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# **News Release**

## **CAVIAT Summer School Academy Completes 2007 Session**

**Flagstaff, Arizona** – While many students complete the school year with thoughts of vacationing, finding summer employment, or just hanging out for the summer months more than 40 high school students committed to a different plan.

For the second year in a row Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD), with Doug Allan, Career & Technical Education (CTE) Director, coordinating the entire effort, opened up the campuses at Coconino and Sinagua High School offering CTE summer school classes in Welding, Automotives, and Culinary Arts. Also due to a partnership with Coconino Community College a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class was offered to ten (10) high school students the first five-week session. This was the first year these classes were offered to students throughout Coconino County. This summer school academy was made possible with funding generated from Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry and Technology (CAVIAT).

What makes these students so exceptional is their commitment to rigor of four weeks of instruction, 120 hours, to achieve 1 high school CTE elective credit and up to 2 community college credits upon successful completion of the welding, automotives or culinary arts courses. The CNA class was five weeks long including classroom and clinical instruction where the students earned 1 high school CTE elective credit and 5 community college credits. The CNA class was so popular that the process became very selective and generated a waiting list of students trying to get into the class.

More than 40 students participated in these classes and came from Grand Canyon, Page, Williams and Flagstaff. Friday, July 6, 2007 marked the final day of instruction and “we are very encouraged about growing the program next summer”, said Christine Mayer, CTE Program Coordinator for CAVIAT. Mayer went on to say, “next year we hope to have even more students participate from the outlying areas that don’t have an opportunity to take these classes. We hope to offer housing so they won’t have to commute or find their own housing, like they all did this year.”

The CNA class graduated 3 students from Williams High School, 2 students from Page High School, 1 student from Grand Canyon, 2 students from Coconino High School and 1 student from Sinagua High School. These students were required to achieve a grade point average of a “B” or higher and upon successful completion are now eligible to take the state certified test. They also are immediately eligible for employment at the hospital or one of the retirement homes where they can begin earning \$10 to \$12 per hour to start depending on where they start working.

For more information on CAVIAT or the summer school program you may contact Christine Mayer at 928 853 4703 or Doug Allan at FUSD, 928 526 6117.

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