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West-MEC Recorded Excellent Fall Semester Metrics

Glendale, Ariz. (Jan. 13, 2023) - Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC), a career and technical education public school district focused on preparing students for tomorrow's careers has reported remarkable results halfway through the 2022-23 school year.

During fall 2022, 836 students earned at least one industry-recognized credential for a total of 1,854.

West-MEC's attendance rates are also outperforming the national average for high school students. Approximately 94% of students have less than ten absences and 70% have less than five. An astounding 314 students have zero absences on the year.

"The instructors are great. They are always there to help, and I feel very welcomed by all of them. If there is anybody out there thinking about applying, grab the opportunity while it is in front of you," said current 2022-23 Aviation Maintenance Technology student, Nick Baird.

West-MEC is not only helping students gain certifications, but instructors are also finding their students performing extremely well academically. At the halfway point of the school year, 99.9% of the 2,219 enrolled students earned credit during the fall semester. 98% of these students achieved a C grade or better.

As West-MEC continues its goal of obtaining more industry partners to provide hands-on experience for students, statistics like these are extremely important. West-MEC students not only show up for class but retain information in order to pass their courses and earn industry certifications.

Students that complete credentialed program and are job-ready will help attract industry partnerships, and in turn, give our students countless more opportunities.

"We find incredible success with students obtaining 90-100% placement with our business and industry partners who increasingly say West-MEC is their desired place to obtain new employees," said Southwest Campus Administrator, Aaron Parsons.

With a new semester among us, West-MEC plans to build off the amazing first semester and have an even better end to the year.

To learn more about West-MEC visit www.west-mec.edu.

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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