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EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

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## A Message from the President

I am pleased to present this annual report to the stakeholders of East Central College. As you will see, 2014 was a year full of significant accomplishments. We adopted a strategic plan to guide the institution until 2020, our academic programs were recognized for outstanding quality, we enhanced our facilities for the benefit of our students, and we remained deeply engaged with the development of the region.

None of this was accomplished alone. Our faculty, staff, and supporters worked diligently to make these things possible. East Central College and the ECC Foundation continued to work closely on behalf of the students served by the college. The institution collaborated with numerous community partners for the betterment of the region. Working together, we accomplished a great deal.

More than five decades ago, leaders in this region brought to fruition the vision of a community college to serve east central Missouri. Since voters approved the district in 1968, countless students have walked through our doors and prepared themselves for further academic study or for entry into the workforce. Many of these alumni continue to work and live right in our community, and many have seen their children and grandchildren also attend East Central College.

We hold this institution in trust on behalf of those whom we serve: students, constituents, employers, and employees. I believe this annual report demonstrates our good stewardship of this invaluable resource...our college...East Central College.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Bauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jon Bauer, Ph.D.  
East Central College President

East Central College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA/HLC) and is a participant in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP).

# January

## Governor Proclaims Franklin County a Certified Work Ready Community

Staff with ECC's Center for Workforce Development led the initiative for Franklin County to be designated a Certified Work Ready Community and were on hand when Governor Jay Nixon visited CG Power Systems in Washington to make the formal announcement.

Franklin County was one of the first five counties in the nation to receive the CWRC designation. The governor noted that by achieving Work Ready Community status, Franklin County was demonstrating that its partners in education and economic development were working together to prepare workers to compete and succeed in today's global economy.



*A leadership team comprised of leaders in business, government and education worked with more than 70 local employers, educational institutions, and workforce development organizations to support Franklin County's efforts to achieve Certified Work Ready Community status.*

# February

## HIM Program Receives Accreditation

The Health Information Management program at East Central College earned full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics & Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

CAHIIM is an independent accrediting organization with the mission to serve the public interest by establishing and enforcing quality. Accreditation means that graduates from ECC's program can sit for the certification exams required for careers in medical coding and HIM.

ECC's HIM program began in 2010 with funding from the state's Training for Tomorrow grant. In May of 2013 the first students received Associate of Applied Science degrees in HIM.

## Emeritus Status Granted to Seven Former Faculty Members

Seven long-time members of the East Central College faculty were the first to earn emeritus status from the institution following approval by college trustees. For 2014, emeritus status was granted to Lee Adams, John Anglin, Dean Bittick, Ray Cousins, Michael Kamler, James Shollenberger and Patrick Woolley.

The emeritus policy was established in 2013. Upon retirement, following 15 consecutive year of full time service to the college, a faculty member may apply for emeritus status.

## 100% Pass Rate for OTA Graduates

All December 2013 graduates of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program passed the national certification exam on their first attempt.

The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam is

required for all new OTA graduates. It is administered to assure only those with adequate knowledge are able to practice as occupational therapy assistants in the United States.

ECC is one of five colleges in the Missouri Health Professions Consortium (MHPC) that offers the Associate of Applied Science OTA degree program coordinated through the University of Missouri, School of Health Professions. East Central offers and enrolls students in the general education coursework. Sophomore level (professional level) coursework originates from a classroom located on the UMC campus and is conveyed to ECC students via interactive television and internet based technology. Students in the OTA program also spend a portion of their time in clinical settings in surrounding communities. The consortium program has been in place since 2010.

## All-Missouri Academic Team

Students JoAnn Aholt of Union and Megan Fitts of Pacific were named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Missouri Academic Team.

# March

## Student Receives National Award

Business major Dory Perfecto was named the 2014 recipient of the Martha Maxwell Developmental Education Student Scholarship. The Owensville resident travelled to Texas where she was honored at the annual conference of the National Association for Developmental Education.

The award supports graduates of developmental education programs as they continue their college degree aspirations. Perfecto won the Midwest Developmental Education Student Scholarship in 2013 which qualified her to be nominated for the national award.



## Kolb Recipient of Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Leigh Kolb, instructor of English & journalism and faculty advisor for the student newspaper, received the 2014 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Each year the Missouri Community College Association honors an exemplary teacher from each community college.

Kolb earned a B.A. in English from Westminster College and M.F.A in writing from Lindenwood University. She has taught at ECC since 2007. Prior to becoming a full-time faculty member, Kolb was editor of the *New Haven Leader* and communications specialist for Sporlan Division of Parker Hannifin. She continues to do freelance writing.



*Officials with the Rolla Chamber of Commerce and City of Rolla joined with ECC staff, students and trustees for the ribbon cutting at the new Rolla North facility.*

## Ribbon Cutting Held at Second Rolla Location

East Central College celebrated the grand opening of its newest location in Rolla March 20 with a ribbon-cutting and student led tours of the facility.

The Rolla North facility is located on Bishop Avenue, just north of Interstate 44. "The location is a nice complement to our main operation in the Rolla Technical Center on Forum Drive," stated Dr. Jon Bauer, ECC president. "We are excited about the opportunities this additional location presents and are eager to serve even more students in the region."

The move to North Bishop allowed for more space for ECC's nursing program which was previously housed in leased space in Rolla. The 7,900 square foot facility was remodelled in the fall of 2013 to meet ECC's needs and opened in January with the start of spring semester classes. In addition to classrooms and clinical lab space for the nursing program, the building contains three general purpose classrooms, a computer lab, meeting room, student lounge/study areas and office space for faculty and staff.

ECC began offering classes in Rolla in 1996 as part of its mandate from the Department of Higher Education to service an eight county region in Missouri.

Students enrolled in ECC classes in Rolla can select from transfer degrees in general studies, health science and teacher education. Associate of Applied Science degrees are offered in early childhood education; business/management and technology; and pre-licensure and LPN to RN bridge nursing. The college also partners with Rolla Technical Center and Rolla Technical Institute to offer a variety of career/technical programs.

## Speaker Series Spotlights Resources Available in the Community

Five presentations on issues affecting families were hosted by the psychology and sociology departments at ECC during 2014.

Addiction was the topic in March. Experts on Alzheimer's and domestic violence spoke at events in the spring and fall. Events were free due in part to a grant from the Franklin County Area United Way facilitated by the ECC Foundation.

# April

## Hartley and Stroetker Elected to ECC Board of Trustees

Incumbent Ann Hartley of Union and Dr. Joe Stroetker of Sullivan were elected to six-year terms on the ECC board of trustees.



## Long-Time Instructor Passes Away

ECC hosted a memorial service for long-time faculty member Richard Knudsen who died April 14 following a brief illness.

Knudsen began teaching philosophy and religion classes on a part-time basis at ECC in 1975. In 1986 he became a full-time instructor.

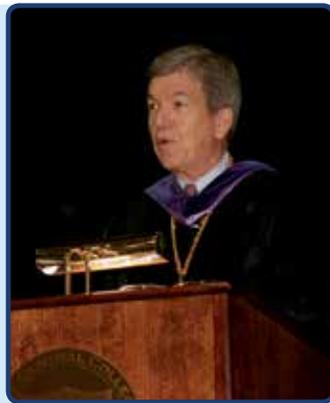
Jean McCann, vice president of instruction, noted that Knudsen brought an amazing spirit to the classroom. "He was dedicated to his subject area and a strong advocate for his students," said McCann.

An endowed scholarship through the ECC Foundation was established in Knudsen's name. A sale of Knudsen's extensive book and art collection was held in the fall. Proceeds from that brought the scholarship fund total to almost \$15,000.

# May

## Partnership with SDOW Gives H.S. Seniors Dual Credit Opportunity

A pathway for high school seniors to participate in dual credit courses in early childhood education was one of the outcomes of an agreement between East Central College and the School District of Washington. College trustees approved a joint partnership with SDOW that gives participating students the opportunity to acquire both college credit and the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential while completing high school. The program is offered at Washington's new Early Learning Center.



U.S. Senator Roy Blunt

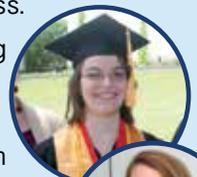


## Commencement Ceremony Honors Graduates and Distinguished Alumna

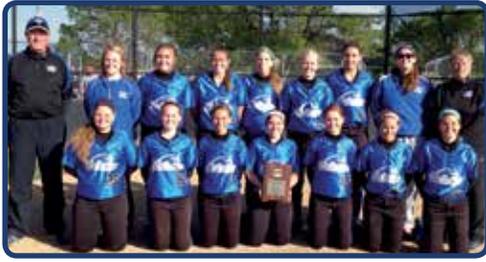
ECC's 44th annual spring commencement included 494 candidates for graduation. United States Senator Roy Blunt gave the commencement address.

Megan Fitts, an art major from Pacific, received the Outstanding Student Award.

Amy Wildhaber of Beaufort was named the Outstanding Alumna. Wildhaber graduated from ECC in 2005 with an AAS degree in nursing. She was also honored by the Missouri Community College Association with the Distinguished Alumni Award in November.



The 2014 commencement marked the unveiling of a ceremonial mace crafted by members of the ECC Grounds and Maintenance Department. The mace was made from white oak found on the college campus and includes engraved bronze plates that bear the college seal. Dr. Ray Cousins (left) and Mike Kamler (right), ECC emeritus faculty members, carried the mace for the commencement processional and recessional.



**Softball Falcons Return to National Tournament**

The women's softball team captured their third straight Region 16 Div. II title by defeating Mineral Area 7-2. Two district wins over Murray State College advanced the Falcons to the NJCAA National Tournament where ECC came up short in a tight first round game against #2 Jones County, MS. They finished tied for 13th.

**Property Donated for Construction of Roundabout at Campus Entrance**

College trustees granted a request from the City of Union for a temporary construction easement and the donation of one-half acre of land to the city needed for construction of a roundabout at the main entrance to the ECC campus at Prairie Dell Road.

The project will include improvements to the roadway, installation of sidewalks on Prairie Dell Road and reconfiguration of the college entrance with the construction of the roundabout. Work is expected to begin in spring of 2015, with construction of the roundabout to take place during the summer months when traffic is lighter.



**Falcons Claim Highest Student Athlete GPA in the Conference**

For the fifth consecutive year ECC student athletes achieved the highest GPA in the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference, once again claiming the Harold Oetting Award.

More than half of ECC student athletes were named Academic All-Conference and 18 were also named to the Academic All-Region team. Both the women's softball and volleyball teams were honored by the National Junior College Athletic Association for their team GPAs over the 3.00 mark.

Three student athletes received academic student athlete awards from the NJCAA for their exceptional classroom performances. Andrew Hamerlinck (men's soccer) and Kaytlyn Wells (women's softball) received the Superior Academic Achievement Award and Hannah Leslie (women's volleyball) received Exemplary Academic Achievement honors.

Hamerlinck, a sophomore goalkeeper for the Falcons, was named ECC's Scholar Athlete for 2013-14.

**June**



**High School Dual Credit Students Eligible for Summer Scholarships**

The college launched a new program, Summer Scholars, which provided institutional scholarships to eligible high school juniors and seniors. Students who had taken dual credit, dual technical credit or dual enrollment courses with ECC or any other accredited Missouri college or university could attend select summer classes at ECC for just \$60 per credit hour.

**Partnership Extended with Central Methodist University**

The college extended its 20+ year partnership with CMU to provide bachelor's and master's degree programs at the ECC campus in Union. CMU has operated at East Central since 1992.

**July**



**ECC Selects New VP for Student Development**

Shelli Allen became vice president of student development. Allen held a number of positions with the Metropolitan Community College system in Kansas City, Missouri over the past 18 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Truman State University and master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Iowa. She replaced Ina "Cookie" Hays who retired after 41 years with the college.



**Attendance Increases at ECC Performances**

More than 7,600 people attended music and theatre events during the 2013-14 academic year.

# August



**Former ECC President Passes Away**

ECC mourned the loss of Dr. Dale Gibson, president of East Central College in the 1990s, who died August 9 following a brief illness. He was 81.

“Dr. Gibson’s paramount concern was always what was best for our students. He approached every decision with that question in mind, and I can think of no more rewarding legacy than that,” stated ECC President Jon Bauer.

Gibson began his tenure as the third president of East Central College on February 12, 1990, when the college’s enrollment totalled 2,915 students. He served in that capacity until his retirement in June of 1999.

A community college graduate, Gibson was an educator for more than 40 years. He began his career as a high school teacher and coach and went on to serve as president at colleges in Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas.

## New Policy Helps Students Earn Their Degree

Missouri moved forward with a statewide policy to help more Missourians earn a degree.

Reverse transfer is the process of allowing college students or former college students who have completed credits for an associate degree to receive that degree even if they have transferred to a different college or university, or stopped out of higher education altogether.

Students who completed at least 15 transferable credits at a two-year college and transferred to a four-year college or university in Missouri can transfer credit back to the two-year college to earn an associate degree.

## Two Instructors Earn Professional Accreditation

ECC faculty members Mike Palazzola and Elizabeth Long achieved professional credentials. Palazzola, a graduate of ECC’s culinary arts program and full-time instructor since 2013, earned the American Culinary Federation’s respected level of Certified Executive Chef (CEC). He worked as sous chef under Certified Master Chef Aidan Murphy for eight year before joining the ECC faculty.

Nursing instructor Elizabeth Long became an advanced practice registered nurse after completing the national certification examination through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for the Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification.

## Former Soccer Player Inducted into Two Halls of Fame

Nickardo Blake, a two time National Junior College Athletic Association All-American, was inducted into the NJCAA Region 16 Hall of Fame and the NJCAA Men’s Soccer Hall of Fame.

As the starting center defender for the Falcons in 2008 and 2009, Blake garnered All-Conference, All-Region and team MVP honors. After graduating from ECC he transferred to the University of Connecticut. Blake was a starter for the Huskies’ soccer team that was at or near the top of the NCAA rankings throughout most of his playing time. UConn claimed the Big East championship in 2011.

Following graduation Blake was drafted into the MLS by the Toronto FC. His first professional season was spent with the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers of the NASL.



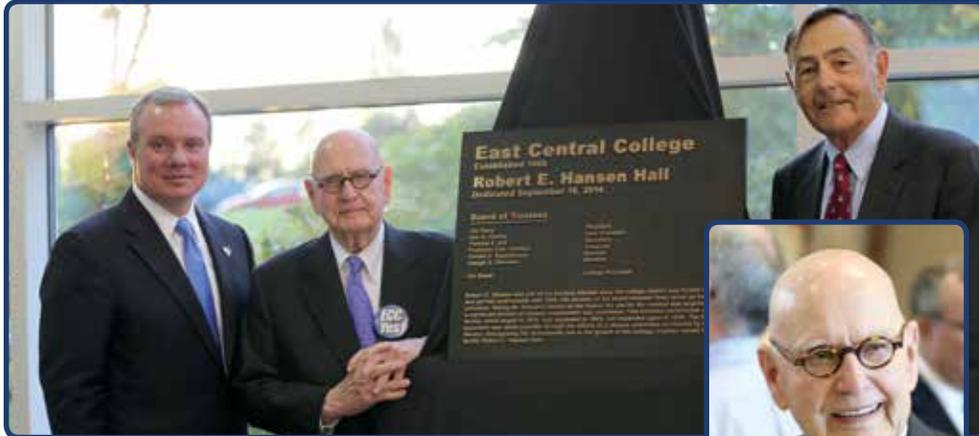
## ECC Graduate Named SCI Scholar

Levi Gildehaus, a 2013 Associate of Science graduate from ECC, was named a 2014 Society of Chemical Industry (SCI) Scholar. After completing his studies at East Central, Gildehaus transferred to Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla to major in chemical engineering.

He was selected by the SCI America International Group to participate in the internship program after a rigorous application process. Approximately 300 students from around the nation applied for 35 internships. He spent the summer as an intern with DuPont in Delaware where he was part of the agriculture protection formulations group that worked on methods to improve the quantity, quality and sustainability of the world’s food supply. In the spring and fall semesters Gildehaus interned at Brewer Science Inc. in Rolla.

Gildehaus was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society at ECC and graduated with highest honors.

# September



ECC President Jon Bauer (left) and board of trustee president Jim Perry (right), spoke at the ceremony honoring Bob Hansen (center).

## Building Renamed for Robert Hansen

East Central College honored Robert E. Hansen, a charter member of the board of trustees and a man instrumental in the growth of the college, by naming the auditorium and classroom buildings on the Union campus in his honor. A ceremony attended by almost 200 people was held at ECC September 18.

The Union businessman served on ECC's board for 28 years, the longest tenure of any board member in the 46 year history of the college.

"Bob Hansen is an extraordinary individual who served the college and community with great distinction," said ECC President Jon Bauer. "The vision that he, other trustees and college administrators had in the early days of the college has transformed thousands of lives. Having a building named in his honor provides permanent recognition of his immeasurable contributions to the college,"

"It is appropriate that we rename these buildings after Bob Hansen since he was with the college from its creation and dedicated so many years to helping the institution grow,"

noted Jim Perry, president of the ECC board of trustees. The Vocational-Technical Building was constructed in 1978. Seven years later the Classroom-Lab Building was added to the northeast side of that structure. In 1996, his final year as trustee, Hansen and Letha Hickinbotham co-chaired the citizens committee that promoted passage of a \$7.8 million bond issue for construction of the Auditorium-Classroom facility that was completed prior to the start of the 1998 fall semester. That project included the addition of the performing arts center, music department and general classrooms to the west end of the Vo-Tech Building.



Dr. Don Shook, ECC's founding president, was the featured speaker at the Hansen Hall dedication ceremony.

A video of the ceremony can be viewed at [www.eastcentral.edu/hansen](http://www.eastcentral.edu/hansen)

# October

## Strategic Plan to Guide College for Next Six Years

The strategic plan that will guide the College through 2020 was approved by college trustees. The goals, objectives and strategies provide a framework for decisions regarding budgeting, staffing, policies, procedures, programs and services. The plan is structured around the six categories in the Academic Quality Improvement Plan (AQIP).

President Jon Bauer stated that there were a variety of goals included in the plan. "There are some matters that the college will always be dealing with, but others are new initiatives," he said. Development of an online degree, a new master plan for facilities and a comprehensive marketing plan are some of the items included in the strategic plan.



## Students Participate in Culinary Competition

ECC culinary majors Andy Broeder, Bradley Echelberry and Paige Schmelzle competed in the 2014 St Louis Chefs de Cuisine Student Culinary Showcase held at the Culinary Institute of St. Louis. Broeder and Schmelzle received American Culinary Federation bronze medals and Echelberry received an ACF diploma. Chef/instructor Mike Palazzola coached the trio. In the spring students were involved in the regional ACF conference in St. Louis.

## College Awarded Third Department of Labor Grant

ECC will receive \$515,717 in federal grant money for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) training. The college was one of 13 two-year institutions in Missouri awarded a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

In applying for the grant funds, the consortium of Missouri colleges chose to focus on jobs related to STEM fields because of their importance to the state's strategic plan for economic growth and positive long-term employment prospects.

MoSTEMWINS builds on Missouri's two previous TAACCCT grant projects, MoHealthWINS and MoManufacturingWINS, awarded in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

The grant will fund additional training and certification opportunities in computer information systems at East Central.

## ECC Rolls Out Online Scholarship Application

Applying for ECC scholarships became easier for prospective and current students with the addition of an online scholarship application. The new system allows anyone to view the list of more than 90 college and Foundation supported scholarships available to ECC students.

# November

## Development of Campus Master Plan Begins

The college issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) for architectural services to begin development of a facilities master plan in the spring of 2015. A master plan would outline future facility needs and the infrastructure needed to support college operations. The scope of services should include evaluating the existing buildings, roads, parking lots and infrastructure as well as the overall appearance of the campus. It would be used as a guide for the next 10 years and offer suggestions for improvements, cost estimates for removal of the existing water tower and evaluations of satellite facilities.

The master plan will also guide ECC with repair and renovation projects in Hansen Hall and the Multipurpose Building using the anticipated state funding for maintenance and repair projects.

If approved by the legislature in the spring, ECC anticipates that proceeds from state capital improvement bonds must be expended by June 30, 2017.



## MCCA Honors Sullivan Student

Ally Brauning received the Student Leadership Award at the annual conference of the Missouri Community College Association.

A math major, she was secretary for the Student Government Association, president of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at ECC, and secretary and treasurer of the Student Missouri State Teachers Association.

The mother of three, Brauning has been a member of the ECC Choir and appeared in several theatre productions.

## Betz Honored by Missouri Community College Association



Charlie Betz, a supporter of East Central College for more than three decades, received the Award of Distinction from the Missouri Community College Association at the annual fall conference.

In 1981 Betz became a member of the East Central College Foundation board and served as president of the board of directors of the Foundation from 1990 to 1993.

He established a nursing scholarship in 1993 in memory of his late wife, Dotte Betz. Each year scholarships are awarded to two first-year students in ECC's Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Betz continues to support the Foundation, serving as one of six emeritus members and contributing to scholarship fund raising efforts as well as the Patrons of the Arts program. Over the years he has contributed over \$100,000 to the ECC Foundation.

Betz served three terms on the ECC board of trustees, first elected by district voters in 1996. He was re-elected in 2002 and 2008. He served two terms as board vice-president and two as board president. He was the board treasurer for eight years prior to his retirement from the board in April of 2014.



## Holocaust Survivor Speaks to Middle School Students

The East Central College Music Department presented *Annelies*, a musical depiction of the diary of Anne Frank, November 20. A morning performance for area seventh and eighth graders was preceded by a talk by Sara Moses, a Holocaust survivor. Moses spent several of her early childhood years in German concentration camps.

In conjunction with the performance, the exhibit in the ECC Art Gallery featured artwork created by victims of the Holocaust. The exhibition was made possible through a partnership with the Holocaust Museum & Learning Center of St. Louis. The event was sponsored by the ECC Patrons of the Arts program.

## Two Career-Tech Programs Receive Accreditation

The Association of Technical, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) granted reaccreditation for seven years to the Industrial Engineering Technology program and also granted initial program accreditation to the Computer Information Systems program.

## Soccer Team Claims Conference Crown

For the fifth time in school history, the men's soccer team won the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference Championship. They also beat Jefferson College 2-1 in the semi-finals of the Region 16 tournament.

## Pecka Receives Emerson Award



Dr. Wendy Pecka, coordinator of the psychology/sociology department and instructor of psychology, was one of the 100+ educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area who received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. A 1989 graduate of ECC, Pecka went on to the University of Central Missouri to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in clinical psychology. She received her Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. A licensed professional counselor, Pecka has worked at the college since 2002. She has served as the disability services counselor, director of counselling and advisement, and interim director at ECC's Rolla location.

# December

## Trustees Approve Alcohol on Campus

A new policy was approved by trustees allowing the use of alcohol in instructional programs and special events, such as receptions for Patron of the Arts events held on campus. The policy does not permit outside groups to hold events on campus at which alcohol is served.

## Governor Visits Campus to Outline Plan to Fund Campus Renovation

Governor Jay Nixon visited the ECC Union campus December 10 to explain the more than \$1.8 million in funding that could come to the college in 2015 to pay for repairs and renovations. Nixon said he is committed to working with legislators to complete a strategic, fiscally responsible bond issuance that will make long-overdue investments in higher education in Missouri.

ECC would use the bond issue money for extensive renovations in Hansen Hall including remodelling classrooms, offices, computer and graphic arts labs, and the theatre; upgrades and repairs to restrooms, infrastructure and the roof; flooring replacement; and replacement of a wheelchair lift with ADA-compliant ramps. Other projects could include repairs or replacement of the roof at ECC's Training Center and renovations in the Multipurpose Building.





Officials with the South Central Missouri Literacy Council, Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce and ECC were present when the Literacy Council handed over administration of adult education and literacy programs in Phelps and Crawford Counties to the college.

## AEL Program Expanded into Two More Counties

The ECC Adult Education and Literacy program took over administration of adult education classes that had been offered by the South Central Missouri Literacy Council.

Members of the Literacy Council and ECC officials announced the agreement in Rolla December 11. AEL classes help people prepare to take the high school equivalency exam or improve their basic skills. ECC plans to continue offering the free classes currently held in Rolla, Cuba, St. James and Steelville. The class sites in Crawford and Phelps Counties are logical additions for the college since those communities are within the college service region and become an extension of the AEL classes ECC currently offers at six sites in Franklin County.

Approximately 180 students were served in AEL classes at the four sites in Crawford and Phelps Counties last year.

## Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

Ceremonies were held in the spring and fall to induct new members into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. The Chi Delta chapter on the Union campus welcomed 99 new members in 2014; 24 students joined the Beta Omicron Phi chapter at ECC-Rolla. To be invited to join, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher.  $\Phi\Theta\K$  provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, an intellectual climate to exchange ideas and ideals, lively fellowship for scholars, and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.



## Nine Employees Retire

Retirees in 2014 included Barry Bookout, associate professor for pre-engineering; Charles Fowler, custodian; Linda Hall, library technician; Ina "Cookie" Hays, vice president of student development; Micki Hoffman, director of adult education and literacy; Janice Meyer, assistant professor of Spanish, Gene Overhoff, programmer; Donna Thomas, program coordinator for the LPN/RN bridge nursing program and Tammy Weinhold, director of advising and counselling.

## National Association of Schools of Music Accredits ECC

After three years which included a self-study, onsite review and revisions to the curriculum and facilities, ECC earned accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music.

NASM is comprised of almost 650 colleges, universities, and conservatories from across the country that focus on optimum learning conditions for music students and developing the strength and quality of music in higher education.

Less than 30 community colleges in the country have earned NASM accreditation.

ECC was also notified by the Missouri Department of Higher Education that it can now offer an Associate of Fine Arts degree in music. The new degree is in addition to the Associate of Arts degree in music that has been an option for students for many years.

An articulation agreement with the University of Missouri-St. Louis was signed in 2014. The agreement facilitates a seamless transfer for ECC students enrolled in the AFA-Music program who desire to complete a bachelor's degree in music at UMSL.



## U.S. Department of Labor Grant Programs Provide Opportunities

East Central College continued its involvement in MoManufacturingWINS, a program designed to increase the number of Missourians who hold postsecondary credentials with a focus on educating more students in manufacturing. Tuition waivers were made available to eligible applicants interested in Industrial Engineering Technology, Precision Machining Technology and MIG welding.

Funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Labor, the program is designed to serve Trade Act participants as well as veterans, unemployed and underemployed individuals, and low-skilled persons in Missouri.

Through the grant, ECC helped students develop the math, reading and writing skills needed to be successful in their career.

The college held eight-week Intro to MIG welding classes at two locations in the fall. Classes were held at Warrenton High School on Saturdays as well as Tuesday and Thursday evenings at ECC's location at Four Rivers Career Center in Washington.

A similar Department of Labor grant geared to health care related programs wrapped up in December. ECC received almost \$1 million in grant funds over a three year period to complement and support a new program in health information management and also create two new non-credit programs: certified medication technician and hybrid certified nursing assistant.

ECC was notified in the fall that more than \$500,000 in grant funds will be awarded to the college to focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) training.

Each of the DOL Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grants has been awarded to a consortium of the state's public two-year institutions.



Thirteen people completed the Introduction to MIG welding class offered at ECC Washington through the MoManufacturingWINS grant program administered by ECC.

Michael Klemme received financial assistance through the MoHealthWINS grant to help cover the cost of tuition and some fees for his Health Information Management classes. Dr. Fatameh Nichols, chair of the science division, shared the letter she received from him.



MICHAEL C. KLEMME, RHIT

ECC CLASS OF 2013

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Dr. Nichols,

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you that I have accepted the position as the Medical Health Record Administrator/Privacy Officer for Guam Memorial Hospital on the island of Guam.

I was selected out of a field of 12 candidates to fill this position and I feel that this opportunity would not have been available without the education and degree I received at East Central College.

In my opinion, the training, instruction and support that was provided to me by the entire staff and faculty at ECC was outstanding.

I was not your typical student. The support staff worked with me on converting my military experience and past college credits toward my required credits to graduate from ECC. They kept me informed of any possible scholarships that might be available and assisted me with obtaining my VA benefits.

The staff in the Learning Center was always willing to provide me assistance with any problems that I had and the staff in Student Services was always friendly and willing to answer any and all questions.

One word that describes the faculty at ECC is outstanding! Every one of my instructors took the time to work with me, answer all of my questions and provide me with the guidance and assistance I needed at any time. Ms. Schultze and Ms. Falloon were both instrumental in my receiving my degree.

I am very proud of graduating and receiving my degree from ECC and would highly recommend this program to anyone who was interested in the health care field. I wanted to be able to get a job and work anywhere in the world. Everyone at East Central College made this dream possible for me and I am forever grateful for all that everyone did for me.

Going to college, while continuing to operate a small business, and considering that I had not been in a classroom environment in almost 40 years was not easy for me. I asked a lot of questions and required extra time with my instructors, but as one of my teachers told me "I am a firm believer of no child left behind." Now, I was old enough to be his father, but the point he was making is that he would do whatever it took to provide me with the tools to not just pass his class but to excel in his class. This attitude was displayed by all of my instructors, and everyone that I came in contact with at ECC.

So, in closing, THANK YOU to everyone at East Central College for providing me with the education and the tools required to be successful and to fill this position with Guam Memorial Hospital.

MICHAEL C. KLEMME, RHIT

ADMINISTRATOR, MEDICAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT

GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

# Degrees & Certificates

**Transfer Programs** - Students who plan to complete their general education courses at ECC and then transfer to a four-year college or university have several degree options.

## Associate of Arts (AA) Degree

Biology	Engineering Technology	Industrial Technology	Music
Business Administration	English	Journalism	Physical Science
Chemistry	Exercise Science	Mass Media Communication	Psychology
Computer Information Systems	General Studies	Mathematics	Social Science
Criminal Justice	Health Science	Medical Science	Speech & Theatre
	History		Studio Art

## Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) Degree

Teaching

## Associate of Science (AS) Degree

Transfer Engineering

## Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) Degree

Fine Arts

Music

**Career/Technical Programs** - Associate of Applied Science degree and certificate programs in more than 20 career and technical fields enrich lives and strengthen the economy by preparing a workforce that is skilled, diverse and flexible.

## Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Accounting	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Automotive Technology	Industrial Engineering Technology
Biotechnology	Medical Assistant
Building Construction Technology	Nursing
Business	Nursing – LPN to RN Bridge
Business, Management & Technology	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Computer Information Systems	Paramedic Technology
Culinary Arts	Precision Machining Technology
Design - Graphic Design/Multimedia	Radiologic Technology – Rolla only
Early Childhood Development	Respiratory Care – Rolla only
Fire Technology	Welding
Health Information Management	

## Certificates of Specialization

Building Construction Technology	Precision Machining Technology
Industrial Engineering Technology	Welding

## Certificates of Achievement

Accounting
Automotive Technology
Building Construction Technology
Business
Computer Information Systems
Computer Information Systems (Network Tech)
Culinary Arts
Fire Technology
Health Information Management
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Industrial Engineering Technology
Medical Assistant
Paramedic Technology
Precision Machining Technology
Welding



Each year, thousands of people visit ECC's Union campus for performances and art exhibits. The college was also proud to host the following events in 2014:

- Sonatina Festival
- Four Rivers Conference H.S. Speech Competition
- Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering Competition
- FAFSA Workshops
- Catholic Middle School Math Bowl
- Missourian Regional Spelling Bee
- Missouri State High School Activities Association District Music Festival
- MS Walk
- Habitat for Humanity Dinner
- Four Rivers Conference H.S. Art Show
- Messy Play Night
- Transitions Resource Fair
- Foundations for Franklin County
- PSA Contest
- Earth Day
- High School Jazz Festival
- Senior Health Fair
- Franklin County Fair Queen Workshop
- Empty Bowls Luncheon
- High School Math & Science Night
- Boy Scout Merit Badge University
- People to People Student Ambassadors Meeting
- College Night
- Girl Scout Badge Workshops
- Veterans Day Luncheon
- College 101 Workshops
- Blood Drives

## Faculty & Staff



### Celebrating 10 or more years of Service

Front: Brook Burgess & Grace Austin - 10 yrs  
 Back: Laura Deason - 20 yrs  
 Alma Halbert - 35 yrs

### Not shown:

10 Years: Erin Anglin, Linda Hall,  
 Shaun Roberson & Sarah Scroggins

15 Years: Linda Barro, Jonathon Birkmann &  
 Karen Knight

20 Years: Bev Sumey

25 Years: Judy Cook



### Celebrating 5 years of Service

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 Nadine Mueller & Laura Roselli  
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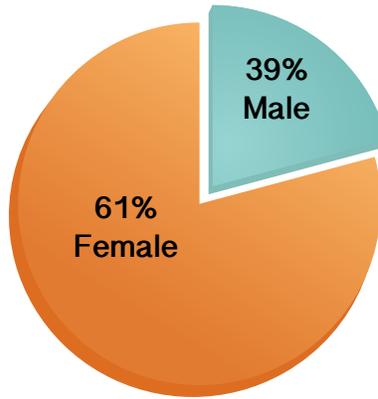
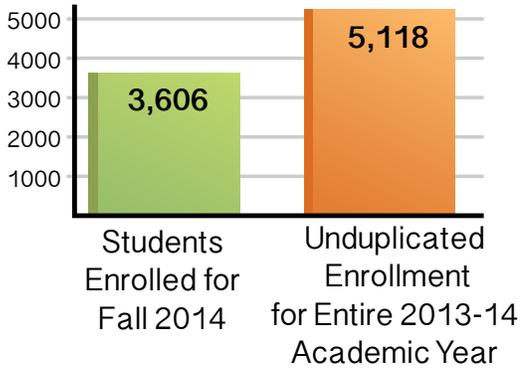
### Not shown:

Brenda Eckelkamp, Myrna Geiler,  
 Drew Guenther, Heather Kleekamp  
 & Lacey Pennington

# Facts & Figures

Fall Full-Time Students: 1,690

Fall Part-Time Students: 1,916



Mean Student Age: 24  
 Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 17:1  
 Average Class Size: 18

### Employees (as of Fall 2014)

Full-Time Faculty: 74  
 Part-Time Faculty: 146  
 Full-Time Staff: 135  
 Part-Time Staff: 56  
*(excluding work study or student assistants)*

\*In-District Students: 2,219

Out-of-District Students: 1,353

Out-of-State Students: 20

International Students: 14

\*The East Central College District includes six public K-12 school districts: Crawford County R-1 (Bourbon), New Haven, St. Clair R-13, Sullivan C-2, Union R-11 and Washington; as well as four public K-8 districts: Franklin County R-2, Lonedell R-14, Spring Bluff R-15 and Strain-Japan R-16. Only residents of the district are eligible for the in-district tuition rate.

### Tuition (per credit hour)

In-District Students: \$76

Out-of-District Students: \$111

Out-of-State Students: \$168

International Students: \$181

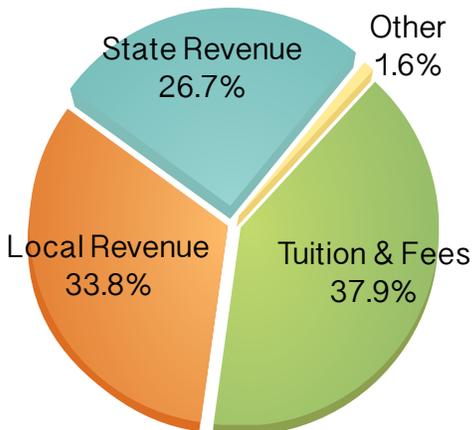
### General Fees (per credit hour)

All Students: \$19

### Fiscal Year 2014

(July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

Total Revenues: \$18.1 million



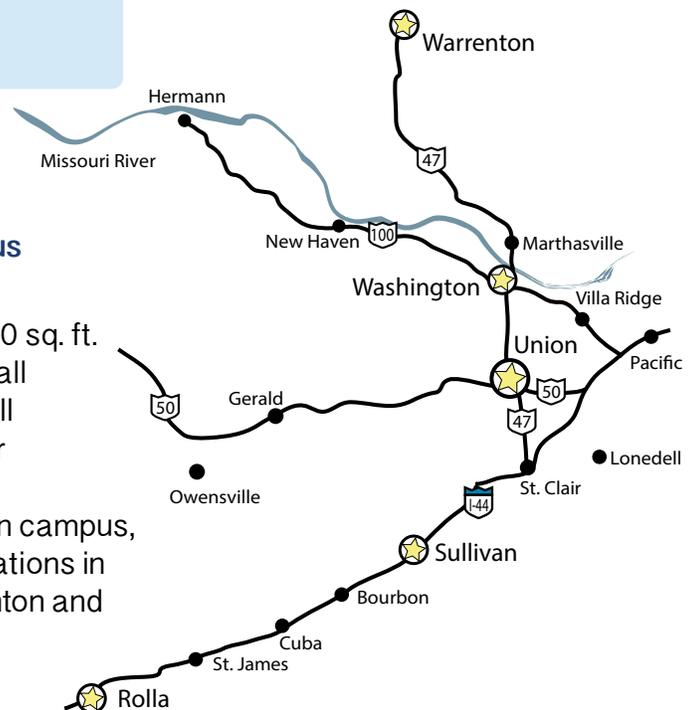
### Union Campus

Acres: 201

Five Buildings: 310,000 sq. ft.

Sports Fields: Baseball  
 Softball  
 Soccer

In addition to the Union campus, ECC has satellite locations in Rolla, Sullivan, Warrenton and Washington.



# The gift of an education is the gift that lasts a lifetime.

We believe everyone should have an opportunity to go to college. With the help of generous donors, the East Central College Foundation helps students of all ages reach their dreams of careers, better jobs, and four-year degrees.

## About the Foundation

The East Central College Foundation was established in 1975 to support the growth and development of East Central College in whatever ways might be beneficial to students, staff and college facilities. It solicits and receives tax deductible gifts which are managed for the benefit of the college and its students. It is chartered as a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization for educational purposes, independent from the college.

Every dollar committed to the ECC Foundation helps strengthen the community and enhances the lives of ECC students forever. It is an economic and a human investment.

## Ways to Support the Foundation

### A Financial Gift

Gifts of resources are vital to the continuing success of ECC. Every gift, no matter what size, makes a difference. When combined with the gifts of others, even small contributions enable the ECC Foundation to change lives.

### Gift Opportunities

**Outright Gift** - Any donation given to the Foundation to directly benefit ECC students and programs. These can be:

- Given annually or just once
- Used to set up an endowment - a permanent gift
- Designated by the donor for a specific purpose
- Customized to match the passion of the donor

**Legacy Gift** - Any donation made to the Legacy Fund builds an endowment to fund scholarships. These include:

- General Legacy Fund gifts for institutional scholarships
- Designated gifts to fund a previously established scholarship
- Designated gifts to create a named Legacy scholarship

Endowed scholarships start at a minimum donation of \$10,000. A \$10,000 scholarship would pay a maximum 5% or \$500 per year scholarship. Endowed scholarships can be created over time, with a bequest, a donation through a trust or will, a donation of stock or many other options.

**Tribute Gift** - Any donation given to the Foundation to honor or remember family members, friends, co-workers or other loved ones, as well as gifts celebrating those individuals achieving life milestones.

**Event Gift** - Any donation given to the Foundation through fundraisers to benefit ECC students and programs. These can be given to purchase:

- Tickets
- Sponsorships
- Other event-related items

**Planned Gift** - A donation made in a lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. These include:

- Bequests
- Real estate
- Life insurance
- Securities
- Retirement plan assets
- Savings bonds

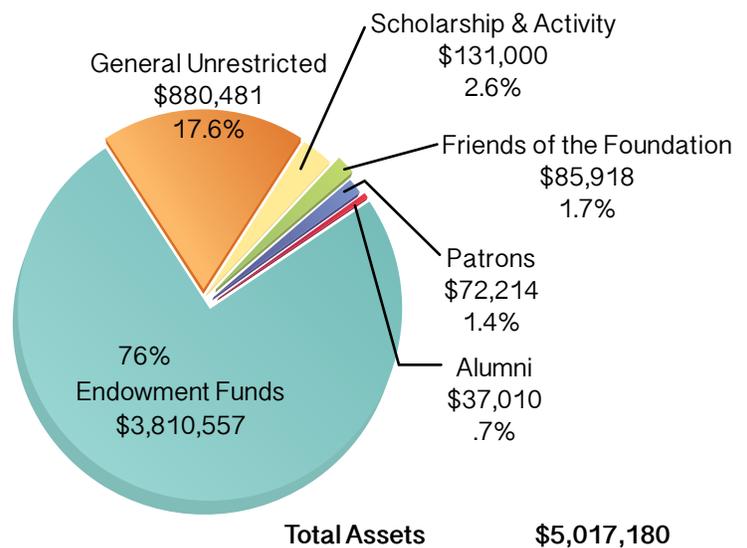
People contribute to the ECC Foundation in a number of ways:

- Cash, check or credit card
- Appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds or mutual fund distributions
- Personal property such as art, vehicles or equipment
- Employer matching gifts

Gifts can be made online at [www.eastcentral.edu/foundation/opportunities.php](http://www.eastcentral.edu/foundation/opportunities.php)

All gifts made payable to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state laws.

Contact the Foundation at 636-584-6505 or [foundation@eastcentral.edu](mailto:foundation@eastcentral.edu) to discuss options available.



## Employee Annual Giving Campaign January 2014



Theme: The Power of One  
Total donors: 108  
Total raised: \$14,460



## Friends of the Foundation Dinner January 31, 2014

Holiday Inn - Eureka  
Featured entertainment: ECC Theatre Department  
Total raised: \$39,378  
Attendance: 147



## Washington Town and Country Fair - Staff the Stands August 6 & 7, 2014

Co-sponsored by Alumni Association and the Athletic Department  
Total participants: 45  
Total raised: \$2,500



## ECC Falcon Invitational Golf Tournament September 26, 2014

Wolf Hollow Golf Course, Labadie  
Co-sponsored by Alumni Association and the Athletic Department  
Total number of teams: 22  
Total raised: \$12,898



## Patrons of the Arts Kick-off June 20, 2014

Haue Valley, Pacific  
Featured Entertainment: Fox Creek Blue Grass Band  
Total raised: \$25,100  
Patrons members: 319



## Alumni

- \$1,200 given to sponsor the following rally events: Stuff the Stands, Flank the Field, and Jam the Gym.
- Created a new Alumni newsletter.
- Hosted Alumni gathering on March 1, 2014 at the White Mule Winery in Owensville

## Mini Grants (Buescher Fund)

### Five Mini Grants were awarded:

- \$500 to the Library for LGBTQ resources
- \$3,000 to the Psychology/Sociology speaker series
- \$3,000 for the STEM scholars academy
- \$2,500 to the Adult Education program for orientation and marketing
- \$3,000 to Developmental Education for Falcon Peer Coaching program

### Other Endowed Awards

- \$850 awarded to the Library from the Donald and Kathy Schlump library endowment and the Harrison Eaton endowment

## Patrons of the Arts

- \$12,000 (\$4,000 each) awarded to the Art, Music and Theater programs
- \$1,500 donated to sponsor a Patrons outreach event for spring 2015
- \$2,975 for the music department to purchase a new drum set
- \$2,999 for the fine and performing arts to purchase a piano microphone
- Assisted with and sponsored the Holocaust remembrance event on campus with \$1,200 donation
- Patrons bi-monthly newsletter



## Scholarships

A total of \$163,838 in scholarship money was awarded through the Legacy endowment, endowed scholarships and non-endowed scholarships.

- \$40,000 from the Legacy endowment to ECC to support institutional scholarships
- \$123,838 in scholarships awarded from endowed and non-endowed funds

### Endowed Scholarships

- 176 scholarships awarded from 68 endowments (includes Legacy)

### Non-endowed Scholarships

- 40 scholarships awarded from 23 non-endowed funds

### New Scholarships

- Richard Knudsen Memorial Scholarship
- Billi Jo Bowman Scholarship
- HiSET Scholarship
- Faculty Scholarship is newly endowed



More than 140 Foundation scholarship donors and recipients attend the annual scholarship breakfast November 21.

## Other notables for 2014

- Foundation Board participated in all area end of the year high school awards events
- Foundation hosted Rolla outreach event in the fall

# Foundation

The ECC Foundation Board of Directors is composed of 26 individuals representing a cross-section of businesses, professions and community services. Board meetings are held quarterly to conduct business and review programs. Directors take an active role in fundraising and membership activities, finance and investment planning, and supervision of planned gifts and endowments.

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