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The students and faculty of Eastern Arizona College and the local community are excited to see construction begin on the College’s new Nursing Education Facility. This building will allow the College’s growing Nursing program to consolidate under one roof and will be a benefit to students and faculty in providing state-of-the-art training in a field that continues to be in high demand.

The new 15,600-square-foot facility will add two classrooms, one 10-bed training lab, two simulation rooms, office space for faculty, and a workroom for work-study students.

The building will sit north of Railroad Street on the southeast corner of Middle Campus. It will be constructed with red-brick exterior walls, metal standing seam roofs, and windows to match the rest of the College’s Middle Campus buildings.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Wednesday, June 17, 2009, to commemorate the beginning of construction. Members of the Graham County District Governing Board, EAC administrators, nursing faculty, and representatives from Mount Graham Regional Medical Center were there to take part in the celebration. President Mark Bryce addressed the group and remarked how the new facility will enable the College to bring increased opportunities for students seeking valuable skills in the healthcare industry.

The Nursing Education facility is scheduled to be completed in time for Fall 2010 enrollment. For additional information about enrolling in Nursing at Eastern Arizona College, please contact the EAC Nursing Department at (928) 428-8396 or see the catalog at www.eac.edu/academics/catalogs.
Donald J. Caldwell came to Eastern Arizona Junior College in the Fall of 1961. After graduating in Agriculture at Eastern, he completed a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Arizona in Agriculture.

He then enlisted in the Army and soon joined the Army Corps of Engineers where he eventually became a trainer. Don served for eight years.

After the army, Don was a sales representative, district manager, national training manager, and regional manager for Lederle Laboratories, a division of American Cyanimid. Later, he was the director of sales for Adrin Laboratories. He worked again with Lederle Laboratories as national accounts Manager, surviving the buyout by American Home Products. Don retired in 1999 and started a private business - Biggest Monster Koi Farm.

Don appreciated the start he received at Eastern and hopes to make an impact in the lives of students who are serious about obtaining skills that will prepare them for employment in the medical field.

The Donald J. Caldwell Educational Scholarship is awarded to students who have completed all of the prerequisites and have been accepted to enroll in the Nursing or Licensed Practical Nursing program at EAC.

Mr. Caldwell has also made provisions in his estate plan to keep the scholarship in perpetuity. As a result, there will be an ever-growing number of students with the opportunity for employment and bright futures.

What a wonderful way to create a legacy of sharing that will make a real difference in the lives of others. Thanks, Don!

For information about starting a scholarship or about the benefits of including the EAC Foundation as part of your estate plan, call David Udall at the EAC Foundation, (800) 445-2472.
The Class of 1959 returned to Eastern on May 8, 2009, to celebrate their 50th Anniversary Reunion. After registration and pictures at the Student Services Building, class members boarded an EAC bus for a tour of campus and then a trip to EAC’s Discovery Park Campus. There they enjoyed lunch, shared their memories of EAJC, and told a little about their lives since leaving EAC.

Later that evening each alumnus was honored at the 109th Annual Alumni Association Banquet. Reunion attendees were honored again during commencement exercises for the Class of 2009.

It was a wonderful day to renew friendships and share stories from the past that may have grown better in 50 years.
Upcoming Reunions

MEMO:
The Class of 1964 will return to the Thatcher Campus for a fantastic reunion on October 30 and 31, 2009. It will be a great weekend of sharing memories, building friendships, and attending Homecoming events. The classes of 1963 and 1965 are also welcome! Come see what’s new on campus and have some fun.

When is my reunion?
Interested in having a reunion with your classmates? Homecoming reunions can be organized for any group: single class year, several class years, music groups, athletic groups, etc. Fiftieth year reunions are traditionally held at the end of the spring semester on the same day as Commencement. We make it easy for you! Contact the EAC Alumni Association at (800) 445-2472 or (928) 428-8295 or by email at alumni@eac.edu. We’d love to hear from you!

Attention Performance Groups led by Eugene Shroyer or William Purdy:
Band members from the Fall of 1963 through Spring of 1970 and Choir members from the Fall of 1963 through Spring of 1980 are invited to come back to relive great memories. Both directors will be here to reminisce and catch up on stories during this special Homecoming weekend on October 30 and 31, 2009.

If you didn’t receive a registration packet and would like to attend, please contact the Alumni Center. Additional information is available on the alumni website at www.eac.edu/alumni.
Julian Parks “Pete” Watkins, ’40, Sun Lakes, Arizona, came to the Gila Valley when his father was transferred to Safford. He attended Gila Junior College for three semesters and then married. With a shortage of work to support their young family, they moved to Oakland, California, to work in the shipyards there. Julian was drafted and served ten months through the end of World War II. He worked for 40 years at Arizona Public Service and retired as the head of their gas division. Julian and his wife Betty raised seven children.

Larry D. Judd, ’53, Tempe, Arizona, is retired now from a great career as an architect. He met his wife Opal Smith Judd, ’52, while attending Eastern. In fact, they were Homecoming King and Queen at the Fall 1951 Homecoming. He later attended Brigham Young University and Arizona State University where he completed a degree in Architecture. The Judds raised 10 children and now have 43 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Larry worked with the firm Shill Judd Richards Johnson Architects Inc. (SJRJ) in Mesa, Arizona, for 34 years. They primarily designed educational buildings and churches. Notable projects to Gila Monsters are the Fine Arts Center and Industrial Technology Building on Eastern’s South Campus.

After retiring in 1998, Larry and Opal served three missions for their church – The Atlantic City Spanish Speaking Mission, the Regional Employment Center in Mesa, Arizona, and the Randolph Training Center in Coolidge, Arizona.

W. Adrian Gale, ’55, Logan, Utah, was appointed by Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. to the Utah State Board for the Division of Aging and Adult Services. This board has the responsibility to set policy for the State Division of Aging and Adult Services. The appointment is a four year term.

Eric Bellmann, ’59, Tucson, Arizona, transferred to Arizona State College (now Northern Arizona University) and majored in Business Marketing. He and his wife Nora married in 1960 and will celebrate their 50th Anniversary next year. After graduation, Eric worked for Bekins Moving and Storage and Global Van Lines in Phoenix, Tucson, Las Vegas, Anaheim (CA), and Lexington (MA). He got his first sales job with Burrough’s Corporation Business Forms in 1971. He started B&B Business Forms and Computer Supplies in 1978 and was owner until 2002. He now works for Tucson Business Interiors and has many outstanding clients like University of Arizona and Tucson Medical Center.

Edwin Webb, ’59 and Zella Busby Webb, ’59, Holbrook, Arizona, have been Emergency Medical Technicians for over 20 years. Edwin also owned and managed Rainbow Bread and Shamrock/Borden’s Milk Distributorship for 28 years. Now he owns and operates “Burr’s Stove Shop.” After raising their five children, Zella worked as a medical assistant for eight years and then eight years for the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce. They both look forward to retiring at the end of the year so they can work on fishing and spoiling their 28 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Donald Cole, ’64, Phoenix, Arizona, is retired and living in Phoenix. He graduated from Arizona State University in 1968 after attending Eastern Arizona Junior College. He has been a Sun Devil Football season ticket holder for 36 years.

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He then worked for the BIA – Natural Resources for 33 years.

Mrs. Arviso attended Northern Arizona University and received a Bachelors degree in Education in 1974. She taught school for three years at BIA boarding schools and then moved to administration for 30 years. She is now serving her second term as the Apache County Treasurer.

Tom Curtis ’78 and Kathy Stephenson Curtis ’78, Gilbert, Arizona. After marriage and graduation from EAC, Tom and Kathy Curtis moved to Flagstaff where Tom received his degree in physical therapy from NAU. He has since returned to school and earned his post-professional masters degree and doctorate in orthopedics. He has been involved in clinical research and has published in several professional journals. He received his board certification as an orthopedic clinical specialist and has been in private practice in Mesa since 1987. He currently teaches in several university doctoral programs and serves on A.T. Still University’s IRB board. Kathy, like many, has received her “honorary” degrees by putting her husband through school and has been instrumental in building the practice by utilizing her skills in accounting. However, her greatest achievement is being a mom and grandma. They have been blessed with seven children (several having also attended EAC) and six grandchildren which remain her primary focus and love. She remains young at heart while working with the youth in Church and mothering two high school children still at home.

Lynn Mullenaux Lewis, ’81 and irvin “Wick” Lewis, ’90, Thatcher, AZ, were able to move back home to Thatcher.
when Wick became the Director of Human Resources at Mount Graham Regional Medical Center. Four of their children have now attended Eastern Arizona College. Rachel, '04, is a hair stylist and is married and raising two children. Ben, '04, now works with University of Phoenix and is pursuing a Bachelor Science in Information Technology. Emma, '08, is now working full-time after graduating at Eastern. Parker, '10, started at Eastern this fall and plans to serve a mission for the LDS Church next summer. Lorenzo is still at home enjoying school in Thatcher.

Gabriel Dersam, '93.
Lafayette, Louisiana. After graduating from EAC, Gabriel graduated from Northern Arizona University in 1995 majoring in Physical Science and entered the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 1996 on a football scholarship. He did his residency in 2000 in Phoenix, Arizona, and finished at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Dersam, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, has joined the staff of Women’s & Children’s Hospital where he specializes in diagnosing, treating and managing a wide range of children’s musculoskeletal (bone, joint, or muscle) problems. This includes conditions present at birth and those that arise later due to injury, stroke, or a neuromuscular disorder. Dersam earned his medical degree from the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He then completed his residency at the University of Minnesota and a fellowship in pediatric orthopedic surgery at Gillett Children’s Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. Gabriel, the director of pediatric orthopedic surgery at the Women’s & Children’s Hospital in Lafayette, and his wife, Sharon, have 4 children.

Robert Todd Shelton, '01. Springerville, Arizona, received a Bachelor Science degree in Parks & Recreation Management from Northern Arizona University in 2007. He was hired as Assistant Park Manager/Ranger & Law Enforcement Ranger for Picacho Peak State Park in June 2007. He was transferred to Lyman Lake State Park as the Assistant Park Manager/Ranger. He has approximately six years of service in Arizona as a law enforcement search & rescue professional. He has also worked as a park police officer and deputy sheriff with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s office.

Benjamin F. Bird, '05. Queen Creek, Arizona, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks & Recreation Management from Northern Arizona University in 2007. He was hired as Assistant Park Manager/Ranger & Law Enforcement Ranger for Picacho Peak State Park in June 2007. He was transferred to Lyman Lake State Park as the Assistant Park Manager/Ranger. He has approximately six years of service in Arizona as a law enforcement search & rescue professional. He has also worked as a park police officer and deputy sheriff with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s office.

Annette Rapier Vercelli, '96. Mesa, Arizona, began her higher education at EAC. She also attended Mesa Community College where she completed her AA degree. In 2002 she enrolled at Arizona State University to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Speech and Hearing Science. Annette then obtained her Master of Science degree in Communication Disorders-Speech Language Pathology in May 2007. She now works in the public schools serving K-6 children with speech and language disorders.

Annette is married and has three wonderful children.


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Benjamin F. Bird, '05. Queen Creek, Arizona, is currently teaching English and drama at Combs High School in Queen Creek.
Wedding Bells Rang

January 2, 2009 – Rachel Perkins, ’05 & Kent Spiros, ’09
January 10, 2009 – Megan Macy, ’09 & Steven Smith, ’08
January 10, 2009 – Jennifer Harms, ’09 & Kenneth Cahill
January 23, 2009 – Tiffany Aaron, ’09 & Matthew Pennell, ’09
March 7, 2009 – Megan Platt, ’07 & Denver Wade Finch
March 14, 2009 – Rachel Lynn Wright, ’08 & Nickolas Pulsipher
April 24, 2009 – Kailee Ferguson, ’08 & Brandon Bingham, ’03
April 17, 2009 – Danielle Daley, ’09 & Bryce Carter, ’09
May 13, 2009 – Dian Michelle Hovan & David Adam Stewart, ’09
May 16, 2009 – Sarah Crossley, ’06, ’09 & Kyle Zale, ’09

May 16, 2009 – Leticia Raquel Pierson, ’05 & Christopher Bishop
May 23, 2009 – Jodi Ann Williams, ’08 & Ethan James Hansen, ’08
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June 11, 2009 – Catherine Burrell, ’09 & Jerred Needom Kieffer, ’09
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June 20, 2009 – Cadie Sue Jensen, ’09 & Timothy Bret Hatch, ’09

In Memoriam

Walter C. Rogers, ’43 – November 30, 2008
Tammy Lynn Scott Trammell, ’66 – January 3, 2009
Leah Harney Steele, ’76 – January 15, 2009
Mabel A. Spica Michael, ’87 – February 7, 2009
Ernest P. Russell, ’67 – February 10, 2009
Norma Natividad, ’63 – February 17, 2009
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Joy Suzanne Lann, ’07 – May 27, 2009
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Delmend Chesley, ’38 – June 4, 2009
Shanna R. Standifird Smith, ’96 – June 19, 2009
Jack V. Kleinman, ’32 – June 23, 2009
Wesley J. Lake, ’07 – June 28, 2009
Our scholarship recipients greatly appreciate the many alumni and friends of the College who have given so generously to make our scholarship program a success.

Last year, the EAC Foundation provided over $140,000 in scholarship assistance to more than 100 students. Most of the funds were for tuition scholarships, some for books, and some for other education-related expenses. Other students were helped with funds specifically declared by donors to provide emergency need to help students leap financial hurdles that otherwise would have forced them to withdraw before completion of their courses.

We wish we could transfer the warm feelings of satisfaction we feel at Commencement, nursing pinning, and other completion ceremonies on campus here at Eastern Arizona College. It is wonderful to know that so many of our students can pursue brighter futures because of those who shared with them.

Here are some excerpts from thank you notes received this year:

I would like to show my immense gratitude to everyone involved in helping me finance my education. I truly appreciate everything I have received. Without the donors, I would not have been able to receive such a wonderful opportunity. Thank you for allowing me to be the recipient of a well-needed scholarship. I cannot express my thanks enough.

I am most grateful for having the chance to go to college...being the only member in my family to do so. I am very appreciative for this scholarship and will use it well.

I want to thank you for your generosity. I recently returned to school after working full-time for several years. It has been a challenge for my family financially, but a challenge that we feel will be worthwhile. This scholarship will be very helpful to us and I am very appreciative. I want you to know that I will work hard and do my best with your funds and hope, someday, to be able to give back when I am in a position to do so.

I am honored to be awarded your scholarship and I appreciate your investment in my future.

I cannot thank you enough for awarding the scholarship to me. Without this scholarship I would not have been able to continue my studies. Because of your generous contribution to my education, I can continue to pursue my degree in chemistry...My financial situation is dire. Though I do have a job, it is hard to pay for college by myself since both of my parents are poor and cannot afford to pay for my education.

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I will work hard to succeed in my nursing studies so that I can become an adult that gives back too! Thank you, I will make you proud.
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Darleen Weech, the 2008-2009 recipient of the Mark J. Green Excellence in Spanish Scholarship, at Commencement 2009.
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They probably never knew and had little if any hope of their efforts yielding results (in me) but they put themselves out there anyway. I’m speaking of the great coaches and professors of EAC. Coaches Ladd Mullenaux, Jess Pease, and Wayne McGrath, and professors Margaret Todd, Paul Dillon, and Clarence McBride all had a lasting effect on me. They were so beneficial in academics of course, but even more so I think in their “life” lessons and guidance.

It took awhile but their input finally took root. Among other things, after EAC I went on to earn Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees and taught secondary mathematics for 20 years. So maybe they did at least get some return on their investment. Maybe I was able to share with my students some of what these fine people gave to me. Thank God for them and thank you EAC for being there to play a big part in helping people like myself to make the transition. I will always be grateful for what these wonderful people were able to instill in my life.

Sincerely,
Ken Math, Class of 1967

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