

EASTERN GATEWAY LANDS ON FASTEST GROWING LIST

Eastern Gateway Community College is one of the top fastest growing colleges in the nation, according to the American Association of Community Colleges. With a 20 percent increase in enrollment, Eastern Gateway achieved the highest semester enrollment in college history this spring. The increase ranked the college as 16th on AACC's list of fastest growing colleges in the 2,500 to 4,999 student count category.

"I am excited to report that the college's enrollment exceeded 3,000 for the first time in the college's history," said Patty Sturch, dean of enrollment management. The student head count reached 3,087, which compares to 2,573 in spring 2013.

The 3,000th student enrolled at the college through the Youngstown Early College program, Sturch said.

The rise was fueled by the enrollment of 44 percent more new students from a year ago and the increase in retention of continuing students from fall 2013 to spring 2014, which rose to 75 percent.

The college continues to intensify its focus on student success and achievement of student goals. Programs and services such as a math emporium for individualized competency-based learning, developmental education curriculum refinements, academic advising, personal and online tutoring are refined annually and advanced for the student's benefit.

A TALE OF TWO GRADUATES

This story begins 2,381 miles from Eastern Gateway Community College.

During the American Association of Respiratory Care 59th National Congress in Anaheim, Calif., Eastern Gateway's director of the respiratory therapy program, Cynthia Carducci experienced chance encounters with two graduates who are actively involved in their respiratory therapy-related careers.

"I'm sure you have heard the saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child', but have you heard that 'It takes a Jefferson County village and three villages beyond to raise a man and a woman'," Carducci asked.

AARC, an association in existence since 1947 and currently more than 50,000 members strong, holds a very large, international, annual meeting, she said.

"New technology, research and more are displayed for all who attend to see and learn. There are lectures with over 100 presenters from the U.S. and other countries, discussion groups, meetings and the exhibit hall with over 900 vendors of respiratory products and services."

Carducci said she was an attendee, there to absorb as much knowledge as possible and see as many new products and services as her sensory overload could contain. While wandering through the maze of booths in the exhibit hall, she said she heard a voice calling her name. "At first I disregarded the voice, believing my ears to be playing tricks on me," she said. "But I hear it again, and there is a tap on my shoulder.

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RESPIRATORY THERAPY GRADS SURPRISE TEACHER

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I turn to see a graduate of Eastern Gateway Community College addressing me. To my surprise, MaryBeth Marracino is standing at her exhibit booth that sells ventilators and wants to say hello to her prior professor.”

Marracino, originally of Mingo Junction and now of Steubenville, works in sales for respiratory therapy products. Recently she was a clinical specialist with Flight Medical, but will start in a new position in the new year with CareFusion, a medical company specializing in many areas. Her position will be technical sales consultant for Northeastern U.S. in the respiratory diagnostic division.



MaryBeth Marracino

“What a joyous and enlightening time we shared,” Carducci said. “The next day she is texting me that we have to attend a lecture together.”

The presenter at that lecture was another graduate, Jim Wood, originally of Brilliant. “MaryBeth and I were enthralled and made sure we had questions for him at the end of the presentation,” Carducci said. Wood works as a clinical manager for Genesis Rehab Services in Kennett Square, Pa. In his role, he oversees the clinical practice for about 500 respiratory therapists within the organization. He is currently working to obtain his bachelor’s degree in Organizational Leadership and Administration and will graduate in May 2014.

Noting that she believes Wood would agree with her, Marracino said that Carducci and fellow instructor Kathy Cruny “were an inspiration for us both and without either of you, we would never be in our current positions of our careers. I hold you both in a category of respiratory therapists that I admire and highly respect! Please continue to provide high quality-level education to the young therapists who come in your classrooms.”

Marracino added, “I will be in touch so we can work together in educating your students in the latest technology in diagnostics.”

“Needless to say I am seldom speechless,” said Carducci, “but I am as I reflect on the opportunity given to me to attend the meeting, and the opportunities made possible in part by Eastern Gateway for two graduates of our Ohio Valley to be actively involved, I am indeed speechless. These graduates are examples of what can be done with a community college degree. As always,



Jim Wood

advancement and success rely on the hard work and perseverance of the individual, but I am glad Eastern Gateway was a rung on the ladder of success for these two graduates. Thank you to all who make the existence of Eastern Gateway possible for the growth of those who enter then exit the gates of this college.”

WREATH CAMPAIGN RAISES \$1,000

The Alumni Association netted \$1,000 during its third campaign to sell wreaths and swags to raise money for scholarships.

The all-natural evergreen Christmas Wreaths and Balsam Door Swags will be sold again this fall as a fund raiser. All proceeds for this fundraiser will support education-related subjects.

The Alumni Association provides money to four students, for two years, to assist with their tuition expenses. The remaining money is given to the EGCC college book fund, to assist students with purchasing text books.

If you would like to order a pine wreath or swag, contact the Alumni Association to purchase at 740-266-0809.

BARIUM & CHEMICALS, INC.

RECEIVES STATE AWARD

Barium & Chemicals, Inc. of Steubenville received the Outstanding Business Award from the Ohio Association of Community Colleges during a special dinner on May 28.

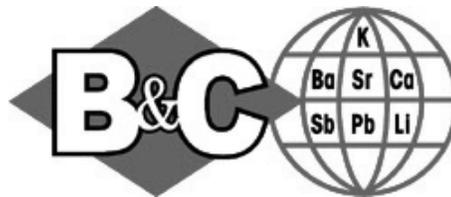
The honor was part of the 21st Annual Ohio Association of Community College Excellence Awards presentation.

A new award category last year, the Outstanding Business Award honors businesses that have had a major positive impact on community colleges in Ohio. Nominated by Eastern Gateway Community College, Barium & Chemicals has worked with the college to better the company's production and improve its workforce. The family-owned Barium & Chemicals maintain ties with Eastern Gateway dating back to the mid-1970s when it was Jefferson Technical College.



Linda Yanok Linda Naylor Yanok, company vice president, graduated from the college in 1978 with her second degree in medical technology. Debbie Naylor Venci, company president, also attended classes at the college as well as their parents, Douglas and Eleanor Naylor. Douglas and Eleanor established the Naylor Scholarship at the college in 1981.

Barium & Chemicals was incorporated in Ohio in 1937 by Eleanor's parents, Albert and Anna Pavlik. Originally located in Willoughby, OH, Barium moved to Steubenville in 1960. The company's product line has expanded to include over 80 high quality inorganic specialty chemical compounds which are used by the electronic, plastic, automotive, rubber, ordnance, pyrotechnic and the specialty chemical industries. Barium & Chemicals' growth and success is attributed, not only to the high standards of quality incorporated in the manufacturing and sales to buyer specifications, but also to the personal attention and diligence in handling the customer's needs and requirements. Barium & Chemicals concentrates on production of a complete line of technical and purified grades of barium, strontium, calcium, potassium, antimony, and lead compounds, as well as some specialty metallurgical chemicals. As a leading international supplier of these compounds, Barium & Chemicals, Inc. is one of the few remaining independent family-owned chemical manufacturers which has survived over 70 years in business. Barium & Chemicals, Inc. has achieved Gold status with many of its suppliers and recently won Carestream 2014 Diversity Supplier of the Year



Award. Barium's quest to become ISO 9001:2008 certified was achieved through a training partnership with Eastern Gateway.

Throughout its growth,

Barium & Chemicals used Eastern Gateway's workforce development programs to train and advance its employees. The partnership started with literacy training, operating systems, ISO, ISO auditor training and LEAN Training. More than 50 employees have taken the non-credit training. "The college always responds quickly and favorably as trends come into the market," said Linda Yanok. "The college is always willing to work with companies to meet their requests. That is why the college does so well."

The college's flexibility in providing customized training and trainers on the company's schedule adds to the value a company receives for its training dollars, she said. Training has been offered both on site at Barium's facility as well as the Pugliese Training Center at the college's main campus.

"Our vision is to encourage our employees and others we know to use the college to get an excellent education. We have youth working in the summer and are always encouraging them to attend the community college," Linda Yanok said. "I tell area high school students to do their first two years at the community college to realize what positive outcomes they can have and discover what they want to do. My Dad was a great believer in education and fostered that throughout the county starting scholarships not only at Eastern Gateway but at Steubenville City Schools, Catholic Central High School, and The Ohio Valley School of Nursing and the University of Pittsburgh."

Soon after her graduation, Linda Yanok helped found Eastern Gateway's Alumni Association, which she served as president for four years. She now serves on the Eastern Gateway Community College Foundation. Linda Yanok is also a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. Following in her father's footsteps Linda also has established a scholarship through the Foundation for Eastern Gateway Community College.

The OACC is a voluntary association of Ohio's 23 community colleges. The association was founded in 1993 as a single forum for advocacy, communication, recognition, trustee education and trustee-president cooperation. The OACC is the recognized voice of the community college movement in Ohio.

“KEEP UP THE AWESOME WORK!”

Eastern Gateway’s nursing faculty – Diane Roney, Judy Hince, Dana Meadows and Jennie Scott – recently heard a great update from a graduate of the class of 2011.

Mary Salazar of Bloomingdale said she wanted to let her former instructors “know just how well I am doing in my career as a nurse, and to thank you all for helping me achieve my goals.”

“I love working, I have co-workers who are very good at their jobs and an awesome team of STNAs who are experienced and who are helpful and respectful to me,” Mary said.

Through the job and personal adjustments, Mary said she became “so much more adept at my job and learned some very valuable lessons. I have fallen in love with being a nurse now that I got that beast by the reins.”

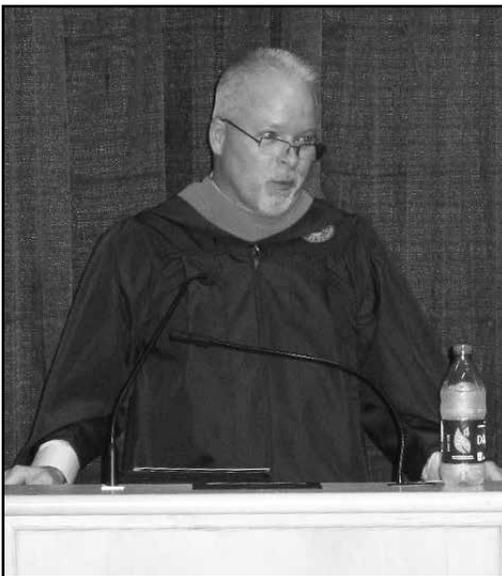
Mary thanks the nursing faculty for teaching the next generation of nurses and for helping people like herself to become a success. “I look back sometimes, and I still can’t believe I actually did it. Graduating from the community college and becoming an LPN may not seem like much to a lot of people, but from where I came, it is an opportunity that is only a dream to most of us,” she said. “I know I had a lot of help to get where I am, and much

of it came from our instructors. Your words and advice are burned in my memories forever, and I still hear your voices everyday when I’m on the job.

“The most important lesson I learned in nursing school from the four of you is that for every bit of work I put in to take a step forward, you were there to help me take the next step – every time. I found that as long as I was willing to do my part and put the work in, you were all there to take me the rest of the way,” Mary said. “You were all committed to our success as much we were, and I know that 50 percent of my success is what I put in, the other 50 percent is what was put in on my behalf from you.”

Mary said she tells “everyone I know who expresses an interest in becoming a nurse to go to Eastern Gateway. I tell them all how wonderful and caring you all are, and that they can do it if they just stay committed and don’t give up.”

“Thank you all for making me a success story, and so many others. It is good to know there are people like you there working for the betterment of the people in this area. Please keep up the awesome work you are doing! I love you all, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything!! Hope to get to see you again when I come back to be an RN,” Mary said.



William Smith Jr.

Eastern Gateway Community College Alumni Council’s Outstanding Alumnus award for 2014 was presented to William “Bill” Smith, Jr. of Zanesville.

Bill graduated in 2001 and that year he also received the 1st Team All Ohio

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS NAMED

academic award for his outstanding academic achievements and his contributions to Phi Theta Kappa, the college and his community.

Bill built upon his applied business degree in computer information systems to gain an immediate promotion at his place of work. Bill obtained his bachelor’s degree from West Liberty University, where he was awarded the Regents Degree which combines life experience with required classes. He also earned his master’s degree in safety management from West Virginia University.

Through the economic downturn and job eliminations, Smith moved up the career ladder through several management positions. Currently, he is working for Avon Products Inc. as the environmental, health, safety and security manager.

Each fall, the Alumni Council accepts nominations for the Alumni Star Search for an Outstanding Alumnus. Judging categories include community leadership, memberships, volunteer work, prestigious awards, major accomplishments, committee involvement and education. Nomination details are available under alumni at www.egcc.edu.



CLASSES OF '80-'83 -- Eastern Gateway Community College's Alumni Association held its annual alumni dinner this spring honoring the Classes of 1980 - 1983. Participating in the get-together and reminiscing of their days at the former Jefferson Technical College were, front, from left, Tammy Graham, 1980 graduate; Dr. Laura Meeks, Eastern Gateway president; Amanda Coburn, Alumni Council; Claudia Holmes, Alumni Council; back, Tony Graham; Scott Campbell, 1980 graduate; Rebecca Campbell, 1980 graduate; Amy Rice, Alumni Council; Robert Matuska, 1983 graduate; Susan Matuska, John O'Brien, Alumni Director; and Frank Holmes, Alumni Council. The Alumni Council is led by President Frank Holmes, Vice President Martariesa Fiala, Secretary Amy Rice, Treasurer Amanda Coburn. If you would like to join the council and help with alumni projects, contact Amanda Coburn at 740-264-5591 ext. 1805.

FIFTY BY FIFTY

Our Goal is to Gain 50 new \$5000 Named/Endowed Scholarships by the College's 50th Year Anniversary 2018

The Eastern Gateway Community College Foundation is a non-profit organization existing exclusively for advancing the various causes of the college and its students. "We hope you will consider giving to this worthwhile campaign this year. Investing in our students is an investment in the future," said John O'Brien, alumni director.

Five thousand dollars is the smallest amount accepted to start a scholarship in a desired name. Once established, people can always add to the scholarship's principal so it would grow and be an entity that would last forever. Earned interest from your scholarship would be given annually at the Eastern Gateway's Fall Scholarship Breakfast ceremony held annually in October.

HOW TO START A SCHOLARSHIP

1. To have a scholarship named after a business or a person a pledge of \$5000 in an endowed scholarship is required.
2. Money can be given over five years at \$1000 a year. If you give an extra \$100 per year you can award a scholarship each year while your funds accumulate.
3. Donors will have their name placed in a permanent location on a scholarship wall in our facilities.

4. Donors will present their scholarship to a recipient at a scholarship breakfast.
5. For more information, contact John O'Brien, alumni director, at 740-266-0810.

EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC. LEVELS OF GIVING

\$20 - \$99 – Eastern Gateway Gator
 \$100 - \$499 – Gateway \$100
 \$500 - \$999 – Gateway \$500
 \$1,000 - \$4,999 – Gateway \$1,000
 \$5,000 - \$9,999 – Founders Bronze Circle
 \$10,000 - \$49,999 – Visionary Leader Silver Circle
 \$50,000 - \$99,999 – Dr. Fred S. Robie* Gold Circle
 \$100,000 + - President's Platinum Circle

**In Honor of the Founding President*

MARRIAGE AND BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGES ANNOUNCED:

Merideth Sanders, 2007 Office Information Technology graduate, and Seth Fluharty were married on June 1, 2013. Merideth is employed at Steubenville City Schools as a teacher.

Nicole Headmond, 2007 Medical Assisting graduate, and **Jeremy Bell**, 2007 Business Management graduate, were married on June 22, 2013. Nicole is employed at First Niagara Bank as an assistant teller supervisor and Jeremy is employed at Siemens Company as a desktop engineer.

Aleasha Brandt, 2011 Respiratory Therapy graduate, and Shawn D'Hooge were married on June 22, 2013. Aleasha is employed at Trinity West as a respiratory therapist.

Stephanie Haddon, 2005 Dental Assisting graduate, and Brian Verner were married on July 27, 2013. Stephanie is employed at Dr. David DiBiase.

Rebekah Danaher, 2007 Educational Paraprofessional & 2011 Associate of Arts graduate, and **Christopher McHugh**, 2009 Interactive Digital Media Design, were married on August 17th, 2013.

Tiffanie Liberatore, 2001 Dental Assisting graduate, and Shane Chambers were married on August 31, 2013. Tiffanie is employed at the office of Dr. Harry Mowder as a dental assistant.

Randi Lynn Truax, 2012 Medical Assisting graduate, and Edward Franke were married on August 3, 2013. Randi Lynn is employed at Trinity Health System as a medical assistant.

Megan Rood, 2014 Respiratory Therapy graduate, and Cory Myer, were married on September 21, 2013.

Jolie Davis, 2006 Prekindergarten Care & Education graduate, and **Jared Ignace**, 1999 Computer Information graduate, were married on September 28, 2013. Jolie is self-employed as a childcare provider and Jared is employed at Novitas Solutions as a computer programmer.

Buddy Davis, 1997 Electronic Engineering graduate, and Jennifer Ramsey were married on October

19, 2013. Buddy is employed at World Radio Telecommunications as a service manager.

Roberta Galiano, 2003 Practical Nursing graduate, and Jonathan Farmer, were married on October 19, 2013. Roberta is employed by Wheeling Hospital and is attending Belmont College.

Patsy Samuel Aria, Jr., 2006 Law Enforcement graduate, and Staci Firestone were married on March 9, 2014.

BIRTHS ANNOUNCED:

Chelsey (Mantos) Cline, 2013 Phlebotomy graduate, and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of their daughter, Kinsley Grace, born on July 9, 2013.

Stephanie (Marietti) Bentley, 2002 Accounting graduate, and her husband, Rich, announce the birth of their daughter, McKenna Lynn, born on August 14, 2013.

Ashley (Pehanich) Boyd, 2007 Law Enforcement graduate, and her husband, Zane, announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklynn, born on September 5, 2013.

Brad Moore, 2011 Practical Nursing graduate, and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their daughter, Arya Elizabeth, born on September 16, 2013.

Brittany Rice, 2013 Phlebotomy graduate, and Michael Lackey, announce the birth of their daughter, Arabella Evonne, born on January 12, 2014.

Julie (Prosser) Ohalek, 2007 Respiratory Therapy graduate, and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of their daughter, Aliva Grace, born on May 2, 2014.

ALUMNI PINS AVAILABLE

If any graduate would like an Alumni pin featuring the Jefferson Community College logo, they are still available. These are FREE, just call 740.264.5591 ext. 1805 to make arrangements to receive one.

JOIN YOUR FELLOW GRADS WHO PURCHASED A BRICK

Eastern Gateway's Alumni Association is selling commemorative bricks that are placed in the courtyard on the Jefferson Campus. We encourage graduates to purchase a personalized, engraved decorative brick in acknowledgement, honor, or in memory of someone special. What a great way to acknowledge a special friend or family member, or even you. The proceeds from this fundraiser will assist Eastern Gateway students with the costs of their education.

Engraving Information: The bricks are red clay pavers 3.75 x 7.5 x 2.25 and will include up to 3 lines of wording and 15 characters per line (includes spaces, numbers, letters and punctuations). To order a brick, contact us at 740-264-5591 ext. 1805 or acoburn@egcc.edu.

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Annual Alumni Golf Scramble Set Aug. 22

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BEGINNING AT 5 P.M., REGISTRATION AT 4:30 P.M.
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Proceeds benefit the EGCC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

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- Golf for 9 holes
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- Dinner at finish
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PLUS Hole Sponsorship
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\$40 for Hole Sponsorship Only
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WINNING TEAM AWARDED \$200 2ND PLACE TEAM AWARDED \$100 50/50 RAFFLE & SKINS AVAILABLE

- All entry forms and payments can be made by August 15. Checks payable to EGCC.
- Send to Amanda Coburn, EGCC, 4000 Sunset Blvd. Steubenville, OH 43952. 740-264-5591 ext. 1805



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STAY CONNECTED, JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Gateway Community College Alumni Council is seeking involvement in its activities by EGCC graduates. The alumni are an important part of the college's community and more involvement from the alumni is sought.

Remember to use the alumni's email address – acoburn@egcc.edu -- for easy contact with the Alumni Office directed by John O'Brien. All alumni may join the association for free and participate in the Alumni Council by emailing the Alumni Office.

Tell us your news on your career, promotions, awards, location, marriages, births, and news you would like to share.

Become involved with the Alumni Association, contact Amanda Coburn by calling 740.264.5591 ext. 1805 or email acoburn@egcc.edu

Visit the new website for the
Eastern Gateway Community College Foundation Inc.
www.egccfoundation.org

Yes, I would like to join the EGCC Alumni Association.

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