

SETTING THE FOUNDATION

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Newsletter of the Eastern WV Community and Technical College Foundation

NEWS AND EVENTS

- » New Scholarship Fund Established
- » Foundation Welcomes the College's New President
- » The College's First Director of Non-Profits Hired

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St. George Medical Clinic Announces Donation to Establish Endowment for Medical Education

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation (Eastern Foundation) and the St. George Medical Clinic (SGMC) have partnered to create a permanent endowment to provide medical education scholarships. The St. George Medical Clinic Scholarship Fund will award one scholarship to a student attending Eastern in a medical field. The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to the student in the form of a tuition waiver from Eastern Foundation, books, and other related educational costs like scrubs, fees, and lab costs incurred from enrollment.

Steve Taylor, the Foundation's President, said, "This is an inspiring donation to help students in the College's medical programs; this one donation will also yield an annual scholarship from now on. So, this one donation helps current students and future students at the College."

"This scholarship also removes other financial barriers, like lab costs and required equipment like lab coats and scrubs. Some students can get tuition covered, but these other costs can prevent someone from becoming a student as well," said Robert Burns, Director of Non-Profits at Eastern.

SGMC is a Federal Qualified Health Clinic located in St. George, Tucker County, with additional clinics and services in Parsons and Canaan Valley. The clinic has provided a donation of \$20,000 to establish an endowment that should produce an annual scholarship of \$1,000 for a student attending any medical education program at the college.

This is Eastern Foundation's first permanent endowment, and they have partnered with the Tucker Community Foundation to help manage the funds. Their assistance will allow the funds to grow with other monies and minimize investment risks.

*Please visit the Foundation's Website
to donate to this fund or any of our scholarships or programs.*



EASTERN SELECTS ROBERT BUMS AS DIRECTOR OF NON-PROFITS

Eastern has selected Robert Bums to serve as Director of Non-Profits. In this role, Bums will be responsible for the coordination and continued development of internal and external stakeholders, fundraising efforts, and grant opportunities to benefit the Eastern Foundation and Eastern Workforce Opportunity Regional Center and Services, Inc. (WORCS).

Bums has dedicated much of his life to the Tucker County area. He served as the executive director of the Tucker Community Foundation, where he directed all day-to-day activities of the Community Foundation for over 14 years, serving seven counties in West Virginia and one in Maryland.

In his role as Director of Non-Profits at Eastern, Bums aims to foster support and growth for Eastern's Foundation, which recently released a new website that highlights student scholarships and ways to give.

2021 GIVING RECAP

In 2021 the Foundation provided 10 scholarships and grants to 11 students totaling over \$9,000. Of the funding that went to supporting students in 2021, 95% went to scholarships and 5% to emergency grants, etc.



College appoints Thomas Striplin as President

Eastern is pleased to announce that the Board of Governors has selected Dr. Thomas Striplin to assume the position of President of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. He assumed office on June 30, 2021. We welcome Dr. Striplin's leadership as we enter the next chapter of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's history.

Striplin is a community college graduate and is well-versed in academics. He brings strong leadership skills and years of experience that will help Eastern position itself for the future.

Striplin previously served as Dean of Arts and Sciences at Allegany College of Maryland. He has also held positions as director of clinical education and professor for the respiratory care program at Allegany College.

Striplin earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and a Master of Education in Health, Health Psychology, and Physical Education from Frostburg State University; a bachelor's in respiratory therapy from Salisbury State University; and an Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy from Hudson Valley Community College.

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Campaign**

Foundation's 2022 Farm to Table Annual Event