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## School Notes: February 26, 2013

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### Gallery 37 taking apps for summer art program

Students ages 15 to 18 who are passionate about art and interested in training under a master artist to design, develop and create a permanent piece of public art for the West Valley can apply to be part of Gallery 37.

The West Valley Arts Council's award-winning summer arts apprenticeship program has already created 12 pieces of public art for the West Valley.

This year's Gallery 37 is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, Estrella Mountain Community College and the city of Tolleson, among others.

Students will be working with the city of Tolleson to provide the art for its downtown economic redevelopment project.

The deadline to apply is March 21.

For information about the program, call 623-935-6384 or visit the website at [westvalleyarts.org/programs/gallery37.html](http://westvalleyarts.org/programs/gallery37.html).

### EMCC faculty members receive awards

The winners of Estrella Mountain Community College's National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development awards were recently announced.

This year's recipients include Nikol Price, librarian and chair of Information Resources; Jennifer Damron, mathematics faculty; and Jim Cervan, administration of justice faculty.

They were nominated by peers who felt they demonstrate the NISOD values for teaching and leadership excellence in higher education. Nominees were selected through the Academic Issues Team, and will be traveling to Austin, Texas, in May for a conference, where their accomplishments will be celebrated.

Additionally, Maricopa County Community College District Adjunct Faculty Association recognizes and awards outstanding adjunct faculty each year.

The 2012 recipients at EMCC are Cary Peskin, computer information systems; Timothy Ramsey, reading; and Andrea Simpkins, psychology.

### Palo Verde District earns conservation certificate

The Palo Verde Elementary District, with the help of Midstate Energy LLC, earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star certification, which signifies that campus buildings perform in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meet strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA.

Through its commitment to save energy, the district prevented greenhouse gas emissions equal to



8,113 gallons of gasoline.

To earn the certification, the district installed the following conservation measures: HVAC upgraded to high-efficient package units, interior and exterior lighting upgrades, installation of energy management system with demand control ventilation, computer upgrades, installation of occupancy sensors, installation of vending machine controls and energy behavior management programs.

For information about Energy Star Certification for Commercial Buildings, go to [energystar.gov/labeledbuildings](http://energystar.gov/labeledbuildings).

### Avondale resident makes Gonzaga President's List

Avondale resident Andrew Cropper earned placement on the Gonzaga University President's List for the fall 2012 semester. Students must earn a 3.7 to 4.0 grade point average to be listed.

### Litchfield Park resident makes Dean's List

Litchfield Park resident Victoria Vitola, a sophomore College of Arts and Sciences student at Creighton University, was named to the fall Dean's List for the 2012-13 academic year.

Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List.

### Litchfield Park resident makes Dean's List

Litchfield Park resident Carlee Shults is among the 217 high achieving students from Whittier College who made the fall 2012 Dean's List.

Undergraduate students are awarded Dean's List honors if they earn a 3.70 grade point average while completing a full-time course load in the fall and spring terms.

### Goodyear resident named to Anderson Dean's List

Goodyear resident Danielle M. Beeler was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Anderson University.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### Montessori in the Park holding golf fundraiser

Montessori in the Park, a nonprofit preschool and elementary school in Goodyear, is holding the Clubhouse Grill Golf Classic, presented by Velocity Group, to benefit the school.

The shotgun start is at 1:30 p.m. April 5 at the Wigwam's Patriot Course. Cost is \$150 for a single player or \$500 for a foursome. Food and six beverages are included in the golf registration.

For information, call 623-536-5770, Ext. 105, or email [jon@mipschool.org](mailto:jon@mipschool.org).

### GY resident graduates from Franklin Pierce

Cameron Moore of Goodyear graduated from Franklin Pierce University in fall 2012 with a doctor of physical therapy degree.

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