The President’s Corner
by Nick Mansour

Congratulations to all our graduates! We celebrated another graduation on September 8th at the Glendale Civic Center. It was a beautiful day, an eventful ceremony, and a nice way to send off our graduates. The faculty and staff of Arizona College are honored to recognize your hard work and perseverance!

Ms. Gonzalez, a previous graduate of the college, spoke to the class. Since graduating, she has been employed at Central Medical Valle for the past year and now manages the office. In addition to congratulating the students for their achievements, she encouraged the graduates to work hard to find the job of their dreams and to persist against any obstacles they might face. I couldn’t agree more, and our Career Services Department is here to help!

There are two changes that have occurred or are coming soon. The first is that we changed our name to “Arizona College” and dropped the words “of Allied Health.” As we look to the future and particularly to new programs we might start, we see a number of opportunities that are not strictly “allied health” and wanted to change the name to allow for those possibilities.

In the meantime, our mission has not changed and we remain focused on preparing our students for careers in healthcare, including medical assisting, dental assisting, pharmacy technician, health information systems, massage therapy and phlebotomy. Also, we just like our new name better! If you have any good suggestions for a mascot, please let me know.

The second change will be coming soon. We have many people from the East Valley who are interested in our school. For some of them, driving to Glendale is just too far or too inconvenient. We have begun construction on a new campus in Mesa, and we anticipate starting students early in 2013. If you’re interested, please let us know.

Congratulations again to all of our graduates. Continue to follow your dreams! Be Bold!

Best wishes,

Spotlight on:
The Admissions Department

It is not that often the Admissions Department has the ability to share their stories with others, as we are often the ones posing the questions. Nonetheless, we would love to take this opportunity to explain why we choose to work both at Arizona College, but more specifically in the Admissions Department.

We understand our job and our responsibilities are rarely easy. We realize the accountability that comes with sitting down with a prospective student and his or her family to discuss their life previous to college. We value when our students express concerns about balancing work and other responsibilities and we gladly take on challenging topics such as these, because we believe in hard work.

As Admissions Representatives, we are in a position to learn the stories of potential students. Throughout the admissions process, we discuss student’s aspirations, both career and educational, and try our hardest to determine if Arizona College will aid in their journey to achieve these goals. We feel that these ambitions can and are accomplished through studying, learning, and the pursuit of knowledge.

We realize that no matter how many times we may sit down to talk about Arizona College and the programs we offer to students, it often may be the first time that a student is discussing their story with someone in higher education.

We understand there are many who are reading this newsletter (Continued to page 2)
that may be the first member of their family to attend college. We respect the trust that family, friends, partners and other supporting members have placed in both your judgment and our school. When our students struggle, we take it hard and personal.

But when our students do well, we brag and boast as if they are a family member.

So why do we work in admissions? Because we believe in the reward of hard work.

Because we believe in the power of education.

But most of all, because we believe in our students and the trust that they place in us.

*Article submitted by Arizona College Admissions Team.*

When you see high school students visiting our campus, please feel free to say "hi" and make them feel welcome!

*RCB High School students tour Arizona College*

My goal for the year is to increase awareness of the many educational opportunities at Arizona College and with the help of the admissions team, enroll 2012 and 2013 high school graduates.

I look forward to another exciting school year!

*Article submitted by Ms. Jessica Bowles, Community Services Liaison.*

With the 2012-2013 school year in full swing, it’s an exciting time for me as I visit local high schools to promote Arizona College.

My recruiting initiatives include coordinating Arizona College campus tours, lunch visits, classroom presentations on how to prepare for "life after high school," college career fairs, and senior nights.

These activities continue to attract potential students and generate interest for those young adults interested in learning about their academic and career goals at Arizona College.

*National Medical Assistants Recognition Week*

Registered Medical Assistants (RMA) and Certified Medical Assistants (CMA) will be celebrating National Medical Assistants Recognition Week October 15-19, 2012.

Please join us in promoting this important event that recognizes Medical Assisting’s vital role, contributions and efforts in health care.

Arizona College will be recognizing our Medical Assistant students with various fun activities throughout the week!

*Article submitted by Arizona College Admissions Team.*

Unfortunately for some of us, there might come a time in our lives when we find ourselves with out healthcare insurance and in need of medical care. The looming costs can be a deterrent, and the financial difficulties can set us back hundreds of dollars just for an urgent care visit.

Ms. Pena and I attended an open house that provided inspiration to us and reinforced one of the main reasons people choose the healthcare field to begin with; to provide a sense of community and pride by the ability to give back to those in need.

Thanks to the Neighborhood Christian Clinic, low cost healthcare can be a reality. Located off 19th Avenue and Fillmore in Phoenix, this non-descript building looks like a home and is a treasure in the middle of a poverty-ridden neighborhood.

Walk inside and you will be greeted by a team of doctors, dentists, and other healthcare professionals dedicated to two aspects of your care; physical and spiritual.

The Neighborhood Christian Clinic is just that; an organization founded on Christian principles. Its philosophy is to spread the word of Gospel and the joy of helping others heal.

This facility is intended for those...
My name is Jonathan Wintz and I am a student at Arizona College and currently attending the Dental Assisting Program.

If you’re considering a career in the Dental Field, I cannot stress enough to you, how valuable this program can be. Some of the reasons why I have really enjoyed this program include: knowledgeable instructors that have worked in the dental field, we have our own operatory, lab and x-ray room, we get “real” hands on, in depth and fun experience of dentistry on a daily basis.

Here at Arizona College, we learn exactly what we need for the dental office. For instance, did you know that there is three different numbering systems for dentistry? Most offices just use the “Universal” system, which is numbering our teeth from 1-32, starting with your first molar. We also get to take some classes in anatomy, infection control, chair side assisting and management. The variety of these classes results in a well rounded education.

Honestly, if you have ever wanted to check out a fun, friendly, health care program, why not stop in and let me or one of the other students show you what’s up? Maybe you will stay awhile and come learn with us!

Well, that’s it for me, I am off to class!

Sláinte, (Good Health)

Jonathan Wintz-Chapin
Good Luck Externs!

Charlie Martinez  
Pharmacy Technician

Terra Morgan  
Pharmacy Technician

Ashleigh Aponte  
Dental Assisting

Kami DePaola  
Dental Assisting

Elizabeth Telle  
Pharmacy Technician

Krystal Hernandez  
Medical Assisting

Candace Hatfield  
Medical Assisting

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

Mariah Hamby
Dental Assisting
Western Dental

Alyssa Conner
Medical Assisting
TOCA Orthopedic Clinic

Evan Phillips
Pharmacy Technician
Humana Right Source

Angel Kobasic
Dental Assisting
Western Dental

Brandon Bergeron
Medical Assisting
RemX

Tracy Kobler
Massage Therapy
Lifetime Fitness

Demetrius Wade
Medical Assisting
Choice Medical

Lily Betancourt
Massage Therapy
Elements Therapeutic Massage

*Please note: Due to limited space, graduates listed above are only a sample of graduates that have been placed in their related medical field for employment and does not include every placed graduate.
To all staff at Arizona College who inspired me to stay strong, focused and positive about my engagement for this Medical Assisting Program. Thank you for the encouragement to reach my goals, despite my hardship and profound sadness, when I lost my mom at the beginning of the program.

Because I am not a Quitter, I thrived to be the best. Understanding life is not a piece of cake, but by being positive and assertive, you can make life easier. You can accomplish your goals by forcing yourself to wake up with a smile and saying, “I am going to make this a good day.”

Change the way you look at obstacles, be a better person with a positive attitude despite what bump you will or may encounter during the day.

Thank you for the great teaching. I really do appreciate all the help, powerful support and guidance from all at Arizona College.

Now, I am finally ready for the next step; to gloriously walk on stage in Cap and Gown to receive what I have worked so hard for, my Medical Assisting Diploma.

I am proud of my choice and proud of myself. Current and future classmates; please never give up, keep improving your skills.

Don’t fall, stand tall! The challenge is there, if I can do it, you can too! BE POSITIVE!

-Letter and Card submitted by Katia Rossonme, Medical Assisting Graduate.

The most impressive aspect of this facility, is the passion and long-term vision the founders had regarding the clinic. The founder, Dave Tellez, M.D, started planning his dream in 1993, his dream became a reality in 1999 when the clinic first opened its doors.

Today the clinic has prospered. Per their website, TheChristianClinic.org, last year alone they performed 7,769 total medical and dental visits. Some additional items the clinic has assisted those in need includes: prescribed medications, provided on-site laboratory testing and ultrasound examinations, offered free referrals to radiology centers for basic X-ray as well as to their volunteer network of over 45 subspecialists, provided comprehensive diabetes care and education, and maintained on-site clinics in dermatology, gynecology, physical therapy and chiropractic care.

The clinic is open Monday-Friday with the exception of Wednesday. Please call (602)258-6008 if you are seeking treatment at the Clinic, new patients are seen on a first-come, as-available basis. If you would like to wait, come to the Clinic up to one hour prior to opening.

For those of you interested in volunteering in a variety of allied health departments, Career Services has volunteer applications. And to that we say, Amen.

-Article submitted by: Ms. Heather Millward, Career Services.
Financial Aid News

Financial Literacy of Americans has been a concern long before the recent debt crisis. The rising total amount of debt held by Americans, has made Financial Literacy even more of a concern today.

The Department of Education (www.ed.gov) has recently launched a new Financial Awareness Counseling program to help combat the low rates of financial literacy. The website address is: www.studentloans.gov. It is a students source for information from the Department of Education about how to manage their student loans.

This online tool allows students to view reports including their student loans and other financial metrics.

It will take the student through 5 steps:
1) Understanding Your Loans
2) Managing Your Spending
3) Plan to Repay
4) Avoid Default
5) Make Finances a Priority

Students can log in using their Federal Student Aid PIN. Loan information pulls directly from NSLDS.ed.gov.

To check it out, head on over to www.StudentLoans.gov.

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

Open Lab Opportunity

Did you know that Arizona College offers open lab for current Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy students that would like some additional assistance with their lab skills? Our open lab is monitored by one of our Medical Assisting Instructors. The open lab hours are Monday-Thursday, from 12:15p-1p for morning students, and Monday-Thursday from 5p-5:45p for evening students.

All students who would like to participate must complete an orientation which includes a lecture and a short quiz. Students must pass with an 80% minimum to participate. The open lab orientation is Mondays at 12:15p for morning students and 5:15p for evening students.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Sesser, Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy Program Director.

Go Green... Carpool to School!

Do you want to save money and meet new people?

Sign up for Carpooling!

Carpooling can save you money in gas and in vehicle wear. It helps the environment by reducing pollution, and you can meet new friends in the process.

Pick up a carpool application at the Front Desk and turn it in to Student Services, we will then match you up with another fellow Arizona College classmate in your area.

We are always in need of drivers, so any help is greatly appreciated. Whether you are able to drive your car, or you are in need of a ride, pick up an application today!

Contact Ms. Campos in Student Services, if you have any questions.

*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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