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## 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 almost 1,900 students in credit courses and over 6,500 students in non-credit activities. The College supports a branch campus in Douglas and outreach programs in Converse, Crook, Niobrara, Platte, and Weston counties.

## Mission

### 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

### Strategic Directions - October 7, 2015

#### **Strategic Direction #1 - Promote Pride and Unity among College Community.**

1. Promote/foster a cohesive, collaborative and professional environment.
2. Promote the addition of services and infrastructure that promote college pride.
3. Attract and retain high quality people.

#### **Strategic Direction #2 - Provide High Quality Programs.**

1. Provide professional and safe facilities that are equipped to support quality programs.
2. Responsive to educational and training needs of constituents.
3. Continued support and growth of successful programs.

#### **Strategic Direction #3 - Foster Partnerships.**

1. Develop opportunities to provide a skilled workforce.
2. Promote positive community and alumni relations.
3. Secure alternate funding streams.
4. Work cooperatively to enrich college community activities.

#### **Strategic Direction #4 - Empower and Enhance Student Success.**

1. Increase student persistence and completion.
2. Provide an environment that helps foster a sense of belonging.

## College Vision for the Future

### College Vision - 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 the 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.

## Board of Trustees

<b>First Elected</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	
2010	2018	Angela Chavez, President
2010	2018	John Patrick, Vice President
2008	2016	Mike Varney, Treasurer
2014	2016	Marilyn Fisher, Secretary
2012	2016	Lowell Kautz
2012	2016	Julie Kilty
2006	2018	George Nash

## Accreditation

Eastern Wyoming College is accredited by the following professional organizations:

**\*The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools**

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Chicago, IL 60604  
Telephone: 800.621.7440/312.263.0456  
Fax: 312.263.7462  
info@hlcommission.org  
**Internet:** www.ncahlc.org

**\*American Veterinary Medical Association**

1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100  
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360  
Telephone: (800) 248.2862  
Fax: (847) 925.1329  
**Internet:** www.avma.org

**\*American Welding Society**

8669 Doral Boulevard, Suite 130  
Doral, FL 33166  
Telephone: (800) 443.9353  
**Internet:** www.aws.org

To obtain additional accreditation information, contact the EWC Office of Institutional Effectiveness at (307) 532.8260.

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## Memberships

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

American Association of Community Colleges

American Volleyball Coaches Association

APPA: The Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers

Association of Community College Trustees

College and University Professional Association for Human Resources

League for Innovation in the Community College

Mountain States Association of Community Colleges

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

National Community Education Association

National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association

National Junior College Athletic Association

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools

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)

## AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

Eastern Wyoming College is dedicated to providing opportunities and recognizing the talent of all people at our institution. The College is committed to a policy of equal employment opportunity for all persons on the basis of merit without regard to race, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, religion, political belief, veteran status, age, or disability.

In accordance with the policy, Eastern Wyoming College affirms its commitment to non-discrimination in its employment practices as they relate to recruitment, hiring, selection, screening, testing, compensation, promotion, employment benefits, educational opportunities, access to programs, work assignments, application of discipline, access to grievance procedures, and any and all other conditions of employment which are provided by Eastern Wyoming College policy, regulation, rule or practice.

All administrators, faculty and staff committees and others involved in employment decisions are directed to comply with this policy. The Director of Human Resources is responsible for administering and coordinating the College's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

Name, office location and telephone number are:

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Affirmative Action Officer  
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