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EASTERN RANKS AMONG 'FASTEST-GROWING' AS SPRING REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Moorefield — Dec. 12 — As registration for the spring 2013 semester enters into full swing at Eastern WV Community and Technical College, a November 26 report from “Community College Week” showed the strength of the college’s recent growth. In a survey of all community colleges with a total enrollment less than 2,500, based on data from the US Department of Education, Eastern ranked 21st fastest-growing nationwide.

“This is great news for the college,” said Robert ‘Buck’ Eagle, Eastern’s Dean for Academics and Student Services. “Between 2010 and 2011, we achieved a 21.2-percent growth in enrollment. It means that our dedication to provide quality programs and superior student services is bearing fruit. And we look enthusiastically to build on that quality and level of service to our community in the upcoming spring semester.”

Open registration for spring classes continues at Eastern through January 11, with an additional week allowed for late registration. Students may register for associate degree and certificate programs in business, accounting, computers, wind energy technology, automotive technology or early childhood education. They may also choose a general education program as preparation to transfer for a four-year degree.

“And at Eastern, our Financial Aid office works with every single applicant to find the best financial aid package possible,” said Eagle.

For more information about Eastern’s registration, financial aid opportunities, programs of study and workforce training, call toll free: 877-982-2322; or check the College’s website: “www.easternwv.edu”.

“Across the country some 6.5 million people ages 16 to 24 are both out of school and out of work,” Eagle noted, quoting a study just out this month from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. At the same time, he said, the study emphasized that employers routinely cannot find workers with the necessary skills to fill the jobs that are available, and that will become available, in our rapidly changing 21st-century economy.

In a statement accompanying publication of the Casey report, Patrick McCarthy, president and CEO of the Foundation, pointed out that “ensuring youth are prepared for the high-skilled jobs available in today’s economy must be a national priority, for the sake of their future roles as citizens and parents, the future of our workforce and the strength of our nation as a whole.”

Eastern’s mission, Eagle said, directly supports that priority. “We’re all about getting students into college classes— whether they’re recent high school graduates, or older adults who have been out of school, for a while — to get the learning and skills they need to succeed in today’s and tomorrow’s workplace.”

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.