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EASTERN HIRES DR. SUZANNE GOODALL TO LEAD NEW TEACHING DEGREE PROGRAM

Moorefield – Sept. 12, 2013 - Opening a new chapter of community and educational service to the Potomac Highlands, Eastern WV Community and Technical College has appointed Dr. Suzanne Goodall as its first elementary education program coordinator.

“All six counties in our service district — Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker — are listed on the US Department of Education’s nationwide inventory of localities with teacher shortages in elementary education,” noted Deb Backus, Eastern’s academic program director for General Education and Instruction.



Dr. Suzanne Goodall, Eastern’s new elementary education program coordinator

“Eastern’s new teacher training program, partnering with both Shepherd University and WVU-Parkersburg, aims to ease that shortage, and to eliminate it. Applying the expertise that a generation of service in public education has given her, and working with our partners, Dr. Goodall is exactly the right person to meet that challenge,” she said.

The college’s partnerships make graduates of Eastern’s new Elementary Education concentration eligible for admission to the second half of a teaching degree program, either with WVU-Parkersburg, or at Shepherd.

2 Completion Options

“The Shepherd option lets our students complete the first half of the degree here, at the lowest tuition rate in the state, before transferring to Shepherd for the final half of the program,” explained Robert ‘Buck’ Eagle, dean for Academics and Student Services.

“With WVU-P, the option offers low cost tuition throughout the program,” he said, noting that the Department of Education lists WVU-P as offering the sixth lowest tuition of all

'4-year colleges' in the nation. "And our graduates can do that whole program entirely in this area."

Because work and family obligations keep many applicants from studying fulltime, he said, they might take three to five years to complete the degrees part-time.

"Completion of either teaching degree option opens up solid employment opportunities with attractive salaries and benefit packages," Eagle pointed out, adding that these programs "can also provide the Potomac Highlands with skilled substitute teaching pools, if any of our candidates choose the substitute route.

Deep Work Background

"And Eastern is very fortunate to have Dr. Goodall coordinating our new initiative with two institutions that offer quality Elementary Education programs. As these partnerships progress, her academic credentials and professional experience will serve our students well," he said.

Goodall brings to Eastern an extensive background as an educator in three states. Her 24 years of experience at all levels of public schools include 18 and 1/2 years teaching in elementary, middle and high school classrooms (13 of them in the Potomac Highlands). Taking on formal administrative duties in 2007, Goodall deepened her managerial skills during five and 1/2 years as assistant principal, first at Hampshire High School, and later at Moorefield Elementary and High Schools. She also served as head teacher at both Hardy County schools, and has taught as an adjunct college instructor at Eastern for five years.

As preparation for her career, Goodall earned three degrees from West Virginia University, including a B.A. in English, a Master's in Secondary Education, with teacher certification, and a PhD. in Curriculum & Instruction/Educational Leadership, with principal certification. She also holds an elementary teacher certification from Davis and Elkins College.

Attended Local Schools

Phi Delta Kappa (PDK), the international professional society for educators, inducted Goodall to WVU chapter membership in 2005. Dedicated to advancing quality education, particularly public education, as the cornerstone of democracy, PDK pursues its mission through research, service, and training programs at the local, regional, national and international level.

At Eastern, Goodall will focus on her responsibilities to "move forward, enhance, promote, and implement the new Elementary Education program, through our partners, Shepherd University and WVU-Parkersburg," she said. She will also teach three to six credit hours of education classes per semester.

Born in Grant County and reared in Hardy, Goodall attended and graduated from Moorefield Elementary and Moorefield High Schools. "Moorefield has always been my home," she noted, "where my parents and grandparents also lived."

Goodall still lives in Moorefield, now with her husband Mark, a program manager for ATK at Rocket Center. They have two grown children, a son and a daughter.

'I am Appalachian'

"Serving as the Elementary Education Coordinator for Eastern will be a golden opportunity for me to use my education to make a positive contribution to my home community," Goodall said. "Through my teaching and administrative work, I hope to educate and inspire future teachers.

"I am Appalachian," she emphasized, "and very proud to be a resident of the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia."

For more information about Eastern's financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education, call 304-434-8000; or toll free: 877-982-2322; or check the College's website: www.easternwv.edu.

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of Education That Works to the families, communities and employers of the Potomac Highlands.

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