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Between January 9-10, 2025, Eastern Oklahoma State College received more than 12" of snow, turning campus into a winter wonderland.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the New Year and our revamped monthly newsletter!

We're excited to kick off the year with a fresh format that will help keep you informed about all the exciting developments happening here at Eastern. This newsletter is one of the many ways we're working to strengthen communication and celebrate the incredible things taking place on campus.

In recent months, we've expanded student activities, made significant improvements to campus buildings, enhanced our farm and equipment, and are actively working to add new certifications and degree programs. It's truly an exciting time to be a Mountaineer and I'm grateful for each of you who contribute to making Eastern such a special place.

As we move forward, I'm eager to continue working alongside our amazing Eastern family to build on the momentum we've seen in recent years. Together, we will continue to achieve great things.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many accomplishments and ongoing projects here at Eastern Oklahoma State College.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Janet Wansick President



STAY IN THE KNOW!

Sign up to receive our community emails!



Check out the upcoming Mountaineer Athletics schedule.





Fall 2024 Honor Rolls

President's Honor Roll

Calib Adams Logan Ammons Lillv Autrev Averie Bain Ellie Baird Havlee Baker Tatum Barrett Raegan Biggerstaff Carolyn Billy Austin Bland Joseph Boles Taylor Boyd Lori Bratcher Faith Brazell Iris Bringinggood Kristy Brod Addison Brown **Cvrena Bull** Enrico Burigotto Davide Carmignani **Azaleah Carpenter** Makavla Clark Jennifer Cloud Carson Crain Samantha Deblois Joseph Depriest Brody Dobecka Brooklyn Duff Cole Edmondson Kennedy Edwards Carolyn Evans Angela Ford Alicia Freeman Hunter Frv Emiliano Gaytan Hernandez Brianna Gillev Caden Goodson Camryn Graham Hayden Graham Payton Gray Renee Gray Ashton Grogan Melissa Grohmann Ezekiel Gutierrez Khloe Haile Dakota Hall Geralyn Haney

Dristan Harber Jula Hario Addison Harmon Alyssa Hart Victoria Hayashibara Tatum Hayworth Alexander Hilburn Bailvn Hill Chloe Hill Jude Hill Elektra Horton Ashlyn Jackson Brooke Jacob Jalvnn Jones Nathan Jones Asher Kauk Jacob Keith Shannon Kelley Paris Kirby Kylee Kirkman Madison Knowles Cyrus Kornegay Bridgett Krup Joshua Latham Madison Littlejohn Cassidy Mack Amanda Main Katherine Marshall Danielle Martinez Larry Maxey Fares Maziz Hedley McGhan Laney Mcalester Emily Mock Samina Moss Cadence Myers Melissa Niedfeldt Isak Palmic Alexander Pease Noah Platt Josie Pollet Benjamin Pollock Trey Powell Larmie Rains Mia Rathsfeld **Rylee Ratliff** Meg Rector Melanie Richard **Caitlynn Rosenow**

Jack Runsick John Sekich Riplev Self **Delanie Shoup** Maison Sissney Sage Smallwood Clorissa Smith Dawson Smith Hailey Steele Bristol Strang Melanie Swartzlander Brock Talbert Kai Tom Tommaso Truant Mason Turner Ruben Venter Merel Vleemink Maebrey Wallace Garen Ward Gracie Ward Mathew Warnock **Tegan Wells** Joshua Womble Lilv Wood

Dean's Honor Roll

Elizabeth Adams **Emily Adams** Chloe Akin Tonya Amason Lily Anderson **Rylee Andrews** Jackson Archambeau Connor Armstrong Svdnev Arneson Kacie Baldwin Leslie Barber Kavla Barnett Kendalyn Basden Andre Bell Noah Benjamin **Braylee Beshear** Tyler Bigelow William Bird Evan Black **Debralee Blanco** Katlvnn Blavlock Jaden Boatner Thairique Bond

Taylan Booker-Brown Devin Brown Jacv Browne Rebecca Brunson Jessica Bvrum Sofia Camp Chloe Carolan Shiloh Carter Nina Casey-Andrews Kinley Catron Katelyn Causey Alejandro Cazares Teresa Cazares Drake Chalfant Walker Chandler Sherry Chapman Elisabet Chavarria Baba Cisse Letitia Clark Connor Clayton **Trinitee Cline Delton Cloud** Mckenzie Colbert Shavden Cole Dagaryan Coleman Grayson Connell Tucker Conrad Aaron Cook Wyatt Corum **Collin Cosper** Alexandra Costa Charlie Cox Danni Cozad Natalie Cummings Samantha Cumpton Jadvn Dalton Anjelika Daniel Brianna Davidson Tannah Davison Montana Dean Joseph Deramus Mvka Dickerson Kathrine Diedrich Cass Dill Rachelle Dowell Boone Downing Charlie Drurv Casandra Epley Jalyn Estep

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Gracie Fassino Mauro Figueroa Gomez Shelby Fitzer Landon Flusche Makavla Francies Joseph Francis Micah Francis Broc Franklin Alleigh Fry **Brionna Fryer Baylie Gardner** Mason Gooding Luke Graham Aalivah Grav Jaxon Gregory Kaden Gregory Madigan Griffith Elvis-Mac Habyakila **Brooke Handle** Madison Hanks-Posev Ashlei Hannah Logan Harden McKayla Heckle Alexis Helzer Jacob Hermsmever Cierra Herridge Malachi Herring Melinda Hill Brvce Hoeltzel Jaden Holland Jaden Huffman Cody Hugle Grace Hulsev Jace Hunter **Fisher Hurt** Jaxon Hvde-Herrera Chaise Iskev Evan Jackson Jessica Jacobs Domenic James Jonathon James Korbin Jamison Elizabeth Jeffcoat Mauricio Jimenez Gerrick Johnson Shealvn Johnson **Caleb Judkins Presley Junell** Dunia Kambona

Richard Kelley Jackie Kilhoffer Porshia King Geneva Kirkpatrick Jessica Klassen Katelynn Knight Faith Knox Brennan Kuvkendall Emma Lawson Rachel Lawson Braxton Leflore Maxime Legai Thomas Lemay Caden Lesnau Jenna Livingston Lacie Lott Allie Lowe Lindy Lowery Shawna MacLaughlin Chvanne Marshall Havlee Martin Sierra Martin Jacy Martinez **Otavio Martins Goes** Shvlie Mason Abigail Mayo Lavnie McDowell Dulcie McLane Alondra Mercado Yadhira Mercado Abagail Miller Connor Mills Alvssa Miltier Stormi Mobbs **Rvlee Monroe Trinity Moore-Westrope** Erindy Morgan Hannah Morphis Lane Morris Kylie Mote Gracee Muncy Audra Murrin Dylan Neely Jenny Neider Daxton Nelson Olga Nevrova Lukas Nolen Alexandria O'rear Kaytlin Obsharsky

Elizabeth Orosco Judah Owen Jenna Owens Macy Parks **Kylee Patterson** Serenitee Pemberton Sarah Percifield Tyler Phillips Andrew Pixlev Cooper Plyler Cortnye Potts Preston Prock **Riley Pryor** Denise Quezada Jayden Radford Alexis Rector Kassandra Rector Courtney Reese Maggie Rempe Sashia Richards Shi Rigsby Holly Roberts Destinie Robinson **Diego Rodriguez** Allyson Rogers Audrie Rowell Liliana Ruiz Alison Salyer **Kirkland Sands** Blake Sawyer Mandy Sawyer Katelvnn Schrader Allie Scrivner Jaycee Scroggins **Brooke Seawright** Cadison Sevmour Katelvn Shannon Carson Sherrill Shasta Simpson Daylee Sloan Grayson Smith Pevton Smith Jessica Snow Whittany Spangler Shaylin Spears **Kyler Spencer** Jana Stacv Heather Starry Xavier Swindle

Jayshaun Sykes Elijah Tackett **Robert Taylor** Walter Thiem Noah Thornhill Ruth Tommy Jordan Upchurch Meagan Vaden Mattie Vanhook Joseph Victerv Violet Vincent Alexis Virgin Kaydence Wadsworth Kelsev Wageman Claire Walden Jack Wall Alexis Watts Ashley Weathers Maegan Weiher **Daisv Welch** Gracie West Camden White Jayde White Hailey Whitlock **Everette Whitney** Daihla Whyte Kamrvn Wilkett Isaiah Williams Sarah Willson Hailey Wilson Jessica Wilson Latrisha Wilson Kavla Wolff Parker Wynne



News Release: EOSC Honors Senator Warren Hamilton with Inaugural Regents Impact Award

WILBURTON, Oklahoma – The Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents presented Oklahoma State Senator Warren Hamilton with the inaugural Regents Impact Award at its January meeting. The award recognizes Sen. Hamilton's exceptional support and contributions to the college's mission of cultivating growth, creating futures, and changing lives.

The Regents Impact Award was established to honor individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to the college. Recipients are selected based on their alignment with EOSC's core values, demonstrated leadership, and their role in fostering strategic, sustainable growth for the institution.

"On behalf of the Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents, it was an honor to present Senator Warren Hamilton with the inaugural Regents Impact Award. Sen. Hamilton not only provides strong ongoing support for Eastern at the capitol but exhibited outstanding leadership in helping guide the institution through many challenges in higher education that have come our way. As we look to grow and expand our partnerships with surrounding communities, economic development initiatives, and academic degree plans to meet the needs of today's workforce, Sen. Hamilton will continue to be an integral part of the success of Eastern," said Regent Latt Jeffrey.

As a dedicated public servant, Sen. Hamilton has been instrumental in securing resources and promoting initiatives that enhance the college's programs and infrastructure. His leadership has strengthened relationships between EOSC and key stakeholders, fostering a collaborative environment that benefits students, faculty, and the broader community.

The award criteria highlight impactful contributions, innovation, sustainability, and alignment with EOSC's mission. Sen. Hamilton exemplifies these attributes through his steadfast support of education and his focus on creating opportunities for the next generation of leaders. His strategic efforts reflect a deep understanding of the importance of higher education in driving economic and social progress in the region. "This recognition is not just a celebration of Sen. Hamilton's accomplishments but also a testament to the profound impact that dedicated individuals can have on higher education and the lives it touches," said Dr. Janet Wansick, EOSC president. **E**



Oklahoma State Senator Warren Hamilton (fourth from left) was awarded the Inaugural Regents Impact Award by the Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents at its January meeting. Regents include Cara Bland (left), Jerry Hamilton, Brian Lott, Latt Jeffrey (fifth from left), Larry Spradley and Chairman Leland Walker.

News Release: Eastern Oklahoma State College President Announces Retirement

WILBURTON, Oklahoma – Eastern Oklahoma State College President Dr. Janet Wansick has announced her decision to retire, effective June 30, 2025. Wansick, who has served as the college's president since July 2020, made the announcement in a letter to the EOSC Board of Regents earlier this month.

During her tenure, Wansick guided EOSC through a period of growth and significant accomplishments. The college secured more than \$4.5 million in grants for projects such as renovations to the Bill Hill Library, Guided Pathways programs, health and wellness initiatives, and adult degree completion. She also obtained \$300,000 in ARPA funds for the nursing and respiratory therapy programs and oversaw \$1.3 million in private donations to the EOSC Foundation.

Through deferred maintenance funds allocated by the state, Wansick oversaw significant improvements to the campus. These included the construction of a new 20-unit student apartment complex, a new campus laundry facility, and major renovations to Johnston Hall and Choctaw Hall dormitories. She also directed the replacement of roofs on nine campus buildings, upgrades to gutters across campus, and the installation of a comprehensive campus-wide security system. Other critical infrastructure upgrades included replacing two chillers in dormitories, another in Gunning Hall, and upgrading the HVAC control unit for the McAlester Campus, as well as replacing the roof of the Clark Bass Building. Transportation and operational capabilities were enhanced with the purchase of two 15-passenger vans, a 35-passenger bus for student travel, and a new truck for the college farm.

Wansick implemented initiatives that strengthened student and community engagement, such as the President's Leadership Class and community roundtables. Her leadership saw the launch of new programs and microcredentials, the creation of Boonies II as a student activity space, and the establishment of a hybrid online LPN-to-RN degree program to expand educational access. Her presidency brought increased enrollment and significant support for students' academic and personal success. Notably, EOSC collaborated with Connors State College to secure a nearly \$4 million federal grant to enhance academic success, career readiness, and mental health counseling for students.

"It has been a privilege to lead Eastern Oklahoma State College and work alongside an extraordinary team committed to transforming lives through education," Wansick said. "While my decision to step down was not made lightly, it reflects my need to focus on personal well-being and family after years of professional dedication."

The EOSC Board of Regents will begin a comprehensive, national search for the college's next president, with the goal of selecting a new leader by May 2025.

"Dr. Wansick's unwavering dedication to Eastern and its mission has been instrumental in shaping the institution's future," said Leland Walker, Chairman of the EOSC Board of Regents. "We thank her for her service and look forward to building on the foundation she has established."

Wansick's contributions to EOSC and her steadfast commitment to the institution's mission of "Cultivate Growth. Create Futures. Change Lives." will leave a lasting legacy.



Eastern Oklahoma State College President Dr. Janet Wansick (middle front) meets with members of the President's Leadership Class. Front row: Lacie Lott (front left), Addison Brown, Cyrena Bull, Geralyn Haney, Wansick, Jacy Browne, Averie Bain, Laney McAlester, Raegan Biggerstaff, Maddie Littlejohn. Back row: Maebrey Wallace, Dawson Smith, Dristan Harber, Caden Goodson, Walker Chandler.



News Release: EOSC Judging Teams Excel at National Competitions

WILBURTON, Oklahoma – Eastern Oklahoma State College's meat and livestock judging teams have achieved significant success at recent national events, showcasing their dedication and expertise in the field.

Eastern's meat judging team earned international recognition by winning the National Western Stock Show Meat Judging Contest, held at the JBS Beef Production Facility in Greeley, Colo. The team secured first place in questions, beef judging, and lamb judging; third in beef grading; and fifth in pork judging. Eastern competed against not only teams from around the country, but against international teams, as well.

Individually, Hannah Morphis was recognized as the high individual overall, placing first in questions and lamb judging, second in beef judging and placings, and fourth in pork judging. Cadence Myers secured sixth overall, with notable placements in lamb judging and beef grading. Other team members, including Averie Bain, Bailyn Hill, Robert Kincade, Dylan Neely, Gracie Ward and Eli Whitney also delivered commendable performances.

"I am very proud of these students for their accomplishments," said Jade Edwards, meat processing & food safety instructor and meat judging coach. "The NWSS is the first AMSA-sponsored contest of the season and it is very exciting to win. The kids have been working hard since August to achieve the lofty goals they have set for themselves and I know they will continue to push for success the rest of the season."

At the Cattlemen's Congress, held from Jan. 4 to 16 in Oklahoma City, the livestock judging team distinguished itself with notable team and individual performances. The team secured sixth place in the sheep and goats category and ninth in swine. Individually, Caden Goodson achieved 12th overall and first in sheep and goats, while Kennedy Edwards placed fifth in sheep and goats.

During the National Western Stock Show, which took place from Jan. 11 to 26 in Denver, team members continued to excel. Kennedy Edwards earned 10th overall, Carson Crain secured third in feedlot cattle, and Cooper

Horn placed seventh in feedlot cattle. In the Carload Contest, the team achieved ninth in both high team and placings, with Kaden Gregory placing seventh overall and sixth in placings.

"Our students have demonstrated exceptional commitment and skill in these competitions," said Andrew Anderson, instructor of agriculture and livestock judging coach. "Their achievements reflect the hard work they've invested and the high standards we uphold at Eastern Oklahoma State College."

These accomplishments underscore EOSC's commitment to excellence in agricultural education and the dedication of its students and faculty. **E**



The Eastern Oklahoma State College meat judging team won the National Western Stock Show Meat Judging Contest, beating out teams from all over the world. Back row: Dylan Neely (left), Eli Whitney, Robert Kincade, Cadence Myers. Front row: Hannah Morphis (left), Bailyn Hill, Averie Bain, Gracie Ward and Meat Judging Coach Jade Edwards.

Social Media Recap



Make your education a priority in 2025. Enroll in spring classes at Eastern and start the year strong!

There's still time to apply! Classes begin Jan. 13.

Current students, you can enroll online through MyEOSC or stop by the Enrollment Center for assistance. Offices will be closed beginning Dec. 19 and will reopen Jan. 6. Enroll today! #TheE #MoveMountains



A new year means new opportunities for community involvement! Beginning with last week's editions, look for the weekly Eastern ad on Page 3 of the Latimer County News-Tribune and on the front pages of the Talihina American and Clayton Today! #TheE #MoveMountains



Mark your calendars!

Eastern Oklahoma State College will host its 15th Annual Sapphire Ball scholarship fundraiser on Saturday, March 29. The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. in the Tourtellotte Student Center Ballroom in Wilburton. Tickets and sponsorships will be available on Eastern's website soon. #TheE #MoveMountains



The Eastern Marketing team is taking professional portraits for participants at the Work Ready Wilburton WORKlahoma Job Fair. Come check out work opportunities, resources and get your portrait taken! #TheE #MoveMountains #WorkReadyWilburton



Social Media Recap (Cont.)



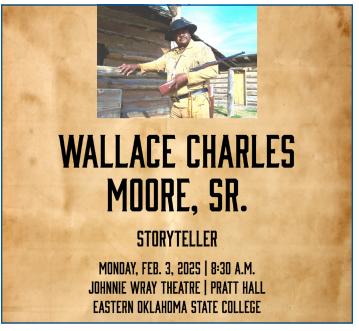
Give the gift of life! Donate blood! The Oklahoma Blood Institute will conduct a blood drive on Thursday, January 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Please make a plan to donate! #TheE #MoveMountains



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Today we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be no classes and offices will be closed today. Please take time today to reflect on how you can make the world a better place for all. #TheE #Move-Mountains



Eastern is proud to welcome back storyteller Wallace Charles Moore, Sr., on Feb. 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the Johnnie Wray Theatre in honor of Black History Month. The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Moore will be presenting a talk entitled "African American Scouts of the West."

#TheE #MoveMountains #BlackHistoryMonth

Saturday Spotlight: Karen Clark

What is your name? Karen Clark

What is your title? OMTI Administrative Assistant

What is your hometown? Talihina, OK

What is your educational background? Talihina HS, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Oklahoma Wesleyan University

When did you start working for Eastern? 1982

What is your favorite thing about working at Eastern or your favorite memory?

There are many things I could list, but my favorite thing about working at Eastern is the people I work with. It's a joy to come to work when you're surrounded by people who share the same passion for what we do.

What do you enjoy outside of work?

I enjoy traveling to Texas to see my grand blessings, Bowen & Ivy! They are my world! I also love to play bingo, go golfing with my husband, and go on cruises.

What is a fun fact about you?

I love to dance and I'm actually not too bad at it!





Saturday Spotlight: Michelle Bambeck

What is your name? Michelle Bambeck

What is your title? Nursing Instructor

What is your hometown? Wilburton, OK

What is your educational background?

Wilburton Schools,

Eastern Oklahoma State College Associate of Science Bus Admin- Associate of Science -Nursing

Northeastern Oklahoma State University Bachelor of Science Nursing

Western Governors University (current) Masters of Nursing Education.

When did you start working for Eastern? 2022

What is your favorite thing about working at Eastern or your favorite memory? Nursing pinning every spring

What do you enjoy outside of work? Traveling, Hiking, Biking, Music, Reading, and Camping.

What is a fun fact about you? I have completed a Half Ironman Race and multiple marathons.



Saturday Spotlight: Jason Miller

What is your name? Jason Miller

What is your title? Professor of Humanities

What is your hometown? lowa City, IA

What is your educational background?

I have a master's degree in Theology from Wesley Biblical Seminary, as well as 20-some graduate hours of Philosophy from Baylor University.

When did you start working for Eastern? 2017

What is your favorite thing about working at Eastern or your favorite memory? My favorite thing about working at Eastern is helping students see a larger world, through wonderful art, music, books, films, ways of thinking, and ways of believing.

What do you enjoy outside of work?

My family is my favorite thing in life and the best part of me. I also have been an Anglican priest since 2008, and on Sundays I serve St George's Anglican Church in McAlester.

What is a fun fact about you?

Our family loves art! Several years ago, traveling across lowa, we stumbled onto the house that was the model for Grant Wood's famous 1930 painting, American Gothic. They have a little museum there and all sorts of clothes you can wear to take a picture in front of that iconic house! So the picture I'm submitting is myself and Rebecca at that house.





Career Opportunities

Faculty

- Adjunct Instructor(s) of Nursing
- Instructor of Nursing Idabel Campus
- Division Dean for Agricultural Sciences

- Staff
- Part Time Bus Driver
- Custodian/Maintenance McAlester Campus
- General Custodian
- Journeyman*

*Indicates newly posted position



View Career Opportunities Online



Looking Ahead - February 2025

Weekly Events

Mondays - Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9:30 p.m., C. C. Dunlap Fieldhouse Tuesdays - Baptist Collegiate Ministry, 8:00 p.m., BCM Worship Center Wednesdays - United Ministry, 6:00 p.m., UM Building

Eastern and Community Events

- 2/3 Speaker Wallace Charles Moore, Sr.
- 2/4 Softball vs. Paris Junior College
- 2/6 Eastern Oklahoma Regional Science and Engineering Fair
- 2/8 Softball vs. Northeast Texas Community College
- 2/10 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Northern Oklahoma College-Enid
- 2/12 Higher Education Day at the State Capitol
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/14 Baseball vs. Highland Community College-Kansas
- 2/15 Baseball vs. Highland Community College-Kansas
- 2/17 Presidents Day
- 2/17 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
- 2/18 Softball vs. University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain
- 2/18 Baseball vs. Redlands Community College
- 2/21 Board of Regents Meeting
- 2/21-2/23 Theatre Production Quilters (Latimer County Arts Council)
- 2/24 Baseball vs. Paris Junior College
- 2/27 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Seminole State College

All listed Eastern athletic events are home games. All events are subject to change.



Eastern guard DD Coleman drives to the basket in a game against NOC-Tonkawa (1/6/25)



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