Practical Nurse, Precision Machining Technology, Sterile Processing Service, Surgical Technologist and Welding. Financial aid is available for those who qualify. EVIT's high school programs are tuition-free and accredited by AdvancED/NCA.

Fashion alumna shines

Landry Low, who completed EVIT's Fashion Design program in 2011, earned her bachelor of fine arts degree last spring from the Pratt Institute in New York. She also won the \$10,000 Young Woman Design Award from Rolls-Royce Motor Cars as part of the Women of Influence in the Business of Style event that followed the Pratt Senior Fashion Show. Landry

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is currently working for the Pratt admissions office while looking for studio space in New York so she can start her next collection. "I still use the skills I learned at EVIT every day," she said. Landry graduated from Chaparral High School in Scottsdale in 2011.

Data Doc at EVIT



Ken Colburn, president of Data Doctors and technology columnist, recently visited EVIT's iTEC (Information Technology & Engineering Careers), Multimedia Technologies, Video Production and Radio/Audio Production programs to speak to students about internship opportunities with Data Doctors. He encouraged students to hone their ability to communicate clearly, starting at home. "When your parents ask how your day went, tell them all about it," he said. "You'll accomplish two things. First, your parents will be surprised that you are telling them about your day. Second, you'll be working on your communication skills."

Campus tours



The general public is welcome to tour EVIT's centralized campuses in Mesa to see our advanced career and technical education programs. Public tours of the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., and the East Campus, 6625 S. Power Road, are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Tuesday, except for Dec. 22 and 29. If you have questions

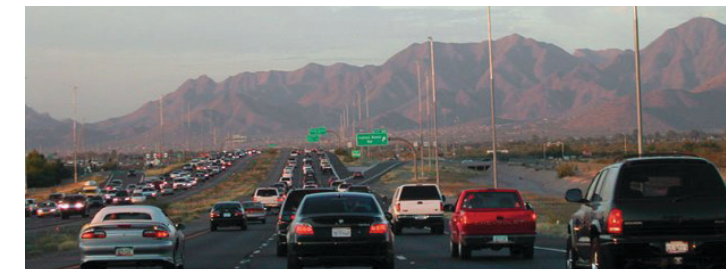
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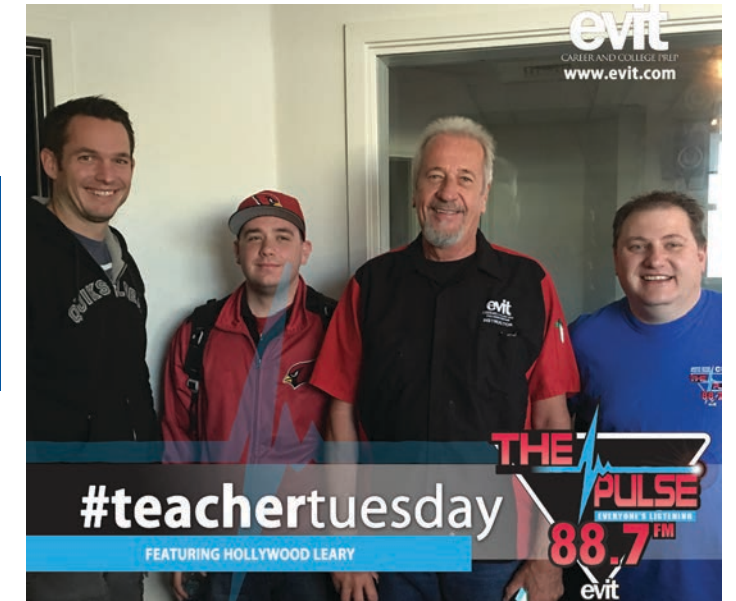
EVIT Alumni and students: Go to www.evit.com/studentjobs to find postings from area employers with job openings. Businesses contact EVIT when they have positions to fill because they know our alumni and students come highly recommended. Over 250 Valley businesses hired 322 students from the EVIT Class of 2014 alone. So polish up that resume and check out the employment opportunities that are available!

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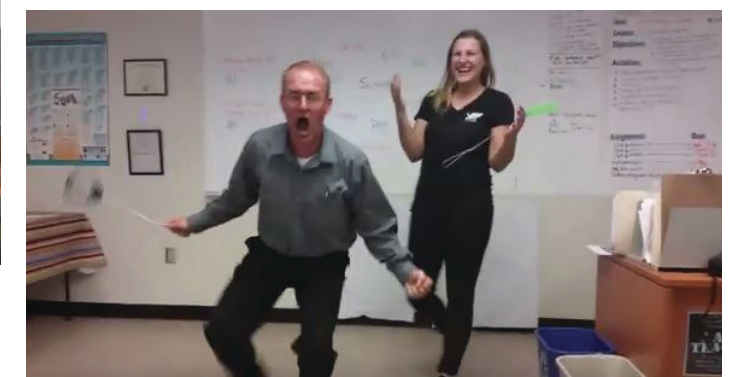
In a partnership with Valley Metro, the EVIT Trip Reduction Program is designed to reduce single occupant vehicle (SOV) trips to the work site. If you carpool, vanpool, walk, bike or ride the bus to school you are considered an Alternate Mode User (AMU), and you can register to win quarterly prizes valued at \$25.

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Video Series: Britt At EVIT

EVIT Recruiter Brittany Johnson is having a blast learning about EVIT programs and even participating in the same hands-on activities the students do. Check out Britt's ventures on Wednesdays at evit.com/britt.



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