



Talon Talk



Student Representatives and Elected Officers, 2013-2014

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KIMBRA CHIRCHIRILLO NAMED OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR



[Moorefield, WV] — [September 18, 2013] – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is proud to announce Kimbra Chirchirillo as the College’s recipient of the 2013 WVCCA Outstanding Contributor Award. Kimbra’s nomination is a reflection of her selfless acts of service to our community and Eastern’s students, staff, and faculty. “A quiet soul, she is the epitome of the ideal staff person in a small college. Helping anyone who asks, Kimbra will find the answer for you, or help you find the right person to ask,” says Eleanor Berg, Nursing Program Director.

Kimbra started as an Access Advisor for the Harco Campus. She later managed Eastern’s front service desk and tutored students in mathematics. Shortly thereafter, she was asked to teach a developmental English class and some developmental Math classes. Kimbra Chirchirillo became a full-time employee in 2011 assuming the position of Administrative Secretary. She is also co-advisor for

Phi Theta Kappa. She continues to tutor students in mathematics, work with PTK students, and manages administrative work for Learner Support Services and Academics. Kimbra’s tutoring abilities have earned her glowing reviews from students.

“Kimbra shows initiative in everything she completes. She is caring and understanding in all situations. She is a great asset to Eastern,” stated Monica Wilson, Associate Director of Admissions.

When Kimbra isn’t spending her time with PTK, tutoring students, assisting Learner Support Services and Academics, or organizing and participating in Eastern events -like trash pick-up along local highways and blood drives, she enjoys cycling, gardening, reading and political discourse.

The Outstanding Contributor award is an annual award from the West Virginia Community College Association that recognizes outstanding employee contributions. This year’s award highlights contributions that exude the Community College philosophy in the areas of excellent service, leadership, participation in activities, and positive impact.

ADJUNCTING PAYS OFF, MRS. WILLIAMS LANDS THE FULL TIME MATH FACULTY POSITION

Hi, I'm Andrea Williams, the new math faculty. I'm not new to Eastern as I have been here since 2009 teaching as an adjunct, but I am excited to begin my first year as a full-time member of Eastern's Team. I graduated from the University of Virginia with a master's degree in mathematics and have gained experience teaching at both the high school and college level since then. I live in Brandywine where I enjoy spending time with my husband and daughter.

I am here to help the students with any questions concerning math, whether they be related to content or MyMathLab or anything in between. Stop by my office in the Academic Suites, Room 202, call me at 304-434-800 x 232 or email, awilliam@eastern.wvnet.edu.

A NEW YORKER MOVED TO THE MOUNTAINS AND EASTERN BENEFITS



Hi, I'm Vincenza Cumbo, the new Full Time Faculty in the Information Technology Department. I am a new resident of West Virginia and living in Mt. Storm. I really understand where the mountain got its name. I was born and raised in Buffalo, New York and snow is something that I already appreciate!

I have extensive experience that relates to Information Technology. I received a Bachelor in Science with concentration in Accounting and Finance from Worcester State University in Massachusetts. I completed my Master of Science in Information Technology in 2010 from University of Maryland University College. For the last 9+ years I worked for defense contracting at the Patuxent Naval Air Station in Lexington Park, Md. There I supported the Department of Navy in in software development.

On a personal note, I am the mother of three sons and the stepmother to a daughter and son. My children reside in various states of the northeast.

I share my love of hiking and bicycling with my husband, Bill Crystoff. My K-9 fur babies, Skippy and Cricket liven up the household and keep me on my toes.

BLOOD DRIVE HELD SEPTEMBER 5

PTK Sponsored a blood drive through the Red Cross utilizing their Mobile until Thursday, September 5. Twenty Seven Heroes turned out and donated 23 pints of blood. Thank you for being a hero! We'll be sponsoring another drive during the Spring Semester.



KEEPING YOUR CREDITS ACCREDITED

Contributed by Robert "Buck" Eagle, Jr, Dean for Academic and Student Services

You may have heard faculty and staff mumbling HLC.

So, what is HLC?

HLC is the Higher Learning Commission. It is a Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The HLC is a non-government body that conducts institutional accreditation reviews. The HLC evaluates an entire educational organization in terms of its mission and HLC established standards of quality.

An HLC review team will be on the Eastern Campus October 21-23. Eastern's preparations for this visit started in the fall of 2011. ALL full-time faculty, staff, and administrators have been assigned to workgroups and/or given specific tasks to work on in preparation of the visit. All these activities are taking place as we continue to serve the needs of you, the students.

Why is it important to be accredited? A College must be accredited before they are allowed to participate in the financial aid programs established by the U.S. Department of Education. The accreditation also means the classes you are taking at Eastern are "accredited" which allows you to transfer your credits/classes to other colleges and universities. AND, being accredited establishes Eastern's credibility in the eyes of all!



SO HOW ARE WE DOING...ASSESSMENT AT EASTERN

Contributed by Sherry Becker-Gorby, Associate Dean for Academic & Learner Support Services

Knowing if our programs and courses actually provide quality learning opportunities is important at Eastern. However, providing a quality learning experience is only one part of the picture. It is equally important to know whether our students are really learning what is intended as a result of completing a specific course or program. It is through assessment activities that we identify solutions to help us build and continue to offer strong academic programs.

Assessment asks important questions about student learning, gathers information about student performance and then uses the information to improve academic programs and courses. At times, you will be asked to participate in assessment activities by completing surveys, taking a series of standardized tests, or completing special assignments in class. When possible, samples of standard course work are also used for assessment evaluations. The purpose for collecting or reviewing course materials is to determine if we are really providing quality instruction and if we can improve our academic programming. A brief overview of assessment expectations for students is given in the College Catalog on page 20.

To keep you informed about assessment at Eastern, information about assessment processes and results of assessment activities will be included in future students newsletters.



THERE'S A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE

Hi, I'm Dr. Suzanne Goodall, and I am honored to have been selected as Eastern's Education Coordinator. I have served in public education for the past twenty-four years. During this time, I have worked in the states of West Virginia, Virginia, and Georgia. I have taught at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels, and I have also served as an Assistant Principal. I earned all three of my degrees from West Virginia University, a Bachelor of Arts in English, 1981, a Master of Arts in Secondary Education, 1985, and a Doctorate in Education –

C & I, with a minor in Educational Leadership, 2008. I also earned my Elementary teaching certification from Davis & Elkins College – Multi-Subject – K – 8, 1993. Since 2008, I have served as an Adjunct Professor for Eastern, where I have taught courses in the General Education Program.

In my immediate family, I am married to Mark Goodall, a Program Manger for ATK Corporation in Rocket Center, West Virginia. We have a son, Bryce Ritter, who is a consultant and

engineer for Navigant Corporation in San Francisco, California. We also have a daughter, Blair Goodall, who is a first year dental student at West Virginia University Dental School. We are members of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church.

I am very excited to join Eastern's "family." I will be helping to develop, along with my colleagues at Eastern, Shepherd University, and WVU Parkersburg, a four year elementary education program at Eastern. I will also be teaching courses each semester and working to complete various administrative tasks. Students may want to see me for guidance or for mentoring in our education program. I am available at Eastern daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., (304)434-8000, for personal appointments, or by way of email: sgoodall@eastern.wvnet.edu





Eastern West Virginia
Community & Technical College

Bachelors in Elementary Education

Contact: Dr. Goodall at 1-877-982-2322 www.EasternWV.edu



Complete the Associate of Arts with a concentration in Elementary Education at Eastern, and continue towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with West Virginia University Parkersburg, or transfer to Shepherd University.



Start at Eastern, then complete your BA in Education with WVU Parkersburg on Eastern's Campus.



Start at Eastern, and be eligible to transfer to complete a BA in Education at Shepherd University.



DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

Revelations: A Stage Reading Celebration Appalachian Resiliency in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People

Revelations is a theatrical presentation about Appalachian resiliency in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people written and produced by folklorist Carrie Nobel Kline, Spring 2001 Rockefeller Fellowship recipient and Scholar in Residence at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

In Revelations, Carrie interweaves oral testimonials of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered West Virginians. Carrie explains that, "This 13-person reader's theatre performance illuminates the determination of these exceptional West Virginians to express themselves in a way that is worthy of respect and admiration. Revealing their paths toward self-acceptance, the voices engage the audience with a fresh perspective on concepts of gender from people who have broadened their own views through complex intellectual and spiritual journeys."

In the course of her Rockefeller Fellowship Carrie Nobel Kline conducted a dozen interviews with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. One interviewee is from outside the Appalachian region, and the rest are from West Virginia. The focus of Kline's research is on resiliency, especially Appalachian resiliency. Because of the confidentiality of the field research she chose to deploy actors to read the words of those interviewed. Revelations focuses on people's paths to hard won self-acceptance and their journeys toward a fuller sense of humanity.

Learning Outcomes:

- Introduce audience to gender diversity issues in Appalachia
- Demonstrate ways stigmatized individuals or groups address cultural bias, discrimination and stereotyping
- Demonstrate various stages of self-acceptance for those part of a stigmatized group
- Introduce audience to importance of oral history and recitation as a communication



CASTING CALL!

Eastern is proud to have been awarded funds through the Diversity of Equity Grant from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and Community and Technical College System of West Virginia. On October 31, Carrie Kline will bring her presentation to Eastern. We are recruiting a cast of 7 men and 5 women. If you are interested, please contact Amy Crites, Student Services Specialist, (304) 434-8000 X 233, acrites@eastern.wvnet.edu, or stop by I01C in Learner Support.

Time commitment is

Wednesday, 10/15, Auditions 5 pm, Rehearsal 6:30 pm – 9 pm

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Thursday, 10/31, for the SHOW 9:30 am—11 am.



FALL 2013 ACTIVITIES

*indicates Activity Punch(es) Available

SEPTEMBER

- 2 LABOR DAY, college closed
- 4 Art Institute Recruiting 9 am – 1 pm
- 5 Blood Drive, PTK Sponsored, 11 am – 5 pm
- 9 SGA Meeting, 11 am*
- 13 Welcome Back Party, South Branch Lanes, 4:30 – 7:30
LSS HLC Trivia Game with prizes
Kid's Activities
- 17 Constitution Jeopardy*
- 18 Game Night/Poetry Reading, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
- 19 Art Society Meeting, 5 pm*
- 20 Talon Talk Release
- 30 WVU Recruiting table 11 am – 2pm

OCTOBER

- 2 HLC Jeopardy, 11 am – 2 pm*
- 14 SGA Meeting, 11 am*
- 14-18 SGA HLC Spirit Week, Activities in Resource Center & Outside all week*
- 16-18 Coffee, Cookies & Accreditation: LSS Information/Trivia Booth HLC Prep*
- 16 Game Night/Poetry Reading, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
- 17 APU Recruiting table 10 am – 2 pm
- 18 Intramural Sport/Board Game Competition*
Chili soup cook-off* and Grilled Cheese (sponsored by LSS)
- 21-23 HLC Visit
- 31 Appalachian Cultural Interactive Presentation, 9:30 am – 11 am*
Trunk & Treat (Art Society & SGA sponsored), 5:30 – 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 4 Last Day to withdraw with a "W"
Spring Schedules/Registration opens
Deadline to apply for Graduation
- 7 Undecided Student & Transfer Workshop, Autumn Perry, cfwv
- 11 SGA Meeting, 11 am*
- 14 Jeopardy*
- 18 Game Night/Poetry Reading, 6 pm – 8:30 pm
- 21 Pizza with the President, 11:30 am – 2 pm
- 25-29 NO CLASSES, Thanksgiving week

DECEMBER

- 9 SGA Meeting, 11 am*
- 20 – JAN 1 WINTER BREAK, College CLOSED

**Use your Eastern Student ID to get discounts at the
Hardy County Health & Wellness Center**



Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31st

Where your car
is a front porch!

Safe
Family Fun

Trick-or-Treaters
0 - 12 years old

Prizes

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



At Eastern's Main Campus in Moorefield, WV

Join us for a night of safe, family fun!

Prizes will be awarded to the best costumes and best dressed vehicles.

Event is rain or shine.

"Trunkers" should bring candy to hand to kids in costumes. Decorating your vehicle is optional. Registration deadline for trunkers is October 25th.

Contact Amy Crites, SGA Advisor, 304-434-8000 X 233 or email acrites@eastern.wvnet.edu to register. Please use discretion when choosing costumes/themes for vehicles as the event is for families.

Please, no homemade treats.

More information available online at www.easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000

