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Student Registration For Summer and Fall

Special points of interest:

- Eastern Class registrations
- Eastern Recognition Day and SGA Spring Event
- Phi Theta Kappa Induction is held
- Getting Ready for Semester Exams, May 11-15th

Open registration for summer and fall classes is up and running at Eastern. Summer registration continues through May 22th and late fees apply through May 29th. Summer classes begin on May 26, 2009. Students interested in registering can check the schedule on-line at www.eastern.wvnet.edu.

Registration for fall classes will continue from April 1st through August 21, 2009. Late registration fees apply through August 28, 2009. "We're encouraging everybody who thinking about taking classes next fall to come in now so that we can

get an early jump on financial aid packages, schedule planning and class placement," said Dave Jones, Student Support Services Counselor. He urged learners to call Eastern's toll-free number at 877-982-2322 or 304-434-8000 to schedule an appointment to discuss the full range of learning opportunities available. Eastern offers job-oriented

skill sets, certificate and associate degree programs in automotive technology, electromechanical technology, business, computers, early childhood develop-

ment, individualized career studies and general education core classes. Eastern offers full orientation to new students, and the learner support staff provides guidance for those who know that they want more training but might not know where to begin. "For example, some students might want or need a refresher course in math or writing to prepare for a college program," Jones said. "We can assist them in starting at the right level of coursework based on their individual goals." (by Daniel Silver)

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Student Events You Don't Want To Miss

Students will want to mark their calendars for two upcoming events. Eastern Recognition Day will be held on Friday, May 29th, 2:00 p.m. at the McCoy Theatre in Moorefield. Also, the Student Government Association has scheduled a Spring Event for Friday, April 24th at the Moorefield Town Park. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. and is scheduled to continue until 8:00 p.m. All

Eastern students, staff, and faculty as well as their families are invited to attend the event. Food and drinks will be provided by the SGA. In addition, a live band will perform during the event. There is a rumor that Eastern English and Reading Instructor, Mr. Frank Skavenski will be performing with this group. "Students will not want to miss this opportunity to have fun and

interact with their peers and their instructors outside of the classroom" says Mr. Grover Duling, Associate Dean for Career Studies and Academic Services. Event sign-up sheets are available for students on campus at Eastern. You may also contact Dave Jones, Student Services at 304-434-8000, ext. 233 or by email davidj@eastern.wvnet.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction

Seven students at Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College have earned induction into the local Beta Nu Lambda chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

Eastern students inducted were as follows: Jacquelyn Crites, Petersburg; Drea Kelly, Petersburg; Pateen Ritter, Springfield; Trinity Racey, chapter president, Moorefield; Mindi Wetzels, secretary, Old Fields; Donna Shoemaker, Petersburg; Rachel See, Petersburg; Ashley Lambert, Circleville; Julie Linger, Romney; and Jessica M. Auvil, chapter vice-president, Moorefield.

At the official induction ceremony held recently, Eastern's President Robert Sisk noted that the new inductees "worked hard to achieve excellence in their studies."

Welcoming the new members, guest speaker Debra Layton, past president and charter member of the Eastern chapter, quoted Aristotle, "Excellence is not an art, but a habit."

Layton pointed out that "as an institution, as inductees, and as family you should all feel rightfully proud."

Outgoing chapter president Trinity Racey and vice-president Jessica

M. Auvil also received recognition for their service from faculty advisor Debra Backus, Eastern's Academic Program Director for General Education and Instruction.

Phi Theta Kappa, founded in 1919, recognizes and encourages learning achievement at two-year colleges, and offers its members opportunities through leadership, service and fellowship programming.

PTK is currently accepting student applications. To qualify, students must have completed at least 15 college-level credit hours at Eastern and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Semester Exams Approaching Soon!

Are you ready for semester exams at Eastern? They are coming up in about three weeks and everyone should begin to prepare for them. (May 11-15th)

What can you do to prepare?

1. Allow yourself plenty of preparation time for your exams.
2. Do daily and weekly reviews of lecture notes and text materials.
3. Create a study checklist of skills to master including major ideas, definitions, theories, formulas, equations, etc.
4. Create and take your own practice test.
5. Form a study-group with other dedicated students from your class.
6. Get plenty of rest the day and night before the exam.
7. Try and relax, visualize success, focus, and do your very best!

Tips for Succeeding in Online Classes This Summer

If you are taking an on-line this summer there are a few tips to remember. Do not procrastinate and put off class assignments to the last minute. Other online tips for success include:

- The internet is often very busy in the early evening. Try to avoid these times since you will spend more time waiting for information from the server.
- Become familiar with the features of WEBCT and Blackboard
- Make sure you save copies of the work you submit.
- Take a close look at the AM and PM assignment deadlines.
- If quizzes and tests are timed, you may want to consider using the HARCO complex or access center computers.
- Check your email regularly and make sure you do not reach your storage quota.

Calendar of Events and Academic Dates

<u>April-May</u>			
Registration for Summer 2009 and Fall 2009	April 1	Last Day of Summer classes	July 31
Last day to withdraw with a "W"	April 9	Summer Grades due	August 5
Graduation for Fall of 2009 Application deadline	May 1	Last Day for pre-registered student to pay fees	
Final Exam Week	May 11-15		August 5
Commencement at 10:00 a.m.	May 16	Fall Classes begin	August 24
Final Grades due	May 19	Add/Drop and Late Registration	August 24-28
Summer Classes begin	May 26	September-October	
<u>July-August-</u>		Labor Day Holiday-College Closed	September 7
Holiday—College Closed	July 3	Assessment Week	October 12-16
Last day to withdraw from summer class ("W")	July 6	Last Day to withdraw with "W"	November 9
		Mid-Term Reports due	October 16

2009 HONORS SEMINAR SERIES

PhiTheta Kappa International Honor Society presented a seminar series entitled: "The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences" during March and April at Eastern.

Seminar 1: "Lessons from Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World" was presented on March 26th in room 133 by Dr. Richard Heinzl, Doctors Without Borders.

Seminar 2: "Pathways out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life for Urban Residents" was presented on April 2nd in room 133 by Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes, Professor of Urban Studies at San Francisco State University.

Seminar 3: "The Geography of Bliss" was presented in room 133

on April 9th by Eric Weiner, Author and Foreign Correspondent for National Public Radio.

Seminar 4: "Archaeological Evidence for the Origins of Affluence" was presented on April 16th in room 133 by Dr. Michael Galaty, Professor of Anthropology at Millsaps College in Mississippi.

SGA SPONSORS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

The Student Government Association sponsored a Domestic Violence Workshop on April 7th at 6:00 p.m. The workshop was open to students as well as the general public. It was held at the Moorefield Town Library and the guest speaker was Grant County Sheriff's Department Deputy, Steve Wratchford. Several

Eastern students were in attendance. Officer Wratchford talked about safety during a violent incident and what to do during such an event. He related his personal experiences dealing with persons who were inflicting violence upon their victims.

A great deal of literature concerning domestic violence was made available to persons attending the workshop and at the Eastern campus prior to this presentation. The toll-free Domestic Violence hot-line for our area is 1-800-698-1240 located in Keyser, WV. The National Domestic Violence Hotline number is 1-800-799-SAFE.

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We envision a future in which Eastern WV Community & Technical College is valued by the people of the Potomac Highlands and the State of West Virginia as a 21st Century Learning Organization that is:

- The local connection for quality higher education opportunities
- An educational instrument for economic development
- A facilitator of lifelong learning

QUOTATIONS CORNER

“Genius is 1 percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration.”

–Thomas Edison

“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.”

–Ralph Waldo Emerson

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

–Eleanor Roosevelt

“The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.”

–Edward Phelps

“Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done.”

–Louis D. Brandeis

“You can encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated.”

–Maya Angelou

Student Government Association Elections

During the week of April 14-17, 2009, the Student Government Association of Eastern held their annual elections for the 2009-10 school year.

Elected as next year's student representatives are as follows:

President: Michelle Turner

Vice-President: Valerie Riggelman

Secretary: Dani Helmon

Treasurer: Kimbra Chirchirillo

These students will assume their respective offices for the next term on May 1, 2009. These terms will run through April 30th of 2010.

The SGA acts as the official voice of the student body. Officers dedicate their time representing student in-

terests on campus and offer free social activities to students throughout the school year. In addition, the SGA is involved in a number of charitable activities such as Relay for Life and local food and toy drives.

To be eligible to run for office, students must have completed at least one regular semester at Eastern and have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

The duties for these officers are as follows:

President: Presides over all meetings and serves as an official liaison of the SGA in dealing with faculty, staff, and the administration of Eastern.

Vice President: Assumes the powers and responsibilities of the President upon their absence or inability

to preside at any meeting and prepared the agenda for each SGA meeting.

Secretary: Maintains accurate records of all meetings and activities and make them available to officers and to members.

Treasurer: Maintains accurate and current records of all financial transactions involving SGA funds.

In addition, the SGA will elect a student government representative to the Advisory Council of Students, the Governance Committee, the Board of Governors, and to the Learner Outcome Team Committee.

These positions will run concurrently with the elective positions of the SGA officers for 2009-10.