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From the EWC President

My kickoff quote for faculty, staff, and students for fall 2010 stated “Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.” I’ll credit William Foster for the quote, but must credit the EWC faculty and staff, trustees, Foundation members, and the community at large for working together to identify and advance our initiatives. Years from now, we want to look back at what we’ve done that is of real consequence, but we want to begin to make that difference now.

At Eastern we are committed to building budgets that represent solid judgments and the best possible investments in our people, students, programs, and physical plant. A recent example of that investment is Eastern Hall, which has seen a complete remodel over the summer of 2010. And, as enrollments continue to grow, the college needs to respond and begin to develop plans for additional residential space either to Eastern or to the more recently constructed Lancer Hall.

Access to quality education continues to be assured through our strong college and Foundation scholarship programs. I intend to work with the Foundation to supplement State funding for modernization of facilities and quality programming in the physical sciences. In this issue, you will read about our science students and faculty, as they team with UW to sequester and analyze the DNA of sagebrush. And, looking to the future, the College has conducted demand surveys that will help us immeasurably in long-term quality for our agriculture program, and our outreach efforts in Douglas.

With a completed independent energy audit, the College is moving ahead with lighting, heating and cooling systems, window replacements, and other areas that will save us money. We have also made significant, donor-funded improvements in the aesthetic look and feel of the campus, as you can see when you visit.

On a broader topic of overall college funding, Wyoming’s State projections tell us that the general fund and state budget reserve accounts, federal mineral reserves, and severance tax revenues may be moving in a much more positive direction. While this could provide some relief to the College for the remainder of FY2011, it may not restore dollars lost in reductions over the past two years. All of the seven Wyoming community colleges are focusing on presenting a clear and present need for a dedicated funding stream for colleges to the State Legislature. We hope for a healthy and long term, quality-driven solution that recognizes enrollment growth and that will address the current “ad hoc” and “what’s available” or “whatever’s left” funding approach.

All of this is being done not just for student benefit, but really for the benefit of our community. By enriching the lives of our students, we will make our community a much better place to live and work. As I noted above, we want to begin to make that difference now and maintain our momentum. Thank you for the role you play in that effort and please enjoy your new Lancer Luminaries magazine.

Tom Armstrong
President
Eastern Wyoming College
As the semester opened in September, and with much excitement, I took an evening walk from my home with my two young daughters. We could not wait to get to the EWC campus to look at the new landscaping. I wanted to look at all of the work, look at how it blended in with the college, and to just appreciate the enhancement to our campus. My girls had more simplistic thoughts. They wanted to dip their toes in the water and listen to the waterfalls. If you haven’t had the time to come to our campus recently, please take a few moments to appreciate the beautiful environment – an environment and look transformed and created with the help of special friends Mary Lou Atkins, and the family of Dr. Loren Morgan, whose previous memorial near the student center was renovated as part of the overall project. Feel free to dip your toes a bit when no one is looking. My girls did.

The Eastern Wyoming College Foundation continues its goals of supporting student opportunity and creating a high quality environment for learning. The Foundation works closely with donors and sponsors to enhance the college. During a recent conversation with some community members, I talked about how the Foundation had grown from less than a million dollars just a few short years ago, to nearly $4 million. The Foundation Board and the college cannot thank you enough for your gifts and your thoughtful expression of philanthropic support for our students. Please keep in mind that the endowment program remains--for every dollar you give to the college, the State of Wyoming provides an equal match. It is a great way to make a significant investment in our college and its students.

In that light, the Foundation is also developing a planned giving program, several methods of which will qualify under the State’s matching endowment. As the planned giving program grows and develops, we hope you will take a look at your own estate planning--first to assure that your own needs, and those of your family, are addressed, and then to consider your personal philanthropic goals.

In other notes, our Foundation Board has been gradually expanding. This will assist us as we work closely with Dr. Armstrong and the trustees to identify projects which add to the quality of the institution. Barbara Bonds, a former EWC Distinguished alumna, and Virgil Jackson, a well known local farmer and rancher, have agreed to serve with us, and we cannot be more pleased.

For the upcoming academic year, Dr. Armstrong has made the word “quality” a basic tenet for our college. We will work closely with him to thread that ideal through our efforts on behalf of students. Please continue to help us make EWC a quality environment befitting of our community.

Patrick Korell
President
EWC Foundation
The Estate Planning Trust

by Howard Scotland, Hickey and Evans PC

The key element of a trust based estate plan is the revocable trust. A revocable trust is a legal entity formed by an agreement between a Settlor and a Trustee. The Settlor is the person who wishes to place their assets into a trust that will manage the assets during her life and later distribute those assets upon her death. The Trustee is the person or business that agrees to manage the Settlor’s assets and later distribute the assets in accordance with the Settlor’s written instructions.

The trust is created by a trust agreement (written contract) executed by the Settlor and the Trustee. While it is clear that the Settlor is the person who has the assets to contribute, people are most often confused by the identity of the trustee. For Settlors who wish to continue to manage their assets, the Settlor also serves as the Trustee. This is true for the majority of cases; however, sometimes the Settlor does not wish to or is unable to manage their assets. In such cases, a trusted individual or commercial trustee may be chosen as the Trustee.

Of critical importance to almost every client is the word “revocable.” Remember, the estate planning trust is created to benefit the Settlor and not to encumber or make the estate planning process more difficult. Life has untold turns and neither the Settlor nor her attorney can predict future events, therefore the ability to amend, modify and even revoke the trust is perhaps the trust’s most important characteristic. The option to amend and revoke allows the trust to change with life’s circumstances and not create worry on the part of the Settlor that she is no longer able to control her financial resources.

Upon the Settlor’s death or disability, the Trustee acts in accordance with the distribution instructions contained in the trust agreement. The distribution of the trust assets are conducted outside of the probate process and therefore free from the public eye and court based probate process. The distribution process may be streamlined, depending upon the scope of the estate, and the administration cost will generally be less than the set percentage generally charged for an estate using the probate process. If the portion of your estate that will be subject to probate will require more than a summary probate process, then you may wish to ask your estate planner if a revocable trust may be advantageous in your situation.
INBRE brings Research to EWC

Thanks to a University of Wyoming program funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), students at EWC now have the opportunity to complete a biological research project using cutting edge equipment and techniques. This program, called INBRE, is in the second year of a five-year program that provides $16.9 million to bolster student interest in biomedical research. INBRE, (IdA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence) is funded by IdA (Institutional Development Award) -- a program designed to foster research in states such as Wyoming that don’t usually receive major funding from NIH. Although the INBRE program is spearheaded by UW, each Wyoming community college is receiving a portion of the funds to support undergraduate research programs. EWC Biology Instructor Tina Christinck, serves as the principal investigator for the undergraduate research program at EWC. “This is an exciting opportunity for our students to explore an interest in scientific research. They gain hands-on experience in the lab and the field. It also gives us an opportunity to travel and network with other students and faculty who share similar interests.”

The research program at EWC is currently focused on learning more about the genome of Artemisia tridentata, better known as Wyoming Big Sagebrush. Currently, several samples of sagebrush have been collected from southeastern Wyoming. These samples are then processed to extract DNA from the cells of sagebrush. Following DNA extraction, samples will be subjected to techniques such as Polymerase Chain Reaction and Gel Electrophoresis. These techniques help to amplify, or make numerous copies of, a specific gene present on the chromosomes of the sagebrush. Once a suitable amount of the specific gene is obtained samples will be sent to the University so that the sequence of the gene can be determined. Eventually these sequences will be published in a database called GenBank. According to Christinck, “GenBank contains information about the DNA sequences of numerous organisms and can be accessed by scientists worldwide. Maybe we will be contributing information that helps us to better understand why sagebrush is so successful and abundant in Wyoming ecosystems.”

Students work on the research while receiving college credit in a course called “Introduction to Scientific Research.” During the course students not only gain hands-on experience with the project; they also gain experience reading and writing scientific papers. The course culminates in a student presentation at the end of the semester. Numerous faculty and staff participated in this presentation in May 2010. Valuable feedback was provided by science division faculty members Dr. Lorna Stickel, Dr. Peggy Knittel, and Bob Creager. The presentation, titled “The Isolation and Sequencing of the GAPDH Gene from Artemisia tridentata” was given by Amity Holland, a sophomore Biology major from Moorcroft. “Both Amity and I are so appreciative of the support and enthusiasm about the project. Hopefully this is the beginning of creating a greater interest in the Biology program campus-wide and even state-wide,” said Christinck.

In addition to providing funds to develop this research program, INBRE dollars have been and will be used to purchase equipment to carry on this and similar experiments. “Without the INBRE funding, it would be difficult to obtain funds to purchase such expensive research quality equipment for students to use,” says Christinck. “It also provides new opportunities for all of the students in my courses to gain experience with equipment that they may be using in their career of choice.” Even though the program is in its infancy, a fully-equipped molecular biology research lab will be in place by the end of this year.

Another benefit of the INBRE program is providing students with opportunities to travel and meet other students who are interested in research.
“I arrived at EWC simply seeking a degree in Biology. However, the amazing science faculty at EWC brought science to life for me, demonstrating real life applications and potential uses for science. They presented the opportunity to conduct independent research, allowing me to apply my newfound knowledge. The one-on-one time with instructors was priceless.

My experience at Eastern Wyoming College laid a firm foundation for future endeavors- I would highly recommend EWC to anyone seeking a solid start to their college education.”

- Amity Holland
   Biology Major
   Moorcroft, Wyoming

Students were able to attend Undergraduate Research Day at the University of Wyoming in 2010. Debra Hafer, EWC sophomore from Nebraska stated, “”. One of the long-term goals of the program is to travel to a regional or national conference where students will present their findings. Along with the opportunity to travel, the program will also provide scholarship awards to students that participate in the program.

Christinck also plans to use the funds to provide opportunities for students in the EWC service area to participate in the research. Students from the high schools in the service area will be traveling to EWC this spring for DNA Days and have the opportunity to use our research equipment to perform DNA extraction and analysis. “This is a great chance to bring students to the EWC campus and tell them more about the opportunities provided by INBRE,” said Christinck.

In the future, the Artemisia research project will continue to grow. “Due to the chemicals in the sagebrush responsible for its characteristic aroma, we had some difficulty with successfully extracting DNA from the cells. We are hoping to develop a procedure to make it easier to extract DNA from sagebrush and other plants with similar properties,” stated Christinck. Work will also continue to sequence other genes present on the sagebrush chromosomes.

The first year for the program at EWC seems to have been a huge success. Amity Holland graduated in May 2010 with her Associate of Science in biology and plans to transfer to Chadron State College to continue her work towards a career in Veterinary medicine. According to program coordinator Tina Christinck, “It has been very fulfilling to see the impact of this project. It’s also very exciting as we look towards the opportunities that await future INBRE students,”
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Barbara Bonds, a graduate of EWC (1968) and the University of Wyoming (B.A. in Political Science, 1970 and J.D., 1973). Barbara is a principal in the law firm of Freudenthal & Bonds, P.C. in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she specializes in the practice of municipal finance. She is currently a member of the Cheyenne Downtown Development Authority and has served in several civic organizations over the past thirty-seven years. Barbara and her husband Frank live north of Cheyenne.

Barbara was the recipient of EWC’s first Distinguished Alumni award in 1991, and joined the Foundation Board in September of 2010.

EWC graduates Virgil and Peggy Jackson have farmed and ranched in southwest Goshen County since 1961. A native of Wheatland and graduate of Chugwater High School, new EWC Foundation member Virgil attended Goshen County Community College for two years and UW for one semester. He continues to operate a cow-calf operation, raise hay and sell Hydra-Beds. He, Peggy, their daughter, Jerrene, and grandson Tyler Braisted have all graduated from Eastern Wyoming College. Virgil’s community associations include the Chugwater Volunteer Fire Department, the Goshen County FSA County Committee, Chugwater Fire District Board, the Chugwater Valley Church and the Chugwater Cemetery Board. Virgil’s nearly 50 years of association with EWC and experience in the region form a strong basis for his belief in the future of the Foundation and the College.

Endowment Challenge Opportunities

As we have noted in previous editions of Lancer Luminaries, the State of Wyoming Endowment Challenge program gives donors an opportunity to have their contributions matched on a dollar for dollar basis. The original program allowed EWC a total of $4.5 million in endowment matching, and we are currently have available matching capacity of $2.7 million. Endowment gifts may be cash, securities, tangible property and even some charitable estate gifts. Endowments created through this program can be targeted to the area you wish to support.

Current endowment challenge projects that have benefitted from the matching program include landscaping, cultural programs, scholarships and endowments for support of technology acquisition. Please contact the EWC office of development for further details.
Eastern Wyoming College Welding Instructor recognized by the National FFA Organization

Leland Vetter, Eastern Wyoming College Welding Instructor was recently selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree. The award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

“When I was notified that I had won this award I was surprised. I didn’t even know that I was nominated,” shared Vetter. “It is good to be affiliated with the FFA chapters we have in Wyoming and I am especially pleased to be a part of the fresh new direction of our local chapter.”

EWC president had the following to say about Vetter’s award, “Energetic, charismatic, enthusiastic; committed, dedicated, respected. Not sure these characteristics appear on any official FFA documents used in selecting honorees, but they do describe Leland Vetter. Leland’s reputation for providing leadership and expert instruction in the welding and joining industry extends far beyond Torrington and Eastern Wyoming College. This recognition is particularly relevant because it represents his work and involvement with individuals outside the college as well.”

The National FFA Organization formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 520,284 student members and works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve success that, in turn, contributes directly to the overall well being of the nation. The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond the valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists.

Mr. Vetter will travel to Indianapolis in order to receive the honor during an onstage presentation at the 83rd National FFA Convention, held October 20-23, 2010. All recipients will receive a certificate and medal and their names will be permanently recorded.
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New Employees Introduced to Eastern Wyoming College

There are some new faces on the Eastern Wyoming College campus this fall. “We are pleased and excited to welcome these new faculty members to our EWC family. We value both their education and experience that they are bringing with them and look forward to their contributions in helping our students achieve academic success,” shared Dr. Dee Ludwig, Vice President for Learning.

The new Education Instructor is Joe Wilson. Wilson holds a B.S., 2004 from Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, in Communication, Cum Laude, M.A. Education 2007, Utah State University, Logan, Utah. He has taught science at the high school and junior high school levels for the past seven years. He has also coached basketball and track, and has been very active in professional education services and organizations.

Austin Hawks is the new Agriculture Instructor. Austin holds a B.S., 2006, from Brigham Young University, Rexburg, ID in Agriculture Business, B.S. 2010, from Utah State University, Logan, Utah in Agriculture Education, Magna Cum Laude, and a M.S. Soil Science, 2010, Utah State University, Logan, Utah. He has been a Research and Teaching Assistant at Utah State University and has been an agriculture student teacher at Weber High School, Ogden, Utah where he also coached the FFA Forestry Career Development Teams. He was previously employed as a facilities manager for Symons Frozen Foods in Centralia, WA. Austin comes from a farm family and restores tractors as a hobby.

The new Health Technology Instructor is Gwendolyn Yung. Yung holds a BS degree in Nursing from University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, Omaha, NE. Gwen is a Registered Nurse and has been involved with therapeutic foster care and teaching in the nursing assistant and medication aide programs for both WNCC and Southeast Community college in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Vickie Winney is the new Health Technology Instructor at the Douglas Campus. Vickie holds an Associate Degree in nursing, 1984, from Odessa College, Odessa, Texas. She is a Registered Nurse and has also completed continuing education hours in multiple nursing processes. Vickie has considerable nursing experience over the past twenty years. She has been working as an adjunct instructor for EWC and part-time for a Douglas physician.

The new Weatherization Technology program instructor is Tim Nyquist. Tim has thirty years of carpentry experience. He also has teaching experience as the Craft Instructor for the Wyoming Construction Education Institute, Agriculture Structures Instructor for the University of Wyoming, and Construction Technology Instructor for Laramie County Community College. Tim is an Energy Star Builder and has served on the City of Laramie Building Code Board of Appeals and the Zoning Advisory Committee.

Kerry Steward is the Business/Computer Applications Instructor at the Douglas Campus. Kerry holds a B.S. 1986, University of Wyoming in Finance and has a Wyoming State Teacher’s Certificate in secondary business education. She taught business for four years at the North Park School district, in Waldon, Colorado. Kerry and her family have lived in Douglas for the past six years.
In 1956, the College recognized the importance of student leadership and established the first EWC Student Council. The Council has since evolved into the present EWC Student Senate, which is comprised of four elected officers, one appointed parliamentarian, two freshmen representatives and a representative from each club and organization.

This group of dedicated students has increased representation of the student population to better characterize the entire student body—leading the EWC student body through constitutional revisions to include Student Senate representation from each of the athletic organizations and representation of students living off campus.

“Personable and accountable” describe Dillon Mortensen, the Student Senate President. Dillon is a Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management major who chose Eastern Wyoming College for its affordability, smaller size, and emphasis on his major. Dillon has enjoyed living in the residence halls, which has allowed him to make life-long friends as well as being affordable and convenient. Dillon has also enjoyed meeting the faculty on a personal level.

As the Vice President, Powell, Wyoming native Rachelle Ferguson is a bright spot in the Student Senate, bringing a great attitude of optimism and restoration. She chose EWC for its Cosmetology program where she enjoys the intense instruction and hands-on experience. Rachelle is an ambitious individual who is flourishing as Cosmetology Club...
President, and working as a residence hall assistant and holding a work-study position.

Marissa Mangelsen is a vibrant secretary for the EWC Student Senate. Hailing from Longmont, Colorado, Marissa chose EWC for its Veterinary Technology program. Marissa is a residence hall assistant, and enjoys getting to know all students for who they are. She previously served the Student Senate as a representative for the Veterinary Technology Club.

Conscientious and diligent describe Danna Croswell, Student Senate Treasurer. Danna is an Interdisciplinary Studies major and chose EWC because it is close to her family home in Lyman, Nebraska. She enjoys the small class size and affordability of EWC and is quick to express her enjoyment of the dances, athletic events and intramurals.

Gothenburg, Nebraska is the hometown of Student Senate Parliamentarian Jason Keiser. Jason chose EWC because he wanted to attend the best welding school possible, and earned his Welding Technology Degree in May of 2010. Jason returned to EWC to work on his Interdisciplinary Studies degree with a future plan of obtaining a bachelor’s in degree in Welding Engineering. Jason has served as a Student Senate Representative, a Student Ambassador and President of the Shooting Sports Club, which he organized on the campus in 2009.
On October 12, EWC and the EWC Foundation dedicated new landscaping features on the east side of the campus. The dedication recognized the gift of Mary Lou Atkins, which provided extensive waterscape and rock formations from the veterinary tech complex to the theater on the south end of the campus. Additionally, earlier gifts of the family of Loren and Beth Morgan and the renovation of the memorial area outside the student services entrance were recognized as part of the dedication program. Members of both the Atkins and Morgan families spoke at the dedication.

The land and waterscape renovation was completed by Sawyer Waterscaping, of Cheyenne, and is designed to provide a long range context and mode for future landscaping as time passes.
Where are they now?

60’s Helmut Anderson - (63-65) Licensed clinical social worker, Southwest Counseling Service, married, Rock Springs, WY; Hoy, Isabel (Milberger) – (62-64) Goshen County Library Director and Tea Kettle Ranch Bed & Breakfast owner/operator, married, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren

70’s Denise J. Hoesing (Figard) - (77-78) Employee of Kaplan University-Omaha campus, married, 2 daughters, Elkhorn, NE

80’s Jacqueline Dawn Peres - (86-88) Housekeeping business owner/operator, 2 children, Missoula, MT

90’s Christina R. Panerio (Roberts) (88-91) Founding member of an equine rescue organization, employee of Flathead Pet Emergency, 3 children, Kalispell, MT

00’s Sarah Alfred - (07-09) Lyman, NE; Kenneth Carson Anderson – (02-05) Ranch manager, Slow and Easy Ranch, Garrett, WY; Amanda Kay Cochran (Miller) – (00-02) Teacher, Scottsbluff High School, married, 1 daughter, Scottsbluff, NE; Krystle Anne Friesen (Christner) (01-03) Assistant Professor, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, married, 1 daughter, Wallace, NE; Billie Lynae Knapp (Babcock) (05-06) Graduated cum laude from Black Hills State University, married, APO, AP; Mark O. Lyon (00-02) Employee of Bureau of Land Management, married with children, Rawlins, WY; Diane M. Servantez (Walsh) (07) Employee of Torrington Police Department, School Resource Officer, Torrington, WY; Kevin Purcell Talley (03-05) Support coordinator/supervisor at LifeQuest, 1 son, Mitchell, SD; Rose Marie Vetter (00-02) Doctor of Audiology, Chicago Hearing Services, Chicago, IL; Steven J. Vetter (07-09) attended University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY; Sara Michele Waltz (02-05) 1 child, Oklahoma City, OK; Daniel J. Weisshaar (03-04) Employee of National Wildlife Federation, Washington, DC
EWC Welder Prevail at National SkillsUSA Competition

Eastern Wyoming College students traveled to Kansas City earlier this fall to compete in the National SkillsUSA competition.

At the national competition, Brendan Edwards, Douglas, was awarded a gold medal in the secondary welding competition. Edwards, a recent graduate of Douglas High School, changed his college plans to attend EWC so that he can participate in the welding pre-trial competition.

Blake Parks, Douglas, finished 3rd in the nation for post-secondary schools and received a bronze medal. Parks graduated from EWC in May but will return to work under the tutelage of EWC welding instructor Leland Vetter as he prepares to compete in the welding pre-trials.

Both Parks and Edwards were concurrent EWC students in Douglas under the coaching of Henry Woehl, adjunct and concurrent instructor for EWC.

To compete in the national SkillsUSA competition, held in Kansas City, the students must be the first place finishers at the state competition. Parks was on the winning welding fabrication team for EWC at state but had to make a choice to either weld with the team or individual because they can only compete in one competition.

Both Parks and Edwards have been invited into the national pre-trials where 10 individuals will be given blueprints to construct; these items were mailed to judges in September. From the 10 competitors, the field was narrowed to 6. Both Edwards and Parks were in the top 6 competitors. They then traveled to Atlanta, GA, in November where they competed for the right to be one of the top three to compete June 2011 at nationals to represent the USA in the international SkillsUSA competition as Chance Pollo did in 2007. Neither made the top 3, but both are eligible to compete again next year.

We may want to include a quote from Leland here.....
Eastern Wyoming College Alumni Information Sheet

This form may also be completed on the EWC web site
ewc.wy.edu

Please complete the following information.
This information is used to update alumni records.

If you would like to be nominated or know someone you would like to nominate for the “EWC Distinguished Alumni Award” you may also use this form for that purpose. For more information on the distinguished Alumni program, call (307) 532.8304.

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Please mail completed form to: EWC Development Office, 3200 West C Street, Torrington, WY 82240
The Lady Lancers Volleyball team hosted the 4th Annual Breast Cancer awareness “Pink Night” during a home volleyball match on Friday, October 22, 2010 with Dawson Community College from Glendive, Montana. This year’s theme was “In the Hunt for a Cure”. The event was co-sponsored by the EWC Student Senate and Student Activities which provided “Pink” tee-shirts for a free will donation with the evenings theme screened on the front. The goal of the event was to continue to raise awareness for breast cancer.

All of the monies received from the admission gate, and the free will donations and EWC’s share of the 50/50 drawing were donated to Beta Sigma Phi Alpha Alpha, which makes funds available to Goshen County residents to help maintain breast health. The money is used for mammograms, ultrasounds, wigs, wound dressings, and even gas for travel to receive treatment.

The Community Hospital mammography department provided brochures and displays in the gym lobby before and during the event, and were available to answer any breast health questions. The first 150 persons received pink embroidered lapel ribbons compliments of Community Hospital and the EWC Athletic Department. All game attendees were encouraged to WEAR PINK.
EWC Foundation receives endowed scholarship from Wayland H. Cato Jr. Foundation

The Eastern Wyoming College Foundation is pleased to recognize a gift of $20,000 from the Wayland H. Cato Jr., Foundation, based in South Carolina. The Cato Foundation supports a limited number of higher education institutions across the country, while focusing on institutions in the southern United States. The gift will create the Wayland H. Cato Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund and focus on providing tuition and fees, books, supplies and other need base requirements.

The gift has been matched on a dollar for dollar basis by the Wyoming Community College Endowment Challenge matching program, thereby creating a $40,000 endowment for support of future needs of EWC students. The matching program was one of the primary reasons that the Cato Foundation determined that EWC would be an appropriate place for this major gift. The Foundation is particularly pleased that the endowment will support not only tuition and fees, but the ever more costly areas of books and supplies — costs which can make the difference between whether a student can have access to the College’s programs or not.

Individuals interested in learning more about possible participation in the Wyoming Community College Endowment Challenge matching program should contact the EWC office of development. Gifts of cash, securities, property and irrevocable estate gifts may be considered for qualification for this program.

2010 Annual Appeal

The EWC Foundation annual appeal campaign is in its second year. As you read in our Spring 2010 issue of Lancer Luminaries, the Foundation was able to make a major difference in availability of student opportunity thanks to the success of the 2009 campaign. This year, the goal remains at $50,000, and will be used for projects identified by Dr. Armstrong through the College’s strategic planning process, and in conjunction with the leadership of the Foundation.

Foundations work to support three primary areas. These are access, which means funding for student scholarships and educational supplies; educational quality, which means support of college needs in equipment, technology, cultural programs and support of faculty and staff professional development; and facility enhancements. The recent major gift campaign that so many of you supported helped to construct a new welding facility, a new wing on the College’s veterinary technology building, and Lancer Hall — the new student residence hall.

Funds raised through the annual appeal campaign are “unrestricted.” They are the primary source of funds for any non-profit organization, and form the base of donors and friends that the Foundation and College must rely on as time goes by. The fact that the funds are unrestricted allows the Foundation to react to both challenges and opportunities that the College President identifies. In 2009, the challenge for the Foundation was to fund scholarships in a year of poorly performing investments nationally. The challenge was met, and due almost completely to the generosity of people who contributed to the annual appeal.
The College has conducted a series of community focus groups to develop input for the future of its program in agriculture, as well as in directions necessary to continue and build appropriate educational services in Converse County and Douglas. Dr. Dee Ludwig, EWC Vice President of Learning, and Tami Afdahl, EWC Director of College Relations, conducted the first meetings related to the future of the agriculture program earlier in 2010 – inviting community members from the agriculture industry, at-large community members, EWC faculty, staff and trustees, current students, Foundation members, agriculture alumni and Wyoming high school agriculture instructors. The discussions centered on future planning, marketing and student recruitment, workforce preparation and potential facility enhancement.

This effort has resulted in a series of steps that the College is pursuing and will pursue to ensure the quality and effectiveness of its agricultural programs in the coming years. According to Dr. Armstrong, the direction of EWC’s agricultural programs are already changing to respond to the needs of the Goshen county ranching and farming communities. The college has hired a new faculty member and department head whose background in crop and soil sciences strengthens previously untapped areas of instruction in areas such as agroecology, as well as building on its already strong programs in farm and ranch management, ag business and other important related areas. The agriculture department is also strengthening its partnerships with the University of Wyoming, the Goshen County Fair, and the Southeastern Area Resources Extension Center, and the Goshen County Farm Bureau. Additionally, the EWC livestock judging program has been enhanced with high quality and experienced faculty – building toward one of the region’s top livestock judging programs. The College is also building toward a more effective relationship between its ag program and its nationally-recognized veterinary technology program to enhance all areas related to agricultural production that our students can benefit from.

During the summer, Dr. Dee Ludwig and Tami Afdahl conducted a similar community focus group in Douglas, with the purpose of listening to the public’s view of the effectiveness of current programs on the EWC Douglas campus, as well as to begin to consider the need for a potential new or remodeled facility in the Douglas area to meet identified programmatic needs for the community, business and industry. Those invited and participating included members of the business community, EWC Douglas Campus faculty and staff, school district personnel, and former students. The College currently operates a strong program in Douglas, especially in the area of concurrent and dual enrollment in cooperation with Converse County High School. The community meetings produced an initial document with responses from invited community members which will be presented to the EWC trustees in early 2011.

College holds focus groups on future of agriculture program and Douglas branch campus programs
EWC Distinguished Alum Chuck Brown of Wheatland provided the college’s business class on Macroeconomics with an overview of the role of the Federal Reserve system. Chuck is on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Branch Bank in Denver. Along with a brief history of the Federal Reserve System and its structure, he shared the activities that usually comprise a Director’s meeting, how information is used to determine policy, and how grass roots information and recommendations on monetary policy is carried up to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and Open Market Committee in Washington, D.C.

Chuck also serves on the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, and recently completed his term of Chairman of the Board.
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