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Two wonderful new scholarships were established by the families of alumni of Eastern Arizona College: the Farrel Claridge and Bessie A. Layton Scholarship and the Kalvert W. Lines Scholarship.

**Farrel Claridge and Bessie A. Layton Scholarship**

Farrel Claridge Layton was born and raised in Thatcher, Arizona. He attended Gila College for four years when it offered both the last two years of high school and college courses. Farrel enjoyed playing football and especially basketball for Gila. He graduated in 1933 and continued his education at the University of Arizona.

Bessie Allred Layton also attended Gila. After Farrel returned from the University of Arizona, the couple married and raised two sons. Their love for the College increased as their children and grandchildren attended Eastern where many of their descendants also found spouses.

Farrel served as a member of the EAC Foundation Board of Directors, as President of the EAC Alumni Association Board of Directors, and as bishop for one of the student congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Layton family is pleased to share this scholarship to help many other students enjoy the opportunities available at Eastern Arizona College. The scholarship will benefit full-time students attending the Thatcher Campus maintaining a 3.0 GPA with demonstrated financial need.

**Kalvert W. Lines Scholarship**

After graduating from Gila in 1935, Kalvert (Kal) Lines attended the University of Arizona, graduating in 1937 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He worked for his father in agriculture for a few years in Southern California. While there, he met and married Arlys. Not wanting to continue farming, they moved to San Francisco, where he could attend law school at Golden Gate University.

While attending the university he sold real estate to support his family. After graduation in 1951, he practiced law as an individual bankruptcy attorney until retirement.

Kal and Arlys raised two children and now have three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Kalvert made arrangements in his will to start the Kalvert W. Lines Scholarship. This scholarship benefits freshman EAC students returning for their sophomore year with financial need and a strong GPA of at least 3.75.

The generosity of the Lines family is greatly appreciated. This memorial scholarship will be a wonderful support to students at Eastern who have shown they can work well at college and want to make the most of the opportunities available at Eastern.
October 30 and 31, 2009 brought more than Halloween to Eastern Arizona College. Eastern’s Homecoming weekend included reunions for the Dr. Purdy Choirs, the Eugene Shroyer Bands, and the Class of 1964.

Reunion attendees enjoyed the opportunity to renew friendships and share what they’ve been up to during the past 35-45 years. Memories of great instructors, friends, and student activities were a common theme from the alumni returning to campus.

Attendees also enjoyed great food, the fabulous Fall Sing, and a successful football game against Pima Community College. The day also included a tour of campus to see the many changes to the College.

It was great to have them all back on campus. Best wishes to the fantastic Gila Monsters!
Teddy Nixon, ’07, Higley, Arizona, recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. She credits EAC’s Dr. Marilyn Wilton for her decision to major in English, which she says was “the best decision I have made in college.” Teddy is now considering graduate school.

Michelle Young, ’04, San Carlos, Arizona, attended Northern Arizona University after graduating from EAC. She received a bachelor’s degree in Accountancy and moved back to her hometown of San Carlos. Here she brings back her education experience and is now working for her tribe as a junior accountant.

Angie De Leon Humeniuk, ’00, Clifton, Arizona, married Mark Humeniuk on July 4, 2009 in New York. They have a handsome son together, Jarret Saiz. Angie says, “our lives are full of love and lots of blessings.”

Trent Batty, ’97, Pima, Arizona, joined the other practitioners at Mt. Graham Family Medicine in Safford, Arizona. After attending EAC, Trent obtained a bachelor’s degree in Hispanic Linguistics and Chemistry from the University of Arizona. He continued his education at the UA College of Medicine, graduating in 2006. Dr. Batty fulfilled his residency in Casper, Wyoming, where he was a team doctor for two Casper area high schools. He is particularly interested in sports medicine. Dr. Batty and his wife Melissa McBride Batty, ’98, have a four-year-old son and a baby girl.

Becky Blackburn Cathcart, ’97, Eagar, Arizona, married Doug Cathcart, ’97, on December 19, 2009. She has two children. Becky will be attending Northland Pioneer College in the spring where she is working towards her nursing degree.

Gary Clement, ’81, Willcox, Arizona, was recently recognized at the White House where he received the “Coming Up Taller Award” from the President’s Committee on the Arts and Education. Gary’s work with the TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Teen program brought about a teen magazine that is written, produced, and managed by teens from Willcox. Gary works as the library programming director at the Elsie S. Hogan Community Library.

Donald L. Kordosky, ’84, Oakridge, Oregon, earned a doctorate (Ed.D.) from Walden University in 2009, focusing on gifted education in rural high schools. He earned a master’s degree from Oregon State University in 2001. He’s currently employed as the superintendent of schools for the Oakridge School District.

Mark Kem, ’80, Phoenix, Arizona, transferred to Baker University in Kansas after graduating from EAC, where he completed a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Accounting. He later completed a Master of Business Administration degree through Arizona State University’s Executive Program in May of 1994. He has worked in health care administration, primarily in the Phoenix area. His career has taken him from an accountant at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence, Kansas, to his current position as the Interim President & CEO/ Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Catholic Healthcare West - Arizona, Chandler Regional Medical Center in Chandler, Arizona.

Glen Cox, II, ’79, Stockton, Missouri, has been married to his eternal companion, Sarah for five years. Together they have three children: Glen III, Ciera, and Troy. He is a resource teacher and an assistant football coach at Bolivar High School. Glen is in his 11th year of teaching and coaching.

Darrell Rumley, ’64, Sells, Arizona, retired from Indian Health Services of Sells, Arizona. He is currently serving on the board of trustees of the Tohono O’Odham Community College. He also enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren.

Vonda Cummings Hines, ’64, Naples, Texas, graduated with honors from EAC and from Northern Arizona University. She married Robert Hines, ’64, who also graduated from EAC and NAU. She is a school counselor and is still working. Her husband is a retired school principal and

Gary Clement, ’91, (left) and TAG Senior Editor Mayra Guzman (center) are presented with the 2009 Coming Up Taller Award by First Lady Michelle Obama in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington D.C.
George Lefferts, '51, San Diego, California, came to Gila College with nine other students from Amphitheater High School in Tucson, Arizona. He enjoyed playing football, basketball, and baseball. To afford expenses he would hitch a ride during the early mornings to Safford to work at a laundromat. Many weekends he and a few buddies, James Tolkan and Bill Lewers, would travel down to Apache Junction, Arizona, to make money boxing. They used false names so they wouldn't hurt their eligibility for athletics.

George's second year of attendance was with Eastern Arizona Junior College (due to the College's name change that occurred with legislation that created state funding for colleges).

George then transferred to University of Idaho with several other friends to play football. While there, he completed a Bachelor of Science and master's degree in 1953 and 1954, respectively.

George later joined the U.S. Marine Corps, played four years of football for them and earned the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Lefferts coached 10 years of college football for California Western and had a 30 year career in the insurance industry.

He met his wife, Joanne, at University of Idaho. Together they raised a son and daughter who have been successful in their careers. The Lefferts have been married for 55 years.

George explains his years at Gila/EAJC were "some of the happiest years of my life."

Grant Greenhalgh, '40, Tucson, Arizona, first attended during the 1936-37 year. He transferred to Brigham Young University for the 1937-38 year and then left for a mission to Holland. In December 1939, he had to return home early because of Hitler's invasions in Poland and other nearby countries.

He returned to Gila College for one semester and graduated in May of 1940.

Wanting to become a pilot, he attended government-sponsored flight training in Phoenix at Sky Harbor Airport.

Mr. Greenhalgh then married Lorraine Pollock, '38, and they lived in Safford, Arizona.

Grant wanted a commercial pilot's license and asked the military trainers stationed at the Safford airport if they could train him. He borrowed some money to pay for the training and received a commercial license and an instructor's license. They trained him during the evenings, after working with enlisted pilots who were in training at Gila College.

Grant was then hired to help teach the cadets at Gila College for eight months. After a change in policy, he was notified that only enlisted men could be trainers. He would either need to enlist or wait to be drafted. He enlisted in the Navy and was a flight instructor for the remainder of World War II.

After the war, he then returned to Safford and worked with Spencer Brinkerhoff and later Emil Crockett. He later started an abstract company that eventually developed into Safford Title. After some years, Transamerica Title purchased the company and he worked for them for the next 30 years.

John Ekman, '98, Safford, Arizona, has gone on for advance practice education as a Family and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. He is now in the DNP program.

Marquett Richins Mower, '06, Tucson, Arizona, recently had a photograph accepted into the North Carolina University at Wilmington's juried photography exhibition: Photographing America 2008-2009.
Wedding Bells Rang

July 3, 2009 – Jennifer Schamaun, ’09 & Dace Duthie, ’09
July 4, 2009 – Angie R. De Leon, ’00 & Mark Humeniuk
July 17, 2009 – Allisen Janae Carter, ’09 & Kyle Chuck Lines, ’09
July 18, 2009 – Jerica Rachele Scott, ’09 & McKay Kempton, ’09
July 22, 2009 – Melissa Mary Cluff, ’07 & Christopher Brogan, ’07
August 1, 2009 – Dammon Ray Burden
August 3, 2009 – Caroline Lea Walker & Ryan Andrew Williams, ’09
August 5, 2009 – Stephanie Peck, ’08 & Simon McLaughlin, ’09
August 9, 2009 – Emma C. Lewis, ’08 & Braden B. McBride, ’07
August 12, 2009 – Carley George & Sheldon Nelson, ’03
August 14, 2009 – Ashli Noel Teeple, ’09 & Joshua A. Young, ’04
August 18, 2009 – Monica Chavez, ’05 & T.J. Earp, ’06
September 5, 2009 – April Stephens, ’05 & Andy Harris
September 19, 2009 – Jocelyn Pease, ’09 & Michael McHugh, ’07

In Memoriam

George Kimball Nelson, ’38 – February 1, 2009
Gloria Talavera Rhoads, ’72 – March 24, 2009
Rose Eyring Calder, ’30 – April 28, 2009
Alvin F. Krupp, ’38 – July 17, 2009
Gary M. Buehrer, ’67 – July 18, 2009
Michael Anthony Amado, ’93 – July 26, 2009
Manuel T. Gauna Jr., ’72 – July 29, 2009
Ann Zipperer, ’76 – July 30, 2009
Gary Rand Hatch, ’53 – July 31, 2009
Jay A. Harlson, ’40 – August 1, 2009
D. Jean Harrington Knight, ’64 – August 3, 2009
Mark G. Latham, ’59 – August 7, 2009
Mary Louise Garcia, ’71 – August 8, 2009
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Gail Mortensen, ’02 – August 21, 2009
Laurel Peterson Ellsworth, ’85 – August 22, 2009
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Linda Beth Adams, ’71 – August 26, 2009
Dayna Lachel Moore, ’09 – August 29, 2009
Ruth Irene Hanna, ’00 – August 29, 2009
Trilba Claridge Gherkins, ’32 – September 6, 2009
Michael F. Sherman, ’59 – September 13, 2009

Richard L. Russell, ’76 – September 14, 2009
Darrell C. Hooker, ’52 – September 19, 2009
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Sandra J. Steele, ’86 – October 5, 2009
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Harley Cooper, Faculty Emeritus – October 23, 2009
Tommy A. Serna, ’92 – October 25, 2009
Reed K. Phillips, ’42 – October 26, 2009
Robert L. Snedigar, ’48 – November 19, 2009
April D. Byrd, ’85 – November 22, 2009
Lincoln O. Pace, ’46 – November 22, 2009
Ray Alva Carpenter, ’67 – November 22, 2009
Ivan Bode Pearson, ’71 – December 5, 2009
E. Alfred Harlson, ’49 – December 9, 2009
Zola Fuller Beals, ’37 – December 10, 2009
Peter H. Riggi, ’62 – December 10, 2009
Ethel Burrell Stevens, ’49 – December 12, 2009
Anastasia Pierce, ’08 – December 19, 2009
Dick Roscoe, ’76 – December 21, 2009
Geraldine E. Covert (EAC Administrator) – December 27, 2009
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2009-2010 recipients of the Alumni Association Scholarship. Left to right, back row: Andrew Richards, Parker Lewis, Rachel Juarez Davis, Rhianna Hancock, April Pollock; Left to right, front row: Kaycee Draper, Jaron Lines, Jennifer Sorensen, Sharrla Norton, Shanna Allred, Larry Rapier

Julie White (left) and Kathryn Strebe (center) received full-tuition scholarships made possible through special Foundation fundraising last spring to help additional students during the economic downturn.
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