Happy New Year! We have a lot of reasons to be grateful this year.

First and foremost, we are thankful for our students and our community. We are very proud of our students, their hard work, and their representation of us with our employers. In recognition of this, Arizona College has a couple of traditions during the holiday season.

Arizona College employees provided several students and their families who were nominated by our faculty, our staff, and our students with all the food for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

In December, students were given the opportunity to request needed or wanted items for their Christmas (or other holiday) celebration for themselves, their children, or other family members.

This is a touching event as the requests can vary quite significantly, and we are humbled by the opportunity to help. We made these desires known anonymously to other students and employees who donated the requested items.

In addition to these, this year our Glendale campus also held a “1,000 Can Drive” to collect canned food to give to St. Mary’s Food Bank. As well, our Mesa nursing department organized a weekend volunteer event at St. Mary’s.

On behalf of the families who were the recipients of these gifts, I’d like to thank each and every person who helped provide to those in need. I appreciate you participating in these traditions.

In closing, I’d like to send a special thanks to our faculty and staff. I appreciate your dedication to our students, their learning, and our College.

We are only as good as our people, and I am proud to work at Arizona College because of you. Thanks for a wonderful 2014 and I look forward to an even better 2015!

Sincerely,

NICK MANSOUR
President
Arizona College Celebrates Veterans Day

The Veteran Steering Committees (VSC’s) at both our Glendale and Mesa campuses each planned their own Veterans Day celebrations with great success.

At the Glendale campus, the VSC organized a cake cutting ceremony in celebration of Veterans Day and in honor of those who have served. Along with the Glendale campus VSC, Mr. Gunar Swenson presided over the ceremony with Mr. Jimmy Scherer reading an inspirational poem about what it means to be a Veteran.

Despite the fact that the ceremony was held later in the day after most people are typically done with class, many stayed to celebrate with our Veterans. In fact, we had enough participants to eat nearly 2 full sheet cakes! It is truly inspirational to see the support for our Veterans from the students and staff at Arizona College!

Thank you to all Veterans for your service!

DENNIS HOBGOOD
Director of Agency Business Development

Pharmacy Updates

Advanced training and certifications are a great way to boost your success in the field. Being a Pharmacy Technician, there are training options available to assist one in getting into a more “advanced” field of pharmacy.

At the Arizona College Glendale campus, two programs are currently being offered to help Pharmacy Technicians advance their careers. Through a partnership with the National Pharmacy Technician Association (NPTA), we are offering Compounding and IV Certifications. Both courses are available to any person in the pharmacy field, including Technicians, Technician Trainees and Pharmacists.

Each course entails an online portion plus 20 hours of hands-on coursework. The online portion is through the NPTA website and the hands-on portion will be held at Arizona College, Glendale campus. In each course, multiple concepts will be taught. Each course costs $498 and the next classes for IV will be in January and for Compounding will be offered in February. For more information, please contact Lacey Hoopes, Glendale Pharmacy Technician Program Director via email at: lhoopes@arizonacollege.edu

Give Thanks

Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863. Now 151 years later, we continue to give thanks for our blessings. Unfortunately, many families struggle and have a hard time finding a reason to give thanks. Arizona College hopes to change that for 7 families in our student body at each campus.

The staff, faculty and students joined together this Thanksgiving season to provide each of our families all the food needed for a wonderful meal with their family and loved ones. Arizona College is thankful for our students and their families who support them in their journey to a new future in healthcare.

CRYSTAL VANSLYKE
Director of Student and Career Services

National Eating Healthy Day

Mesa campus hosted National Eating Healthy Day. A day dedicated to eat healthy, get active and kick off a new healthy lifestyle.

Eating healthy is an easy step toward starting a new healthy routine. A healthy lifestyle can be implemented not only in your home and with your family, but also at work and within your community. The more people within your peer group who are on board with a healthy lifestyle, can increase the success rate of you continuing to make healthy choices.

The American Heart Association created National Eating Healthy Day, with a purpose to encourage individuals to make small, healthy changes and to raise awareness of the importance of good nutrition.
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Students Complete Maternity Clinics

Meet Nathan Beals, HR Coordinator and Payroll Specialist

Nathan Beals is Arizona College’s new HR Coordinator and Payroll Specialist. He works from the Glendale campus and is excited about his new role at the college.

He graduated from Arizona State University in 2007 and held several positions in sales, marketing and customer service with Enterprise Rent A Car and UPS. After speaking with a college friend who worked for a small, private college in the valley, he was inspired to make a career change.

He was fortunate to obtain employment as a Student Services Advisor for a local private college. He finally found his niche and looked forward to going to work each day! After 9 months in this position, Mr. Beals was promoted to Student Services Director. He really enjoyed his work as he felt that he was making a difference in the lives of students on a daily basis. He enjoyed witnessing first hand the success stories of the student graduates.

The college was purchased by another company, which restructured his department. He changed positions again and was given the title of Business Office Manager. Within his new scope of responsibilities he learned a wide variety of new subjects such as Human Resources, accreditation, accounts payable, accounts receivable, budgeting, profit and loss and campus operations.

He worked directly with the Campus Director and was able to raise campus outcomes and decrease employee turnover.

He really enjoyed the Human Resources aspect of his new role.

After working in higher education for the last 6 years, he could not imagine doing anything different.

In his spare time, Mr. Beals enjoys traveling internationally (he has been to 12 different countries), outdoor activities including fishing, hiking, kayaking, golfing and woodworking. He recently was married in May of this year and enjoys spending time with his family.

Welcome to Arizona College Mr. Beals!

“Nurses dispense comfort, compassion and caring even without a prescription.”
- Val Saintbury

The baccalaureate nursing program at Arizona College continues to grow! We will be admitting another group to upper division nursing in January.

I am happy to report that every nursing student in our first cohort, witnessed at least one Caesarian section as well as, several vaginal deliveries during their clinical rotation in maternity nursing. They were excited to be with the moms and other family members as the newborns were welcomed into the world.

All have moved forward to care for patients in the hospital with medical-surgical problems. These students will have experiences at a long-term care facility before the holiday break.

The second group of students have had experiences with children at Crossroads Preschool in Glendale, as well as, SwimKids USA. Everyone was amazed to see children as young as 8 weeks old in the water with their parents.

These students also had experience interacting with the elderly at Chandler Senior Center. The January semester brings new experiences in Pediatrics and Behavioral Health.

The first advisory board meeting for the nursing program occurred in November. Representatives from Mountain Vista Hospital, Mayo Clinic, St. Luke’s Hospital, and Chandler Senior Center are members.

The Admissions Department is very excited to be a part of the Fun Committee here at Arizona College. The Fun Committee is responsible for coordinating monthly events to involve the students, staff and faculty on campus.

The Fun Committee has been responsible for coordinating events such as Nacho Day and the Halloween costume contest. On December 12th, we had the largest event to date, “AZ Fun Fest”. There were various types of exciting events and activities, all to support our students and faculty for the hard work and dedication they have put in.

Some of the AZ Fun Fest activities included a bounce house, slides, bag toss and cake walk. We also had delicious treats including hotdogs, kettle corn and caramel apples! We look forward to being a part of the team to plan future events in 2015!
*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!

TAWNA COCHRAN  
Dental Assisting  
Shine Orthodontics

ALEXANDRIA WILLIAMS  
Massage Therapy  
Hansen Chiropractic

FRANCISCO LOERA  
Pharmacy Technician  
Aerotek

JUDITH JUAREZ  
Health Information Specialist  
AFC Physical Medicine & Chiropractic

MATTHEW TRENHOLM  
Medical Assisting  
Associated Retina Consultants

STEPHANIE EKSTROM  
Massage Therapy  
Live Well Acupuncture & Chiropractic

DENISE ALVARADO  
Health Information Specialist  
Medical Solutions

DAISY RUBIO  
Medical Assisting  
Life Care for Women

KELLEIGH LYNCH  
Dental Assisting  
Comfort Dental

JORDAN HALL  
Pharmacy Technician  
LLC Patient Services

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Common Financial Aid Questions and Answers

What is financial aid?

Funds from the federal government assists you with education expenses at an eligible college or career school. Grants, loans and work-study are types of federal student aid. Complete the FAFSA to apply for this aid.

As a student, where can I get information on my student loans?

You can access loan information online at www.nslds.ed.gov. The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education’s (ED’s) central database for student aid. NSLDS receives information from schools, guaranty agencies, the Direct Loan program and other Department of ED programs.

Will I need to fill out the FAFSA each year?

Yes. Because eligibility for federal student aid does not carry over from one award year to the next; fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for each award year in which you are or plan to be a student.

Am I a Dependent Student?

Dependent Student is a student who does not meet any of the criteria to be considered an independent student. An independent student is one of the following: at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, an orphan, a ward of the court, someone with legal dependents other than a spouse, an emancipated minor or someone who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

When do I need to start paying on my student loans?

You are not required to make payments while you enrolled at least half time in school or during the first six months after you leave school or drop below half time enrollment.

Should I consolidate my loans?

Loan consolidation can greatly simplify loan repayment by centralizing your loans to one bill and can lower monthly payments by giving you up to 30 years to repay your loans. You might also have access to alternative repayment plans you would not have had before, and you will be able to switch your variable interest rate loans to a fixed interest rate.

When can I consolidate my loans?

Generally, you are eligible to consolidate your student loans after you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment.

What does default mean?

Failure to repay a loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note. For most federal student loans, you will default if you have not made a payment in more than 270 days.

If you have any questions regarding financial aid, schedule an appointment with your Financial Aid Officer today!

Fall Festivities at Arizona College

Fall Festival
On October 30th, the Glendale Campus held it’s first Fall Festival. The turnout was amazing with over 400 guests in attendance.

Students created “haunted labs” for the brave and over 18 crowd. The décor was complete with gooey buckets resembling body parts, fog machines, carved pumpkins and witches flying in windows. The Massage Therapy program won the decorated lab contest. Children enjoyed arts/crafts, game stations, photos and snacks. The evening concluded with a costume contest of over 45 adults and 100 children competing!

Thank you to all who came together and created fun activities to be enjoyed by all; the crowd surely walked away with big smiles on their faces.

Door Decorating/Costume Contest
Mesa students dressed in their most SPOOKTACULAR costumes and decorated lab doors and windows. Gift cards were awarded to the students with the loudest applause and the admissions team picked the program with the best decorated lab for a pizza party. A photo booth was also setup with costume props for students and staff to pose with their friends. Thanks to all who participated.

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1/1/15-Blood Donor Month
1/1/15-New Years Day- College Closed
1/3/15-Graduation
1/19/15-Martin Luther King Day-College Closed
1/23/15-Externship Orientation
1/26/15-National Drug Facts Week
1/29/15-New Student Orientation
2/1/15-American Heart Month
2/2/15-New Start, Welcome Students!
2/16/15-Presidents Day- School Closed
2/27/15-Externship Orientation
3/1/15-National Nutrition Month
3/5/15-New Student Orientation
3/9/15-New Start, Welcome Students!
3/12/15-World Kidney Day
4/1/15-Autism Awareness Month
4/3/15-Externship Orientation
4/6/15-National Public Health Week
4/9/15-New Student Orientation
4/13/15-New Start, Welcome Students!
4/22/15-Administrative Professions Day
4/25/15-Infant Immunizations Week

“Prescription Pumpkin” for the Fall Festival
Crazy Hat Day
Dental Lab arts and crafts at the Fall Festival
Ms. Flores with her crew at the Fall Festival
Costume Contest!
Judging the Costume Contest!
Christmas Angel Tree presents ready to wrap
SPOOKTACULAR...Happy Halloween!
A wonderful spread of healthy snacks
Eating Healthy Day... An apple a day keeps the doctor away!
The “Tree of Gratitude”... What are you thankful for?
Veterans Day Parade!
Smile!

National Eating Healthy Day

The Picture Gallery
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