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WE DID IT!!

September 9, 2014 was a great day at the Ronald Reagan Community Center in El Cajon! Forty-four Advanced Training students graduated from their programs in front of 178 family members, friends, honored guest speakers, and Advanced Training instructors and staff. It was a proud moment for all!

After Keith Zakarin, CEO of Advanced Training and event emcee, welcomed everyone to the celebration, Benjamin Gilbert, graduating student and United States Navy-Retired, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jo Zakarin, President of Advanced Training, spoke of how proud she was of the graduates and the special place each holds in her heart.

Edward Cramp, Managing Partner at Duane Morris and formally Lt. Commander in the United States Navy and Judge Advocate General's Corps inspired the audience, in particular our veteran students, with his address. Ben Kalasho, President, Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce spoke on the precious nature of time and of making every moment count.

The graduating students were cheered by the audience as Valerie Phillips, Director of Advanced Training and Jo Zakarin recognized each graduate.



Following the ceremony, our grads were congratulated and celebrated with refreshments.

GRADUATES

Medical Assistant

Fatimah Abdulridha**	Marilou Macaraeg
Mohanand Abdulridha**	Shianne Mann
Vian Alias	Samantha Miller
Hamsa Astefo**	Cynthia Moncayo
Samal Azeez	Zina Nasir**
Ellith Calimlim	Emma Phillips
Holly Campbell	Farnaz Salamatbakhsh
Klads Essa	Leslie Sanchez
Roshena Evans	Bridget Showalter-Samuel
Mallory Gonzalez	Sana Sybi**
Silivya Hana	Elizabeth Tavares
Taylor Hildebrand-Warren	Clarisse Tisnado
Caroline Jajoo	Ilham Toma **
Mariam Kouraeel	Samara Yakeera
Suzy Laku	

Information Systems Technology

Nobel Benning **	Julius Poyaoan
Marcel Davis *	Joshua Trivette
Alan Duhamel **	Michael Williams

Medical Assistant Associate of Applied Science

Trevor Matthews	Natawny Ventura **
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Information Systems and Communication Technology Associate of Applied Technology

Edgar Arreaga	Michael Peterson
George Garcia	David Smith ***
Benjamin Gilbert **	Mary Summers *
James Halladay **	

*President's Award-100% attendance throughout the program with no tardies
**Dean's Award for Academic Excellence-95% overall GPA
***Recipient of both awards

For more photos go to the school's website or Facebook page.

CONGRATUATIONS GRADUATES!!!!!!!

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Golden Words from Grandma Bing

How often do we think of something that brings back memories of special times? A neighbor was cutting his grass and the aroma of the freshly cut blades made me think of the times as a youngster of running barefoot then rolling down a grassy hill in a nearby park with not a care in the world. Oh to do that again!!!

The sense of smell can do wonders... like when Mother baked an apple pie. The spicy cinnamon would come through the windows where we were playing outside. Today those delicious cinnamon buns at the mall give me that same sense of nostalgia.

The aroma at Christmas we enjoy with the pine scented trees and turkey dinner cooking in the oven. Christmas is one of the most beloved holidays.

When hiking in the forest and seeing a waterfall... the feel of the spray on your face and the coolness it gives is so refreshing on a hot trail.

Small gifts of Mother Nature that we take for granted are worth more than any man made electronic gadget that isolates us from appreciating what we already have to enjoy.

Enjoy our gifts that are all around us that sometimes we just don't see or appreciate. Slow down...stop and smell the roses! Live, love, laugh and savor the moment.



Benjamin Gilbert, graduating student and recipient of the Dean's Award, leads the Pledge of Allegiance.



Volunteer Opportunity

Cadence Hospice has asked us for volunteers to help support patients, as well as, their families, in their hospice care. This is an ongoing volunteer opportunity in which you could help once or every week if you wish. No long term commitment is required. If you would like to assist, please contact Kimberly for more information.

STUDENT ID CARDS

If you have been a student at Advanced Training for at least two weeks and you have not received your student ID card, please come to the office and let us know.

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PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

This month our puzzle is a Sudoku. The rules are simple: a number can not appear twice in the same row or in the same column or in any of the nine 3x3 subsections. If you can solve it bring the solution to Bing or Jody. If we have more than one correct solution we will draw the winner from the correct entries. **Entries need to be turned in by October 31st.**

Good Luck!!!!

WHO WON THE WORD PUZZLE?

Ruaa Younis, who found 16 words that can be made from - Lethologica - which means the inability to remember a word or to put your finger on the right word. Ruaa won two movie tickets!!
Way to go, Ruaa !!!

Parking Reminder

Please remember that morning and afternoon students (except for the lucky winner of the Student of the Month parking pass!) should not park in the parking lot. Please park on the street. The evening students may park in the lot, but never in the covered parking area which is reserved parking.

Where in the World is Advanced Training?

Advanced Training not only offers education at our campus in El Cajon, we also travel to Military bases to provide training. Advanced Training recently set up a class for Eglin Air Force Base in Florida! This is the second time Advanced Training has provided training for Eglin Air Force Base this year! ATA offered a three week Telecommunications Service Technology course in Electronics, Fiber Optics and FCC GROL. The Telecommunications and Service Technology course is also offered here on campus to civilians, veterans and Active Duty Service Members. ATA looks forward to our next training endeavor.





From the Desk of Valerie—School Director

Congratulations to all the Graduates of Advanced Training!

Now that you have finished school and graduated it is not too early to start preparing for your student loan repayment. Your first payment is due six months after your graduation date and that time can go by so quickly. The best way to be prepared is to make a budget. List your income and be sure to include all expenses you have. Now this is the easy part; it is just simple math right? The hard part is sticking to your budget. Every time you spend money write down that expense. Be sure to use cash or your debit card to make purchases; don't get into the habit of using credit cards. Save those for emergencies and if you need to use a credit card be sure to make a plan to pay that off as soon as possible. When you review your budget at the end of the month check what you have spent. You might be surprised. That cup of coffee from Starbucks everyday may not seem like much at the time but at \$3 to \$4 dollars a day it can add up quickly; next thing you know you have spent \$90.00 on coffee in a month! Just think what you could buy with that...or better yet what you could have put into your savings!



If after creating a budget and your student loan payment **Don't** of unemployment, health remember that you have options legitimate ways to temporarily and forbearance. Also, you can reduce your student loan payments based on your income if needed.



sticking to it you find that you are still struggling to make **Panic**. If you're having trouble making payments because problems, or other unexpected financial challenges, for managing your federal student loans. There are postpone your federal loan payments, such as deferments and forbearance. Also, you can reduce your student loan payments based on your income if needed.

For more information please call the school at 1-800-720-2125. We are here to help!



ATA Attends Royals Masquerade Ball & Toy Drive



Advanced Training attended the first ever Royals Masquerade Ball and Toy Drive held by the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce. Toy donations were given to the Salvation Army of El Cajon for underprivileged children. The lavish Masquerade Ball included entertainment by a contortionist, opera singers, and exotic snakes. Two of Advanced Training employees won for best Male Mask and Best Couples mask. A few pictures and video are on Advanced Training's Facebook page. Can you recognize the two masked employees? Thank you to Ben Kalasho and The Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce for the invitation to this amazing event.

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Kimberly's Korner

Greetings from Career Services!

I would like to let you know that I am here to help you with your job search needs. It is time to start thinking about your career goals. I want you to know that you are not alone in your career search and the staff at Advanced Training have great tools to help you. Take a few minutes to stop by my office and let us discuss what your career goals are and how we can reach those goals together. I would love to help you in any way I can.

Career Services Hours:

- Monday: 8:30am-12pm, 1pm-5:30pm
- Tuesday: 10am-2pm, 3pm-7pm
- Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 1pm-6pm
- Thursday: 8am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
- Friday: 8am-12pm, 1pm-3pm

Congratulations to the Following Graduates and Recent Placements

IST	Computer Repair	MA
Ross Anderson-Sycuan Brandon Smith-Outerwall	Mario Becerra-Outerwall	Mohanad Abdulridha-Borrogo Health Chelsey Brandon-Rady Children's Hospital Emma Phillips-Rancho Bernardo Surgery Center Silivya Hana- Dr. Tajran Evette Yakoo- Caring Hearts Medical Group
AAT IST & CT	Telcommunication InstallationTechnology	
Benjamin Gilbert-Serco Group	Chris Smitko-ADT	

HOLIDAY NEWS!



The busy holiday season is almost here and the question on everyone's mind is when will the school be closed? Below is a list of our upcoming holidays when the school will be closed.

November 27 and 28

December 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

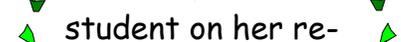
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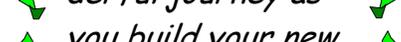

GOOD NEWS!

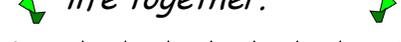
 Congratulations to Luma Ali, MA-PM student on her recent marriage.

Wishing you a wonderful journey as you build your new life together.









VETERANS KITCHEN


Advanced Training is proud to announce the newest area in our school. There is now a kitchen available to our military veterans next to Career Services. There is a small fridge, a microwave, cabinets for snack storage, and occasionally, there may be surprises!

CONSTITUTION DAY

Who is said to be the "Father of the Constitution?" Hint: he is also known for saying "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." He understood the importance of knowledge and, in particular, knowledge of government. You may have asked yourself why we were studying a document over 200 years old. The Constitution is the backbone upon which our government rests. The U.S. Department of Education (as well as our school) believes that it is very important for every student to understand our Constitution and our government. Please do not let your understanding of the Constitution and of our government stop with our brief study. Arm yourself with the power of knowledge!

