



# Eastern-in-the-News



## AMANDA SITES NAMED 2009-2010 WVCCA OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR

**Moorefield, WV – Nov. 19, 2009** - At its annual conference last month in Huntington, the WV Community College Association named Amanda Sites, Director of Financial Aid at Eastern WV Community and Technical College, a “2009 Outstanding Contributor to Community College Education.” Sites won the honor in recognition for “her untiring efforts to make college accessible and affordable for every applicant regardless of the student’s economic resources,” said Robert ‘Buck’ Eagle, Eastern’s Dean for Academics and Student Support Services.



**Amanda Sites, Eastern’s Director of Financial Aid**

“Her ability to communicate clearly and easily with students from every background makes them feel welcomed in her office and empowered at the college,” Eagle noted, “confident of their ability to take care of the financial requirements, and to concentrate on their studies.”

Since joining the Eastern team in 2007, another of Sites’ primary tasks has been to achieve Eastern’s financial aid independence. Through cooperation and liaison with the U.S. Department of Education, as well as with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy

Commission (HEPC), her efforts have identified and secured additional financial aid programs and funds vital for the support of Eastern students.

### **Many Contributions**

In addition to directing Eastern’s financial aid office, Sites contributes to several aspects of college and community life. She serves as a part-time instructor for classes in ‘College Success’ and ‘Introduction to Business.’ She also plays a crucial part in promoting the activities of Eastern’s Student Government, pitching in with bake sales and luncheons to fund extra-curricular student interests and staff programs.

Her professional and community activities include Moorefield’s ‘Relay For Life’ to cure cancer, the General Federated Woman’s Club, the Potomac Highland Cyclists, the West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Community and Technical College System’s Tuition Task Force.

“Everyone at Eastern recognizes and values her constant and consistent dedication to the college mission,” said Bob Sisk, Eastern’s President, “as well as her energetic readiness to participate in any college activity or service that needs support.”

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.