

Connection



Happy Holidays from GMIT! 2023-24

A SEMESTER TO REMEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

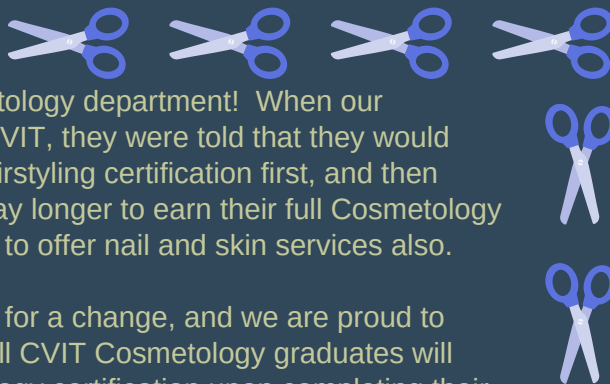
I am still amazed that the semester has already come to an end. Our students and instructors did some really wonderful things together, so instead of highlighting just one student, I thought I'd share a little about what each of our programs was up to, and some of the awesome things our students accomplished this year! Even if I didn't highlight you or your specific project (it would have been hundreds of pages!) I am so proud of each and every one of you and everything you accomplished this year!

~Ms. D

February 19th-Presidents' Day (no school)



COSMETOLOGY



Big news from the Cosmetology department! When our students first enrolled in CVIT, they were told that they would need to complete their Hairstyling certification first, and then if they wanted to, could stay longer to earn their full Cosmetology certificates, allowing them to offer nail and skin services also.

Our instructors advocated for a change, and we are proud to announce that this year, all CVIT Cosmetology graduates will earn their FULL Cosmetology certification upon completing their required number of salon hours and passing their state board test.

A full Cosmetology certification opens our students up to many more career opportunities, not only in Arizona, but throughout the U.S. This is AWESOME for our students, and a testament to the hard work and long hours they put in to their program.



DYK?

COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS WORK IN A FULL SERVICE SALON. YOU CAN SCHEDULE WITH THEM FOR HAIRCUTS, COLOR, PERMS, MANI/PEDIS, AND FACIALS AT AMAZING PRICES!



DENTAL ASSISTING

Our dental assisting program is as strong as ever! This year, we have six, wonderfully dedicated first-year students from San Carlos, Globe, and Hayden with strong aspirations to have careers in the dental field. They finished the year strong, and will move on to more skills learning next semester.

We will also be welcoming back four students that started the program last year. After Dr. Terhufen, our Science for Allied Health instructor transferred to EAC Thatcher, our second year students waited a full semester to take their final class to earn their EAC certificates of completion in Dental Assisting. We are pleased to welcome Instructor Jennifer Werrell to campus this Spring to teach this vital course for our Dental and Medical Assistant students.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This year, CVIT launched a brand new program for students interested in learning about Early Childhood Education. We have students interested in human development, psychology, and of course education, enrolled. Instructor Isabel Sukosky taught them through book studies, lectures, and hands-on activities like the "Teaching with Food" unit, where she showed students how to incorporate fun into their lesson plans, while still connecting their students' prior knowledge and experiences. Right before Thanksgiving, they made individual pumpkin pies, in a lesson students could replicate with their young students. It was a huge (and delicious success!)

Next semester, Mrs. Sukosky will step into a mentorship role, leading our two students ready for their Practicum, and we welcome Ms. Sharon Navarro as our core teacher.



FIRE SCIENCE

This year we had a record number of students enroll in our Wildland Fire Science course. Students that take this accelerated 8-week course earn five different certifications and learn all the necessary skills and techniques to be employed by government agencies to fight wildland fires. The average salary for a wildland firefighter is just under \$25 an hour. How's that for a summer job salary?!



November 17th, our students took their final field tests up in the Pinal Mountains where they were able to display their skills in a real-world setting.

Shout out to our awesome instructor, Barry Johnson and his team for this wonderful student experience and career preparation.



HVAC-R

This year's HVAC-R class is truly learning the ins and outs of being a technician. When I visited their class the final week before break, they were learning all about different HVAC-R motors, including all of the different types they might see out in the field. how to check their power supplies, and how different wiring can change the power of the air flow coming out of the units.

They also had the opportunity to build a unit completely from scratch. Instructor Henderson is no doubt preparing them to be successful HVAC techs once they complete their program.



MEDICAL ASSISTANT



One of our students' favorite parts of their Medical Assistant program is learning how to draw blood. In the second year of our program, students begin learning on mannequins, but quickly move to practicing on live people who they recruit from their family, friends, and community to help them learn.

Once our medical assistant students complete their four semesters of classes they will all take a summer externship where they work in a local clinic or hospital. Many of them go on to be offered full-time positions at their externship sites. We also recently certified four more Medical Assistants just this past month!



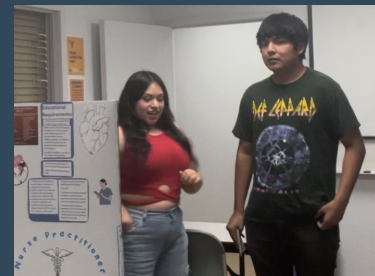
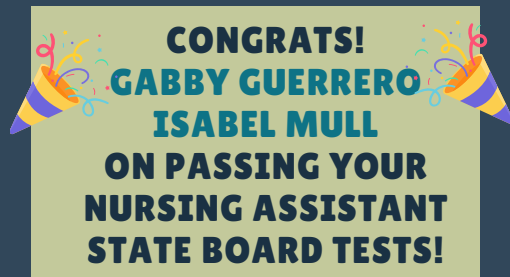
CONGRATS TO OUR NEWLY CERTIFIED REGISTERED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS!
MARIANA ANGELES ALIYAH CHENEY GABBY GUERRERO ESTELLA MAES

NURSING ASSISTANT

Nursing assistant students take their first semester classes along with our first year Medical Assistant students. The week before Thanksgiving, they spent learning how to read vitals, including blood pressure, pulse, and respiration.

As their end class project, all NA and MA students chose a Regional HOSA project, and presented it to a group of judges from the community. Students who excelled were invited to participate at the Regional HOSA Conference in February, where they could qualify to compete at state! We are so proud of the awesome job they did, and look forward to seeing them move forward in competition!

We also had two more students pass their Nursing Assistant State Board tests. It's been an awesome semester for NA!



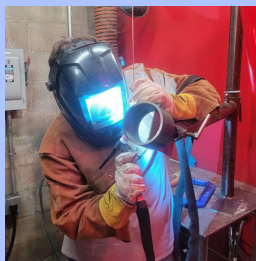
WELDING

This semester we had Welding students with us from Hayden, Liberty, Globe, Miami, Ray, and San Carlos as well as some that have graduated and came back this semester to finish their programs. Even though our instructors only teach part-time, they still found a way to squeeze in five different classes, giving our students the opportunity to learn a wide variety of skills including Arc, MIG, and Pipe Welding.

New this semester was the opportunity for our students to take an OSHA certification course, which gives them valuable industry certification to help them become employed. We are proud to offer these types of industry certifications at CVIT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL EAC CERTIFICATE EARNERS!

EZRA CAMPBELL
ROGELIO TORRES
WELDING TECHNIQUES AND PROCESSES



MH MOMENT

You know I had to squeeze it in! Don't forget that stress can be both good and bad.

The holidays can sometimes mean both. Even if all the stress you encounter is good, be sure to rest, and reach out if you need to chat. I'm here, and I love you! See you next year! ~Ms. D

WOMEN IN SKILLED TRADES CONFERENCE

One of my favorite things about CVIT is getting to take our students outside of the classroom to experience new and exciting things. December 7th I was able to take five of our amazing industrial skills students to the Women in STEM and Skilled Trades Conference at Universal Technical Institute. We got to tour their programs, learn about scholarships, and hear from an amazing panel of women who currently work in the skilled trades industry. Some of the highlights were hearing from Rachel and Letty, founders of the "Weldher Workshop," and Bogi, host of "All Girls Garage." Thanks also to Airen Mitchell, Layla Mitchell's Mom for coming with us!