

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME...

The College of Education Welcomes the following individuals to our staff

- Angela Coady - Faculty, Teaching, Learning, and Foundations
- Daniel Douglas - Program Coordinator, Academy of Lifelong Learning
- Aaron White - Director, School of Extended Learning
- Hannah Radnitzer - Director of Development and External Relations, Office of the Dean
- Joy Rainey - Office Manager, School of Extended Learning

## EIU ANNOUNCES THE 13TH PRESIDENT!

**DR. JAY GATRELL**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

The College of Education has had several individuals transition into new roles.

- Catherine Polydore, Professor to Chair of Counseling and Higher Education.
- Kim Redfern, Advisor to Interim Director of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Michelle Rhine, Office Manager to Certification Officer



## COE ADVISORY BOARD

The College of Education wants to welcome five new members to the Advisory Board. Mr. Jeff Dase, Dr. Ann Beck, Mr. Nick Gaines, Ms. Shannon Watkins, and Ms. Samantha Phillips.

We are incredibly thankful for your willingness to support the College of Education in this way.

# Students & Faculty Doing Great Things

## **STUDENT'S DOING GREAT THINGS**

Dionne Lipscomb, 2022-2023 recipient of the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) presented her research, "Still, We Rise: Experiences of Black Women in Leadership Positions," at the Preparing Future Faculty of Color Conference at NIU in February. Dionne is a second-year student in the College Student Affairs Program, Department of Counseling and Higher Education.



## **FACULTY THRIVING IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM...**

The Teaching, Learning, and Foundations faculty bowling team is in first place! The team consists of Denise Reid, Pat Fewell, Dawn VanGunten, Amy Davis and Carrie Dale.

## **POLAR PLUNGE 2023**

The Eastern Illinois University Glow Polar Plunge was held on Sunday, February 26 at 6pm, with 73 brave EIU Students, Faculty, and community members taking the cold plunge on behalf of Special Olympics Illinois. These amazing polar plungers raised \$12,550 for Special Olympics Illinois, which provides FREE year-round sports trainings, competitions, health programs, family fun events, and leadership education to our local Special Olympics Athletes. Dr. Jay Gatrell, EIU Provost, and future University President, was the emcee for this year's event, in addition to winning the Golden Plunger award for raising the most funds.

The EIU Department of Special Education Plunge team was able to raise the most funds as a team and is currently in first place to win the Special Olympics Illinois Region I College Cup, which provides \$1000 back to the College group that raised the most funds.

Eastern Illinois University is a leader in the inclusion revolution and is a National Unified Champion College for Special Olympics Illinois. It is the hope that the EIU Glow Polar Plunge will continue to grow and engage more Eastern Illinois University student groups, faculty, and alumni in future years.

# Students & Faculty Doing Great Things

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & GRANTS

Two Counseling and Higher Education, college student affairs students, CJ Gibson and Jacob Mueller, presented at the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) conference in February 2023.

Seven college student affairs students will be traveling to the national American College Personnel Association (ACPA) conference in New Orleans at the end of March. Five of these students will be presenting their thesis research at the conference. The students attending and presenting at this international conference are: TJ Estabrook, Dionne Lipscomb, Jacob Mueller, Diego Ulloa, and Anders Voss. Students in attendance include Maddie Reiher, and Attainea Toulon. Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Dianne Timm, and Dr. Jon Coleman will be presenting as well.

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & GRANTS

Dr. Catherine Polydore, Chair of Counseling and Higher Education, to be the faculty marshal for Spring 2023 Commencement. Congratulations on this honor!

**The following students have been selected to receive the Williams Travel Grant, which supports EIU graduate students who are presenting their work at regional, state, national, or international conferences. This grant is supported by Dr. Larry Williams, former dean of the Graduate School. Faculty mentor for these student's is Dr. Heidi Larson.**

- TJ Eastbook
- Amanda (Amina) Feder
- Abigail (Abby) Frohning
- Ethan Homeyer
- Kelsey Langley
- Dionne Lipscomb
- Rebekah Magee
- Diego Ulloa
- Anders Voss
- Kendra Bierman
- Jacob Pierson
- Ethan Carlson
- Jess Meadows
- Corben Roth



## Graduate School Research and Creative Activity Grant awarded to...

- Kendra Bierman
- Jessica Howse
- Inge Jones
- Corbin Roth

## Winner of the 2023 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity Competition

- Taylor Comer

## Frances Meyer Hampton Scholarship

- Lois Karimu



# Alumni News | Farwells

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

College of Education Alumni, Dr. Richard James, recently co-authored Crises Intervention: Ethics Casebook, ACA, 2022 and is currently at work on the ninth edition of Crises Intervention Strategies, Cengage, 2024. Approximately 220,000 copies of this book have been sold through eight editions. Dr. James retired as a professor from the University of Memphis Department of Counseling four years ago. In addition to his publications, he also provides consulting and crisis intervention training with police departments. Dr. James stated he owes a lot of his success to the late Dr. Donald L. Moler and Louis Crane who started him on his path at Eastern in 1964. James received his Bachelor's of Science in Education ('64) as well as his Master of Science Education Counseling ('66) from EIU. We are proud to call such distinguished individuals our alumni.

## ALUMNI EVENTS

Educator Appreciation Night was held on Thursday, February 9th, 2023 in Charleston. Educators and their families were provided with free entrance to double header basketball game at Lantz Arena. Pizza, pop, and snacks were provided in between games. Everyone had a wonderful time. Everyone had a great time!

Alumni Donut Social was held Saturday, March, 4th at Industrial Donuts in Champaign. Alumni were able to enjoy coffee and donuts while they visited with other alums and EIU faculty. Yum!

**KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR EVENTS NEAR YOU!**

## 2023 ALUMNI AWARDS

The below three awards are awarded to alumni who have achieved great success and made an impact in their chosen profession.

Justin Schuch - Leadership and Service Award. BA in Political Science (EIU 2009) and Masters of Science in Education College of Student Affairs (EIU 2011)

Tim McCollum - Lifetime Achievement Award. BS in Zoology (EIU 1973) and Masters of Science in Zoology (EIU 1977)

Christa Kabbes - Rising Star Award BA in Psychology (IU 2017) and Masters of Science in Mental Health Counseling: Clinical Counseling (EIU 2020)

## FAREWELLS...

We appreciate the following for their time and contributions to the College of Education.

- Melba Goliday, Director, Instructional Technology Center
- Shannon Maldonado, Director, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Debbie Meadows, Office Manager, School of Extended Learning - Thank you for almost 20 years of service & happy retirement!

We wish you all the best!



# **Upcoming Classes**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP**

**Instructor: Carla Erausquin**  
**Saturday, April 8, 2023**  
**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Register by April 6, 2022**  
**Free and open to the public**  
**Buzzard Hall 1140**

Description: Are you ready to start or grow your artistry or business online using social media like Tik Tok, Instagram, and Facebook? Learn how to create and manage your social media profiles at this beginner-friendly workshop presented by Carla Erausquin. At this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to plan and create content, post, and connect with the right accounts to help them grow their social networks. Set your profile media profiles up for success and grow your audience! Don't forget to bring your smart phone!

## **CREATE WITH CARE**

**Instructor: Lilly Ames**  
**Friday, April 21, 2023**  
**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**  
**Register by April 19, 2023**  
**Free and open to the public**  
**Education Lab in Tarble Arts Center**

Description: As adults, we often take to crafting in pursuit of an aesthetic and forget what led us to enjoy art in the first place. We may find that joy again if we can learn to explore our minds without judgment and remain present in the moment of making. The only expectation is that what you create is a true expression of yourself. Bring your pencils and a notebook and leave self-deprecation at the door. Come create with care using the loose instructions you'll receive in this workshop. There will be extra creative guides to take home with you at the end of the session.

Your guide will be artist Lilly Ames, whose work will be on view in the Tarble galleries as part of the 2023 M.A. in Studio Art Exhibition from April 1 through May 6.

## **YOGA CLASS**

**Instructor: Karen Reed**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays**  
**May 1, 2023 – May 17, 2023**  
**4:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
**Register by April 29, 2023**  
**\$28 Academy of Lifelong Learning member, \$31 non-member**  
**Kiwanis Bandshell**

Description: Yoga is known to provide such physical benefits as increased muscle tone, improved mobility and flexibility of the joints, and enhanced balance and coordination, but this course will also explore yoga as a method of practicing mindful awareness to further enrich well-being. As a form of meditation, mindfulness helps us manage how we react to the stress, uncertainty, anxiety, and difficulties that surround us. Participants will be invited to slow down and pay close attention to their minds and bodies as they are guided through a series of gentle movements, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques. As nature is an intrinsic component of yoga, this class will embrace that theme by meeting outdoors, further enhancing the calming effects of yoga and meditation on the nervous system. Please wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in and weather appropriate, bring a mat, rug, or blanket, and drinking water.

**The Academy of Lifelong Learning is an organization that helps individuals within the surrounding communities to embrace the journey of learning all throughout their lives, inside and outside of the classroom.**

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