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Two beautiful Mesa campuses with state-of-the-art equipment. Business partnerships that bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars in support each year. A 96 percent high school graduation rate. The fact that two out of three EVIT students go to college and 87 percent are in college, jobs or the military within a year of their training.

All of that is just the outcome. EVIT has great results because of the people who make those outcomes possible.

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We are a learning community that works together to ensure every student has the opportunity to reach his or her potential. We are industry's go-to school for workforce development. We are always striving to improve, to be the best we can be.

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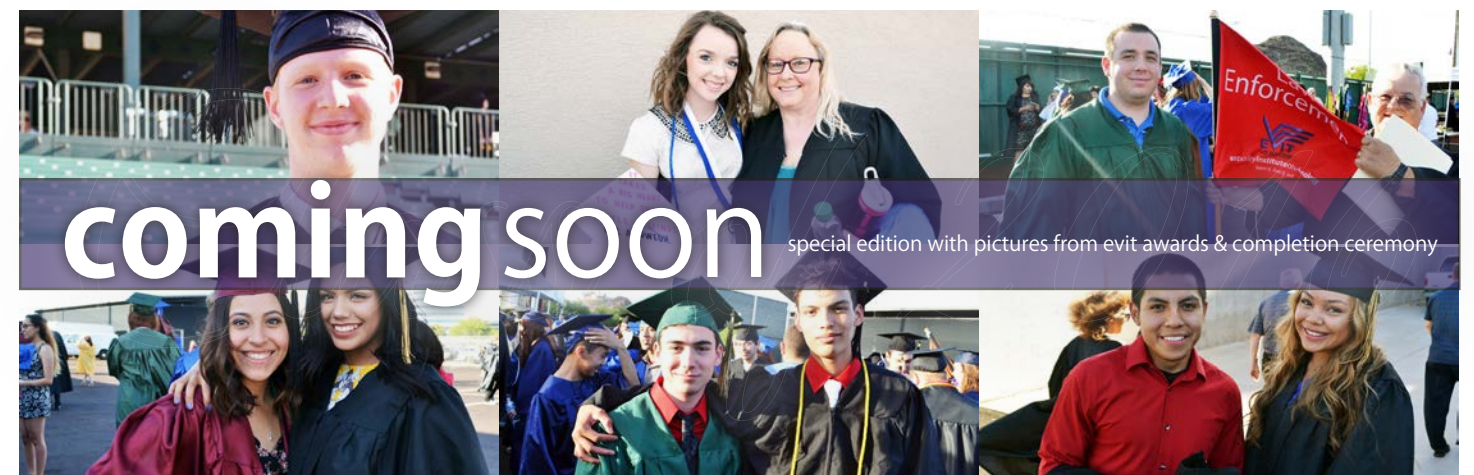
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Students from the East Valley Institute of Technology's centralized campuses won 13 gold medals and nine first-place rankings in this spring's state competitions for career and technical education (CTE) in Arizona.

Every EVIT student belongs to a CTE student organization that has a corresponding competition: SkillsUSA; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Educators Rising Arizona; Arizona Culinary ProStart; and HOSA Future Health Professionals.

Students in the following EVIT programs were named state champions in their competitions: Aesthetics, Radio/Audio Production, Machining Technology, Cosmetology, Welding, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Medical Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Assistant, and Fashion, Interiors & Textiles. In addition, the EVIT HOSA Future Health Professionals chapter won first place for National Service Project by raising \$12,133.50 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"An amazing performance by students means an amazing performance by teachers who have prepared students for their futures," EVIT Superintendent Dr. Sally Downey said.

EVIT is a public school providing over 40 tuition-free career and technical education programs to high school students and adults residing in 10 East Valley districts – Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert, Higley, Fountain Hills, Apache Junction, Queen Creek and J.O. Combs. Students attend their high school for a half-day and one of EVIT's centralized campuses – the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, EVIT East, or Apache Junction High School – for the other half-day to receive career training. EVIT also provides tuition-based programs for adults.

Most of the top winners from EVIT will go on to compete in national events this summer. Students in HOSA Future Health Professionals who placed first, second or third have qualified for the HOSA International competition. Winners by competition:

SkillsUSA

- **Aesthetics – Callie Sheffer (Young Graduate), Gold**
- **Audio/Radio Production Team – Travis Stakebake (Higley) and Trevor Sellers (Campo Verde), Gold**
- **Audio/Radio Production Team – Yereni Sanchez (Mesquite) and Cheyenne Brennan (Queen Creek), Silver**
- **CNC Technician – Jonathan Master (Leading Edge), Gold**
- **Advertising Design – Victoria Brayden (Westwood), Bronze**

- **Automotive Service Technology – Nathan Kulpa (Desert Mountain), Silver**
- **Automotive Service Technology – Oscar Rivera (Mountain View), Silver**
- **Cosmetology – Rachele Jones (Highland), Gold**
- **Cosmetology – Natalie Bell (Home-Schooled), Silver**
- **Cosmetology – Haley Hollister (Young Graduate), Bronze**
- **Welding Fabrication Team – Bronson Brown (Saguaro), Ryan Budgett (Corona del Sol) and Logan Gneck (Queen Creek), Gold**

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

- **Interior Design – Anna Poiani (Desert Vista), Gold**
- **Fashion Construction – Olivia Sadowski (Young Graduate), Gold**
- **Fashion Design – Maryssa Tercero (Young Graduate), Gold**
- **Fashion Design – Nicole Begay (Mountain View), Gold**
- **Fashion Design – Amber Melendez (Desert Ridge), Silver**
- **Fashion Design – Jamie Chao-Garcia (Skyline), Silver**
- **Fashion Design – Rachel Jobe (Corona del Sol), Silver**
- **Fashion Design – Destinee Villanueva (Dobson), Silver**

Educators Rising Arizona

- **Early Childhood Language & Literacy – Katelyn Buckingham (Red Mountain), Gold, 1st Place**
- **Early Childcare Display – Sharee Johnson (McClintock), Gold, 2nd Place**
- **Education of the Future Team – Eric Hussey (Williams Field) and Marli MacLay (Campo Verde), Gold, 2nd Place**
- **Service Project Team – Denise Angula Arizmendiz (Tempe), Katelyn Buckingham (Red Mountain) and Jennifer Valenzuela (Mesquite), Gold, 2nd Place**

Culinary ProStart

- **Team – Garrett Smith (Queen Creek), Joshua Ferre (Hamilton), Katherine Nguyen (Apache Junction), Paige Russell (Mountain View) and Mackenzie Schwab (Desert Ridge), Bronze**

HOSA Future Health Professionals

- **Emergency Medical Technician Team – Kayli Albertson (Perry) and Hannah Sears (Perry), 1st**
- **Emergency Medical Technician Team – Savannah Pellettieri (Higley) and Jacqueline Lamberto (Chandler), 3rd**
- **Emergency Medical Technician Team – Heaven Gerard (Saguaro) and Brandon McDermott (Grand Canyon Prep), 5th**

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For the third time in four years, the East Valley community has voted the East Valley Institute of Technology as Best Public School.

The Best of Mesa competition sponsored by the East Valley Tribune allows readers to vote on the "best" in numerous categories, from restaurants and museums to recreational areas and schools.

EVIT Multimedia instructor Eric Perez was voted Best High School Teacher for the second year in a row. In a story written by the Tribune, EVIT junior Marina Faccone said that what sets Perez apart from other teachers is the way he engages his students: "He likes to find his students' talents and brings the best out of them."

EVIT Welding instructor Leon Zamora and Veterinary Assistant instructor Becky Devine placed second and third in the Best High School Teacher category.

Bistro 13, the restaurant operated by EVIT Culinary Arts students, placed in several categories: second place, Best Breakfast Spot; third place, Best Burgers; and third place, Best Bakery/Dessert. Culinary Arts student Sierra Richards, a senior at Mesa's Skyline High School, won second place as Best Waitress.

The EVIT Academy of Cosmetic Arts took second place as Best Spa/Nails and third place as Best Hair Salon, and the EVIT Automotive program won second place as Best Auto Shop.

In addition to being named Best Public School, EVIT placed second in three other categories: Best Workplace, Best Customer Service and Best Holistic Services.

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Several EVIT programs, including Culinary Arts, Cosmetology and Automotive among others, provide paid services to the public.



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- **HOSA Bowl Team – Alexis Sheffield (Perry), Hannah Christ (Hamilton), Sydney Cordova (Hamilton) and Destiny Hernandez (Desert Ridge), 1st**
- HOSA Bowl Team – Tristan Collazo (Corona del Sol), Kaland Kelly (Marcos de Niza), James Loy (Desert Mountain) and Kira Perry (Hamilton), 2nd
- HOSA Bowl Team – Ryann Edwards (Highland), Karina Gutierrez (Hamilton), Kailyn Laney (Highland) and Jasmine Weaver (Campo Verde), 3rd
- Dental Terminology – Rachel Elliott (Mountain View), 2nd
- Dental Terminology – Stephanie Reyes (Mountain View), 4th
- Dental Science – Richard Tran (Young Graduate), 2nd
- Dental Science – Ricardo Sanchez (Young Graduate), 3rd
- Dental Science – Anahi Alvarez (Mesa), 5th
- **Pharmacology – Brittney Shaw (Young Graduate), 1st**
- Pharmacology – Macy Alexander (Corona del Sol), 2nd
- Pharmacology – Keelee McLeary-Petersen (Mountain Pointe), 4th
- Medical Terminology – Jamie LeSueur (Mountain View), 3rd
- **Extemporaneous Writing – Tyra Nelson (Young Graduate), 1st**

- **Extemporaneous Health Poster – Mireya Spex (Young Graduate), 1st**
- Extemporaneous Health Poster – Nika Reynolds (Dobson), 5th
- **Medical Assisting – John Bierwagen (Young Graduate), 1st**
- Nursing Assisting – Brooke Sherrod (Williams Field), 1st
- Nursing Assisting – Angelica Layton (Young Graduate), 2nd
- Nursing Assisting – Kalee Johnson (Young Graduate), 5th
- Physical Therapy – Talyssa Martinez (Red Mountain), 2nd
- Physical Therapy – Taylor Bradley (Mesquite), 5th



evit jted dominates rankings, arizona cte exams

Career and technical education programs in the EVIT Joint Technical Education District posted the state's highest average scores on 22 of the 60 2015-16 Arizona CTE Assessments. EVIT JTED campuses also dominated a recent statewide ranking of CTE programs based on average SAT scores.

The East Valley Institute of Technology includes two centralized campuses in Mesa – the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., and the East Campus, 6625 S. Power Road – and centralized programs at Apache Junction High School. EVIT also includes satellite programs at high schools in the 10 East Valley school districts that are members of the EVIT JTED.

The Phoenix Business Journal recently ranked the EVIT East Campus and 27 EVIT satellite sites as having the top 50 average SAT scores among CTE students in Arizona. EVIT had more schools in the top 50 than any other JTED in the state. Chandler High School's CTE programs were ranked first with an average 1691 SAT score. The scores were compiled by the Arizona Department of Education and the College Board.

EVIT Superintendent Dr. Sally Downey said the SAT results show how CTE has changed since its beginnings as vocational education for students who were not college-bound. Today, two out of three EVIT students go on to college, many of them using their CTE skills to obtain jobs to help pay their college tuition.

Arizona students in most CTE programs also take a state skills assessment when they are in their final class of the program. In the past, those final assessments were taken in the spring. This school year, the Arizona Department of Education piloted a program in which schools could opt to take the final assessment in the fall. The EVIT JTED's results include schools that took their final assessments in the fall and those who took them in the spring.

The following EVIT centralized campuses and satellites posted the highest average scores on their assessments among Arizona schools that tested 10 or more students:

Computer Maintenance
EVIT Main

Fashion Design
EVIT Main (Spring)
Perry, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Pharmacy Support Services
EVIT Main (Spring)

Network Technologies
EVIT Main (Spring)

Bioscience
Red Mountain, Mesa Public Schools (Spring)
Arcadia, Scottsdale Unified (Fall)

Engineering Sciences
Red Mountain, Mesa Public Schools (Spring)
Higley, Higley Unified (Fall)

Cabinetmaking
Mountain View, Mesa Public Schools (Spring)
Chandler, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Carpentry
Queen Creek, Queen Creek Unified (Spring)

Welding
Skyline, Mesa Public Schools (Spring)

Music/Audio Production
Arcadia, Scottsdale Unified (Fall)

Technical Theatre
Arcadia, Scottsdale Unified (Fall)

Business Management & Administrative Services
Hamilton, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Digital Photography
Hamilton, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Entrepreneurship
Chandler, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Early Childhood Education
Basha, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Plant Systems
Basha, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Film/TV
Higley, Higley Unified (Fall)

Entertainment Marketing
Desert Mountain, Scottsdale Unified (Fall)

Financial Services
Desert Mountain, Scottsdale Unified (Fall)

Graphic/Web Design
Perry, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Software Development
Perry, Chandler Unified (Fall)

Journalism
Corona del Sol, Tempe Union (Fall)

EVIT is the oldest JTED in Arizona. At the centralized campuses, EVIT offers over 40 career training programs tuition-free for high school students and tuition-based for adults who reside in Mesa, Scottsdale, Chandler, Tempe, Gilbert, Apache Junction, Fountain Hills, Higley, Queen Creek and J.O. Combs districts.

Students at EVIT's centralized campuses receive two to four hours of career training every day, with transportation provided by their school district. EVIT satellite programs at the high schools are operated by the districts, providing students with about 50 minutes of career training each day. Students in the member districts of the EVIT JTED can choose to attend centralized campus or satellite programs.

For more information, visit evit.com.

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- 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
Physical Therapy Technician
Plumbing
Radio/Audio Production
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Welding
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state budget provides young grads funding for one more year

Gov. Doug Ducey signed the state budget in May, which includes the reauthorization of funding for current high school seniors and Young Graduates at EVIT to finish their career training tuition-free next school year.

Assistant Superintendent David Schapira said that as long as high school graduates are still under the age of 22 next school year and were enrolled Feb. 1 at EVIT's centralized Main, East or Apache Junction Campuses OR in a satellite program at their home high school – they can finish their program at EVIT's Main or East campuses without having to pay tuition.

Interested students should contact EVIT's registration office as soon as possible to reserve their spot for next year.

EVIT is a public Joint Technical Education District (JTED) providing over 40 occupational training programs to high school students and adults who reside in Mesa, Gilbert, Apache Junction, Chandler, Scottsdale, Tempe, Higley, Queen Creek, Fountain Hills and J.O. Combs. Training is tuition-free for high school students. Adults must pay tuition, but financial aid is available for those who qualify.

For the past two years, EVIT has also been funded by the state to provide tuition-free training to high school graduates under the age of 22 – the Young Graduates program. That funding was discontinued early this year, but the new state budget provides funding so that high school seniors and Young Graduates who were enrolled as of Feb. 1 can come back to EVIT next school year tuition-free to complete their programs.

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

EVIT's high school programs are accredited by AdvancED/NCA, and the adult programs are accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education.

EVIT has been recognized as an A+ School of Excellence by the Arizona Educational Foundation, Best Public School by the East Valley Tribune, and "learning that works" by TIME Magazine.



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students showcase talent at evit fashion & interior design show



On Apr. 13, **EVIT Fashion, Interior and Textiles - FIT** hosted their annual Design Show at the EVIT Culinary Arts Banquet Hall. The 'Made In America' themed show showcased collections and space designs inspired by Freedom, Transportation, Inventions, and People. Special thanks to 88.7 FM The Pulse, EVIT Construction, EVIT Multimedia, EVIT Video Production, EVIT Cosmetology, industry judges, EVIT Law Enforcement and EVIT FIT Advisory Members for making this an amazing show.

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Students build non-traditional careers

Marielle Jodoin, 19, of Mesa was looking for a career where she could stand out. She found it in the Welding Technologies program at the East Valley Institute of Technology, where she is training to become one of those rare workers prized by employers: A female welder in the male-dominated building trades industry.

“EVIT has shown me that I can succeed in this field,” Jodoin said. “I have certifications and job opportunities.”

Jodoin is considered a non-traditional student in career and technical education. The state of Arizona defines “non-traditional” as occupational training or fields of work for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in the workforce.

EVIT defines a “non-trad” as a student who has accepted the challenge, with courage and commitment, to enroll in

a program that is not considered traditional for his or her gender. Jodoin is the very embodiment of that definition.

“Some people don’t trust women to get the job done. Don’t let the minority hold you back. Take on the challenge ... Put your heart and soul into it,” said Jodoin, who wants to eventually become an aerospace TIG welder and possibly go to college to become an aerospace engineer.

Non-trad students break stereotypes and close the gender gap. Their decision to follow a non-traditional career path can change the lives of other students who may be afraid to pursue the career of their dreams. The benefit to non-trads: Employers will often give them first consideration for interviews and job opportunities.

In EVIT’s building trades programs at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, it’s not unusual to see female

students in hard hats and welding helmets working hard alongside their male classmates. Jodoin recently went through the two-week process to earn her arc welding certification. EVIT is a nationally-accredited testing site for the American Welding Society.

“It was one of the most emotional and challenging things I’ve done,” Jodoin said of the certification testing. “I kept going because it’s an amazing start to my career.”

In addition to AWS certification, EVIT is also accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research, which sets the standard for training in the construction industry. This means the 324 students enrolled in EVIT’s building trades programs -- Construction, Welding, Plumbing, and Heating, Ventilation

& Air-Conditioning (HVAC) -- are being trained to the highest standard in the construction industry and can earn professional NCCER credentials that make them employable anywhere. If you’re a woman with those credentials, you’re even more employable.

Charlie Ranes, 20, a Tempe high school graduate enrolled in the HVAC program, encourages female students to pursue building trades careers.

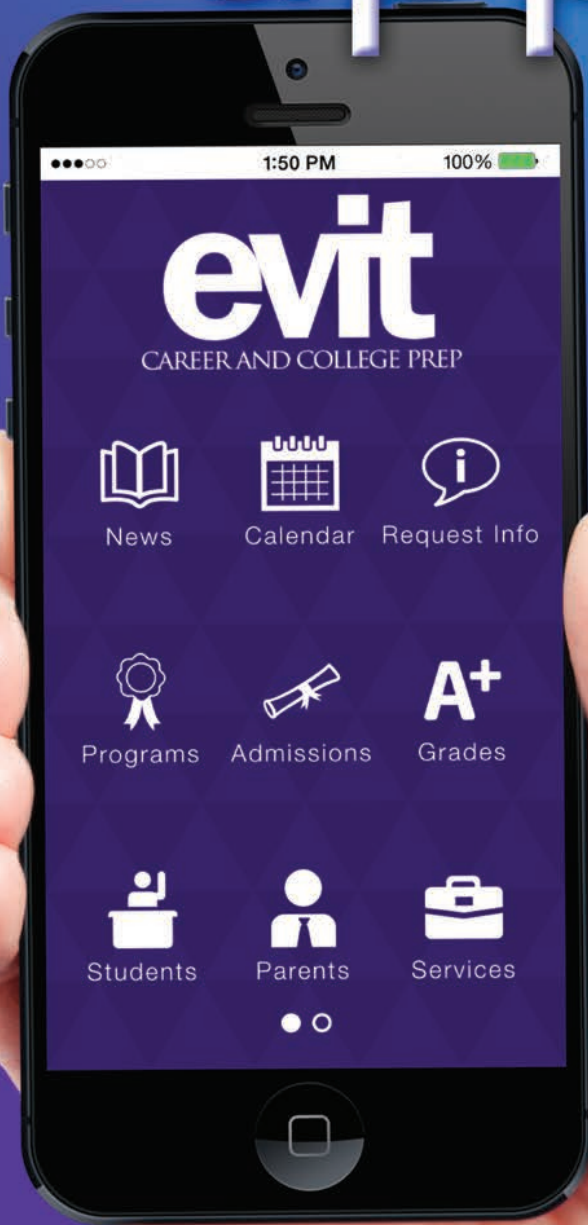
“If you’re thinking about it, just go for it. Don’t worry about what others think or say about you,” he said. “Just because (women) are what you might think, doesn’t mean they can’t be who they want to be.”

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On May 16, EVIT students and staff joined together to find out who of the six student finalists (4 from the Main Campus, 2 from the East Campus) would win the EVIT Perfect Attendance Car Giveaway sponsored by Thorobred Chevrolet in Chandler. Congratulations to Cori Radford, EVIT Law Enforcement student, for being the winner! Cori was also interviewed by FOX 10 Phoenix and 12 News.



Young women in high skill careers

When Paige Russell, 18, completes EVIT's Culinary Arts program, she will be armed with what she needs to succeed in an industry dominated by men: first-rate skills and confidence.

"EVIT Culinary has given me the hands-on learning needed for my field, but it also has given me the training and the confidence to dominate in the kitchen," said Russell, a Mountain View High School senior completed culinary training in May at the East Valley Institute of Technology. "EVIT Culinary has given me the determination and the passion to prove my skills in the workplace so I won't be undermined, but respected for my abilities."

Culinary Arts is one of 16 career training programs at EVIT that are considered "non-traditional" for female students because women make up less than 25 percent of the workers in that industry. Others include: Automotive Technologies, Aviation, Collision Repair,

Construction Technologies, Diesel Technology, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Science, Future Engineers, Law Enforcement, Machining Technology, Plumbing, Radio/Audio Production, Robotics Engineering, Video Production, Welding and Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC).

Women are much more likely than men to be in low-skill, low-wage jobs, according to the American Association of University Women website www.aauw.org. The AAUW maintains that more needs to be done to encourage female students to enroll in nontraditional career and technical education programs so they have the opportunity to obtain "high-wage jobs that will adequately support themselves and their families."

The culinary industry is a good example of the gender disparity. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women made up 54.5 percent of those employed in food preparation-related occupations in 2015. But only 19.6

percent were employed as chefs or head cooks who earn the highest wages. Instead, women were much more likely to be employed as waitresses (70.1 percent) or hostesses (82.1 percent).

EVIT encourages female students to pursue non-traditional careers whether it's in culinary arts or firefighting or the industrial trades. They set an example for other female students as they break stereotypes and close the gender gap, and many employers will actually give them first consideration for job opportunities because they want to diversify their workforce.

Russell and her EVIT Culinary Arts classmate Sarah Palmer,

a senior at Combs High School, plan to be leaders in their industry. Russell will attend Scottsdale Community College before going on to Northern Arizona University to pursue a hospitality management degree. After she graduates, Palmer plans to go on a mission and then when she returns, operate a catering business with Russell.

"EVIT has prepared me very well for what the reality is of working in the industry," said Palmer, 18. "It truly is a majority male society. All that does for me as a woman, however, is give me the opportunity to prove myself and be better."

harvard investments & evit partner to impact local students

Partnership follows the development of Mesa master-planned community Cadence at Gateway



Arizona-based real estate investment and development company Harvard Investments at its newest community, **Cadence at Gateway** and East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT), are launching a 12-month program that provides EVIT high school students unprecedented exposure to, and understanding of the entire process for building a large scale, master-planned community. The program launches Fall 2016 and will be the first of its kind in the nation allowing students to track Cadence's development as it happens – from groundbreaking to doors opening.

“Our intent is that when a student completes this 12-month study, she or he will have unprecedented knowledge about each step in building a community that will serve 1,700 families as well as businesses, schools, retail and more,” said Craig Krumwiede, president of Harvard Investments. “It puts a young person that much closer to understanding career options within this great industry. It provides first-hand access to watching a community be built – linking them to the best professionals in the industry and encouraging next steps in their career path.”

The partnership will impact nearly 100 local high school students in the construction, engineering and design programs at EVIT, one of Arizona's most successful career and technical high schools. The in-depth curriculum includes what a developer considers in identifying viable land, assemblage and acquisition, working with government entities on zoning entitlements, financing, buyer research, land planning, architecture, interior space planning and design, home building, branding and project marketing, and how it all fits together from 30,000 feet.

“We have strong partners in this industry and one of the most successful construction programs in the state,” said EVIT Superintendent Sally Downey. “But the opportunity for students to see the inside workings of developing a large master-planned community from start to finish

is unprecedented. Their outcomes will be knowledge, experience and a better understanding of the many partners and pieces that it takes to create something of this magnitude. We believe it will help them identify which aspects resonate with them, better guiding career choices. It's very exciting for us at EVIT. We are gratified that Harvard Investments and its partners will invest such significant time into our students' education.”

EVIT students will attend a classroom based, interactive lecture series with industry leaders such as award-winning land planner and landscape architect Wendell Pickett of Greey/Pickett, architect Bing Hu of H&S International, Silverfern executive and land development expert John Fortini, interior designer Kim Anderson and Claudia Sieb of The Sieb Organization for branding and marketing. There will also be hands-on field trips to the project site. It is hoped this exposure will open up opportunities for students' to seek summer internships and potentially future employment in the industry.

“What better way to invest in our community than through the education and partnership of local students who have the affinity and aptitude to positively impact our industry in the future,” said Craig Krumwiede. “Training high-school students and then retaining our talented youth through exciting career opportunities and valuable mentorship is the right thing to do from a community and economic standpoint, and speaks to Harvard Investment's larger commitment to the region.”

Find out more about Cadence at Gateway and what makes it the premier residential project in Arizona by visiting <http://cadenceaz.com/> Or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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blaze trails in health care

Tempe High School graduate Jason Marrufo, 19, plans to become a cardiac surgeon. But he's taking his first steps toward that career by training for a medical assistant job to help pay for college – a job in which the women in scrubs outnumber the men.

"I am going to apply to local hospitals so that I can continue my education," he said. "EVIT is such a great place. Everyone wants to be here and is committed. It's a great step to your future." And as for being a man in a field dominated by women? "It just gives me more determination," Marrufo said.

The East Valley Institute of Technology, with two centralized campuses in Mesa, provides 40 career training programs tuition-free for high school students who reside in 10 East Valley school districts. Adult programs are also offered, with financial aid available to those who qualify.

As part of its mission to provide a technically-trained workforce, EVIT encourages the enrollment of non-traditional students – those who are entering fields in which their gender comprises less than 25 percent of the workforce.

In the EVIT School of Health Sciences, male students are considered "non-trads" in all programs except Emergency Medical Technician. Health director Denise Kruckenberg attributes the lack of men in many of the health tech fields to traditional societal views that see men as doctors and women as nurses.

"Traditionally, more women went into these fields because even though they were lower income, they allowed for flexible schedules to work around time with family," she said. "But today, these fields are attracting more men because they do provide a good living and a good pathway to more advanced health fields."

For students who want to pursue health careers requiring four or more years of college, a health technician job not only helps pay tuition, but also allows them to work in the health-care industry while going to school. That's a major plus for students in the EVIT School of Health Sciences, where 69 percent of students plan to work while going on to college.

EVIT's high school health programs include: Behavior, Mental & Social Health Services; Dental Careers; Emergency Medical Technician; Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Careers; Massage Therapy; Medical Assistant; Nursing Assistant; Pharmacy Technician; Physical Therapy Technician; and Veterinary Assistant.

Female students, like Brealyn Riddle, a senior at Gilbert Public Schools' Desert Ridge High School, are "non-trads" in the EMT program. Riddle, 18, plans to study nursing at Northern Arizona University, but will use her EMT training

first to land a job.

"EVIT gives you experience that you can use when you apply for a job," Riddle said. "It's a head-start."

Kayli Albertson, 17, a senior at Chandler Unified's Perry High School, also is in the EMT program. Her mother, Kelli Albertson, said EVIT has given her daughter "the confidence to care for patients as well as the skills and the knowledge to work as an EMT."

EVIT, she said, gives students "a great choice for numerous careers and they can come right out of high school with the skills to be successful."

EVIT is enrolling for the 2016-17 year. Apply: evit.com/admissions. Follow EVIT on Twitter @evitnews. Use hashtag #WeAreEVIT

randy baker & teri mosier

retire after nearly 20 years of service



On May 19, EVIT teachers and staff celebrated the retirement & the service of two teachers: EVIT Automotive instructor Randy Baker (19 years of service) & EVIT Cosmetology instructor Teri Mosier (18 years of service). Family, friends, and staff shared memories of each of the retirees. Ms. Mosier & Mr. Baker each received a commemorative clock and EVIT history book. They will definitely be missed!



Hot Diggety Dog!

EVIT teachers were honored at “Hot Diggety Dog” celebrations at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus and East Campus. The hot dog cookouts are always part of the annual Teacher Appreciation Week.

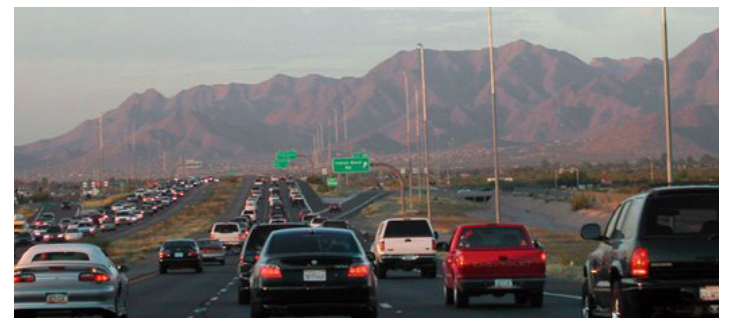
Superintendent Dr. Sally Downey recognized eight EVIT instructors with “Students’ Choice” awards because 100 percent of students surveyed said they would recommend their program to a friend. The honorees: Sharon Black and Jon Howell, Main Human Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Careers; Elizabeth Corrales and Laura McKinley, East Medical Assistant; Steve Grosz, Radio/Audio Production; Michael Morris, Physical Therapy; Kim Foulger, Fashion, Interiors & Textiles; and Billy DeWitt, Construction.

Fourteen instructors were honored as “Most Valuable Coach” because their students won gold medals in this spring’s state skills competitions: Karen Ortiz, Aesthetics, SkillsUSA; Grosz, Audio/Radio Production, SkillsUSA; Mark Pearson, CNC Technician, SkillsUSA; Maria Pelliccio, Cosmetology, SkillsUSA; Leon Zamora, Welding, SkillsUSA; Foulger, Fashion Design, FCCLA; Lisa Bradford, Early Childhood Education, Educators Rising Arizona; Traci Plough, Emergency Medical Technician, HOSA; Kathleen Thorson, Jennifer Bray and Anthony Toscano, HOSA Bowl; Gale Landau, Pharmacology, HOSA; Belinda Long, Extemporaneous Writing and Health Poster, HOSA; Melissa Ludewig, Medical Assisting, HOSA; and Thorson, Nursing Assisting, HOSA.

Three instructors – Foulger, Landau and Bill Olney – received “Great Scores” awards because their programs posted the highest average scores on Arizona CTE Assessments in Fashion Design, Pharmacy Support Services, Computer Maintenance & Repair, and Network Technologies.

“Best Outcomes” awards were given to the EVIT instructors with the top five highest placement rates: Pam Devine, East Cosmetology, 100%; Zamora, Welding, 100%; Bray, East Nurse Assistant, 98%; Eric Perez, Multimedia, 95%; and Long, Main Medical Assistant, and Thorson, East Nurse Assistant, 94%.


Dr. Downey also presented the EVIT Unsung Hero award to enrichment lab coordinator Joan Zahorka, and Assistant Superintendent David Schapira honored Becky Devine, East Anatomy & Physiology instructor, with his annual “The Buck Stops Here” award.





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 sharetheride.com or bus route information at valleymetro.com.


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