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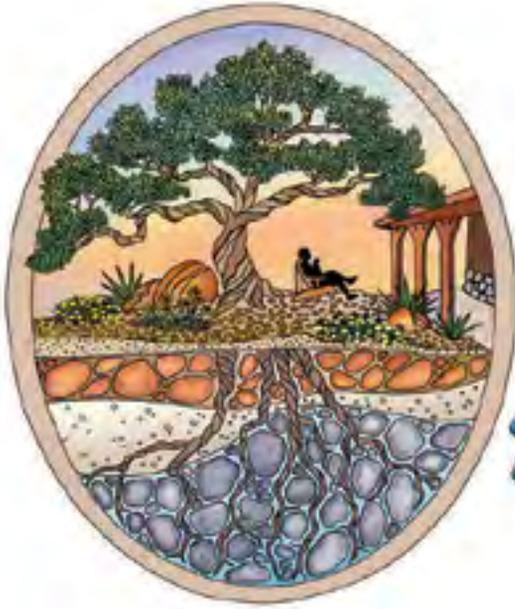
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During a business class I learned that stocks can easily fluctuate and do so on a daily basis.

Christopher Meza
Major: Business

VVC pilots new online academic system

Victor Valley College among nine colleges statewide to pilot a new online education ecosystem

Victor Valley College has been selected as one of 24 colleges to participate in an innovative statewide project in the deployment of a new academic advising and planning technology platform.

Community college students throughout California will soon have access to new technology that will help them identify their academic goals, develop structured personalized educational plans for success, and make informed course choices about their education. The platform will assist students in mapping out multi-year course plans to see a clear, streamlined path to reaching their education goals while balancing work and childcare schedules, financial concerns, and other challenges.

This new technology and platform will benefit students exponentially by allowing them more access to the services and benefits they need to continue their education.

"Our participation in this statewide effort represents a milestone for our college and the rest of the colleges in the state of California because it represents unprecedented academic support services for students who are taking distance education classes across the state," said VVC Public Information Officer, Robert A. Sewell.

The Online Education Ecosystem (OEE) provides online support and courses to California community college students through a statewide system known as the Online Education Ecosystem. The goals of

the OEE are to engage these pilot colleges in the launch and implementation of a sophisticated online education system that will increase student access to online courses and services throughout California as well as improve student retention and success rates.

VVC and a select few college districts will pilot the software at the end of fall 2015 before it will roll out to the remaining colleges beginning in 2016. Teams from the Education Planning Initiative (EPI) and Hobsons, the developer of the technology platform selected for the project, are working closely with college IT personnel and student services representatives to discuss technology planning and implementation.

Victor Valley College had a kick-off meeting on July 21, 2015 to plan initiation of this program on campus. The team is comprised of all of the Student Services Directors, counselors, MIS staff, and several other key members of the campus.

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VVC unveils new building

Dr. Prem Reddy Health & Sciences Building opens for 2015 fall semester

Victor Valley College's newest state-of-the-art building has opened its doors for incoming 2015 Fall students. The \$14.4 million project was funded by Measure JJ Bonds and supported by the largest charitable gift in the college's history. Today, the Dr. Prem Reddy Health and Sciences building, which was partially funded through a \$2-million donation made by longtime Victor Valley resident and CEO of Prime Healthcare Services, Dr. Prem Reddy, marks the newest development to be constructed on the College campus since 2010.

"Caring individuals like Dr. Reddy make our campus a distinctive place, with an exceptional learning environment as students pursue their dreams." stated Victor Valley College President Dr. Roger Wagner.

The 30,000 square foot, one-story building features several new highly specialized training labs and faculty areas dedicated to the study of Health and Sciences. The building features many energy efficient and sustainable elements meeting an LEED Silver equivalent design.

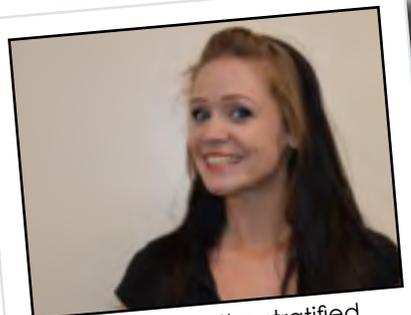
Located adjacent to and on the west side of the existing Science Building, the facility brings vital support for many science programs and will be especially important to VVC's Nursing Program by incorporating labs specifically dedicated to Simulation, Fundamentals, Chemistry, Life and Physical Science, and Anatomy. In addition, the building also features a faculty suite and Dean's office as well as indoor and outdoor student gathering and studying spaces to promote a collaborative and technology-driven learning environment.

"This ultramodern facility is equipped with technology that will help improve student learning outcomes and skill sets for our future registered nurses. We have waited a long time for this project to come to fruition and it turned out exactly as we planned. It's a great way to continue to build on the long standing relationships we have with our community partners," said Dr. Joseph Morris, Director of Nursing.

The design-build team completing the project included Balfour Beatty Construction, Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, and many small business partners and subcontractors from the local community. The equivalent of 32 full-time local jobs were created by the project, based on peak times of construction.



at VVC
I LEARNED



I learned about the stratified squamous epithelium and where to locate it along with other epithelial issues .

Thea McCleigh
Major: Nursing

Foundation wins CASE Award

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recognizes Great Alumni Hunt as the most Innovative Alumni Program.



In a competition dominated by a who's who of universities from around the globe, Victor Valley College was recognized for the most Innovative Alumni Program in 2014. The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) selected the Victor Valley College Foundation's Great Alumni Hunt as the 2015 Circle of Excellence Gold Award Winner.

CASE's new Innovative Alumni Program category was one of most highly contested of the 100 categories in this year's competition which drew in total more than 3200 entries worldwide. In this category, judges emphasized that the "submission from Victor Valley quickly rose to the top." Silver in the same category was shared by Georgetown University (Washington, DC) and Technical University of Denmark (DTU); and Bronze was shared by the University of British Columbia (Canada) and the University of California, San Diego.

"The fact that the Victor Valley College Foundation placed first in its category, and amongst so many prestigious domestic and international institutions, demonstrates the caliber of its staff, board of directors and most importantly, VVC alumni," said Mike Nutter of ISU Insurance / ARMAC Agency who led the winning Great Alumni Hunt team. "It was an honor and a privilege to participate in such a well-planned and valuable outreach – one that served to successfully unite those individuals, both past and present, who hold the college near and dear to their heart."

The Great Alumni Hunt challenged 20 teams of college and community volunteers each supported by a Victor Valley College intern to locate and contact at least 500 former students within 30 days. The teams surpassed the goal, more than twice over, to reach 1,157 Victor Valley College alumni and capture their stories. Periodic check in challenges, advertising identifying "found" alumni and scholarships awarded

to interns on winning teams, motivated participants and drove the campaign's momentum.

Judges in the CASE Circle of Excellence competition noted that the Great Alumni Hunt represented "a highly replicable program for others in the community college world." Noting that its peer-to-peer identification of alumni was "interesting, fun and playful" and that it demonstrated clear success.

"We thought we'd won big when we learned how much our alumni valued their Victor Valley College experience. They told us about the key role the college played in their success and reminisced fondly about their time here." said Ginger Ontiveros, Executive Director of the Victor Valley College Foundation and creator of the Great Alumni Hunt. "This CASE Circle of Excellence award, however, took that win to a whole new level. We owe our success and share this recognition with our volunteers, students and alumni who got excited about connecting with each other and their community college alma mater."

The international Circle of Excellence awards program recognizes outstanding work in advancement services, alumni relations, communications, fundraising and marketing as judged by peer professionals at schools, colleges and universities as well as by professionals from outside education. In 2015, CASE received more than 3,200 entries for consideration in nearly 100 categories by more than 720 member higher education institutions, independent schools and nonprofits from around the world. Judges gave 307 awards: 93 bronze; 106 silver, 91 gold and 17 grand gold. Winners are selected based on a number of factors, including overall quality, innovation, use of resources and the impact on the institution or its external and internal communities, such as alumni, parents, students and faculty and staff. The Circle of Excellence awards program is open to professionals working at member colleges, universities, independent schools and nonprofits around the world.



VVC student interns and community volunteers contacted over 1,500 alumni during the Great Alumni Hunt.

ALUMNI UPDATES

going places

Jerry Klein insurance agent

VVC 1971



Jerry Klein began his education at Victor Valley College in 1964. He would have been one of the first graduating classes, however, his studies were put on hold when he enlisted in the Marines and served our country proudly for four years. Once his active duty was over, Jerry returned to VVC and graduated in 1971 with a degree in Engineering. "It's a great institution for our local students to get a start on their education." Campus life was a little different in the 1970's. Jerry not only played on the soccer team, he was involved in extra-curricular activities. "All the clubs used to have races across the lake. Most of them never made it out of the middle, but, you knew everyone. It was a lot of fun!" Jerry was also one of the first graduates from Cal State San Bernardino and received his Bachelor's in Business Administration. Today, he is a local insurance business owner.

Jodee Johnson (Maccia) respiratory therapist

VVC 1991



Jodee Johnson (Maccia) remembers her time at Victor Valley College fondly. It was the place where she not only earned her degree in Respiratory Therapy, but also the place where she made life-long friends. When she enrolled here she knew nothing of healthcare but her classmates were a contributing factor to her success. "We were together for two years. We studied together, we knew each other's family and that was an additional support system for me. They were there when I was struggling or needed to bounce ideas off them. It made a huge difference." Instructors at VVC were also instrumental in helping JoDee achieve her goals. "The professors in the psychology department were supporting from beginning to end. They guided us through the process of patient care and helping us to feel comfortable in a hospital setting. It really made a big impression on me." Today Jodee is a Respiratory Therapist at St. Mary Medical Center and serves as an adjunct instructor for the VVC Respiratory Therapy program.

Michael Everett assistant principal

VVC 2001



Michael Everett is a proud alumni of Victor Valley College. As the Assistant Principal of Hesperia High School, he, along with his administration are creating innovative ways for their students to receive college credits during their junior and senior year. Today, Hesperia High Students accepted into the Early College Academy can earn up to 30 credits before ever stepping foot on the VVC Campus. "We want our students to be successful," he says, "and I have an obligation to prepare our next generation." Michael attended Victor Valley College between 1999 and 2001. It's an education he says prepared him for the rigors of University. In particular, Dave Dupree a political science teacher, made a huge impression on him. "I learned a lot in his class," Michael recalls. "He (Dupree) helped to explain to the students what it meant to be a student and a better person. He really cared about me and I took that with me for the rest of my life."

A Message from the Coach

VVC Rams look to build momentum during the 2015 season

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the High Desert football programs the best of luck in the 2015 season. Realize how blessed you all are to be able to play this great game, and do all you can to play at the highest level you are capable of.

The Victor Valley College Rams are coming off their greatest season in school history, being the only undefeated team in the state and winning the American Mountain Conference Championship. Many High Desert athletes played a pivotal role in last year's championship, and many are going to be major factors in this year's quest.

James Liker of Silver Valley High School returns as the premier kicker in the state, kicking two last minute field goals for wins in 2014. Our wide receiver corps will be one of the best in the state; both Mikeo Bonham of Silverado and Elijah Creighton of Victor Valley High School will play a pivotal role in 2015. Our offensive line will be young but talented, with Tyler Purvis of Oak Hills High School helping lead the unit. Austin Williams of Serrano High School will compete as both kicker and quarter back and we are expecting great things from him.

High Desert athletes will also play a key role in our defense, one of the top in the state last year. Tyreece Myers, Quincel Neal-Riles, and Dana Jenkins, all from Silverado, are expected to be major contributors in our secondary. Two High Desert athletes have been the players of the year and all state on defense in our conference, Justin Halas of Serrano High School and Jimmy Musgrave of Silverado High School.

More High Desert athletes have received scholarships to four year programs coming out of Victor Valley College than all other junior colleges in the state combined. We look forward to having another outstanding season and hope many of you will consider continuing the tradition of success that High Desert athletes have enjoyed here. I hope you all have great seasons!

Sincerely,

Dave Hoover

Head Football Coach, Victor Valley College



Victor Valley College Rams Football 2015 Schedule



									
SEP 5 WEST LA* 1 PM WIN	SEP 12 @AVC 7 PM WIN	SEP 19 @LASW 6 PM WIN	SEP 26 SWC* 1 PM HOME	OCT 3 ELAC 1 PM HOME	OCT 17 @SBVC 6 PM AWAY	OCT 24 ECCC 1 PM HOME	OCT 31 MSJC 1 PM HOME	NOV 7 @COD 7 PM AWAY	NOV 14 @SDM 7 PM AWAY

VVC ASB sets new goals

VVC Associated Student Body sets road map for 2015-2016 school year with thirteen goals and objectives

Each year our eighteen elected student council members commit themselves to represent student interests at VVC. We are proud to announce our goals & objectives for 2015-2016 year, which we feel will enhance the student experience at Victor Valley College. Through the support of the faculty, staff, and administration, past Associated Student Body Councils have achieved many goals and paved the way for the current council to continue on their road to success. While completion of our personal educational goals are of primary concern, we desire to maintain, foster and further a stronger sense of pride in the cultural, political, and academic achievements of the VVC Community.

- 1** ASB strongly supports the Superintendent/ President, Vice President of Instruction, Dean of Student Services, and SSSP Committee in their recommendation to update the current online orientation video to support student services.
- 2** To improve outreach efforts the ASB will: provide ASB sponsored campus events while encouraging student, staff, and administration participation, increase awareness of student resources on campus and ASB card benefits.
- 3** The ASB requests that the Director of Facilities and the Director of Maintenance and Operations immediately address campus signage in order to better guide students and the community to various locations around campus.
- 4** To meet the increasing student body demand for tutors, the ASB requests the Superintendent/ President and Vice President of Instruction to approve additional resources for tutoring services.
- 5** The ASB council will increase communication with necessary departments to ensure campus beautification through aesthetic enhancements and cleanliness.
- 6** Adequate counseling services are critical to student success. The ASB requests the Superintendent/President and Vice President of Instruction and Student Services to provide additional funding for counseling services.
- 7** The ASB will work with the current food vendors at VVC to provide healthier food alternatives at competitive prices and develop a student meal plan.
- 8** The ASB supports the efforts of the Dean of Student Services and the MIS department to establish the option for online educational plans.
- 9** The ASB council requests a continued commitment from the Department of Facilities to include, gender neutral, single stall restrooms in renovated and newly constructed academic and administrative facilities.
- 10** The ASB requests that Superintendent/President reinstate the VVC recycling program to benefit the campus climate, enhance the campus environment, and to reduce the current carbon footprint.
- 11** To meet the demand of the student body, ASB requests the Director of Financial Aid improve the efficiency of financial aid process by utilizing all available financial aid windows.
- 12** The ASB requests the Chief of Police implement additional time restricted parking to support the student needs in the SAC.
- 13** The ASB council request the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services for a renewed commitment to develop strategic partnerships with business and community based organizations to increase student jobs and internships which promotes professional and career development.



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San Manuel continues support for life-saving VVC programs

EMS program receives \$107,362 grant from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for new EKG equipment.

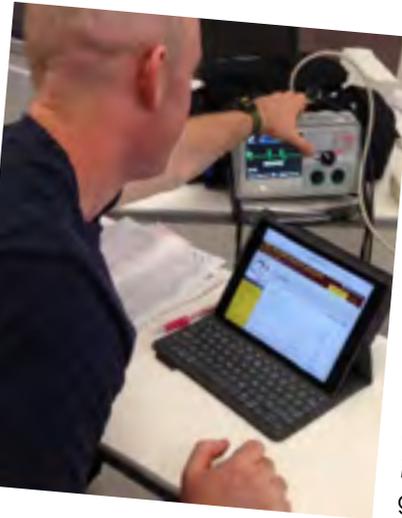
The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians recently granted \$107,362 to the Victor Valley College Foundation to help enhance emergency responder training provided at the Victor Valley College Regional Public Safety Training Center.

Thanks to San Manuel's generous grant to the continuation of the Emergency Careers Ladders Project, students enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program will now have five Electrocardiogram (EKG) monitors. An EKG monitor has proven to be a landmark addition to the EMS toolkit as the critical diagnostic aid to provide care in the field and to guide transport to the most appropriate hospital for acute heart conditions.



"The EKG monitors will allow students to train and obtain this necessary diagnostic skill. This training will critically improve our ability to prepare students to be successful first responders."

The EMS program serves more than 200 students annually and the EKG monitors will



allow students to identify a variety of other heart problems, rhythm abnormalities and cardiac injuries. They serve as the basis for updating EMS protocols to improve the care of patients suffering from many types of acute cardiac events. Thanks to San Manuel's generous gift students can now learn this important skill.

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- Carla Rodriguez, San Manuel Chairperson

Carla Rodriguez. "This is why we strongly support Victor Valley College and their continued efforts to better prepare public safety professionals with state-of-the-art equipment."

Victor Valley College Regional Public Safety Training Center is a \$31.5 million, state-of-the-art training complex specifically designed to support students in the Administration of Justice, Fire Technology, Emergency Medical Services and Corrections programs. It provides students a unique and far reaching training opportunity for cooperative emergency scenario cross-training exercises experienced by first responders every day in the normal course of the job.

For more information about Victor Valley College and the programs available at the Regional Public Safety Training Center, visit www.vvc.edu. To learn about the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, visit www.sanmanuel-nsn.gov.

at VVC I LEARNED



My fire technology classes have taught me to think outside the box.

Darrian Hayes
Major: Fire Technology

"San Manuel has been an integral partner in outfitting our public safety programs. The Tribe's generosity has continually provided innovative technology and equipment to our students," said Dave Oleson, Director of VVC's Emergency Medical Services Program.

Career LINK

Carpenter



CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Carpenters work in almost every type of construction. They construct, erect, install, and repair structures made from concrete, steel, wood, and other materials. The jobs they do depend on the type of construction, the type of company, and the particular skills of the Carpenter. Working for a small home builder, a Carpenter might be involved in every part of a project, such as putting up the framework, walls, and roof, and installing attic ventilation units, cabinets, doors, hardwood flooring, molding, paneling, sky lights, and windows.

JOB OUTLOOK:

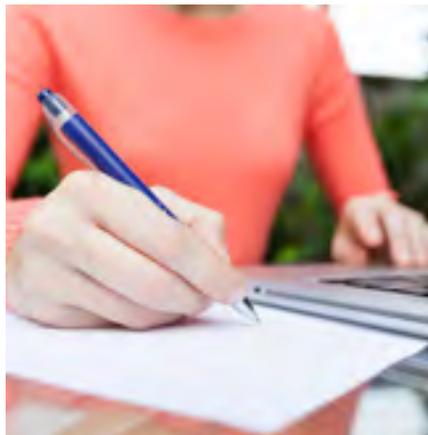
In 2015, the median wage for Carpenters in California is \$50,253 annually, or \$24.16 hourly. With the increased focus on environmentally sustainable building and remodeling practices, there will be increased opportunities for Carpenters in the future.

QUICK START:

VVC offers an A.S. degree in Construction Technology as well as several certificate programs. Start your career today with CTMF 120A: Woodworking Tools and Equipment. Classes start October 27, 2015.

<http://www.vvc.edu/academic/construction/>

Technical Writer



CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Technical Writers compose communication from product developers for users of the products. They must write in a concise and easy-to-read manner for consumer publications or in highly specialized language for experts, such as scientists and engineers. They also prepare product documentation, such as operating and maintenance manuals, catalogs, assembly instructions, project proposals, and training materials. Most writers work freelance and are self-employed.

JOB OUTLOOK:

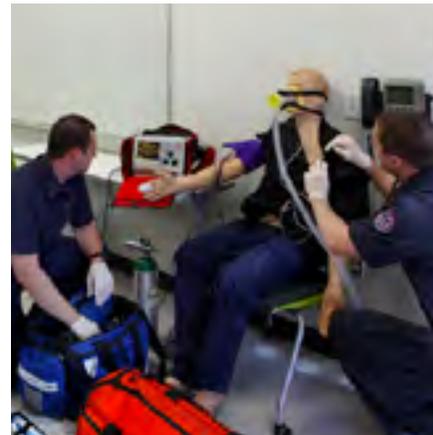
The median wage in 2015 for Technical Writers in California is \$83,003 annually, or \$39.90 hourly. The demand for Technical Writers is expected to increase because of the continuing expansion of scientific and technical information, especially in California, and the need to communicate it to others.

QUICK START:

VVC offers an Associate's Degree in English. The Associate Degree in English is designed for students who plan to transfer to a CSU. Start your career today with this eight week ENGL 101, English Reading and Comprehension class starting on October 27, 2015.

<http://www.vvc.edu/academic/english/>

Emergency Medical Technician



CAREER DESCRIPTION:

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, strokes, falls, childbirth, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMT's are the skilled medical workers who provide this vital service as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility.

JOB OUTLOOK:

As the population ages and becomes more likely to have medical emergencies, demand for EMTs will increase. In California, the number of Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics is expected to grow much faster than average growth rate for all occupations. Jobs for Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics are expected to increase by 23.2 percent, or 3,900 jobs between 2012 and 2022.

QUICK START:

VVC offers an A.S. in Paramedics and certificate programs in both Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician. Start your EMT career today with this eight week EMS 50: Emergency Medical Responder starting October 27, 2015.

<http://www.vvc.edu/academic/emt/>

Career LINK

Computer Systems Administrator



CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Network and Computer Systems Administrators are responsible for the day-to-day operation of computer networks, which is a vital part of most organizations. They install, configure, and support an organization's local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet and intranet systems, a segment of a network system, or other data communication systems. They maintain network and computer system security, evaluate network or system performance, and help increase system efficiency.

JOB OUTLOOK:

The median wage in 2015 for Network and Computer Systems Administrators in California is \$86,715 annually, or \$41.68 hourly. As businesses and government agencies continue to invest in newer, faster technology and mobile networks, demand for Systems Administrators should remain high.

QUICK START:

VVC offers an A.S. in Computer Information Systems and several certificate programs including Network Specialist and Database Administration. Start your career today with CIS 91A: MYSQL Admin A. Classes starts October 27, 2015.

http://www.vvc.edu/offices/technical_services/

Real Estate Agent



CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Real Estate Agents rent, buy, or sell property for clients. They perform duties such as study property listings, interview prospective clients, accompany clients to property sites, discuss and negotiate conditions of sale, and draw up real estate contracts. Real Estate Agents are also responsible for appraising properties, providing financial information and analytical data to the potential buyer or seller, discussing costs of maintaining residence and possible renovations with clients, and determining the best method of purchase based on client financials.

JOB OUTLOOK:

Job growth in this field is very strong; the median wage in California for Real Estate Agents was \$25.09 hourly, in 2015.

QUICK START:

VVC offers an Associate's Degree in Business Real Estate and Escrow and several certificates. Start your career today with an eight week BRE 100: Real Estate Principles course. Eight week classes start October 27, 2015.

http://www.vvc.edu/academic/business_real_estate/

Paralegal



CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Paralegals are an integral part of the law profession; they help lawyers prepare for hearings, trials, and corporate meetings. They research facts of cases, laws, judicial decisions, legal articles, and other materials relevant to their cases. Paralegals work for all types of organizations, most typically law firms or corporate legal departments. The increasing demand for legal services by a growing population makes this a very strong and growing field.

JOB OUTLOOK:

Demand for Paralegals will continue to grow due to the increasing demand for legal services by a growing population. The median wage in 2015 for Paralegals and Legal Assistants* in California is \$58,060 annually, or \$27.91 hourly.

QUICK START:

VVC currently offers a certificate program in Paralegal Studies. Start your journey towards becoming a Paralegal or Legal Assistant today with PAL 103: Beginning Legal Writing. Classes start on October 27, 2015.

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A MAJOR HEART CENTER IN THE HIGH DESERT WITH THE BEST SURGEONS & CARDIOLOGISTS

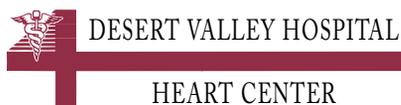


The cardiovascular surgeons at the Heart Center perform open-heart procedures that are less invasive and offer patients a quicker recovery. Their innovative techniques enable most patients to return to work sooner with less pain and no weight restrictions.

Open heart surgery is a critical part of our complete heart care program.
Many surgical treatments are offered including:

- Atrial Fibrillation Surgery
- Atrial and Ventricular Septal Defect Closure
- Aortic Valve Replacement
- Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery (CABG)
 - Mitral Valve Repair and Replacement
- Ascending and Thoracic Aneurysm Repair

The Heart Center team includes
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Cardiologist Mohammad Aslam, M.D., and Interventional Cardiologist Morakad Lim, MD.



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