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This month, Gov. Doug Ducey signed legislation restoring \$28 million in career and technical education funding that was slated to be cut next year. This legislation drew tremendous support from industry because our business leaders know that quality CTE supplies them with qualified, skilled employees.

Workers are especially in demand in the building trades industry, which provides strong support for EVIT's Construction Technologies, Welding, Plumbing, and Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) programs. EVIT students appreciate the opportunities that are available to them through the support of business and industry.

"With EVIT, you're allowing thousands of students to be successful in their careers and preparing them for college or the workforce," said Christopher Serrano, 17, a senior at Mesa's Red Mountain High School who is enrolled in the Construction program at EVIT.

In other words, EVIT is a pipeline fueling Arizona industry.

We are a pipeline to certifications and licenses that make careers possible right out of high school. We are a pipeline to college and other post-secondary training. We are a pipeline to success in college, career and life.

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UPCOMING events

- **March 7, 4:30 p.m. --**
EVIT Governing Board Meeting, Main Campus
- **March 14-18 --**
Spring Break, No School
- **March 25 --**
District Break, No School
- **March 28, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. --**
EVIT Career Fair, Main Campus
- **April 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. -**
The EVIT Experience, Main Campus (see pg. 12)
- **April 5 & 7, 6-8 p.m. -**
Discover EVIT East Open House (see pg.14)



Arizona's future construction workforce

When the mysterious voice in *Field of Dreams* whispered, "If you build it, he will come," EVIT instructor Billy DeWitt was listening. Since August, he has been building a Construction Technologies program that is attracting students from across the East Valley and business support from across Arizona.

Under DeWitt's leadership, the East Valley Institute of Technology is now an accredited training facility as recognized by the National Center for Construction Education and Research, which sets the standard for training in the construction industry. Seven instructors, including DeWitt, in EVIT's Construction Technologies, Plumbing, Welding, and HVAC programs at the Main Campus and Welding program at Apache Junction High School are NCCER-certified.

What this means for students: They are being trained to the highest standard in the construction industry

and have the opportunity to earn professional NCCER credentials that make them employable anywhere. For Arizona's building trades industry, it means EVIT is a pipeline for well-trained, qualified workers.

DeWitt remembers what it was like watching the bottom fall out of Arizona's construction industry during the recession. Now he's pumped about EVIT working with the industry to rebuild Arizona's building trades.

"To be number one in the business, we have to rely on our trade partners," he said. "They believe in me and in this program."

The list of this year's donations – both monetary and in-kind – to EVIT's Construction Technologies program totals well over \$500,000 and continues to grow every day. Some examples include: Okland Construction donating supplies and paying about \$100 per student for EVIT's Construction students to obtain their Fall Protection

Awareness Cards; the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona providing \$10,000 in supplies; and Sundt Construction donating \$5,000 plus \$1,800 worth of safety vests, safety glasses and hard hats. Then there's Erickson Framing, which is donating \$58,500 worth of lumber and materials so that EVIT students can build a house at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus in Mesa. The house will be used by all of the building trades programs for training.

Currently, there are 324 high school students and adults enrolled in EVIT's building trades programs.

"If there was no EVIT, I would still be trying to figure out what I wanted to do, unsure of the career opportunities

and unsure of what I want to do with my future," said Christopher Serrano, 17, a senior at Mesa's Red Mountain High School. "With EVIT, you're allowing thousands of students to be successful in their careers and preparing them for college or the workforce."

EVIT offers 40 career training programs at two centralized campuses in Mesa and at Apache Junction High School. EVIT is tuition-free for East Valley high school students. Tuition-based programs for adults are also offered.

EVIT students have a 96 percent high school graduation rate, two out of three go to college, and 87 percent are in jobs, college or the military within one year of their training.

Thank you

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Law restoring jted funding includes new requirements

Legislation signed into law by Gov. Doug Ducey in February not only restored \$28 million in funding to Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) like the East Valley Institute of Technology, but also put numerous measures in place to ensure that all career and technical education programs are of high quality.



The law requires that each centralized campus and satellite EVIT course:

- Conducts a majority of instructional time in a lab, field-based or work-based learning environment
- Demonstrates a need for extra funding
- Requires specialized equipment exceeding the cost of a standard educational course
- Is not a course required for high school graduation

The law requires that each centralized campus and satellite EVIT program:

- Fills a high-need vocation or industry need
- Requires a credential or skill that allows a student to obtain employment before receiving an associate's or bachelor's degree
- Leads to industry certification or licensure that qualifies the student for employment for which the student would not otherwise qualify
- Requires instruction and materials different from and exceeding the scope of standard instruction
- Demonstrates financial or technical support from an industry or vocation
- Demonstrates a need for extra funding



The new law also specifies that students must obtain a passing score of at least 60 percent on CTE assessments, and requires the Arizona Department of Education to develop criteria – including graduation and completion rates, assessment performance and employment placement rates -- that can be used to grade JTEDs.



In addition, the law prohibits school districts and charter schools from requiring students to generate full funding at their school or enroll in more courses needed to graduate before enrolling in EVIT programs. And, school districts and charter schools are prohibited from discouraging or prohibiting students from enrolling at EVIT.

For more information, visit the Arizona Legislature website at www.azleg.gov and search for Senate Bill 1525 (SB1525).

mr./ms. evit raises funds for mesa united way

Every year, students at the East Valley Institute of Technology compete in the Mr. and Ms. EVIT competition to raise money for Mesa United Way. In a series of assemblies, candidates for the crowns show off their talent and skills, and then the student body and staff vote for their favorite by putting money in that candidate's collection jar.

This year's candidates raised more money for the United Way than any of the previous year's candidates: over \$3,100!

Mr. and Ms. EVIT winners were crowned during a Masquerade Ball. Mr. and Ms. EVIT winners for the morning session at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus were Nate Taylor (Radio/Audio Production) and Hunter Hill (Multimedia). Winners for the Main Campus afternoon session were Gage Rodriguez (Radio/Audio Production) and Sierra Richards (Culinary Arts). Mr. and Ms. EVIT winners for the morning session at the East Campus were Ferrell Memmott (Medical Assistant) and Nicole Grassi (Aviation). Afternoon winners for the East Campus were Alan Garcia (Human Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Careers) and Jolynn Balaga (Veterinary Assistant).

Ticket sales for the Masquerade Ball raised \$720 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Congratulations to all EVIT students who competed in the Mr. and Ms. EVIT competition and to those who donated to Mesa United Way and the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society. We are proud of all of you!



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EVIT provides the **ADVANCED** Career and Technical Education for the East Valley.

- Nearly 40 **TUITION-FREE** high school programs – including **Academy of Cosmetic Arts**, the **George Brazil School of Plumbing**, and the **EVIT Fire Science Academy** – at two centralized Mesa campuses
- Adult programs offered at competitive rates with financial aid available
- College credit, internships and prep for state/national licensing & certifications
- Arizona's only high school **Culinary Arts** program nationally accredited by American Culinary Federation Education Foundation (ACFEF)
- East Valley's only high school **Automotive** and **Collision Repair** programs accredited by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF)
- American Welding Society (AWS) accredited **Welding** program with a 100 percent success rate in job, college or military placement
- **EVIT School of Health Sciences**: 12 health occupation programs, including **Practical Nursing** for adults



programs offered

3D Animation
Aesthetics
Automotive Technologies
Aviation
Banking
Behavioral, Mental & Social Health Services
Cisco Networking Academy
Collision Repair
Commercial Baking & Pastry Arts
Computer Programming & Mobile App Design
Construction Technologies
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Dental Careers
Diesel Technologies

Digital Device Diagnostic & Repair
Early Childhood Education
Education Professions
Emergency Medical Technician
Fashion, Interiors & Textiles (FIT)
Fire Science
Future Engineers
Graphic Design
Human Anatomy & Physiology
HVAC
iTEC (Info Technology & Engineering Careers)
Law Enforcement
Machining Technology
Massage Therapy
Medical Assistant

Nursing Assistant
Pharmacy Technician
Photography
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Dylan Kuchan plans to be a pilot for an international airline one day, but already at 18, he's taken off toward his goal. The senior at Mesa's Mountain View High School is also enrolled in the Aviation program at the East Valley Institute of Technology's centralized East Campus.

"I decided to enroll in EVIT's Aviation program because I've been interested in exploring a career in aviation for a majority of my childhood," Dylan said. "When I heard about the EVIT program I thought it would be an awesome opportunity to begin my career early."

EVIT students explore the world of aviation through classroom lectures and hands-on lab work. College credit is also available through a partnership with Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Dylan is logging flight hours and taking classes concurrently through CGCC. When he graduates from high school and completes his EVIT program, he will have a private pilot's license and 21 hours of college credit.

"EVIT is helping me reach my career goals by not only training me for the industry really early in my life, but also by giving me the opportunity to receive college credit and my private pilot's license while still in high school," Dylan said. "It has also been a great opportunity to network and make connections with people in the industry through extracurricular events EVIT has provided."

Dylan plans to work toward an aeronautical degree at the University of North Dakota. In November, Dylan was the only high school student in the United States to be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association AV8Rs program. The other three students selected are already in college. Our business partners and elected leaders are part of Dylan's success! On behalf of Dylan and all EVIT students, we thank you for your support of quality career and technical education.

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PANESSA



In December 2016, Danielle Panessa, 23, will complete nursing classes through Maricopa Community Colleges and graduate from Upper Iowa University with a bachelor's degree. But her journey toward becoming a registered nurse actually began in her junior year of high school when Danielle enrolled in Human Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Careers, one of about a dozen programs offered in the East Valley Institute of Technology's School of Health Sciences. She spent half of each day at EVIT's centralized Main Campus and half at Mesa's Red Mountain High School. In her second year at EVIT in 2010-11, Danielle completed the Nursing Assistant program, graduated from high school, and passed the Arizona State Board of Nursing's Certified Nursing Assistant exam.

For about three years, Danielle worked as a CNA at Sunrise Assisted Living. "Being a CNA is a lot of work and I enjoyed every second of it," she said. "Everyone has to start somewhere and work your way up. I think it is

so important that every health-care worker experiences the hard work that goes into being a CNA."

Danielle took additional classes to obtain her caregiver's certification, and after eight months on the job, she was promoted to medication care manager. In the fall of 2014, she was accepted into the Maricopa Nursing/Upper Iowa Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP), and started her classes in 2015. Her ultimate goal is to become a surgical nurse.

Danielle credits EVIT with giving her a solid foundation toward her nursing career goals. "I have continually used the skills I learned at EVIT," she said, "and I loved the time I was able to spend learning there."

Our business partners and elected leaders are part of Danielle's success! On behalf of Danielle and all EVIT students, we thank you for your support of quality career and technical education.

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Refreshments will be served.



EVIT Fashion, Interiors & Textiles students recently traveled to New York City to explore and tour at Pratt Institute, Radio City Music Hall and so much more! (Photos & description by Kim Foulger, EVIT Fashion, Interiors & Textiles Instructor)

evit student council goes to flagstaff

In Feb., EVIT Student Council members from Main and East Campuses traveled to Flagstaff for the Arizona Association of Student Councils Annual Conference. They enjoyed all the leadership activities, eating at Olive Garden and playing in the snow. (Photos & description by Terri Pearson, StuCo Adviser)



evit veterinary assistant students host animal nail trim clinic



adventures in evit aviation

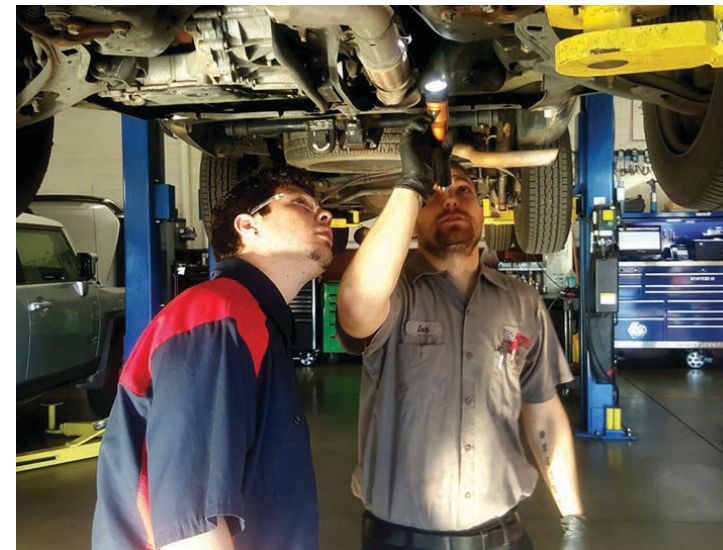
EVIT Aviation students have been busy! From having lunch with legislators, to learning to fly Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles to flying above the East Valley and getting breathtaking aerial shots. (Photos by EVIT Aviation students & instructors)



evit automotive

students job shadow at valley auto dealers

176 EVIT Automotive students job shadowed at 35 East Valley dealerships for 3 days. Some of the mentoring techs were EVIT alumni. (Photos & description by Randy Baker, Automotive Instructor. Some photos by Desert Car Care of Chandler)



students dance the night away and raise nearly \$4,000 for charity

On Feb. 12, EVIT Masquerade Ball was hosted in the EVIT Culinary Arts Banquet Hall. More than 200 students danced the night away and helped raise nearly \$4,000 for charities like Mesa United Way & The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



evit emergency medical technician students practice hands-on drills

Recently, the EVIT Emergency Medical Technician program has been doing more hands-on drills. This is the car extrication exercise, where students simulate removing a patient from their vehicle. (Photos submitted by Alisha Hardy, EVIT Emergency Medical Technician student)



EVIT News in Brief

PIANO ART



A piano that has been artistically enhanced by EVIT's Fashion, Interiors & Textiles students is featured in the Mesa Arts Center's art project, "Play Me, I'm Yours." The EVIT piano will be displayed along with 23 other pianos in downtown Mesa and at several locations throughout the city from through April 9. This international art project has been featured in cities all over the world, and encourages the public to not only view the pianos, but to play them.

CAR MAX DONATION



A BIG thank you to CarMax for donating \$19,000 worth of tools to the EVIT Automotive program. Our students and teachers truly appreciate it.

ENROLL TODAY

Registration is under way for the 2016-17 school year. EVIT offers over 40 quality career and technical education programs for high school students and adults. EVIT is tuition-free for high school students who reside in the East Valley. Adult programs charge

tuition, but financial aid is available to those who qualify. To apply for admission, visit www.evit.com, contact your high school counselor or stop by the Center for Career Advancement at the EVIT Main Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

CAREER FAIR

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CAREER Fair

EVIT will host its second annual Career Fair for students from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 28 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa. About 40 Valley businesses will be on-hand to meet with students about job opportunities. Space is filling up fast. Businesses that would like to participate should contact Kona Purcell at (480) 461-4114.

COMPLETION CEREMONY



EVIT's annual Completion Ceremony is just a couple of months away and planning has already started. This year's ceremony is 7 p.m., May 20 at Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda Drive, Tempe. During the ceremony, EVIT's program completers will receive their certificates, awards will be presented, and we will honor our Outstanding Student(s) of the Year. So be sure to mark your calendar!



SCOTTSDALE FIRE DONATION

Pat Schuller from Scottsdale Fire Department donated a new hose rack to the EVIT Fire Science Academy. The rack is valued at \$1675. Thank you for your support! Also, thanks need to go out to Rob Clark for recommending EVIT Fire Science Academy to Pat for consideration.

AESTHETICS SUCCESS



Last fall, EVIT alum Lana Wyer was featured in the Scottsdale Modern Luxury magazine for her new north Scottsdale salon, Lux-Lashes, 8721 E. Cholla. According to her website, Lana, a lash and costume makeup artist, was trained by a Los Angeles lasher whose clients include Selena Gomez and Christina Milian. Lana was one of Karen Ortiz's Aesthetics

students at EVIT in 2014-15. Learn more about her story and Scottsdale salon at www.lux-lashes.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

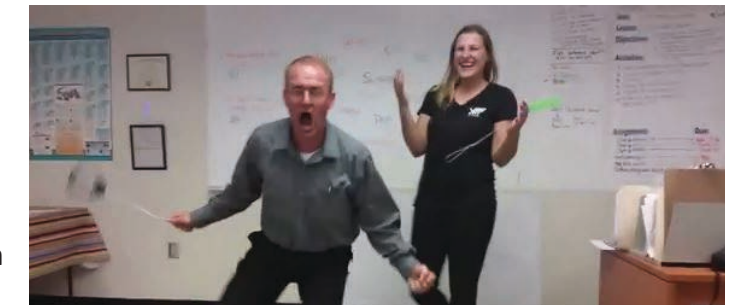


EVIT Alumni and students: Go to www.evit.com/studentjobs to find postings from area employers with job openings. Businesses contact EVIT when they have positions to fill because they know our alumni and students come highly recommended. Over 250 Valley businesses hired 322 students from the EVIT Class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

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.



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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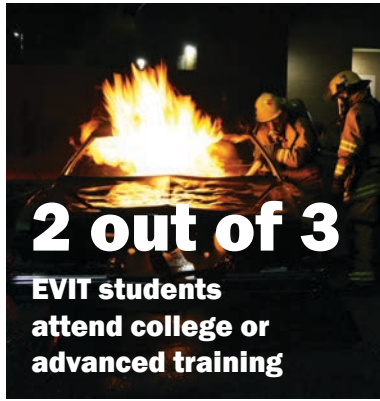


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