As always, I want to thank our faculty and staff for your service to our students over the past year. I look forward to working with all of you in the New Year.

Best wishes,
Nick Mansour
President

Photos of the remodel!
Rose Saunders was born in a small town in western Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburgh. She was aware from an early age of her passion for the nursing profession. As a matter of fact, her first job was working with handicapped children as a nursing assistant.

She continued this job while she began her nursing studies at a hospital-based diploma program. Her first position as a registered nurse was at Children’s hospital in Pittsburgh caring for newborns who needed surgery. It was not long until she began working toward her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Pittsburgh. During this time an opportunity arose for a six week assignment as a substitute clinical instructor. Needless to say, she discovered her newfound enjoyment of teaching complemented her existing passion for nursing.

After completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, she began teaching pediatric nursing at Pittsburgh Hospital School of Nursing. She was able to continue supervising students in the clinical area as she did at Children’s hospital. She truly loved teaching nursing and her career continued to expand into various roles of educating future nurses. One of the highlights in her career was leading a faculty team to develop the first pre-licensure hybrid nursing program in Virginia. Students completed all classroom work online and cared for patients in local hospitals similar to students in traditional on-ground programs.

Dr. Saunders continued her education to earn a Masters in Nursing degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a Doctorate of Higher Education from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Saunders’ professional career includes various roles such as Dean of Nursing, Vice President Professional Schools, Director, RN to BSN program, Associate Director, and Consultant. She has received numerous awards, grants and certifications throughout her career and continues to maintain membership in several professional organizations.

As Arizona College’s Dean of Nursing, she has enjoyed a kind and sincere welcoming. The nursing community in Arizona is small, and the feedback regarding Arizona College’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has been extremely positive.

What sets our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program apart from others? The small student to faculty ratio, an evidence-based curriculum that includes nearly 1,000 hours clinical experience in community and acute care facilities, highly educated faculty with extensive classroom and clinical experience and a modern nursing skills laboratory with high-fidelity manikins are a few of the reasons students should consider our program as their top choice for nursing education.

The future is bright for Nursing at Arizona College!

Trae Williams, a recent graduate of the Massage Therapy program at Arizona College has some words of wisdom for future graduates and those considering a career as a massage therapist.

“In the end, the energy and drive you put into your success, will determine the results you can achieve.” –Trae’ Williams

“It’s been an exciting time for me as I took the journey to go back to school, completing studies and training in the field of massage therapy. I can empathize with all of you on the daily juggling of a family, work, and student life. I had my share of many of the same distractions and difficulties, but with the help of the instructors and faculty of Arizona College, I maintained the stress, and completed my goal.

Since obtaining my massage therapist license I have started my mobile massage service, Inner Balance Therapeutic Massage, LLC; and have been involved with educating the surrounding communities and businesses about the benefits of massage. I have been involved with great networking opportunities through a chiropractic company that I perform contract service for and I continue to grow, mastering and perfecting my craft.

So, I challenge each and every new student and soon to be graduate to put in the hard work now, never give up on your dreams, and aim to cross your finish line.”

“A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.” –Colin Powell.
For the last four years, I had been working full-time as a Nursing Assistant. I was taking care of elderly patients (who were young at heart) that had various medical conditions.

I enjoyed my job, but it was a very challenging mentally and strenuous physically. At the same time, I was a full-time night student at Arizona College.

There were many times when I thought about the possibility of quitting school because I was so overwhelmed with work. It was challenging to find a balance between work and school. There were times when I was feeling extremely lonely because all of my family resides in the Philippines.

With perseverance to reach my goal of graduating, the support and encouragement from my family, classmates, instructors and staff, I was determined to finish the Massage Therapy program and become an independent working professional.

I am proud to say that my hard work has paid off as I currently work in a chiropractic clinic! All the staff are supportive and friendly and I really love my new career.

In the future, I would like to have my own Therapeutic Massage Clinic.

-Article submitted by Ms. Hammett, Massage Therapy Graduate.
*Please note: Due to limited space, students listed above are only a sample of students that have been placed on externship.*
Congratulations
Placed
Graduates!

Deborah Andrews
Medical Assisting
Arizona Sinus Institute

Shirlene Guthery
Dental Assisting
Rusty Jones Orthodontics

Isaac Rayis
Dental Assisting
Southwest Dental

Tiffani Hockett
Health Information Specialist
Thunderbird Internal Medicine

Sierra Griese
Medical Assisting
Arizona Endocrinology Center

Verla Ramay
Massage Therapy
Win Kressel D.C.

Erica Delarosa
Pharmacy Technician
Saliba’s Extended Care Pharmacy

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People ask all the time “why pharmacy” and “what does a Pharmacy Technician do?” A Pharmacy Technician is a pharmacists’ “right hand person”. Pharmacy Technicians are responsible for gathering information from customers or health care providers to assist the pharmacist in filling the prescription, count out tablets, mix or compound medications, make intravenous medications, among many other duties. Pharmacy Technicians also perform many clerical duties, such as, answering the phone, process insurance claims and submit medication supply orders.

There are three important qualities in every great Pharmacy Technician. The first quality is good customer service skills. While working in any outpatient or retail setting, most of the day will be spent satisfying the customer’s needs. Being polite, helpful, and patient are of the upmost importance. The second quality is being detailed oriented. One must pay close attention to detail as when working with medications, any mistake in calculating, mixing or storing of medications can be dangerous to the patient. The third quality is organizational skills. Pharmacy Technicians are required to multi-task and complete all jobs in a timely manner and sometimes all at one time.

Over half of the Pharmacy Technicians work in pharmacies and drug store chains. Pharmacies may be open 24 hours a day; therefore, technicians tend to work all different shifts which allows people to have a career and also be flexible enough to have a family and other outside interests. There is job security in the pharmacy field as the general public will always need some type of medication sometime in their lifetime...it’s a profession that will never go “out of style”.

So when someone asks you “Why Pharmacy Technician?” you now have the answer!

-Article submitted by Ms. Jones, Pharmacy Technician Program Director.
$ FINANCIAL AID NEWS $

Students at Arizona College come to school with many different levels of experience with financing. Some may have home, car or student loans previously or may never had loans. Studies have shown that young adults have been cutting back credit card debt, but student loans continue to play an important role in helping student’s pay for their education. This aversion to credit card debt is positive but can leave students uneducated about debt and how to manage it.

Making late payments or no payments at all on Stafford loans can greatly damage a graduates credit score and ability to obtain future financing for education or other needs. There are many options students have if they are struggling to make payments such as Deferments while they continue their education or Forbearances during times of economic hardship.

Arizona College is committed to the long term success of its students. The Financial Aid office completes thorough entrance counseling when a student is deciding if and how much loans they should take out. Also, once a student graduates the student will be presented with another explanation of the terms of their loans so they are fully aware of what their repayment options are.

It’s a great privilege to live in a country where Government loans are readily available for citizens to improve their lives, and it’s all of our responsibility to make sure we make the best use of that opportunity.

-Article submitted by Mr. Calhoun, Director of Financial Aid & Regulatory Affairs.

Getting to Know Your Glendale Admissions Team

Can you guess the individual in the Admissions Department for each of the following?

A. _____ studied abroad in The Netherlands.
B. _____ likes to purchase and view French impressionist paintings.
C. _____ likes to rollerblade and can go 30 mph.
D. _____ fell off a horse and broke her/his pelvis.
E. _____ has flown a F16 and F4 fighter jet.
F. _____ loves to paint and has met Diego Rivera’s nephew.
G. _____’s natural hair color is blonde.
H. _____ used to DJ in college and still has over 400 records.
I. _____ is in a band and performs all over the valley and out-of-state.

Answer Key: (a) Amber, (b) Allen, (c) Leyla, (d) Cindi, (e) Terri, (f) Rosa, (g) Courtney, (h) Andy, (i) Lalo

* CPR Classes and testing is offered weekly (every Friday) at Arizona College. Space is limited, so please contact the Front Desk for your reservation.
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