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WELCOME

Thank you for reading the first West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation Newsletter. This inaugural edition is packed with news from the Eastern Campus.

We planned to publish this newsletter in March, but with all the news and information about COVID-19 we decided to postpone the release. Since the development of this newsletter we transitioned to and completed our spring classes online, pinned a Nursing cohort, and the Class of 2020 graduated.

We are proud to share all the good things happening at Eastern. But the *"Show & Tell"* goes both ways, so we also want to hear from you! Alumni, please take a few minutes to tell us what has been happening since you were at Eastern by using the" We Want to Hear from U" link on the last page.

I also want to invite you to *Like* the Eastern Foundation Page and *Follow Us* on LinkedIn for current updates of college and Foundation happenings.

Thanks again for reading!

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Eastern Responds to COVID-19

As our daily lives changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Eastern quickly adapted to our new reality. Full-time and adjunct instructors did not miss a beat as they moved their classroom projects and assignments to an online format. Learner Support Services and other staff reached out to students to ensure the transition went smoothly. College staff moved operations to home offices. While the formal Commencement is on hold, the Class of 2020 has finished strong - Eastern Strong!



New Advancement and Innovation Department Formed

The Advancement and Innovation Team was formed as part of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's strategic plan and institutional commitment. This Team effort will establish a culture of innovation to support many philanthropic efforts of the College including the Institute of the Rural Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (IREED), foster a collegial environment, promote leadership at state, regional, and national organizations, develop a grant-writing consortium, cultivate and engage partnerships with stakeholders, stimulate growth for the future, and develop and implement a Foundation plan to increase community involvement and support.

Megan Webb, Ph.D. serves as the Dean of Advancement and Innovation. Of her new role, Megan said, "I am very excited to be part of such a great effort that the College has embraced to be innovative and provide opportunities to benefit the rural economy and stimulate support for student advancement. We at Eastern are growing in many philanthropic ways, and one of our main areas of growth is the Foundation. We have appreciated many gifts – being both cash and time donations – to support the College's service efforts. We appreciate our Board of Trustees and our volunteers who really make a positive impact." In addition to leading the Advancement and Innovation Team, Megan uses her experience and degrees in Animal Science to assist with the College's agricultural efforts to benefit the rural economy, and she provides grantsmanship for special initiatives and collaborations.

Charles "Chip" Bolyard was appointed as the Director of Institutional and Student Advancement in August 2019. Chip holds a Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University and has worked in both social service and business settings. Chip supports West Virginia Invests Grant students and works with the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation Board of Trustees to raise funds to support student needs and the growth of the college.

Eastern Campus Sees Multiple Improvements

The Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College main campus in Moorefield, West Virginia, has seen several improvements over the past year. When asked about the recent campus improvements, John Galatic, Eastern's Executive Dean of Administrative Services, said, "Eastern's environmentally friendly initiatives have generated a lot of excitement here on campus and in the community. Our goal is to lead by example and inspire other businesses and organizations to 'go green' as well. Luckily, we were able to take advantage of several grant opportunities to help fund our projects. Personally, I'm thrilled to be a part of these entrepreneurial efforts to develop and beautify Eastern's campus."

This past summer, a new outdoor patio was added to the Student Lounge and 104B Community Room so users could enjoy the outdoors. The patio is made of porous recreational paving materials made from recycled tires. The material is extremely absorbent to help with drainage, and the recycled tires make it environmentally friendly. The patio provides a beautiful, unobstructed view of our neighboring mountains. Tables and chairs are available for outdoor eating or studying.

Also during the past year, the college doubled the parking area at its main campus. The new parking lot is made of porous paving material. New solar lighting has also been added to the parking lot to improve safety while saving energy and the environment.

The campus also added a solar canopy in December. The canopy is covering ten parking spaces and will provide enough electricity to power three to four homes. This innovation will add value to Eastern by saving on the electric bill, puts part of the parking lot to productive use, and assists with our efforts to "Go Green." An electric vehicle charging station was added to the canopy this spring.



New Patio, Tables & Chairs



Electric Car Charging Station



New Parking





New Solar Canopy

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Last fall, the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation became an AmazonSmile Charity. The AmazonSmile website has the same selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on the regular Amazon website, including Prime membership benefits. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, our Foundation will receive a donation of 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.

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Dr. Terrell Announces Retirement

Charles "Chuck" Terrell, Ph.D., who has led Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College for the last 10 years, announced his retirement in the fall of 2019. Dr. Terrell will reflect on his decade of service as Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College President and "Head Coach" in our next issue. A Presidential Search Committee has been formed to find Dr. T's replacement.



Have You Taken the Alumni Challenge? It is not too late!

At every graduation, Dr. Terrell challenges the graduating class to give back. He suggests that once the grads have become established in their career that they give back a donation that is equal to their graduation year to benefit the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation. For example, if you graduated in 2019, then you would contribute \$20.19 to the EWVCTC Foundation. Your donations will support current and future students at your alma mater.

Make checks payable to EWVCTC Foundation and mail to: Eastern WVCTC Foundation, 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836, or pay electronically via PayPal. Please select *Graduate Challenge* as the Type and *Other* as the Donation Amount, unless you are giving more.

Click Here to Donate Today!



We Want to Hear From U!

We Need Some Good News! What has been going on with you since you attended Eastern? We want to hear from you! Tell us about your additional education opportunities, career, and family news. Click here to share your Eastern Alumni News here!

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