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PELL GRANTS FOR COLLEGE UNCUT AS EASTERN'S FALL REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Moorefield — Aug. 4 — “We pushed back on Republican plans to cut Pell Grants,” WV Senator Jay Rockefeller said last week, after the Congress finally passed the nation’s debt ceiling authorization. Keeping Pell Grant funding off the chopping block, he pointed out, makes “it possible for about 35,000 West Virginians to afford to go to college each year.”

Local college officials also saluted that victory. “It’s great news for our students, too,” noted Amanda Sites, Director of Financial Aid at Eastern WV Community and Technical College.

“We’re having very active registration this month, and the majority of our regularly enrolled and eligible students receive some form of financial aid funding, including Pell Grants,” Sites said.

Open registration for Eastern’s 2011 fall semester continues through August 12 at the college’s Moorefield center, located just off Corridor H, about two miles east of Route 220. During regular working hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm), students can register for all of Eastern’s traditional classroom courses, as well as all Eastern-originated online and real-time video classes.

All classes start August 15, and for a small late fee, the college will continue to accept registrations through August 19.



As Eastern WV Community and Technical College gears up for the August 15 start of fall semester classes, many of its classroom and online faculty gathered at the college’s Moorefield center August 2 for the semi-annual Faculty Dinner and Orientation. “The College is very fortunate to enjoy the services of talented and dedicated educators who come from diverse professional, educational and cultural backgrounds,” said Seyed Mirkhani, Eastern’s Academic Program Director for Business Technologies (*pictured center, front*). “Many of them drive long distances not only in support of Eastern’s mission of community service, but also from a personal love of teaching.” Due to a steady increase in student registration and expansion of the college’s academic programming, Eastern’s faculty has grown some 20-percent over the last two years, Mirkhani said.

"I encourage everybody who is thinking about taking college courses this fall to come in as soon as they can to talk with financial aid and academic advisors, and admissions counselors," said Monica Wilson, Associate Director of Admissions.

"We need to hear from each student about individual learning interests and goals, so that together we can draw up the best plan and schedule that meets individual needs," she emphasized.

The college requires all new students to attend a financial aid (FAFSA) and Accuplacer (self-paced placement evaluation) workshop, that advisors use as a guide to design the right balance and level of classes best suited to promote each student's college success.

For more information about registration and financial aid opportunities, and for orientation session reservations, call the college at 304-434-8000, or toll free, 877-982-2322.

A complete calendar of orientation and registration dates, and Eastern's fall 2011 class schedule, is available on the college's webpage (www.easternwv.edu/v.php?pg=241), and at businesses, stores, government and professional offices, libraries and schools throughout the Potomac Highlands.

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 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.