Welcome to Fall 2014!

As we start our academic year, I am pleased to report that EWU’s enrollment remains healthy and strong. Record numbers of undergraduate students are living on campus, and we have continued to see progress in our efforts to improve student success. This fall we will explore ways to extend the hours of JFK Library, enabling students expanded access to the library and the Learning Commons. To augment students’ success in meeting EWU’s standards of academic rigor, we have established a year-long bridge program.

Looking back at 2013-14, we have made many positive strides in Academic Affairs. EWU now occupies all of the Riverpoint Phase 1 Building at EWU-Spokane, and the move-in process has largely been completed. I want to thank all faculty and staff at Riverpoint for their support and patience throughout the move-in process. Additionally, I want to thank Linda Kieffer, Shawn King, and Jim Moeller for their work in having made this move a reality. On Wednesday, September 24, EWU held a very successful open house at the Riverpoint campus.

Riverpoint Phase 1 is also the home of the new College of Health Science and Public Health. As we enter 2014-15, the programs in the new college will be planning for conversion to semesters. Start dates for the conversion vary by program; the earliest conversions, planned for fall 2015, are for master’s programs in dental hygiene, occupational therapy, and public health. The physical therapy program is expected to convert in fall 2017. In the communication disorders program, already on a semester schedule, planned curricular revisions will result in a more seamless fit within the semester calendar.

“Inspiring the Future – Living the Promise,” the upcoming Strategic Planning Conference, will feature our efforts to launch the first-year experience (FYE) component of Critical Foundations, the new General Education program, which will be directed by Dr. Anthony Flinn during academic year 2014-15. Additional 2014-15 goals for Academic Affairs are 1) to develop a Teaching Academy that supports faculty engagement and learning assessment; 2) to develop for all students a state-of-the-art advising system, including appropriate uses of technology and space design in Monroe Hall, following the completion of the Huston Hall renovation project; 3) to continue efforts to identify and develop innovative pathways to degrees (Destination Eastern, hybrid and online programs, and opportunities for those individuals with some college but no degrees); and 4) to continue our work on community engagement to include the feasibility, process, and timeline to qualify as a Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification university.

In closing, I know that Eastern and its faculty and staff are exceptional. If we remain focused in our efforts toward student success and academic rigor, our future will continue to be bright.

Best wishes,

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New Faculty

We are proud to welcome nearly fifty new faculty to Eastern this quarter! New faculty include Dr. Chu Chen and Ms. Lei Dong (Accounting and Information Systems); Drs. Justin Bastow, Krisztian Magori, Luis Matos, and, beginning in December, Paul Spruell (Biology); Dr. Ashley Lamm (Chemistry/Biochemistry); Dr. Elisa Facio (Chicano Education); Dr. Joe Tedesco (Children’s Studies), Ms. Jennifer Evans (Dental Hygiene), Dr. Kathryn Baldwin, Ms. Diane Ball, Ms. Lucy Monte Calvo, Mr. Clive Gary, Mr. Robert Harris, Dr. Gustave Nollmeyer, and Dr. R. Lance Potter (Education); Drs. Heechang Bae, B. Matthew Michaelis, and Uri Rogers (Engineering and Design); Ms. Qing Meade, Ms. Rose Sliger Krause, and Mr. Jeff Sundquist (EWU Libraries); Dr. Matthew Anderson (Geography); Dr. Courtney Jensen, Mr. Yanxin (Fred) Liu, Dr. William Martin, and, in Vancouver, Dr. Heidi Connole (Management); Mr. Ryan Allison, Mr. Seshu Rao, Mr. Kyle Riggs, Ms. Olga Slyusareva, and Ms. Diana Stuart (Mathematics); Mr. Stephan Friel (Music); Dr. Sarah Mount and Ms. Annika Vyakhk (Physical Education, Health and Recreation); Dr. David Syphers (Physics); Ms. Lisa Cleveland (Psychology); Dr. Michael Pickering, Dr. Olugbemiga Ekundayo, and Dr. Frank Houghton (Public Health); Ms. Stacey Chay (Social Work); Mr. Hugh Kelly (Social Work/Disability Studies); Ms. Elisha Miranda (Theatre and Film); and Dr. Anna Tresidder (Urban and Regional Planning, Public and Health Administration). Please join me in welcoming our new colleagues to Eastern.

Critical Foundations: General Education Review and Reform

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Anthony (Tony) Flinn, Professor of English at EWU, has accepted the position of Planning Director of the Critical Foundations’ initiative for 2014-2015. Dr. Flinn and members of the new Critical Foundations (CF) Council (Natalia Ruiz-Rubio, Modern Languages; Brian Grinder, Management; Jonathan Anderson, Psychology; Elizabeth Kissling, Communication Studies; Krisztian Magori, Biology; Jackie Coomes, Mathematics; Ileene Miller, EWU Libraries; Ann LeBar, History; Stu Steiner, Computer Science; Chris Valeo, English; Meghdad Hajimorad, Engineering and Design; Patty Chantrill, Communication Studies; and Jeff Sundquist, EWU Libraries) will work to fully develop the curriculum that supports Critical Foundations. CF has been centered around six key student-learning outcomes: to think critically, to communicate effectively, to analyze quantitatively, to engage creatively, to be well/do good, and to recognize difference. On May 12, 2014, the Academic Senate approved the goals and structure of Critical Foundations, and the initiative received Board of Trustees’ approval on May 15, 2014.

Strategic Planning Conference Set for October 2-3

Dr. John Gardner and Dr. Betsy Barefoot, from the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, will be the featured scholars for the upcoming Strategic Planning Conference. Drs. Gardner and Barefoot have a long history of scholarly work on student success with a keen focus on the first-year experience (FYE). The Critical Foundations’ plan includes an FYE component, and EWU will run a pilot in 2014-15. Dr. Lynn Briggs (English), Dr. Tom Hawley (Government), and Dr. Robin O’Quinn (Biology) will teach a year-long sequence that features the work of award-winning author Barbara Kingsolver and her book Flight Behavior. The conference promises to energize the faculty about making connections to first-year students.

Grants

EWU’s grant project directors have been busy during the summer hiatus: in July alone, the Office of Grants and Contracts received notices of funding totaling $1,141,474.56, and July grant proposals submitted totaled $921,246.34. The following details of recent grant awards illustrate EWU faculty’s level of scholarship in their disciplines, commitment to advancing knowledge, and service to students.
CAMP: The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is designed to support students from migrant and seasonal farmworker backgrounds during their first year in college. Each year, 45 eligible migrant students will be selected to participate in CAMP at EWU, where they will receive the critical guidance and academic support necessary to develop and follow their dreams of earning a college degree. Since 2002, Eastern has served about 300 students through the migrant program. The Office of Migrant Education, US Department of Education, funds the five-year program at a cost of $425,000 per year.

Since 2002, EWU has been awarded a CAMP grant three times. Securing the CAMP grant speaks volumes for the confidence level the Department of Education has in EWU to best serve migrant students in this region. Eastern continues to be a leader in diversifying the student population by offering the support systems and financial resources students need to succeed.

Biochemistry and Modeling of Human ITPase Substrate Specificity Mutants: The funding agency for this grant is the National Institutes of Health for an estimated $250,000. Drs. Nicholas Burgis and Yao Houndonougbo, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science, Health and Engineering, will direct the project:

This research addresses genome maintenance at the nucleotide precursor level by understanding at a detailed molecular level, a protein that is an essential protector of homeostasis in the cell and most likely reduces the occurrence of genome instability, cancer, and aging in humans. This protein is also involved in drug metabolism and, for some patients, variation in this protein can result in poor outcomes. The project has strong potential to contribute to the basic science of the discipline and may serve as a launching point for new strategies to relieve thiopurine toxicity and reverse side effects of ribavirin treatment.

Soldier Mental Fitness Psychological Construct Development: The funding agency for this grant is the United States Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity for $423,727. Dr. Michael (Tony) Pickering, Master of Public Health Program, College of Health Science and Public Health, will direct the project:

The primary purpose of this project is to develop and validate a portfolio of self-report instruments for assessing various psychological attributes (e.g., skills, attitudes, beliefs) of military personnel, both within and across military contexts. During the past several years the US military has placed increased attention and emphasis on understanding and improving psychological skills, psychological readiness, and psychological wellbeing of soldiers and military families. This project will apply contemporary psychometric techniques, based primarily on classical test theory, to develop instruments that have strong measurement characteristics when used to assess attributes of military personnel.

Safety Voice for Ergonomics (SAVE): The funding agency for this grant is the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for an estimated $200,000 annually for five years. Dr. Daniel Anton, Department of Physical Therapy, College of Health Sciences and Public Health, will direct the project:

Work-related musculoskeletal disorders continue to plague the construction industry and brick masons are among the most affected. Construction workers, especially young apprentices, often lack training on appropriate strategies to respond to work environments and practices that are unsafe. The objective of this project is to develop, implement, test and disseminate SAVE by integrating the program into current masonry apprenticeship training. The intended outcomes are improved knowledge and attitude about ergonomics and communication skills about ergonomics leading to ergonomic solutions that reduce work-related musculoskeletal disorders and enhance worker safety.

Washington Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA Grant: This $62,000 VISTA grant provides a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer to the Office of Community Engagement to assist in the development of sustainable campus-community partnerships that improve educational access, persistence and completion and increase access to secure and nutritional food. EWU’s VISTA volunteer supports a team of fifteen Eagle Volunteer Leaders to organize programs that engage EWU students in such projects as youth mentoring and
hunger relief/food access. In 2013-14, this project involved 1,578 students in service projects throughout the Cheney/West Plains community.

**Washington Campus Compact College Access Corps AmeriCorps Grant:** At $51,000, the College Access Corps AmeriCorps will engage 100+ EWU students in mentoring economically disadvantaged K-12 youth in the Cheney School District. The program is a partnership with Cheney Public Schools and Communities in Schools of Spokane County. Last year, EWU students provided 2,450 hours of mentoring to local at-risk youth.

**Student Success**

**Preparations for NCUR Kick into High Gear**

This spring, April 16-18, 2015, Eastern will host the 29th Annual NCUR. More than 3,500 students and faculty from universities and colleges around the nation will come to EWU to participate in the largest undergraduate research conference in the nation. Hosting a conference of this size requires a lot of help. Numerous opportunities abound to take part in making this the best NCUR to date, and here are just a few of the ways you can get involved:

- Encourage undergraduate students to submit research.
- Incorporate NCUR into spring term syllabi, repurposing instruction so that students who are not presenting can attend presentations.
- Volunteer to review student abstracts and serve as a moderator for oral presentations.
- Assist in poster and graduate fair setup/tear down.
- Usher and greet at plenary sessions.
- Help staff and support the information center(s).

NCUR will impact almost every facility on campus. Students will make their oral presentations in Patterson, Hargreaves, and Senior Hall classrooms, as well as the Science and Computer Science and Engineering Buildings. The University Recreation Center will house the poster sessions along with a career and graduate program fair. The Fine Arts complex will host student visual and performing arts presentations, and Reese Court will support each day’s plenary speaker. Other facilities needed to support NCUR are the PHASE, the Field House, Showalter Hall, Monroe Hall, and the PUB. For more information about NCUR please contact Chris Robbins (crobbins3@ewu.edu) at 4548, or Lindsey Porter (lporter@ewu.edu) 6826. You can also go to [www.cur.org/ncur_2015/](http://www.cur.org/ncur_2015/) for more details.

**Upcoming NCUR Dates and Deadlines**

- September 29, 2014: Online abstract submission began.
- November 1, 2014: Review of abstracts begins.
- December 2, 2014: Abstracts are due.
- January 6, 2015: Online registration opens.
- January 13, 2015: Abstract reviews are complete.
- January 14, 2015: Abstract decision notifications are sent out.
- February 19, 2015: Early conference registrations are due.
- March 13, 2015: Conference registrations are due; online registration is closed.
- **April 16-18, 2015:** The 29th Annual NCUR, hosted by EWU
Spotlight on GUAA

The General Undergraduate Academic Advising Office (GUAA) is pleased to announce that, after extended vacancies, the positions of director and assistant director have been filled. Heather Page joined the university in June as the director of Academic Advising, and in September, Roy Caligan filled the position of assistant director.

General Undergraduate Academic Advising primarily serves first-year students and all students through 90 credit hours who have yet to decide on a major. Over this past summer, GUAA welcomed over 1,400 new students at their firstSTEP orientation sessions and helped them register for classes. The GUAA advisors will continue serving those students throughout the academic year by encouraging holistic student development, promoting academic achievement, and encouraging persistence and resilience through intrusive one-to-one advising partnerships.

GUAA advisors also help the rest of the undergraduate population by offering simple and quick academic advice at JFK Library’s Learning Commons. If students have questions about the core curriculum, need help deciphering their SOAR reports, or are looking for advice about academic planning, a GUAA advisor is available in the Learning Commons on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 AM-1 PM.

Office of Community Engagement: RED

Dr. Laurie Morley and Community Engagement Director Molly Ayers presented "(RED) Retaining, Engaging, Developing: EWU Student-Athletes’ Program” at the International Conference on Learning in New York in July. This presentation highlighted the new EWU RED program designed specifically for Eastern student-athletes.

The RED Program engages athletes in a series of courses and a first-year mentoring program focused on developing students’ social, leadership and civic skills for success in college and beyond. Participating athletes will gain valuable skills through a three-course series that introduces college success strategies and creates meaningful connections across campus and in the community through service-learning projects.

EWU’s Year Seven Site Visit Dates Selected

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) will conduct its Year Seven evaluation and site visit at EWU from May 4-6, 2015. NWCCU is an independent, non-profit membership organization recognized by the United States Department of Education as the regional authority on educational quality and institutional effectiveness of higher education institutions in the seven-state Northwest region of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. NWCCU fulfills its mission by establishing accreditation criteria and evaluation procedures by which institutions are reviewed.

Accreditation affords institutions and enrolled students access to federal funding for teaching, research, and financial aid. Institutions do not receive permanent accreditation; rather, accreditation is an ongoing status reaffirmed periodically, with comprehensive institutional self-studies and evaluation committee site visits required an average of every seven years.
Divisional Highlights from the Colleges, JFK Libraries, the Office of Global Initiatives, and the EWU Extended Campus

EWU faculty, staff, and students can be proud of the strong academic tradition and rich variety of experiences offered by our colleges, JFK Libraries, the Office of Global Initiatives, and EWU’s Extended Campus. Selected highlights follow.

College of Arts, Letters and Education — CALE

Creative Writing Faculty Win Fellowships
(from “Eastern 24/7” May 27, 2014)

Two Eastern Washington University faculty have been awarded fellowships from Artist Trust. Christopher Howell, professor of English and creative writing, and Polly Buckingham, founding editor of StringTown Press and creative writing instructor at EWU, have been awarded Art Trust fellowships and $7,500. Art Trust is dedicated to supporting Washington State artists working in all creative disciplines. According to the Artist Trust website, fellowships honor professional artists of “exceptional talent and demonstrated ability.”

Christopher Howell’s latest collection of poems, Gaze, from Milkweed Editions, was released in 2012. Dreamless and Possible was published by the University of Washington Press in 2010. His poems, essays and translations have also appeared in numerous anthologies and journals, including Antioch Review, Colorado Review, Crazy Horse, Denver Quarterly, Field, Gettysburg Review, Harper’s Iowa Review, Northwest Review, Poetry Northwest, and Southern Review. Christopher has received numerous awards, including two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, two Washington State Book Awards and three Pushcart Prizes.


College of Business and Public Administration — CBPA

Notes from Around the College

The Public Health and Health Services Administration programs have migrated from CBPA to the new College of Health Science and Public Health (CHSPH).

“Drive for Excellence,” the college’s annual golf tournament fund-raising event was held in June 2014 and yielded monies for CBPA scholarships.

The Puget Sound Business Advisory Board partnered with EWU Admissions and Alumni Affairs to gather 200 students and parents for the Second Annual Freshmen Send-off to Cheney and Bellevue. The board offered many generous prizes, including an X-Box 100 and bookstore coupons for $20 to $250.
Tonya Dubonnet, Tawnia Penick, and Lorene Winters are new CBPA staff members. They replace Rose Morgan, Susan Lopez, and Cy Parker, who retired in spring and summer 2014.

With Providence Health Care, Group Health, and Empire Health Foundation, CBPA and CHSPH are co-sponsoring an upcoming event, “Creating Healthier Communities Together,” featuring Dan Buettner, author of The Blue Zones: 9 Lessons for Living Longer. In 2004, Dan Buettner and National Geographic hired the world’s best longevity researchers to identify “blue zones,” whose centenarian residents shared nine specific characteristics. Buettner's secrets of longevity from those who have lived to 100 will be presented on October 28 from 6-8 PM at the Spokane Convention Center. Faculty are encouraged to bring their students; the event is free and open to the public.

Peter Fonfara of the Seattle Seahawks will be the presenter on November 12, from noon to 1:30 PM, at the Spokane Club. His presentation is part of E. Clair Daniels Lecture Series and the EWU Accounting Advisory Board Leadership Speaker’s Series.

The Urban and Regional Planning program has received notice of its reaccreditation, which it passed with flying colors. An upcoming event is the program’s annual chili cook-off, which will take place on November 7, beginning at 6 PM at EWU-Spokane, Riverpoint in the South Campus Facility.

**College of Health Science and Public Health — CHSPH**

**Keogh Hoss Selected as Interim Dean**

EWU Professor Dr. Mary Ann Keogh Hoss has accepted the position of interim dean of Eastern’s College of Health Science and Public Health (CHSPH). In addition to having served as interim director of one of the state’s largest psychiatric hospitals, Dr. Keogh Hoss directs EWU’s newly created Master of Public Health program. She also has led accreditation efforts in EWU’s Health Services Administration program.

Throughout her academic career, Dr. Keogh Hoss has made ongoing contributions to health care in her scholarship and conference presentations. She has led efforts to establish community advisory boards and has developed strong partnerships with Eastern Washington health-care communities such as Providence Health Care, with whom she has worked to bring high-profile speakers to Spokane.

The new college, formally established in summer 2014, heightens EWU’s presence on the Riverpoint Campus, an increasing regional nexus for the health sciences and public health. EWU’s programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, communication disorders, dental hygiene, public health and health services administration, and the regional initiatives in dental education (RIDE) are located at Riverpoint.

Through the creation of the new college, Eastern remains committed to its longstanding partnership with Washington State University and the development of a health science mission at the Riverpoint campus. In addition, the new college will become the center point for Eastern’s development of expanded partnerships with the University of Washington, School of Dentistry, the health-related programs of the Community Colleges of Spokane, and the development of public school partnerships with magnet schools related to health professions.

The college and its faculty will provide a foundation for expanded research efforts in a number of key areas such as community health, health science, and mental health. Through collaboration with local hospitals and health clinics
across Eastern Washington, the college will provide internships and opportunities for applied research projects with undergraduate and graduate students. Formation of the College of Health Science and Public Health will enable Eastern Washington University to remain at the forefront in the preparation of health professionals in Eastern Washington.

**College of Science, Health and Engineering — CSHE**

**NeRDS Advance Interest in Neuroscience**

The NeRDS (Neuroscience Research-Driven Students) are a recently formed undergraduate student organization for EWU students interested in learning more about, and becoming involved in, the field of neuroscience.

Current goals of the EWU NeRDS, who are only the second club of its kind in Washington State, are to organize quarterly neuroscience seminars, get EWU students involved in national Brain Awareness Week (a worldwide celebration of the brain), and promote EWU student participation at national and international neuroscience meetings such as the Society for Neuroscience, the primary yearly meeting in the field. In support of Brain Awareness Week, the NeRDS plan to visit local elementary schools, as they did last spring, to promote and inform children about neuroscience and the brain.

CSHE’s Dr. David Daberkow (Biology Department) is the faculty advisor for the NeRDS. The focus of his research lab is on the brain-signaling molecule dopamine and utilizing the technique of voltammetry to monitor dopamine activity in the brain. Future directions of his lab are to investigate dopamine function in the brain, how drugs impact these processes, and how dopamine dysfunction is involved in pathological conditions such as Parkinson’s disease. With the evolution of the NeRDS and the addition of more neuroscience-related faculty at EWU (e.g., Dr. Andrew Oster in the Math Department), the hope is that the NeRDS will be a catalyst to promote interdepartmental collaborations at EWU, as well as to strengthen research ties within the region.

The NeRDS, pictured below at Neighbor Festival 2014, are Dr. David Daberkow (faculty advisor), Taylor Caires (president), Stephanie Davis (past/founding vice president), Peter Rinne (past/founding secretary), Travis Dalton (secretary), Kori Eagle (vice president), and Peter Martsin (treasurer). For additional information, the NeRDS can be e-mailed: nerds@ewu.edu
Students Present Panel to International Science Execs (by Steven Simmons)

On July 17, 2014, five Eastern Washington University students — majoring in mathematics, engineering and computer science — were featured as panelists at the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE) annual meeting, a 1,700-person weeklong international conference held at the Spokane Convention Center.

The panel presentation, chaired by Scott Grayson of IEEE-USA, and coordinated by Steve Simmons, PhD, EWU Community Liaison and IEEE Spokane CS/EE Chapter Chair, was an hour-long discussion about current college students’ views of professional societies today and the relevance and future of those societies.

To allow the audience of science society executives and professionals to hear the students’ views directly and unfiltered, EWU students Zachary Burrows, Andrew Canfield, Jourdan Huntley, Jason Helms and Sarah Henderson were the principal speakers for the session. The student panelists candidly discussed many topics, from effective and ineffective professional society communications to career development aids and continuing professional education opportunities.

The success of the panel was reported after the conference by Grayson, who said, “I could not have asked for a better panel. I had many people come over to me and tell me this was one of the most valuable sessions during the entire conference— and not because of me but because of all of [the students].”

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work — CSBSSW

Facio Selected as Director of Chicano Education
(from “CSBSSW News” August 2014)

Elisa Facio, PhD, joined CSBSSW as the director of the Chicano Education Program and professor of Chicano studies, effective Aug. 11, 2014. Facio will also direct the $2.125 million College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) grant during the next five years, and she will serve as the executive director of the race and culture studies major.

Dr. Facio was most recently a tenured professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, in ethnic studies. She holds a BS from Santa Clara University in sociology, and an MA and PhD in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. Her areas of interest include Cuban studies, Chicana feminist theory, Chicana-Indigena spiritualities, and aging and health care policy.

Dr. Facio is a seasoned professional who is intimately connected to Chicano/a and Latino/a students, culture and community. Her academic and leadership experience will advance diversity and inclusivity by maintaining and expanding Chicano education course offerings, collaborating with other racial diversity programs to
provide the race and culture studies major, and providing positive outreach to the Chicano/a and Latino/a communities in the region.

Dr. Facio has served as the faculty associate for the Ethnic Living and Learning Community, as an advisory board member for the Women’s Resource Center, and as a member of the chancellor’s Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs. Additionally, she has served as the director for the Center for the Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America and as a member of the executive committee for the Department of Ethnic Studies at University Colorado, Boulder.

**Newest BOT Member a History Alum**

CSBSSW faculty and staff are so proud to welcome an alum of the college to the EWU Board of Trustees. Gov. Jay Inslee appointed Michael Finley to the BOT starting July 1, 2014. Finley completed a bachelor’s degree in history and American Indian studies in 2004 and an MA in history in 2006. He is co-author with Richard D. Scheuerman of the highly regarded book *Finding Chief Kamiakin: The Life and Legacy of a Northwest Patriot*. Finley has served as archaeologist and chair of the Business Council for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and he is first vice president of the National Congress of American Indians.

**John F. Kennedy Memorial Library — JFK**
(from “LibConnect”, EWU Libraries’ Fall 2014 Newsletter)

**First Randy Van Turner Library Scholarship Recipient Chosen**

Jamaal Jones, an EWU sophomore enrolled in the nursing program, is the inaugural recipient of the libraries’ Randy Van Turner Scholarship. Winners of the $1,000 scholarship must possess a 3.0 GPA, and preference is given to military veterans and descendants of EWU Pi Kappa Alpha members. One scholarship is awarded annually.

In February 2014, a group of Eastern alumni from the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity joined forces to give back to the university. Part of their philanthropic endeavor was to establish a scholarship in honor of a founding member of the “Pike” fraternity, Randy Van Turner. Van Turner was part of the ROTC while at EWU and graduated in 1968 with a degree in radio and TV. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1968 and was killed in action Sept. 25, 1969, in Vietnam. The Silver Star was posthumously awarded to First Lieutenant Randy Van Turner for his gallantry in action while serving with the U.S. III Corps in Southeast Asia.

Jamaal Jones became interested in the nursing field while serving in the military as a medical technician. He served eight years in the Army, completed three tours of duty in Iraq, and is currently in the military reserves. Like many Eastern students, Jones is a first-generation student. He lives in Spokane with his wife and four-year-old son.

“Receiving this scholarship helps me continue my education,” Jones said. “In that way, I can provide a good example for my son, which to me will be one of my greatest achievements.”

“The EWU Libraries wish Jamaal success in his academic endeavors,” said Suzanne Milton, Dean of Libraries. “It is a privilege to partner with the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity alumni in our joint commitment to student success. I want to thank the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for its generosity.”
EWU Digital Commons Goes Live

The EWU Digital Commons, an institutional repository for the university, is now live. This online platform and suite of services enable the university to preserve and showcase the high-quality intellectual output of EWU. The EWU Digital Commons is an opportunity to promote scholarly and creative endeavors of the EWU faculty and students to the entire campus and community at large. There are already more than two hundred EWU master’s theses and forty published works by EWU faculty now in the EWU Digital Commons. Other collections under development include digital scans of EWU’s historical yearbooks and student work from the EWU Student Research and Creative Works Symposium.

For more information on the EWU Digital Commons, please contact Justin Otto, jotto@ewu.edu

Kick up your heels on October 25, 2014, from 5:00-10:30 PM in the JFK Library!

Plans are in the making for Eastern Stampede, EWU Libraries’ annual Oktoberfest fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the EWU Libraries' Collection Endowment Fund to purchase books, journals, and electronic resources for students, faculty, staff, and the EWU community at large. Hallmark Oktoberfest events include:

- Dinner
- Beer and wine tasting
- Live western music
- Live and silent auctions

Entertainment by EWU’s Star Search winners: EWU students are eligible to enter and win a $500 cash prize in this talent contest sponsored by WestCoast Entertainment and TicketsWest. In early October, after a panel of judges names the top three finalists, the winner will be selected by the EWU community. More information can be found on the Star Search webpage: http://www.ewu.edu/oktoberfest/ewu-star-search-

Office of Global Initiatives — OGI
(from the EWU Global Website)

Football 101
August 23 was the first football game of the season for EWU, and excitement has been growing among international students to cheer the Eagles on to victory!

This past summer, more than 60 international students attended Football 101 at Eastern. Hosted by EWU Global and the Eagles’ Football Team, this clinic introduced international students to the basics of American college football. Coaches Zak Hill, Nicholas Edwards, Brian Strandley, and Cherokee Valeria walked the group through the rules and set up of a typical game. Then it was on to the locker room to get a behind-the-scenes peak at where the team gets ready and learn
about the equipment players wear during a game. Students next joined Eagles’ players, including Vernon Adams, Cooper Kupp, and Shaq Hill to storm the field for an hour of rotating through fundamental skills and drills.

**Fall 2014 Universidad Autónoma De Tamaulipas Seminar**

EWU will host 34 visitors from the Universidad Autónoma De Tamaulipas at a seminar for administrators from October 5–9, 2014. The seminar will include higher education presentations focused on innovation, internationalization, and entrepreneurship. Keynote seminar speakers include Spokane Mayor David Condon, EWU Provost Rex Fuller, and EWU Deans Judd Case, Martine Duchatelet, Mary Ann Keogh Hoss, Suzanne Milton, Vickie Shields, and Roy Sonnema.

**The Extended Campus — EC**

The Extended Campus continues to empower students to define their own success by providing access to an exceptional educational experience through innovative pathways to degrees. Through the Extended Campus, students can attend EWU in a rural high school classroom, from a satellite campus, in a professional seminar taught by industry leaders, or online.

Over the summer, the Extended Campus launched six new websites, reducing the total number of pages from three thousand to less than twenty for easy navigation. EC staff created an automated test proctoring form that is convenient for students, saves administrative resources, and is scalable. The division has also hired Dr. Callie Spencer Schultz to develop and lead faculty teaching and orientation programs that focus on using distance and new technology in EWU distance and hybrid instruction. She will forge partnerships with faculty in order to establish and maintain a culture of innovation, collaboration, and creativity surrounding distance learning at EWU.

Enrollment (headcount) at Eastern Online has increased by 27%, with total credit hours up by 30%, as compared to fall 2013. Not only are more students taking online courses, but online courses are also a larger part of a student’s average load. Internally, Eastern Online has implemented a new course planning and development process with tracking software that can be shared with the faculty for transparency, collaboration, and quality.

Running Start has also grown, offering college course credits to 424 on-campus students and more than 4,000 students in 52 high schools and communities across the state. “We’ve added seven new high schools over the summer and just added chemistry classes,” said new RS director Dr. Melinda Ackerman. “I look forward to increasing access and opportunity for our students, in particular, students in rural communities.” In addition to new leadership, the Running Start office is implementing the accreditation standards of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (NACEP).

After a number of promising summer courses, Continuing Education continues to train professionals in education and project management. “Through professional certifications, workshops, custom training, and clock hours for teachers, we work to make professionals more valuable to their employers,” said director Barbara Papke.

Off Campus continues to offer students educational opportunities from Everett, North Seattle, Bellevue, South Seattle, Lower Columbia, and Clark College. Two new staff members have joined the EWU team at Bellevue. “It’s awesome,” said new student advisor Anna LeCount. “I love Eastern. I make sure students have a smooth transition and educational experience.” New office assistant Crista Simental, when asked about how to improve the student experience, said, “Communication is key. I plan on spending time getting to know our students.”