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Admissions Staff, Others Take to Ky. Highways

The faculty and staff directory says the admissions office is located in Jones 203, but it might as well say I-75 … or I-64 … or the Bluegrass Parkway … or the Mountain Parkway … or anywhere prospective students can be found.

An ambitious spring semester schedule is packed with dozens of receptions and “Advising Roadshows.” The events are designed to take the Eastern story and some key faculty and staff members into communities throughout the Commonwealth and beyond, from Middlesboro to Elizabethtown and from Lafayette, Tenn., to Dayton, Ohio.

In addition, three Campus Preview Days are scheduled: Feb. 24, March 24 and April 21.

“We take seriously our responsibility to provide information about educational opportunities at Eastern,” said Stephen Byrn, admissions director. “We realize, however, that often it’s difficult for students and families to travel to campus, so this series of community visits is designed to provide the information, encouragement and support that students need.”

At each off-campus event, University representatives will be on hand to provide students (and, in some cases, their families) information about academic programs, the admissions process, financial assistance, and housing.

“Advising Roadshows” will be going to community colleges in Lexington, Prestonsburg, Louisville, Elizabethtown, Somerset, Hazard, Springfield and Middlesboro. Receptions for prospective students and their families are scheduled in Richmond, Elizabethtown, Louisville, Cincinnati, Ashland, Monticello, Morehead, Gerbinc, Lexington, Hazard, New Albany, Big Stone Gap (Va.), Frankfort, Lafayette (Tenn.), Dayton (Ohio), Danville and Manchester.

Eastern alumni are expected to be on hand at some of the events. Graduates are responding to the University’s call to serve as contacts for prospective students in their respective communities.

Activities

Mark Black History Month

Remaining Black History Month activities at EKU include a Black Student Forum, a Black Professionals Seminar, an African-American Achievement Banquet, a job fair and other special events.

All activities and events are coordinated by EKU’s Office of Multicultural Student Services and are free unless otherwise noted. The schedule includes:

- Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Black Student Forum, 9 p.m., Jaggers Room, Powell Building.
- Thursday, Feb. 15 - Imani Dance and Drum Company, sponsored by Office of Student Development, Millennium Committee and Women’s Studies Program; workshop, 5:30 p.m., Weaver Gymnasium; African drum and dance performance, 7 p.m., Brock Auditorium.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21 - Black Professionals Seminar, 7:30 p.m., Kinnamer Room, Powell Building, featuring black professionals sharing their secrets for success.
- Sunday, Feb. 25 - African-American Achievement Banquet, 5 p.m., Keen Johnson Ballroom. Tickets ($5 students, $10 non-students) go on sale Feb. 9 in Multicultural Student Services office, Powell 18, telephone 622-3205.
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Dr. Gerald Smith, “Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky,” 7 p.m., Kinnamer Room, Powell Building.
- Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Spring Job Fair, sponsored by Division of Career Services and Multicultural Student Services, 2-6 p.m., Keen Johnson Building.

For more information, call 622-3205.

Needed Soon: Helping Hands for Habitat

Already they have given monetary donations and, soon, EKU faculty, staff and students will begin to swing hammers at a new Habitat for Humanity construction site in Richmond.

The Colonel Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) initiated the campaign to raise needed funds and has recruited a number of student organizations to help fill the labor force. Depending on weather conditions, the walls of the home at 477 Irvine St. should start to go up soon.

“This is a good project because it brings all the students together,” said Kevin Conover, president of the campus PRSSA chapter. “We’d like to get everybody involved.”

The 30-member chapter began its campaign in the spring of 2000 by asking Eastern’s approximately 150 student organizations to support the project. All of the major umbrella organizations have signed on, including the Student Government Association, Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council, as well as several religious and athletic groups.

Two who have helped on past projects are Dr. David Woolverton, adviser to the PRSSA chapter and an assistant professor of public relations, and University Registrar Jill Allgier.

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“Nothing builds relationships faster than swinging hammers next to each other,” Woolverton said.

Allgier has been lead electrician on numerous Habitat building projects in Madison County since May 1998 when she decided to take part in an all-woman homebuilding project. Her husband, David, assistant director of information technology and delivery services at Eastern, and other family members also have been involved with Habitat for years.

Another Habitat supporter is Julie Brown, director of EKU’s Health Careers Opportunity Program and an assistant professor of medical assisting practice. Brown has taken several student groups and classes to work at Habitat sites in the past few years.

“I have found that when students, especially those in a student group, work on a Habitat site, they gain self respect, not only for their own work for others, but a sense of community by working alongside their peers,” Brown said.

Donations to the build are welcome. Tax-deductible contributions should be made payable to the EKU Foundation and sent to the Office of University Advancement, Eastern Kentucky University, Coates Box 705, with “Habitat for Humanity” noted on the check.

Any others wanting to volunteer should call Woolverton at 622-1886.
Cherokee Women Spotlighted

“Cultural Survival: The Letters and Speeches of Eastern Band Cherokee Women,” Ginny Carney, EKU Department of English, 5:30 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Keen Johnson Building, sponsored by Women’s Studies and Dept. of English.

Music of What Happens

Dr. Dorothy Sutton and Dr. Joe Pellegrino, Department of English, EKU, 7:30 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Grubbe Library, part of year-long Chautauqua series, “Contemplating An Entangled Bank: Perspectives on the Idea of Evolution.”

Basketball Doubleheader

EKU vs. UT-Martin, women at 5:30, men at 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

CAPACITY CHAUTAUQUA CROWD — A capacity crowd filled the Black Room in the Moore Building to hear noted author and educator Dr. Michael Ruse deliver the semester’s opening lecture in the year-long Chautauqua series, “Evolution and Atheism: A Match Made in Heaven?” The next event in the series is Thursday, Feb. 15, when Dr. Dorothy Sutton and Dr. Joe Pellegrino of EKU’s Department of English address “Evolution: The Music of What Happens.”

Professors Head National Graphic Arts Associations

The two graphic arts professors in EKU’s Department of Technology each head national professional associations.

Dr. David Dailey is the newly elected president of the International Graphic Arts Education Association (IGAEA) and Dr. Markow Marchant is serving as president of the Graphic Communications Division of the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT).

Dailey teaches graphic arts and photography courses and coordinates the Department’s graphic arts program, which includes an associate degree program in computer electronic publishing and a bachelor’s degree in print management. He was recognized as Industry Person of the Year by the Greater Lexington Club of Printing House Craftsmen in 1995 and as Craftsman of the Year in 1998 by the same group.

He came to EKU in 1989 after 16 years as an instructor at The Career Center in Williamson, S.C. Dailey earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Clemson University and a doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky.

IGAEA members include approximately 500 educators from secondary and post-secondary institutions in the United States, Great Britain and the Far East. The Association, in partnership with industry, is dedicated to sharing theories, principles, techniques and processes related to graphic communications and imaging technology.

Marchant, who joined the EKU faculty in 1991 after 10 years at Brigham Young University, teaches graphic arts, digital photography and computer-assisted design and web page construction courses. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young, a master’s degree from Arizona State and a doctoral degree from Texas A&M University.

NAIT is recognized as the premier professional association responsible for: promotion of industrial technology in business, industry, education and government; accreditation of industrial arts technology programs in colleges, universities and technical institutes; and certification of industrial technologists and the recognition of their continued professional development.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

“Dispelling the Myths”

“Native Americans in Kentucky: Dispelling the Myth(s),” Dr. Gwynn Henderson, archaeologist and education coordinator, Kentucky Archaeological Survey, 7:30 p.m., Kenmanner Room, Powell Building.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Mr. Music Pageant

Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.
Scholarship Honors Memory of Oease Cornett

A newly established scholarship fund at EKU honors the memory of a long-time Eastern employee. The Oease Cornett Scholarship was established by two of her children, Gary Cornett and Kimberly Cornett-Horvat, to help non-traditional students who need financial assistance.

Before retiring in 1995, Cornett worked for EKU for 17 years, almost all that time as a custodian in the Perkins Building. She was fatally shot outside Richmond Mall on March 10, 2000. Her husband, James Edward Cornett, is awaiting trial on murder charges.

“She was well-known and well-liked around campus, and we wanted to do something to keep her memory alive,” said Gary Cornett.

“Mom always wished she could go to college,” Kimberly Cornett-Horvat added. “She knew the importance of a good education and encouraged me to go to EKU so that I could become more independent and not have to depend on anyone.”

Lucie Nelson, director of EKU’s Division of Community and Workforce Education, said Cornett was admired by staff and guests alike.

“She had a strong sense of responsibility,” Nelson said. “She felt this building reflected her and she took care of it as though it were her own. She rarely sat still. She was always doing something to make the building look better.”

Recipients also may use the scholarship to cover other needs critical to degree completion, such as child care and transportation.

Gary Cornett and Kimberly Cornett-Horvat have each attended EKU and are former University employees. A third sibling, Mike, recently returned to the area.

Contributions to the scholarship fund are tax-deductible and may be sent to EKU’s Office of Development, CPO 705, Jones Room 321.

140-Plus Community Education Courses Run Gamut

EKU’s Division of Community and Workforce Education is offering 140-plus community education classes this semester.

The classes meet a wide variety of needs and interests among all ages and skill levels. Courses are scheduled in computer training, personal and professional development, do-it-yourself, arts and crafts and recreation. Many of the classes meet only once, while others meet over a period of several weeks. Most are held in the Perkins Building.

Costs generally range from $10 to $99, with some exceptions. Pre-registration is urged for all classes. Eligible EKU employees may use part or all of their semester scholarships for community education courses that directly relate to their jobs. Employees must submit a copy of the completed and approved scholarship form to the Community Education office to secure their enrollment. Also, O’Donnell Scholarships are available for those over age 65. To register, for more information or to receive a brochure by mail, call 622-1228.

Computer training courses cover many major software programs and include several classes for the computer novice and for senior citizens.

Personal development courses include language courses in Japanese, French, Spanish and American Sign Language; Introduction to Numerology; Reiki; Self-Hypnosis and Release Your Grief, among others.

Professional development classes include several related to writing: Common Mistakes That Lead to Manuscript Rejection, Writing A Novel That Sells, Short Story and Novel Critique and Creating A Novel from Scratch. The teacher, Michael Garrett, is a Writer’s Digest School instructor, has written dozens of short stories and is the author of “Keeper,” a movie-optioned suspense thriller. Other professional development courses include ACT Test Prep, GRE Test Prep and on-line real estate continuing education courses.

Do-it-yourselfers can choose from among: How to Play Piano by Ear, 5-String Banjo, Dobro, Basic Guitar, Introduction to Antiques, Herb Gardening for Beginners, Estate Planning, Investment Basics, Preparing Your Home for Sale and Dog Obedience, among others.

Dozens of arts and crafts classes are scheduled. They include Cake Decorating, Wood Carving, Quilting, Glass Etching, One-Stroke Decorative Painting, Oil Painting and a variety of basketweaving options.

Recreation courses run the gamut of activities, ages and skills. They include Adult Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Karate for All Ages, Horseback Riding Lessons, Golf Academy, Body Recall, Scuba Diving, Gymnastics I and II, Youth Dance, Social Dancing and the usual array of swimming lessons.

EKU’s Division of Community and Workforce Education also offers numerous training and development courses, including its First-Line Supervision, Human Resource Professional Certification and Manufacturing Maintenance Certification programs in addition to specialized classes.

EKU Student Finalist in Jewelry Competition

Christina Thurman, a senior jewelry and metalsmithing major at EKU, is a finalist in a national jewelry design competition.

A necklace designed by Thurman was recognized in The NICHE Student Awards competition, sponsored by NICHE magazine.

Thurman’s “futuristic” entry, in the Fine Jewelry with Stones category, is comprised of sterling silver, blue acrylic and a topaz stone.

“Christy’s necklace is nicely designed and well crafted,” said Tim Glotzbach, professor of art at EKU and coordinator of the jewelry and metalsmithing program. “While most would consider it avant-garde, it is quite wearable.

“It is quite an honor to be selected even as a finalist,” Glotzbach added. “This provides excellent exposure to young artists.”

Thurman started as a pre-pharmacy major at Eastern, but quickly fell in love with jewelry and metalsmithing. This is the first competition she has entered.

“I didn’t know anything whatsoever when I started taking classes,” she said. “He (Glotzbach) has taught me everything I know.”

Thurman, a 1996 graduate of Garrard County High School and the daughter of Gary and Linda Thurman, has maintained a 3.6 GPA and expects to graduate in May. She also has received a $500 House of Onyx scholarship, awarded to outstanding students in the jewelry and metalsmithing program.


McChesney, Jon; Everett, Charlie; Houlihan, Ed (graduate student); Graham, Rebecca (graduate student) and Chadwell, Jason (graduate student). "Perceptions of Employee Motivation," presented at the Kentucky Recreation and Park Society convention, Owensboro, Ky., January 2001.


