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West-MEC Students Earned Thousands of Credentials This Year

GLENDALE, Ariz. (June 15, 2023) – Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) is a career and technical education school district that prepares students to enter the workforce and pursue continued education by providing students with opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials.

During the 2022-23 school year, West-MEC 1,177 students earned 5,299 credentials. An impressive 94% of the completing cohort earned at least one credential.

“I love CTE because of the people I get to work with and I get to learn how to do something I have dreamed of since I was little to get me ready for a career,” said Lance Vuke, 2023 Veterinary Science program completer.

With the chance to earn credentials, and the learning opportunities provided at West-MEC, our students are set up for success when they complete their program, whether they go straight into the industry or pursue higher education. The networking, leadership, and overall professional development skills provided along the way help our students leave West-MEC with sublime technical skills and a vast array of professional skills.

“Through West-MEC and the opportunities it gave me, I was able to meet a lot of people and see how an actual pharmacy was run. It gave me a lot of references when I was applying for college,” said Noah Meyers, who completed the Pharmacy Science program at West-MEC in 2018. Meyers recently graduated from Midwestern University and is stepping into the field as a full-time pharmacist.

“I had actual pharmacists willing to write me letters of recommendation. Between the hands-on experience in the classroom and the professional skills and connections I made, I definitely had a step on other candidates.”

Through West-MEC, students can find clarity on what they want to do in life and set up a plan for their future. Whether they continue with the field they completed their program in or not, they have a rock-solid foundation set up to guide them on a path to economic independence.

“My daughter is in the Medical Assisting program at Northwest Campus. West-MEC has opened a lot of opportunities to her and helped her direct where she wanted to go and what she wanted to do,” said Misty Daughters, mother of a 2023 Medical Assisting completer.

“When she started the program all she knew was that she wanted to be in the medical field. West-MEC brought in all these great people from different segments of the medical field and outlined what opportunities there were or where they could go to college depending on the type of job they wanted. It really helped her decide what she wanted to do after high school. We love West-MEC.”

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district focusing solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC’s career-driven education opportunities, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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