

West-MEC Counselor News
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AVIATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Aviation Technology Opportunities Available Now!!

The new Aviation Technology Facility is four weeks from being completed. In recent weeks we have received more than \$1 million dollars in donated aviation parts, equipment and materials. A Piper Aztec twin prop plane landed on February 28, 2011 to become the second airworthy plane in the fleet to be used as a training aide. This will be the first program in Arizona and the third in the nation for high school students to prepare to be aviation maintenance technicians.

Exciting times and opportunities for students in the West Valley are still available in Aviation Technology. There are 14 openings as of today for high school students to participate in the first aviation class at West-MEC. Please contact Marilynn or Speranta when you have interested students.

CTE - DID YOU KNOW?

11-12 Financial Agreement for Enrollment in West-MEC Programs

West-MEC is willing to pay for students' program enrollment (excluding materials fees) as long as the student lives within the West-MEC boundaries and attends a West-MEC boundary public high school.

Please note:

* If the student moves out of the West-MEC boundary area but still attends one of our West-MEC member schools, under open enrollment West-MEC will continue to provide the program.

* If the student moves out of the West-MEC boundary but wishes to stay enrolled in a West-MEC program, the student will be responsible for remaining program costs.

* If the student lives within the West-MEC boundaries but withdraws from the West-MEC member school to attend a non-member charter or online school not affiliated with a member school district (such as Primavera), the student will be responsible for paying the remaining portion of the program costs.

* If the student chooses to graduate from his/her home high school early, the student will be responsible for paying the remaining portion of the program costs.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & INDUSTRY UPDATE

West-MEC has a onetime scholarship and we encourage our students to apply if they need assistance with West-MEC fees. Only students enrolled in Aviation Technology, Cosmetology and Dental Assisting may apply. Please click on the attached link to download or find it on the website under the counselors tab. The deadline for submission is April 22, 2011. If an award is granted, West-MEC will scholarship 50% of each applicant's payment. [scholarship information letter](#)

On February 11, 2011 West-MEC held its first professional development workshop- Be Seen on the Job Scene- especially for counselors. The focus of the workshop was to update counselors on the latest job trends, so that they may better advise their students. One of the workshop participants, Lindsay Holbrook, counselor at Ironwood High School in the Peoria Unified School District, interpreted the data from the workshop and wrote an article for the school newspaper educating students on the Ironwood course offerings as they connect with "hot" and up-and-coming careers. Below is a link to Lindsay's article. Thanks Lindsay, for your contribution! [Up and Coming Fields of Work](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- CTE 101 for Guidance Counselors/Career Specialists and other Educational Professionals

April 15th - 9am to 12pm, Cost: Free

For more information about these workshops and/or to view additional offerings, please click here: [professional development](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mandatory program orientations for all registered 2011-12 West-MEC Students and families must attend one:

Monday, May 9th 2011
6:00pm-7:30pm
Cactus High School
6330 W. Greenway Road
Glendale, 85306

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
6:00pm-7:30pm
Valley Vista High School
15550 N. Parkview Place
Surprise, 85335

West-MEC Recognition Ceremony
Friday, May 13th 2011
4:00pm
Vineyard Church
6250 W. Peoria Avenue
Peoria, 85302