The President’s Corner

It’s back to school time! We’re excited to help you achieve your dreams and reach your goals, so if getting a diploma or degree is one of them, please let us know how we can help. Here’s a brief overview of our programs.

Our nursing program continues to grow and we’re always looking to help people enter this growing field. Arizona College students are now working at our clinical partners and learning how to care for patients. Of course, we also keep them busy in our classes with tests and assessments too.

Our Bachelors of Science in Nursing program is nine semesters stretching over three years. If you’re interested in nursing or you know someone who is, please send them our way. The BSN program is only offered at our Mesa campus.

In addition to nursing, we offer a number of programs related to healthcare, including Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Health Information Specialist, Pharmacy Technician, and Massage Therapy. These programs are a combination of diplomas and associates degrees. All are designed to be relatively short programs, so that you can get back to work sooner.

The diploma programs are thirty to thirty-eight weeks and the associates degrees are sixty weeks. We’ve been offering some of these for over twenty years! The diploma and associates degree programs are offered at both of our campuses.

The ultimate goal of enrolling in any of these programs is to graduate and find a job. We just celebrated another graduation on Saturday, August 16th at the Phoenix Convention Center. It was a fun event with several hundred graduates and thousands of their families and friends.

The valedictorians’ speeches were superb and noted the importance of overcoming life’s challenges to achieve your goals. Thanks for the inspiring messages and congratulations to our graduates!

It’s never too late to start your education! We enroll new students every four or five weeks. Please come talk with our friendly staff to see if we can help you reach your dreams.

Best Wishes,

NICK MANSOUR
President
Veteran Steering Committee Clothing Drive

The Veteran Steering Committee hosted a clothing drive during the month of August to support homeless Veterans.

Congratulations to the Glendale Campus’ Veteran Steering Committee for a successful clothing drive to benefit homeless Veterans. This drive was planned and executed by our own Arizona College Veterans!

The items collected will be donated to the Arizona StandDown Coalition, which is an alliance of community based organizations that come together to provide basic necessities for Arizona’s homeless and at-risk veterans and connect them with much needed services.

Arizona StandDown holds an annual event in February that helps thousands of homeless and at-risk Veterans throughout the valley, get back on their feet.

The drive was a success with a collection of over 100 articles of clothing! A special thanks to Gunar Swenson and Tammie Smith who took the lead on this project. Thank you to all the students and staff who donated for this important cause.

More information on this organization can be found at www.arizonastanddown.org. As you may know, Arizona College is proud to be a Veteran Supportive Campus and our Veteran Steering Committees are a reflection of that commitment to our Veterans.

DENNIS HOBGOOD
Director of Agency Business Development

Spotlight on Graduate Nicole Gomez

Nicole Gomez graduated from Arizona College in February 2014, from the Medical Assisting Diploma Program.

During her program, she learn a lot about HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Privacy Act) privacy laws, medical insurance and medical front office work. She completed a 200 hour externship at a surgical center site.

She had the opportunity to specialized her training in patient referrals, patient processing, Electronic Health Record training, processing co-payments, maintaining a steady flow of incoming referrals, as well as, back office training in vital signs and wound care.

After graduation, Nicole took her future in her own hands. She used her creativity and background in business management and decided to start her own business venture. She combined what she learned on her externship, education from Arizona College and extensive management experience and started her company called “Repay My Copay.”

Repay My Copay was established to help families save up to 50% off of health co-payments. These co-payments include Medical, Dental, Vision and Chiropractic office visits.

Similar to a reimbursement one would get from their insurance company, Repay My Copay is structured to reimburse one’s co-payments after their healthcare visit.

We are excited about her new endeavor and proud that she is a graduate of Arizona College. We wish her luck in her new career path and invite everyone to check out her new website at: www.repaymycopay.com.

BECCA BURTENSHAW
Career Services Coordinator

Glendale Campus Director, Ms. Kindred, coordinated a mid-session stress relief activity of Karaoke. The students sang tunes such as the appropriately titled, “I Will Survive” and classic tunes from Selena, to name a few. It was a packed breakroom and the students had a blast!
Mesa Campus Variety Show

The Mesa Campus held their first ever Variety Show, on August 1st of this year! Staff and faculty both took part in the festivities.

Five acts ranging from movie skits to guitar sing-a-longs to sports homages were presented by those brave enough to entertain their co-workers in this half-hour special.

The departments who participated included Financial Aid, Program Directors, Registrar, Faculty, Nursing and the Campus Director.

A special thanks to Ms. DeGuzman who made spring rolls as a side treat for us all to enjoy while watching the show. Future shows will be forthcoming for staff and faculty with the possibility of a student show by each program.

Thank you to all who participated and helped with set-up and tear-down. Broadway, here we come!

MS. WACHOWIAK
Dental Assisting Program Director

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Students Finish Their First Semester

DR. SAUNDERS
Dean of Nursing

August has been a busy month for the Nursing program. The first cohort of students successfully completed their first semester of upper division nursing and are looking forward to returning to school to start their first clinical experiences in the hospital.

The students first clinical assignment will be in obstetrics. They will be preparing to care for patients in labor by completing simulations with our newest manikin, Sim Mom (www.laerdal.com/us/SimMom) who just arrived on campus.

Sim Mom is programmed to progress through labor and delivery and give birth. Students will be able to assess the progress of a mother in labor and monitor fetal heart rates of the baby during the entire birthing process.

The second cohort of nursing students completed their orientation as well. We are pleased to see the enthusiasm of these future men and women of the nursing profession, as they join the upper division nursing students and begin their coursework. We are confident they will be as successful as their predecessors.

On another note, the faculty and administration of Arizona College attended the 2014 Nurse Recognition Celebration at the Fairmont Princess Resort, on Saturday, August 23rd, 2014. We were pleased to be a sponsor of this prestigious event that recognized the contributions of Nurses throughout the state of Arizona.

In their own words...

“...All of the skills I learned, knowledge I gained and experience that I received from the teachers and staff at Arizona College was exceptional. With my skills and training, I will have a secure future for me and my children.

Now I have a career...not just a job. I thank each and every person that gave me a chance and motivated me to keep pushing and made me that much more than I am.”

STEPHANIE HUFF
Medical Assisting Graduate

“I found out about Arizona College in October 2013. I called, scheduled an appointment and met with Crystal Whittaker and she was so nice! The staff is wonderful. I started my program in February, 2014 and was very nervous and shy at first.

After a couple of weeks, I got out of my comfort zone and made some friends with other students in my program. My favorite teachers were Mr. Walters and Ms. Burnau; they are both so awesome. I plan on getting certified in my field because I love it so much. Thank you Arizona College!”

NOEL MESCAL
Medical Assisting Graduate
Good Luck Externs!

*Please note: Due to limited space, the students listed above are only a sample of students that have been placed on externship.
Congratulations Placed Graduates!

GABRIELLE GONZALEZ  
Dental Assisting  
Gateway Dental

JENNIFER ROBERTSON  
Massage Therapy  
Haggard Chiropractic

FELICIA BANKS  
Medical Assisting  
Affiliated Dermatology

ARLENE OJEDA  
Pharmacy Technician  
CVS Pharmacy

JESSICA AYALA  
Dental Assisting  
Beary Nice Smile Dental

AMANDA SALGUEIRO  
Pharmacy Technician  
Saliba’s Extended Care Pharmacy

JASMINE AYTIEY  
Medical Assisting  
Advent Internal Medicine

GINA SALCEDO  
Health Information Specialist  
AFC Physical Medicine and Chiropractic

KENNA WALKER  
Medical Assisting  
Arthocare Arthritis Care and Research

JOSELYNE TERAN  
Medical Assisting  
AZ Vein and Laser Institute

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Student Loan Repayments

With graduation and a new career on the horizon, understanding the repayment process for your federal student loans will help you build strong financial foundations. Many servicers handle student loan repayments, it is important to stay informed regarding your student loan situation now and after you graduate. Here are a few tips to point you in the right direction.

**Making Payments:** Your Loan Servicer is who receives and processes your payments. Since each servicer has its own set of standards and processes, you are responsible for keeping in contact regarding payments even if you do not receive a bill.

**Choosing a Repayment Plan:** There are several repayment plans that have been designed to accommodate almost every student’s situation. The amount you pay and the length of time to repay your loans will vary depending on the plan you choose.

**Deferment and Forbearance:** Are two ways to temporarily postpone or lower your loan payments while you’re in school, the military or experiencing financial difficulties. Most loan servicers have electronic forms or submission portals to start this process.

**Understanding Default:** Your loan servicer will try to contact you regarding outstanding student loan debt, but it is up to you to make monthly loan payments. You run the risk of accruing late charges due to delinquency or falling into default which can restrict your ability to receive financial aid in the future. Contact your servicer immediately if you are having trouble making payments.

Your Arizona College Financial Aid representatives can help you with any questions you may have prior to graduation and after you begin repayment. We can determine your loan servicers and help you with any and all questions you may have. Set an appointment with us today!

Ice Cream Time!

The FUN Committee at the Mesa Campus coordinated an Ice Cream Social in August. The purpose of the event was for students to take a break and “chill out” with some cold treats and meet new friends.

“The Mark of Distinction”, ABK

Arizona College has had a chapter, Sigma of Arizona, with the nationally recognized Honor Society, Alpha Beta Kappa, since June 2012. The Alpha Beta Kappa (ABK) National Honor Society recognizes superior students. Qualifications include academic excellence, leadership and excellence in the classroom or while on campus, strong personal integrity, good moral character and demonstration of policy adherence.

Most private postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges and universities, such as Arizona College, were established in the 20th century as an outgrowth of the industrial revolution. To recognize the academic achievements of these students, the National ABK Honor Society was officially established.

The purpose of the society is to help institutions, their students and alumni through the encouragement and recognition of superior academic work in honorable fields of endeavor. ABK seeks to promote and reward personal integrity and excellence in mental and physical work and skills without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Membership is based on merit alone. It is the uncommon person who qualifies for membership in ABK.

Arizona College reviews nominations each term and holds induction ceremonies where friends and family members can come to share in the achievement. Students receive a certificate, a black and red cord and pin. The cord is worn at their graduation ceremony and students are recognized as a member of this Honor Society.

Congratulations to our latest ABK members: Stephanie Ekstrom, Amanda Calderon, Jessica Comman, Lori Moneypenny, Kerri Sand, Sanja Tassainer, Felicia Banks, Jennifer Crump, Meghan Hargett and Chelsea Miller.
Calendar of Events

10/2014-National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
10/3/14-Externship Orientation
10/5-11/14-Emergency Nurses Week
10/9/14-New Student Orientation
10/13/14-Columbus Day, Campus is Closed
10/14/14-Start Date, Welcome New Students
11/2014-American Diabetes Awareness Month
11/3-9/14-Allied Health Professions Week
11/7/14-Externship Orientation
11/11/14-Veteran’s Day, Campus is Closed
11/13/14-New Student Orientation
11/17/14-Start Date, Welcome New Students
11/26/14-Thanksgiving Family Dinner Basket Give-A-Way
11/27-28/14-Thanksgiving, Campus is Closed
12/1/14-AIDS Awareness Day
12/12/14-Externship Orientation
12/12-13/14-Mission of Mercy Event-contact Ms. Hobby to volunteer
12/22/14-New Student Orientation
12/22-28/14-Christmas Break-No Class for Current Students
12/25/14-Merry Christmas! Campus is Closed
12/29/14-Start Date, Welcome New Students
1/1/15-Happy New Year! Campus is Closed

Students are ready for the Karaoke show!
Sports Day! Admissions

Ms. Soliman passed her RHS/ICE!
Students Ms. Montoya and Ms. Torres

Donate Life Campus Challenge
EveryBODY Deserves a Massage Week

Massage Therapy students volunteer by giving chair massages at the Sands Beach Volleyball Club Tournament
4th of July BBQ!
Medical Assisting student Ms. Perez

Students sportin’ their favorite team for Sports Day

August 2014 Graduation!
Ice Cream Party
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