



## General Information

### Development of Eastern Wyoming College

Eastern Wyoming College was established in September 1948 as the Southeast University Center, an extension of the University of Wyoming and a part of the Torrington School District 3. From 1948 – 1956, the College struggled for existence on a very limited budget which necessarily limited the faculty, curriculum, and student enrollment. At one time during this period, the College enrolled only 16 full-time students taught by two full-time instructors, and was offering only a dozen classes.

In June of 1956, the citizens of the Torrington Public School District voted to organize the Goshen County Community College District as an independent political subdivision of the state with its own board of control. Although this initial action in the formation of a separate college district encompassed the same territorial boundaries as that of the Torrington Public School District, it was possible to enlarge the district by election to annex additional public school districts to the College District. During the fall of 1956, District 1 and District 10 elected to become a part of the College District. In the spring of 1958, District 7 voted to become a part of the College District also. In the fall of 1965 all public school districts within Goshen County voted to become a part of the College District. The name of the college was changed from the Goshen County Community College District to Eastern Wyoming Community College District on December 20, 1968.

After the reorganization in 1956, the enrollment increased to 62 full-time students with 4 full-time instructors offering approximately 30 classes during each term of the school year. Growth of the institution continued steadily. Today the College serves over 1500 students in credit courses and over 8000 students in non-credit activities. The College sponsors outreach programs in Converse, Crook, Niobrara, Platte, and Weston counties.

### College Mission and Strategic Directions

#### **College Mission - Adopted June 10, 2008**

Eastern Wyoming College is a student-centered, comprehensive community college that responds to the educational, cultural, social, and economic needs of its communities with quality, affordable educational opportunities for dynamic lifelong learning.

#### **Strategic Directions - Adopted June 10, 2008**

**Strategic Direction #1** - Thoughtfully prepare our organization and our people for changing and dynamic times.

**Strategic Direction #2** - Promote high quality, accessible learning experiences through responsive programs of distinction aligned with current and future opportunities.

**Strategic Direction #3** - Embrace and invest in technology and modern facilities.

**Strategic Direction #4** - Enhance the quality of the life of individuals, families, the community and region, and positively influence the economy.

**Strategic Direction #5** - Recognize and extend our global reach.

#### **College Vision for the Future Adopted June 10, 2008**

Eastern Wyoming College will be a dynamic center for education, acting as a catalyst for individual growth, community engagement and global impact.

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### Government

Eastern Wyoming College is a public institution established under the provisions of the State Legislature's 1951 Community College Act for the purpose of providing instruction in the first two years of college work, and for offering related services to the people of eastern Wyoming. The college is a tax-supported, co-educational institution under the control of an elected board, the members of which are residents of the College District. The College is operated by Eastern Wyoming Community College District.

The Eastern Wyoming College Board consists of seven members elected to four year terms (beginning with the general election in 1988), by the eligible voters within the College District. The terms are to be determined by the Board of Trustees, with never more than a simple majority being elected at one time.

Regular meetings of the Board are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Special meetings are called by the President of the Board to conduct business as required.

### Officers of the Board

<b>First Elected</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	
2000	2012	Sherri Lovercheck, President
2002	2010	Jeff Rose, Vice President
2000	2012	Carl Rupp, Secretary
1998	2010	James Davis, Treasurer
2008	2012	Julene Asmus
2006	2010	George Nash
2008	2012	Mike Varney

### Accreditation

Eastern Wyoming College is accredited by the following professional organizations:

**\*Accredited:**

The Higher Learning Commission;  
Member: North Central Association.  
Telephone: (312) 263.0456

**Internet:**

[www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)

**\*American Veterinary Medical Association**

1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100  
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360  
Telephone: (847) 925.8070  
Fax: (847) 925.1329

**Internet:**

[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)

**\*American Welding Society**

550 NW LeJeune Road  
Miami, FL 33126  
Telephone: (800) 443.9353

**Internet:**

[www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org)

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### Memberships

American Association of Community Colleges

American Volleyball Coaches Association

Association of Community College Trustees

Association of Intermountain Housing Officers

Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Council of North Central Two-Year Colleges

League for Innovation in the Community College

Mountain States Association of Community Colleges

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

National Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

National Community Education Association

National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association

National Junior College Athletic Association

The Higher Learning Commission;  
Member: North Central Association

Western Undergraduate Exchange

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees

Wyoming Community College Athletic Conference

Wyoming Distance Education Consortium (WyDec)