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Jessica Wilson shows off her  
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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the Spring semester comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible students, faculty, and staff that make Eastern Oklahoma State College such a special place. This season brings a time of celebration—both in the classroom and on the field—as we recognize the many successes of our students.

Commencement is always a highlight of the year for me. It's a powerful reminder of the determination and dedication our students bring to their educational journey. Watching them walk across the stage and achieve their goal of earning a college degree is both humbling and inspiring.

Each year, I remind our graduates that life unfolds in chapters. While we may not know exactly what the next chapter holds, we must be ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead with courage and optimism.

I hope you enjoy this issue and the stories that highlight the achievements and momentum we're building here at Eastern.

Warm regards,



Dr. Janet Wansick  
President



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Mountaineer Athletics schedule.



## News Release: Lott Reappointed to Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents

WILBURTON, Oklahoma — Brian D. Lott of McAlester has been reappointed by Governor Kevin Stitt to serve another seven-year term on the Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents. The appointment, made on March 31, 2025, will extend Lott's service from June 2, 2025, through June 1, 2032. He is replacing himself on the college's governing board.

Senator Warren Hamilton carried Lott's nomination to the Senate Education Committee, which confirmed the reappointment during its meeting on May 6, 2025.

Lott currently serves as the Deputy to the Commander at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, a position he has held since February 2019. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing the plant's mission programs, safety, security, infrastructure and strategic planning to ensure effective operations.

Prior to this role, Lott served as Chief of Staff at MCAAP, where he directed key functions such as risk management, logistics, quality assurance, public affairs, and environmental management. He began his civil service career in 1991 as a student employee and has since held numerous leadership positions over more than three decades at the facility.

Lott earned a Bachelor of Science in Business and Elementary Education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and an MBA from Cameron University. He is a graduate of the Depot and Arsenal Executive Leadership Program through the Institute for Defense and Business and the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School. He also completed Leadership Oklahoma as a member of Class 31.

In addition to his service at Eastern, Lott is in his 21st year as a member of the Frink-Chambers Public Schools Board of Education.

"It's an incredible honor to continue serving Eastern Oklahoma State College," Lott said. "I believe strongly in the mission of community colleges and the life-changing opportunities Eastern provides to students across



*Eastern Oklahoma State College Regent Brian Lott (left) and Sen. Warren Hamilton, stand in the Oklahoma State Capitol after Lott's confirmation hearing.*

our region. I look forward to supporting that mission in the years ahead."

The Eastern Board of Regents is composed of seven members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate. Other current members include Chair Leland Walker of Red Oak, Secretary Larry Spradley of Howe, Latt Jeffrey of Wilburton, Cara Bland of McAlester, Eric Bilderback of El Reno, and Jerry Hamilton of Indianola. **E**



### News Release: Eastern to Host Fifth Native Americans Who Code Summer Camp

WILBURTON, Oklahoma — Eastern Oklahoma State College will host its fifth Native Americans Who Code summer camp May 27-29, 2025.

Students from local schools will participate in a camp designed to spark interest in coding, computer science, engineering, and robotics. The camp is for incoming 5th-12th grade students and will meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend and space is limited. Register online by May 16, 2025.

The Native Americans Who Code summer camp will be designed and led by Eastern faculty members Brenda Strange and Kellye Semeski with assistance by Laura Clark and Karren Majors. The camp is funded by Eastern's \$1.5 million NASNTI grant and is modeled on the Girls Who Code program. [E](#)

### News Release: Fugitt Foundation Donates Additional Funds to EOSC, Total Giving Reaches \$900,000

WILBURTON, Oklahoma — Eastern Oklahoma State College has received a new donation from the Fugitt Foundation to support the Fugitt Health Sciences Fund, bringing the foundation's total contributions to the college to \$900,000. This continued investment will further enhance healthcare education and workforce development across Eastern's service area.

The most recent gift of \$300,000 will be used to support the faculty and students in the college's various health-related programs.

"The great leadership of [EOSC President] Dr. [Janet] Wansick made Eastern an obvious choice for our continued support," said Tim Diehl, Fugitt Foundation trustee. "Her vision for healthcare education and workforce development aligns perfectly with our mission to invest in lasting, meaningful change in Southeastern Oklahoma."

Wansick emphasized how essential local partnerships are to the college's mission and long-term sustainability.

"Support from local foundations like the Fugitt Foundation ensures we can continue operating with local values and local control," Wansick said. "This investment will help us strengthen critical health sciences programs and train the professionals our communities depend on."

The Fugitt Health Sciences Fund will help boost enrollment and graduation rates in Eastern's healthcare programs while enhancing educational technology, lab spaces and hands-on learning experiences.

Eastern's Department of Nursing offers an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree at its Wilburton, McAlester and Idabel campuses. The continued support of the Fugitt Foundation reinforces Eastern's role as a leader in preparing compassionate, competent healthcare professionals throughout the region. [E](#)

## News Release: EOSC Baseball Claims Region 2 Title, Advances in Postseason



WILBURTON, Oklahoma — Eastern Oklahoma State College is headed to the South Central District Championship after capturing the NJCAA Region 2 Baseball Tournament title this past weekend in Seminole, Okla.

The Mountaineers posted a 3-1 record in the tournament, including two key victories over Connors State College, to clinch their first regional championship since 2022. With the title, Eastern improved to 29-24 on the season and earned a spot in a best-of-three series against Mineral Area College, set to begin Thursday, May 15, at 2 p.m. in Park Hills, Mo. The winner will advance to the NJCAA World Series.

Sophomore pitcher Grayson Connell played a pivotal role in Eastern's run, delivering two standout performances against Connors State. Over 13 1/3 innings, Connell allowed just two earned runs while striking out 12 and walking four.

"Only winning 13 games last year with six of them being in conference was the motivation to work hard to come back to try to win the region tournament," Connell said. "We had a lot of players return from last year's team and that made winning this regional special. We went out and showed that we wanted it the most."

Second-year head coach Dru Sebastian credited his team's toughness and resilience throughout the season and postseason.

"This team has been battle tested from opening day through this regional tournament," Sebastian said. "They have been in close games and in every situation imaginable. They have learned how to win close games and thrive in big moments."

Eastern's Region 2 Championship marks a major milestone in Sebastian's rebuilding efforts, as the program looks to make its first appearance at the NJCAA World Series in 24 years.

"I am proud of this sophomore class for the adversity they have gone through," Sebastian said. "We have added some key pieces to a roster that was hungry for success. This team has worked hard on and off the field to compete in big games at the end of the season. All of their success has been earned by learning from past failure, and cannot have been accomplished without their mental and physical fortitude." **E**



### News Release: EOSC, SE Plant Co. Honored with Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award

WILBURTON, Oklahoma – Twenty-seven business and higher education partnerships throughout the state were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma’s workforce.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education’s Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions, businesses, and the community to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents’ Economic Development Grants. Kyla Guyette, Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Workforce Commission, State Regents’ Chair Dennis Casey, and Chancellor Sean Burrage participated in the ceremony, held May 6 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

SE Plant Co. and Eastern Oklahoma State College exemplify community collaboration. As a Main Street small business, SE Plant Co. fosters local connections and vitality. They support EOSC by contributing to educational programs, providing mentorship, and serving on boards and committees. Beyond education, they engage in community development by supporting local initiatives, participating in charitable events, and strengthening small businesses. Their dedication to education and the community is creating a lasting, positive legacy.

Institutions involved in these partnerships provide \$500 for tuition waivers to employees of the partnering businesses; internships that enable current students to work at the partnering businesses; faculty externships with the partnering businesses; and/or enhancement of the partnerships with additional equipment, materials or supplies. The State Regents provide a \$500 match to the waivers.



*The partnership between Eastern Oklahoma State College and SE Plant Co. in Wilburton, Okla., was recently recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award. Pictured Left to Right: OSRHE Chair Dennis Casey, EOSC President Dr. Janet Wansick, Chancellor Sean Burrage, SE Plant Co. owners Shawna Wynn and Jonathan Wynn, EOSC Director of Institutional Advancement Stephanie Giacomo and OSRHE Secretary Steven Taylor.*

“When Oklahoma businesses partner with our colleges and universities, they’re not just accessing talent – they’re investing in our state’s future,” said Burrage. “The State Regents and I are proud to recognize and celebrate these positive collaborations that promote economic growth, innovation, and job creation in Oklahoma.”

For more information about RBPEA and this year’s partnerships, visit <https://okhighered.org/econ-dev/rbpea/>.

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## News Release: Dr. Randy Harp Appointed as Next President of Eastern Oklahoma State College

WILBURTON, Oklahoma – The Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents has named Dr. Randy Harp as the 21st president in the institution's 117-year history. Harp currently serves as Eastern's Vice President for Academics and Development and will officially assume the presidency on July 1, 2025.

With more than four decades of experience in higher education and a 16-year history of service to Eastern, Harp is a seasoned leader in academics, development, and student success. He previously served as Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas A&M University-Commerce and held faculty and leadership roles at Tarleton State University.

"I am truly honored to be selected as the next president of Eastern Oklahoma State College," Harp said. "Eastern has played a significant role in my career and my life. I look forward to working collaboratively with students, faculty, staff, and the community to continue building on Eastern's strong legacy of providing opportunity and excellence in higher education."

Leland Walker, chairman of the EOSC Board of Regents, said the board interviewed several candidates, but Harp's leadership experience, history with, and personal connections to, Eastern stood out.

"We are pleased and excited to welcome Dr. Randy Harp as Eastern's 21st president," Walker said. "Dr. Harp has a long association with Eastern Oklahoma State College, having served as a faculty member and department head between 1984 and 1999. He brings a wealth of experience from the community college and university levels in the areas of instruction, administration, fundraising, and network development. Dr. Harp returned to Eastern in the fall of 2024, as the vice president of academic affairs and will begin his term as president following the retirement of Dr. Janet Wansick. We extend a warm welcome to Dr. Harp and his wife Dana and wish Dr. Wansick the best as she begins a new chapter."

Harp began his academic career as an instructor at East Texas State University in 1979 before becoming an instructor and department head at Eastern in 1984, where he helped triple enrollment in the agriculture department and established lasting ties within the Wilburton community. He later led academic programs at Tarleton State and Texas A&M-Commerce, where his leadership resulted in significant enrollment increases, new academic initiatives, and scholarships and teaching support secured for students.



During his current stint at Eastern, Harp has served as executive director of the development foundation and interim dean of agriculture, in addition to his vice president role.

The son of two educators, Harp earned his doctoral degree in agricultural education and higher education administration from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree in animal science from New Mexico State University, and a bachelor's degree in animal science from OSU. He will succeed Wansick, who announced her retirement earlier this year after five years of service as Eastern's first female president.

"It has been an honor to serve as president of this institution and I want to extend my congratulations to Dr. Harp on his appointment as the next president of Eastern Oklahoma State College," Wansick said. "I hope he will continue the strong trajectory of growth the institution has experienced in recent years and remain dedicated to expanding student access and success across all programs. I look forward to seeing the college's progress in the years ahead and wish the faculty, staff, and students continued success." **E**



### News Release: Eastern Oklahoma State College Baseball Wins South Central District Title, Advances to JUCO World Series for First Time Since 2001

WILBURTON, Oklahoma — For the first time in 24 years, the Eastern Oklahoma State College baseball team is headed to the NJCAA Division I JUCO World Series.

The Mountaineers clinched the South Central District Championship with a 6-3 victory over Mineral Area College on May 16, capping a best-of-three series that showcased the team's resilience and offensive firepower. The win sends Eastern to the prestigious national tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado, marking the program's second-ever appearance and its first since 2001.

"I couldn't be prouder of these guys," Head Coach Dru Sebastian said. "They've battled all season long, and to punch our ticket to the Grand Junction is a dream come true for this group. It's been a long time coming for Eastern."

After dropping the opening game of the series 5-3 on Thursday afternoon, Eastern responded later that evening with a thrilling 8-6 win, sparked by a seven-run sixth inning. Sophomore catcher Kahne Nolen drove in two runs, while first baseman Ruben Venter collected three hits and two RBIs. Joe Victery added a solo home run, and Grayson Connell earned the win in relief with 3.2 innings of solid work to close the door on Mineral Area's comeback attempt.

In the deciding game on Friday, Eastern jumped out early and never looked back. Venter set the tone with a crucial three-run homer in the first inning. Shortstop Jack Runsick led the offense, going 4-for-5 with three RBIs. Diego Rodriguez earned the win in relief with 3.1 scoreless innings. Venter also made the game-winning 3-6 double play to punch the Mountaineers' ticket to the World Series.

"Being able to win district with this team means everything to me," Venter said. "The adversity this group has gone through and being able to lean on each other in tough moments is everything. Making key plays on both sides of the ball is something I've visualized throughout



the course of the season and I'm glad I could come through for the guys. From setting the tone of the game with the home run, to ending the game with the double play, there's no better feeling than getting the win to go to Junction."

The Mountaineers finish the district tournament with a 31-25 record, riding a wave of momentum into the JUCO World Series. The 2025 squad has captured the imagination of the college and local community, rekindling a proud tradition of Mountaineer baseball.

"Our entire athletic department, campus, and community are incredibly proud of Coach Sebastian and the team for their postseason success," said Athletic Director and Head Softball Coach Kendra Whisenhunt. "They've overcome numerous challenges and demonstrated remarkable unity and resilience throughout the season. We are excited to see our baseball program headed to the NJCAA World Series for the first time since 2001 and we can't wait to cheer for them in Grand Junction."

Eastern earned the No. 10 seed in the tournament and will now prepare for its first-round matchup with No. 1 seeded Walters State Community College on Saturday, May 24, at 1 p.m. CDT. All tournament games can be streamed on ESPN+. **E**

## News Release: Eastern Student-Athletes Honored with 57th Annual Larry Stone Awards

WILBURTON, Oklahoma – For the past 57 years, Eastern Oklahoma State College has honored the legacy of a former two-sport athlete and Marine lieutenant who died in combat while on patrol in Vietnam, the late Larry Stone of Jay, Okla.

Stone played football and baseball at Eastern in the early 1960s and was known for his selfless attitude and commitment to his team. It is this lasting impression that prompted a group of his former college teammates and classmates to honor his legacy by presenting the annual Larry Stone Award to one male and one female student-athlete who exemplifies the same characteristics. A memorial scholarship is also awarded to two student-athletes who will return to Eastern for their sophomore years.

Eastern sophomores Geralyn Haney and Jack Runsick were selected for the 2025 Larry Stone Award on the basis of their overall contributions to the spirit of athletics and their demonstration of teamwork, determination, unselfishness and citizenship. Melanie Richard and Jude Hill each received the Larry Stone Memorial Scholarship.

Haney is a softball player from Stuart, Okla. She graduated with a degree in mass communication and carried a 4.0 GPA during her time at Eastern. She was a vital contributor to the Lady Mountaineer softball team was named to the NJCAA Region 2 All-Region 2nd Team. Haney will continue her academic career at Southeastern Oklahoma State University next year.

“Geralyn Haney is the athlete that every coach wants on their team, the student that every professor wants in the classroom, and just an all-around great person,” said Head Softball Coach and Athletic Director Kendra Whisenhunt. “She has excelled in the classroom, graduating with a 4.0 in mass communication, and was named the Outstanding Graduate in that department. Athletically, Geralyn leads by example and is always putting the team first and steps up in big moments. She has shined in the outfield for us both years and is a reliable bat in the lineup. She embodies the characteris-

tics of Larry Stone by her selfless dedication to her team and community.”

Runsick is a baseball player from Greenbrier, Ark. He graduated with a degree in general studies and earned a 3.94 GPA. Runsick was an important contributor in the Mountaineer lineup and was named to the NJCAA Region 2 All-Region 1st Team.

“Jack Runsick battled through injury his first year at Eastern,” said Head Baseball Coach Dru Sebastian. “He came back to become a 1st team All-Region 2 performer while maintaining a 3.94 GPA heading into graduation. Jack demonstrated resiliency and mental fortitude during his time at Eastern as a leader on and off the field.”

Richard is a women’s soccer player from Union Ti Morne, Saint Lucia. She is majoring in psychology and sociology and earned a 3.7 GPA through her first year at Eastern.

“Melanie has been a true leader not only on the soccer field but in the classroom,” said Head Soccer Coach Jake Cottage. “She leads by example with her brilliant work ethic and positive attitude. Melanie will be a big player for us next season and we look forward to seeing her grow as a person and soccer player.”

Hill is a men’s basketball player from Oklahoma City. He is majoring in general studies and earned a 4.0 GPA through his first year at Eastern.

“Jude encapsulates what the Larry Stone award is all about,” said Head Men’s Basketball Coach Tim Miser. “Jude is always going to do what is right and do it to the best of his ability. He is a true leader by his example, not only on the court, but in the classroom and in the community. He is a joy to be around and is always trying to better those around him.” **E**



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*Eastern Oklahoma State College sophomores Jack Runsick (second from left) and Geralyn Haney (third from left) were presented with the 2025 Larry Stone Award on May 2 by EOSC President Dr. Janet Wansick (left), and Athletic Director and Head Softball Coach Kendra Whisenhunt (right).*

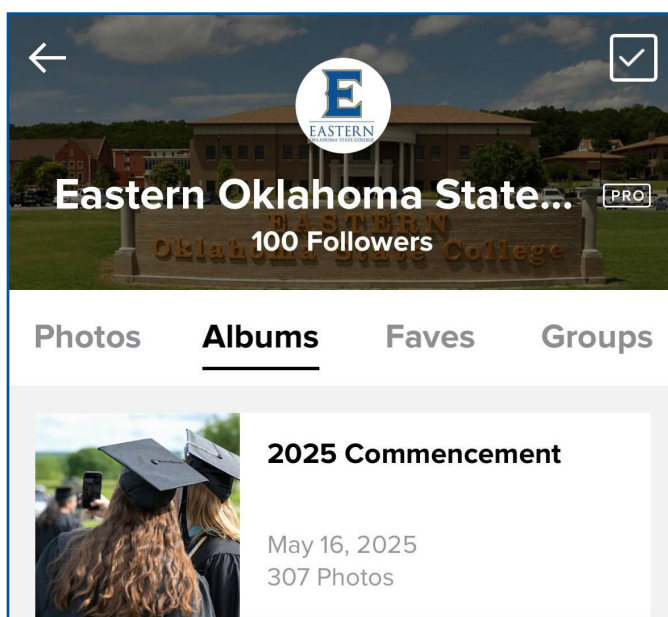
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From graduation celebrations to student life snapshots, you'll now be able to relive your favorite Eastern moments anytime, anywhere.

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## News Release: Eastern Oklahoma State College Names 2025 Outstanding Graduates

WILBURTON, Oklahoma — Eastern Oklahoma State College recognized eight exceptional students as 2025 Outstanding Graduates during its commencement ceremony on May 2. Each student was selected by their respective academic division or department for outstanding academic achievement, leadership and career ambitions.

“These students represent everything we hope for in our Eastern graduates,” said EOSC President Dr. Janet Wansick. “They are each dedicated, involved and determined to succeed. They have made their mark here and we are excited to watch them thrive in their next chapters.”

Delanie Shoup of Wister, Oklahoma, was named one of two Outstanding Graduates representing the respiratory therapy program. She was on the President’s Honor Roll and was a member of the National Association for Associate Degree Respiratory Care and the Respiratory Therapy Club. Shoup has accepted a position at Mercy Fort Smith, where she plans to focus her clinical skills in critical care in the intensive care units and emergency room while continuing to gain expertise in the neonatal intensive care unit. She will also pursue a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy.

Landon Lynch of Centrahoma, Oklahoma, was also named an Outstanding Graduate for the respiratory therapy program. He served as president of the Respiratory Therapy Club and captain of Cohort 5. Lynch was also a member of NA2RC. He has accepted a position at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas, and will also pursue a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy.

Geralyn Haney of Stuart, Oklahoma, was named the Outstanding Graduate for the Language, Humanities and Education Division. She was named a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar, a member of the All-Oklahoma Academic Team, an Oklahoma State Regents Academic Scholar, a Nigh Leadership Academy participant, an Oklahoma Academy Town Hall participant and a 2025 Larry Stone Award winner. She was in the top 10 percent of her class and was on the President’s Honor Roll. Haney also

served as president of the President’s Leadership Class, vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, treasurer for the Eastern Student Government Association and was also a member of the Mountaineer softball team, where she earned NJCAA Region 2 Second Team honors and was named Player of the Week for Week 13. Haney plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University to earn a bachelor’s degree in social studies education with a minor in political science, followed by a master’s in educational policy. Her goal is to teach high school social studies and government in Oklahoma while preparing to run for public office, using her passion for education and civic engagement to create positive change.

Maebrey Wallace of Allen, Oklahoma, was named the Outstanding Graduate for the Agriculture Division. She was a member of the All-Oklahoma Academic Team, was on the President’s Honor Roll and was in the top 10 percent of her class. Wallace was also a member of the meat judging team and was named an American Meat Science Association All-American. She served as leadership and project coordinator for PLC and as reporter for the Aggie Club. Wallace was also a member of the Agricultural Ambassadors, PTK and ESGA. She was named a 2025 Outstanding Agricultural Communications Student, as well. Wallace plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications at Oklahoma State University and enter the telecommunications field upon graduation.

Holly Wilson of Wilburton, Oklahoma, was named the Outstanding Graduate for the Nursing Program. She was a member of PTK and has accepted a job at Baptist Health—Fort Smith. Wilson plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Oklahoma Panhandle State University and eventually transition to a nursing education role.

Haylee Baker of Wilburton, Oklahoma, was named the Outstanding Graduate for the Behavioral and Social Science Division. She was a member of PLC and participated in the Denmark study abroad program. Baker was on the President’s Honor Roll and was in the top 10



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*Eastern Oklahoma State College named its 2025 Outstanding Graduates at the Commencement Ceremony on May 2. 1) Respiratory Therapy Program Director Dr. Peggy Spears and Respiratory Therapy honoree Delanie Shoup. 2) Spears and Respiratory Therapy honoree Landon Lynch. 3) Dean of Language, Humanities and Education Kristen Turner and Language, Humanities and Education honoree Geralyn Haney. 4) Meat Processing and Food Safety Instructor Jade Edwards and Agriculture honoree Maebrey Wallace. 5) Director of Nursing Gina Bullock and Nursing honoree Holly Wilson. 6) Dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dr. Carter Mattson and Behavioral and Social Sciences honoree Haylee Baker. 7) Dean of Science and Mathematics Dr. Andrea Green and Science and Mathematics honoree Kennedy Edwards. 8) Dean of Business Brenda Strange and Business honoree Camden White.*

percent of her class. She plans to continue her education at the University of Central Oklahoma and pursue a career in crime scene investigation.

Kennedy Edwards of Maysville, Oklahoma, was named the Outstanding Graduate for the Science and Mathematics Division. She was on the President's Honor Roll and was in the top 10 percent of her class. Edwards served as vice president of service for PTK and vice president of the Math and Science Club. She was also named the 2025 Outstanding Pre-Veterinary Student for the Agriculture Division. Edwards was a member of the livestock judging team and the Aggie Club. She plans to continue her education at OSU, then proceed to dental school to become a maxillofacial surgeon.

Camden White of Choctaw, Oklahoma, was named the Outstanding Graduate for the Business Division. He was a member of PTK, the Business Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. A pitcher for the Mountaineer baseball team, White earned NJCAA Region 2 Pitcher of the Week honors for Week 3 and helped lead the team to its first JUCO World Series appearance since 2001. He plans to continue his academic and athletic careers at St. Edward's University, then pursue a career in technology sales. **E**

## Social Media Recap



*The best day of the year is finally here!*

*The Eastern Nursing Department will host its Nursing Pinning Ceremony at 3 p.m.*

*The Commencement Ceremonies will be divided by academic division:*

*5:30 p.m. - Agriculture Division, Health Sciences Division, and Science and Mathematics Division.*

*7:30 p.m. - Behavioral and Social Sciences Division, Business Division, and the Language, Humanities and Education Division.*

*All three events will be streamed live on Mountaineer TV at the link below.*

*<https://www.eosc.edu/about/mountaineer-tv>*

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*It's Nurses Week! Thank you to all of the nurses and healthcare workers who sacrifice so much to care for others. We are especially thankful for our Eastern Nursing faculty and staff and all they do to prepare the next generation of nurses! #TheE #MoveMountains #NursesWeek*



*Good luck on your finals, Mountaineers! You've got this!*

*#TheE #MoveMountains*



*Join us May 13 for Choctaw Enrollment Day in Wilburton! Choctaw Nation Tribal Members who are incoming freshmen are invited to a free lunch and learn to get help applying for admission and enrolling in summer and fall classes. Lunch will be served from Noon to 1 p.m. and enrollment assistance will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please RSVP at the link below.*

*<https://forms.office.com/r/3ZHRxdd0tL>*

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### Social Media Recap



*If you are at Oklahoma State FFA Convention, be sure to stop by the EOOSC Agriculture Division booth! They have information about our top-notch ag programs, including unique programs like Meat Processing & Food Safety, Stocker Management and Forestry! They also have lots of great giveaway items!*

*#TheE #MoveMountains #OKFFA*



*Heat up your summer education at Eastern!*

*Whether you're catching up, getting ahead, or exploring something new, Eastern Oklahoma State College has the summer courses you need to stay on track.*

*Classes begin June 2. Don't miss out!*

*Get started today at <https://www.eosc.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now>*  
*#TheE #MoveMountains*

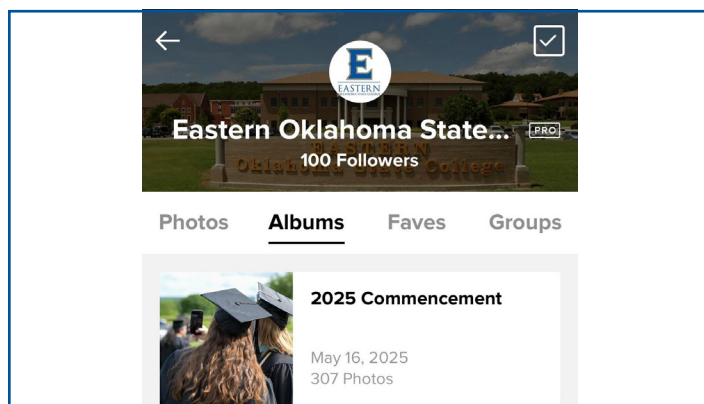


*This morning, Eastern faculty and staff lined up to give our Mountaineer baseball team a spirited send-off as they head to the NJCAA South Central District Tournament!*

*The Mountaineers will play a best-of-three series against Mineral Area College, set to begin Thursday, May 15, at 2 p.m. in Park Hills, Mo. The winner will advance to the NJCAA World Series.*

*We are proud of your hard work, dedication, and determination this season! Now it's time to finish strong. Let's go, Mountaineers!*

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*We're bringing Flickr back!*

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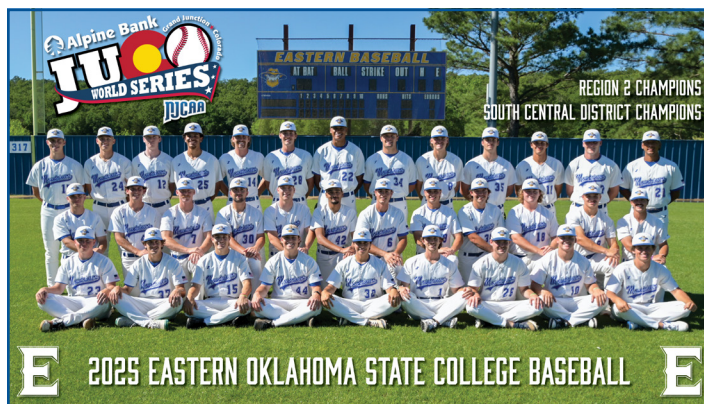


*This Memorial Day, Eastern Oklahoma State College honors and remembers the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.*

*Today, we pause to reflect on their courage, dedication, and unwavering commitment to freedom.*

*We are forever grateful.*

*#TheE #MoveMountains*



### HISTORY MADE!

*For the first time since 2001, Eastern Baseball is headed to the JUCO World Series!*

*After an incredible postseason run, the Mountaineers have punched their ticket to Grand Junction, Colorado, and will compete on the national stage with the best in NJCAA Division I.*

*Let's go, Mountaineers!*

*#TheE #NJCAABaseball #JUCOWS #RoadToGJ*



*Our Mountaineer baseball team is headed to the JUCO World Series, and we want to send them off with a wave of Eastern pride!*

*Join us tomorrow, May 20, at 3:30 PM in the E.E. Tourtellotte Student Center Ballroom for a watch party as we stream the World Series Bracket Reveal Show live! The event is free and open to the public.*

*Let's find out when and who the Mountaineers will play and celebrate this exciting milestone together.*

*Go Mountaineers!*

*#TheE*

### Saturday Spotlight: Dr. Janet Wansick

**What is your name?**

Dr. Janet Wansick

**What is your title?**

President

**What is your hometown?**

McAlester, OK

**What is your educational background?**

I graduated from Byng High School. Got a Bachelor's and Master's degree from East Central University and a Doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

**When did you start working for Eastern?**

The first time I started in 2011. Worked here until 2017 and then came back in 2020.

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

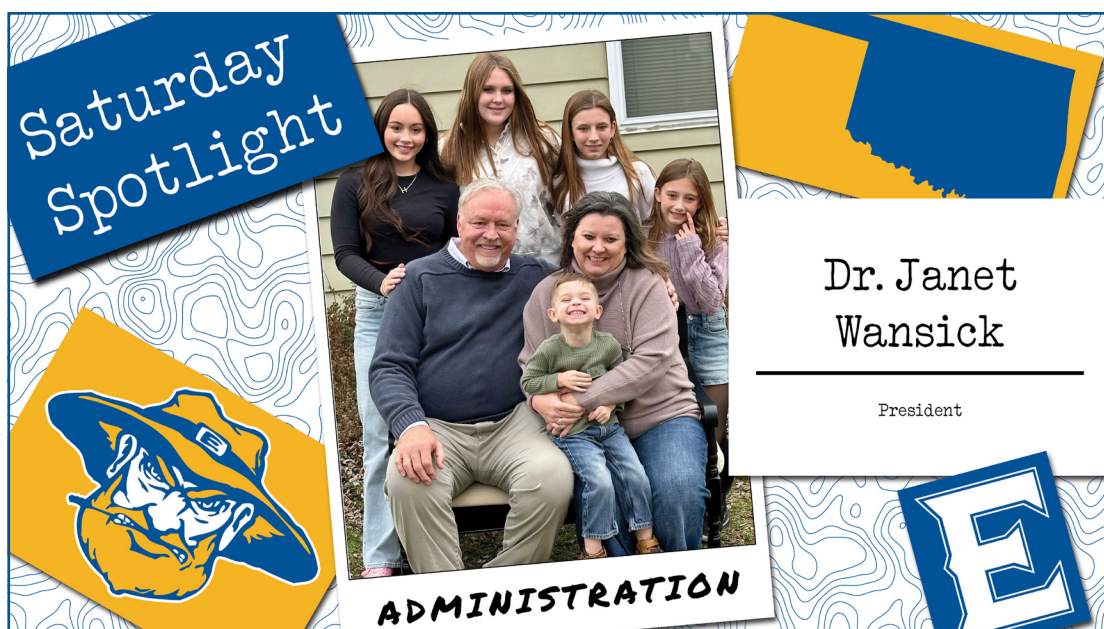
Lots of great memories. My favorite thing about Eastern is the people. The faculty, staff and most importantly the students. Being able to be in a position that changes peoples lives is a great honor.

**What do you enjoy outside of work?**

I am not sure there has been much "outside of work" but when I get the chance I like playing golf. The best thing though is spending time with my husband, kids and grandkids!

**What is a fun fact about you?**

I got a hole in one on the 59th hole of golf I ever played. I tell everyone it has been all down hill since then.





## Saturday Spotlight: Jordan Rymer-Austin

**What is your name?**

Jordan Rymer-Austin

**What is your title?**

Academic & Financial Aid Advisor / Reach High Coordinator

**What is your hometown?**

Wilburton, OK

**What is your educational background?**

Graduated Wilburton High School in 2016  
Oklahoma State University-Stillwater with a  
Bachelors in Psychology in 2020.

**When did you start working for Eastern?**

2024

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

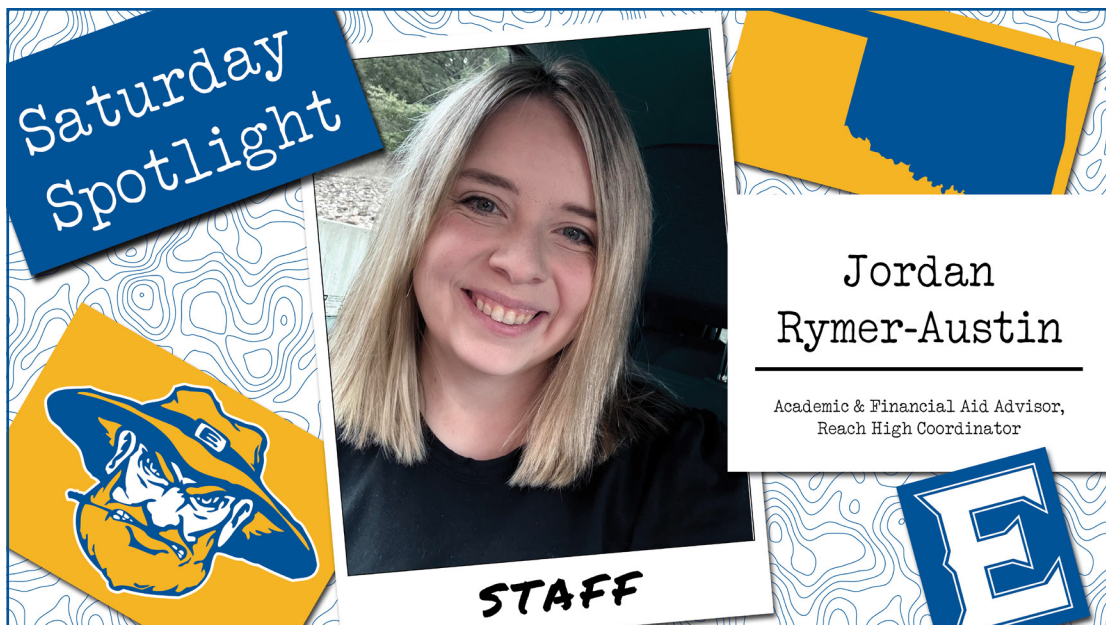
I love that I can help students reach their goals by helping them enroll in the right classes.

**What do you enjoy outside of work?**

I enjoy spending time with my family and being outside.

**What is a fun fact about you?**

A fun fact about me is that I am also the color guard coach for Wilburton.





### Saturday Spotlight: Amy Swain

**What is your name?**

Amy Swain

**What is your title?**

Head of Vocal & Instrumental Music

**What is your hometown?**

Boonville, MO

**What is your educational background?**

I graduated from Boonville High School. I have my Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and a minor in Piano Pedagogy from Central Methodist University and a Masters in Education from Missouri State University.

**When did you start working for Eastern?**

2022

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

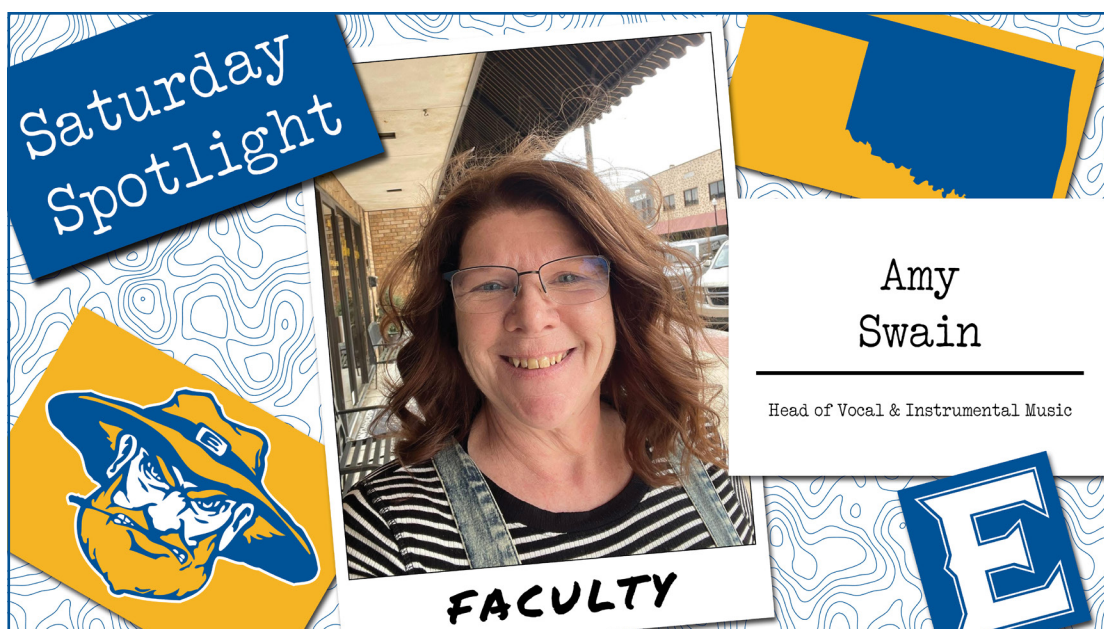
Besides getting to work with some amazing musicians, I love teaching Music in Life. I get to interact with a variety of students and impart my love of music to them.

**What do you enjoy outside of work?**

I enjoy planting flowers and watching them bloom. I'm a huge crime junkie and watch as much of that as I can. I have 10 grandkids and love being a Memaw to them.

**What is a fun fact about you?**

I auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera when I was 36.





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