

## Schmidt's Decision to Attend EC a 'No Brainer!'

Meghan Schmidt of Morton said her decision to attend East Central Community College in Decatur was a "no brainer."

"East Central is located near my home," said the second-year associate degree nursing program student, "and I have always heard great things about the school and its ADN program."

Schmidt, 25, a Brandon native, graduated with honors at Northwest Rankin High School in 2006.

She has resided in Morton the past five years and commutes to the Decatur campus several days each week for classes and clinicals.

No matter how long the drive or how hard the work, Schmidt said pursuing a nursing degree "is what I was born to do."

"I have many family members who are in the nursing field, and I feel like this is where God sees me most useful in this world," said Schmidt. "I know this is my passion in life and what I want to do."

Schmidt said "passion" is the key word for anyone who wants to become a nurse.

"If nursing school was easy, everyone would do it," she said. "It requires a passion for the art of nursing to get through this (program). Nursing isn't glamorous or easy; but it has given me some of my best memories in life so far. It is life-changing when a patient tells you that you've made his or her day better in some way."

In addition to having a "passion" to succeed, Schmidt said it helps to have a quality program and instructors who care about each student, as is the case at East Central.

"I cannot say enough about the support provided by East Central," said Schmidt. "Dean (Denita) Thomas and her staff are beyond exceptional. They care so much about their students and their futures. Every staff member is always available to address any issue a student may be having, education-related or not."

She added, "I feel as though I could go on for days about what I like most about the ADN program. The staff and students are a family at East Central. We spend a tremendous amount of time together while attending classes, clinicals and participating in community service projects. I also love the technology and



*Meghan Schmidt monitors the heartbeat of her "patient" in one of several "simulation labs" provided for students enrolled in ECCC's Associate Degree Nursing program.*

hands-on opportunities that EC's ADN program has to offer students. There isn't a single learning style that they don't use in teaching, which is so important with today's generation of students."

One must also be able to devote the study time necessary to be successful in such a challenging curriculum.

"I cannot lie and tell you that this isn't a huge commitment," Schmidt stated. "I spend about four-to-five hours five or six days a week studying, outside of class and clinical hours. I know this is what God has called me to do, so I want to put in the time necessary to be the best at it that I can be."

Schmidt is on schedule to graduate in May 2014. A wedding with fiancé Jonathan Nichols is also on tap for the near future, as are plans to continue her education in the nursing field.

"I definitely want to continue my education," she said. "Education is so important in today's world! I plan to nurse for a little while wherever I am blessed enough to find a job, then eventually become a nurse practitioner. I also have considered teaching in my future. Teachers like (ADN instructor) Alicia Lundstrom changed my life in such a positive way, and I would love to be a part of that someday."

Lundstrom said Schmidt "exemplifies the characteristics" of a nurse.

"Meghan is smart, strong, caring and eager to continue to obtain knowledge to improve her performance," said Lundstrom. "She seeks to be the best she can be in her personal and professional life. She is a pleasure to teach, and I am truly honored to have played a part in her education. She is a perfect example of an EC student, 'Excellence with Class!'"

Schmidt said she "highly recommends" East Central's ADN program to anyone who is seriously considering a nursing career.

"The staff is amazing, and the technology incorporated into the program ensures students that they are getting the best and most up-to-date education available to them."

For more information, contact Denita Thomas, dean of health-care education, at 601-635-6294 or e-mail [dthomas@eccc.edu](mailto:dthomas@eccc.edu).



## The Collegians!

East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, "The Collegians," presented its annual fall campus concert Monday, November 18 in Huff Auditorium. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Jake Wilbourne (vocals) of Forest, Joseph Aulds (drums) of Decatur and D'Andre Henton (auxiliary percussion) of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Claire Griffin (vocals) and Kara Miller (vocals), both of Decatur, Macy Seale (vocals) of Philadelphia, Dillon Evans (acoustic guitar) of Carthage, Jamie Tune (electric guitar) of Newton, Houston Martin (bass) of Chunky, and director/guitarist Chas Evans; (third row, from left) Zach Peden (saxophone) of Philadelphia, Cody Smith (tech) of Carthage and Micahael Buntyn (lead tech) of Newton; (fourth row, from left) Adrian Tucker (trumpet) of Philadelphia, Matt Graham (trumpet) of Lake, Anna Girling (trombone) of Carthage; and Malcolm McBride (keyboard) of Auburn, AL; and (top row, from left) Sarah LaBue (tech) of Conehatta, Jeremy Collins (tech) of Forest, Ryan Packer (tech) of Decatur and Austin Savell (tech) of Philadelphia.



## Numerous Video Conferencing Classes Available Off-Site

East Central Community College in Decatur continues to offer day classes at various Video Conference sites located in the College's five-county district.

The video conferencing classes are offered in an effort to assist students in taking college classes without having to commute to the Decatur campus. With video conferencing, faculty members are actually on the main campus in Decatur and appear simultaneously on video at the four locations.

"We want to do everything we can to make attending college convenient and accessible to students," said Dr. Randall E. Lee, vice president for student services. "By offering classes via video conferencing, students can take classes in their hometown or nearby. We hope our students will take advantage of this service because as demand increases we want to offer more classes."

Video conferencing classes are currently held at the Carthage Career Advancement Center, Integrated Technologies Training Center in Choctaw, Neshoba Business Enterprise Center in Philadelphia and Louisville Career Advancement Center.

For more information, contact Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The email address is [rllee@eccc.edu](mailto:rllee@eccc.edu).

## Band Clinic Scheduled Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at EC

The East Central Community College District Band Clinic will be held January 31 through February 1, 2014.

Guest clinicians will include Elva Kaye Lance, Director of Bands at Mississippi State University; Benji McClain, Director of Bands at Hancock High School; and Katy Abels, band director at Madison Central Middle School.

The cost for this year's clinic is \$20 per student.

For more information, contact Hunter Corhern, ECCC Director of Bands, at 601-635-6123 or by email at [hcorhern@eccc.edu](mailto:hcorhern@eccc.edu).

### ACCREDITATION

East Central Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the Associate Degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of East Central Community College.

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East Central Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or qualified disability in its educational programs and activities, employment practices, or admissions processes. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies of East Central Community College:

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title VI, ADEA, and Title IX is coordinated by Dr. Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction, Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building, Room 171, Post Office Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone: 601-635-6202, Fax: 601-635-4011, [thouston@eccc.edu](mailto:thouston@eccc.edu).

Inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504 and ADA is coordinated by Dr. Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, Eddie M. Smith Student Union, Room 201, Post Office Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone: 601-635-6375, Fax: 601-635-3247, [rllee@eccc.edu](mailto:rllee@eccc.edu).

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# Updates, Improvements Made in Many Areas on Campus



Various updates have been made to the ECCC campus over the past few months. Among the improvements are street banners with the college's new logos (1), new equipment in the Wellness Center located in the Smith Student Union Building (2), new tables, paint, large screen TVs and other equipment in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria (3); a refinished floor with new athletic logos in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium; renovations also included new bleachers and chairback seats (4); and new street signs which include the new college seal (5).

## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR 2013-2014

**January 31-February 1** - ECCC Band Clinic, \$20  
Contact 601-635-6123 for more information

**January 29** - Nontraditional Gender Conference for Male Students, Contact 601-635-6211 for more information

**February 7** - SkillsUSA Competition

**February 13** - FBLA Conference

**February 27** - Symphonic Band Concert, 6:30 p.m., Huff Auditorium, Free

**March 20** - Business, Education and Healthcare Expo, Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium

**March 31** - Application deadline for Associate Degree Nursing program, Contact 601-635-6293 for more information

**April 3** - Jazz Band Concert, 6:30 p.m., Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium, Free

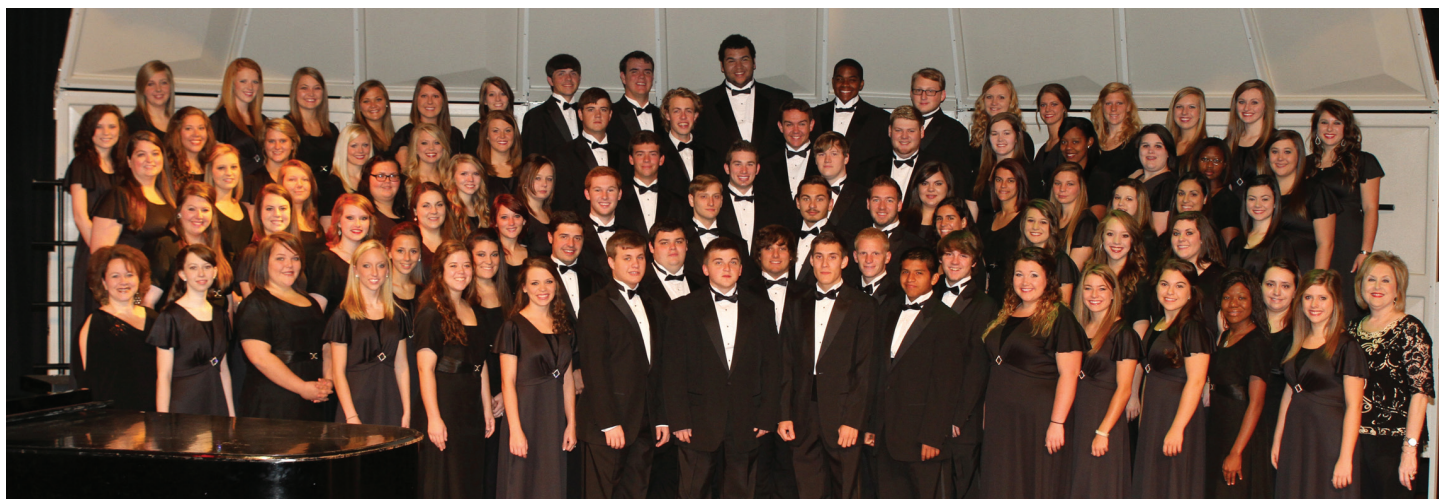
**April 15** - Symphonic Band Pops Concert, 6:30 p.m., Huff Auditorium, Free

**April 24** - Auditions for Concert Choir and Ac'cents Show Choir, 1 p.m., Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium, Contact 601-635-6225 for more information

**May 1** - Application deadline for Practical Nursing program, Contact 601-635-6293 for more information

**June 1** - Application deadline for Surgical Technology program, Contact 601-635-6293 for more information

*\*Dates are subject to change without notice. Additional dates will be added for the February issue.*



## ECCC Concert Choir

Members of the 2013-2014 East Central Community College Concert Choir are shown prior to their performance during the College's annual District Choir Festival. Pictured are (front row, from left) accompanist Natalie Emmons of Lake, Rachel Laird of Meridian, Lindsay Holland of Union, Shelby Horn of Hickory, Rebecca Faron of Flowood, Grayson Harrell of Morton, Clint Walker of Newton, Adam Porter of Decatur, Timothy Laird of Newton, Jordan Alonso of Chunky, Courtney Tillman of Decatur, Makenzie Rowzee of Hickory, Courtney Elliot of Little Rock, Andrea McSwain of Decatur and Jenny Grove of Forest; (second row, from left) Sarah Hall of Philadelphia, Jessica Stinson of Morton, Zach Peden of Philadelphia, Conor Bell of Carthage, Ian Lanthrip of Forest, Jesse Vaughn of Decatur, Eli Parker of Duffee, Hannah Kersgaard of Sebastopol and director Vicki Blaylock of Newton; (third row, from left) Raven Bane and Heather Bradley, both of Philadelphia; Gloriana Latham of Morton, Chelsey Smith of Brandon, Mallory Wilkerson of Union, Ryan Godwin of Newton, Ryan Mott of Starkville, Julian Fuentes of Decatur, Houston Martin of Edinburg, Tabitha LaBue of Conehatta, Kasey Logan of Lake, Cara Jackson of Nanih Waiya and Kaitlin Dean of Decatur; (fourth row, from left) Georgia Donor of Collinsville, Krissy Winstead of Union, Danette Harris of Brandon, Ashley Bozeman of Union, Danielle Gregory of Little Rock, Kimberly Rigby of Forest, Nathan Williams of Union, Joseph Aulds and Tyler Spence, both of Decatur; Anna Girling of Carthage, Sarah LaBue of Conehatta, Jesse Hennington and Tiffany Dorman, both of Philadelphia; Lacey Harrison of Little Rock and Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia; (fifth row, from left) Hannah Clark of Philadelphia, Katy Ezelle and Caitlyn Sant, both of Decatur; Haileigh West of Hickory, Jordan Lovorn of Nanih Waiya, Kelli Boulton of Newton, Dillion Evans of Carthage, Sam Lovorn of Philadelphia, Dee Jay Rolison of Conehatta, Chandler Smith of Philadelphia, Claire Griffin of Decatur, Jayohnnie Slaughter of Union, Danielle Shelley of Sebastopol, Leslie Young of Philadelphia and Samantha Hill of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Kara Yates of Leesburg, Hannah Mitchell of Meridian, Emily Jacome-Cluff and Katherine Jacome-Cluff, both of Hickory; Taylor Gressett of Chunky, Macy Seale of Philadelphia, Jonathon Hodge of Lake, Corey Jackson of Nanih Waiya, David Fortenberry of Philadelphia, Dominick Fields of Forest, Matt Graham of Lake, Hannah Robinson of Union, Hannah Brown of Decatur, Adrian Tucker of Philadelphia, Mackenzie Gannon of Decatur, Alana Kron of Decatur and Brianna Parkman of Lake.



## 2013-14 ECCC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### November

2	Holmes	Home	1 & 3 p.m.
4	Coahoma	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
9	MS Delta	Home	1 & 3 p.m.
11	Homes	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
14	East MS	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
16	Alabama Southern	Away	2 & 4 p.m.
18	Coahoma	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
21	MS Delta	Away	6 & 8 p.m.

### December

5	Meridian	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
9	Pearl River	Away	5 & 7 p.m.

### January

7	East MS	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
13	Hinds	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
16	MS Gulf Coast	Away	6 & 8 p.m.

21	Co-Lin	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
23	Southwest	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
27	Jones	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
30	Meridian	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

### February

3	Pearl River	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
6	Hinds	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
10	MS Gulf Coast	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
13	Co-Lin	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
17	Southwest	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
20	Jones	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
24-28	MACJC State Tourney		

### March

5-7	Region 23	Clinton (Mississippi College)
17-19	NJCAA Tourney	Salina, KS Women
		Hutchinson, KS Men



## 2014 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

<b>February</b>				25	Pearl River	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
6	East MS	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.	29	Jones	Ellisville	2 & 4 p.m.
11	Marion Military	Marion, AL	1 & 3 p.m.	<b>April</b>			
14	MS Delta	Decatur	2 & 4 p.m.	2	Meridian	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
17	Marion Military	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.	5	MS Gulf Coast	Perkinston	Noon
19	Holmes	Goodman	3 & 5 p.m.				& 2 p.m.
21-22	Meridian Tourney	Meridian	TBA	8	Southwest	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
25	Gasden State	Gadsden, AL	1 & 3 p.m.	11	Co-Lin	Decatur	2 & 4 p.m.
<b>March</b>				14	Hinds	Raymond	2 & 4 p.m.
1	Jones	Decatur	1 & 3 p.m.	16	Pearl River	Poplarville	3 & 5 p.m.
4	Meridian	Meridian	2 & 4 p.m.	25-26	First-Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
7	MS Gulf Coast	Decatur	2 & 4 p.m.	<b>May</b>			
11	Southwest	Summit	3 & 5 p.m.	2-4	MACJC State Tourney	TBA	
17	Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge, LA	3 & 5 p.m.	8-10	Region 23 Tourney	Clinton	
19	Co-Lin	Wesson	3 & 5 p.m.	14-17	Div. II National Tourney	Clinton	
22	Hinds	Decatur	1 & 3 p.m.				

## 2014 TENNIS SCHEDULE

<b>February</b>			
4	Meridian	@MCC	2 pm
6	Holmes	@ECCC	2 pm
11	MS Gulf Coast	@MGCCC	1 pm
17	Co-Lin	@ECCC	2 pm
18	Jones	@JCJC	2 pm
24	Holmes	@Holmes	2 pm
25	Hinds	@ECCC	2 pm
<b>March</b>			
4	Northeast	@ECCC	1 pm
17	Northwest	@ECCC	2 pm
18	Hinds	@Hinds	2 pm
24	Meridian	@ECCC	2 pm
25	Itawamba	@Forest	1 pm
31	Itawamba	@ICC	2 pm
<b>April</b>			
1	Northeast	@Northeast	1 pm
8	Jones	@ECCC	2 pm
9	Northwest	@Northwest	2 pm
14	Co-Lin	@Co-Lin	2 pm
15	MS Gulf Coast	@ECCC	1 pm
23-26	State Tourney	@MS Gulf Coast	TBA

## 2014 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

<b>February</b>			
8	Pensacola	Decatur	1 p.m.
10	Wallace-Selma	Livingston, AL	5 p.m.
14-16	Rush Invitational	Decatur	TBA
18	Northwest	Decatur	2 p.m.
21	East MS	Decatur	Noon
21	Jeff Davis	Decatur	5 p.m.
26	MS Delta	Moorehead	Noon
<b>March</b>			
1	Wabash Valley	Decatur	Noon
1	Northeast	Decatur	5 p.m.
4	Southwest, TN	Millington, TN	1 p.m.
8	Itawamba	Decatur	2 p.m.
12	MS Gulf Coast	Perkinston	3 p.m.
15	Co-Lin	Wesson	2 p.m.
18	Jones	Decatur	3 p.m.
22	Pearl River	Poplarville	2 p.m.
26	Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge, LA	2 p.m.
29	Southwest	Decatur	2 p.m.
<b>April</b>			
1	Hinds	Decatur	3 p.m.
5	MS Gulf Coast	Decatur	2 p.m.
9	Co-Lin	Decatur	3 p.m.
12	Jones	Ellisville	2 p.m.
15	Pearl River	Decatur	3 p.m.
18	Lawson State	Decatur	2 p.m.
23	Southwest	Summit	3 p.m.
26	Hinds	Raymond	2 p.m.
<b>May</b>			
2-3	First-Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
8-10	MACJC Tourney	TBA	TBA
15-18	Region 23 Tourney	TBA	TBA
24-June 1	NJCAA World Series	Enid, OK	TBA

## 2014 GOLF SCHEDULE

<b>February</b>			
9-10	Meridian	Northwood	Meridian
22-23	Hinds	Eagle Ridge	Raymond
<b>March</b>			
7-8	MS Gulf Coast	Pine Burr	Wiggins
31-April	Northwest	Northcreek	Southaven
		Wedgewood	Olive Branch
<b>April</b>			
14-15	East MS	Lion Hills	Columbus
27-28	MACJC Tourney	The Oaks	Pass Christian
		(Hosted by MS Gulf Coast)	
<b>May</b>			
4-5	Region 23 Tourney	Wolf Hollow	Wesson
		(Hosted by Co-Lin)	
18-23	NJCAA Tourney	Swan Lake	Plymouth, IN



## Children of Andrew & Inez Gaines: Marjorie Mansfield, Mary George Pace, Frances Gaines Blum Slagle, Virginia Gaines Smith, and Geneva Gaines Boring In-District Tuition Scholarship *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)*

**1. What is this scholarship, and how does it work?** This scholarship is a financial aid program for incoming freshmen residing in the five-county service area administered by East Central Community College (ECCC) that covers the remaining balance of tuition for eligible students to attend the college less federal, state, and third-party aid; ECCC Institutional Scholarships; and ECCC Foundation Scholarships. Therefore, this scholarship serves as a “gap-filler scholarship” for students who do not receive and/or qualify for sources of funding sufficient to cover the cost of tuition.

**2. How is the scholarship funded?** This scholarship is funded by a generous gift from the estate of Frances Gaines Blum Slagle, ECCC Class of 1940, in the amount of approximately \$3 million. According to the scholarship agreement, the college may only use the monies earned from the investment of these assets to fund the scholarship program each year. Therefore, unlike a “tuition guarantee” scholarship program, the college may not be able to meet every need of every student due to the limitation of using only the monies earned from the investment of these funds.

**3. What is covered by the scholarship?** The scholarship covers the remaining balance of tuition for eligible students to attend ECCC after applying federal, state, & third-party aid; ECCC Institutional Scholarships; and ECCC Foundation Scholarships to the student's account.

**4. Does the receipt of a federal student loan count as federal or third-party aid when calculating the amount of assistance a student receives?** No. Federal student loans will not be included in the calculation of “federal, state, & third-party aid” as listed in #1 or #3 above.

**5. What is NOT covered by this scholarship?** Non-tuition related expenses such as fees, supplies, books, room, and board are not covered by this scholarship.

**6. Will this money be reimbursed to a student as a refund?** No. This scholarship is a “gap-filler scholarship” for students who do not receive and/or qualify for sources of funding sufficient to cover tuition. All applicable aid and scholarships will be applied to the student's account, and if those funds do not add up to the cost of tuition, the scholarship will cover the remaining balance. Therefore, the scholarship is of no cash value to a student.

**7. Who is eligible for this scholarship, and how do I qualify for consideration?** Eligible students are defined as having met ALL of the following requirements:

- A. Graduate from an accredited public or private high school or an ECCC-recognized home school. A “graduate” is defined as an individual who has earned a regular high school diploma, occupational diploma, career-pathways diploma, or who has completed a course of study from an ECCC-recognized home school.
- B. Reside in one of the five counties served by ECCC (Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, or Winston).
- C. Initiate the following forms/actions by June 30, 2014:

- i. Complete and submit the application for Children of Andrew & Inez Gaines: Marjorie Mansfield, Mary George Pace, Frances Gaines Blum Slagle, Virginia Gaines Smith, and Geneva Gaines Boring In-District Tuition Scholarship.

- ii. Take the American College Testing (ACT) assessment on a National Testing Date and submit scores to ECCC.

- iii. Submit final high school transcript to ECCC.

- iv. Complete and submit the official ECCC application for admission.

- v. Apply for the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) at [www.mississippi.edu/financialaid](http://www.mississippi.edu/financialaid).

- vi. Complete and submit the 2014-2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and include the ECCC School Code #002404 in the submission.

D. Enroll in a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours (full-time student) at ECCC in the fall semester immediately following graduation from high school. Most often, this means graduation from high school in the spring (May) followed by immediate enrollment at ECCC in the fall (August).

E. Maintain continuous enrollment in a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA each semester. If enrollment drops below twelve (12) semester credit hours in the fall semester or if the student fails to earn a 2.0 GPA in the fall semester, the student will be ineligible for the In-District Tuition Scholarship for the spring semester.

**8. What if I enroll in another college or university for the fall and transfer to ECCC in the spring? Am I eligible for the scholarship in the spring?** No. Only students that enroll for a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours at ECCC in the fall semester immediately following graduation from high school, maintain continuous enrollment in a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours, and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA are eligible for the scholarship the spring semester of their freshman year.

**9. What about credit hours I earned as a dual enrollment/dual credit student in high school or credit hours I earned during the summer of 2014?** Previous hours earned in dual enrollment/dual credit courses and hours earned during the summer term(s) will not affect a student's eligibility for this scholarship.

**10. Are courses other than on-campus courses counted toward the 12 semester credit hours?** Yes. Enrollment in ECCC day, evening, and online courses that generate credit hours are counted toward the required twelve (12) semester credit hours.

**11. How long may I receive these scholarship funds?** The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of two (2) consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring) during a student's freshman year. If a student is awarded scholarship funds in the fall semester, he/she must fulfill the requirements listed in 7.E. above to retain the opportunity for the scholarship during the spring semester.

**12. When will the scholarship award appear on my student account?** It is anticipated that a scholarship award from this program will appear on your student account on or before the first day of



## Ac'cents Show Choir

Members of the East Central Community College show choir, The Ac'cents, and their respective hometowns include (from left) Kara Miller of Decatur, Zach Peden of Philadelphia, Krissy Winstead of Union, Sam Lovorn of Philadelphia, Mak Rowzee of Hickory, Ryan Godwin of Newton, Jayohnnie Slaughter of Union, Dee Jay Rolison of Conehatta, Taylor Gressett of Chunky, Houston Martin of Edinburg, Claire Griffin of Decatur and Chandler Smith of Philadelphia. They recently performed their annual fall campus concert which included hits by Adele, The Doobie Brothers, Owl City and Carly Rae Jepsen, as well as selections from the television show *Glee* and the movie *Pitch Perfect*. The Ac'cents perform throughout the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, as well as various community events and campus concerts. For more information contact director Vicki Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail [vblaylock@eccc.edu](mailto:vblaylock@eccc.edu).

classes each semester. This will allow the college to determine the amount of aid a student will receive which is needed to calculate the difference between the amount of the aid and the amount of tuition. This will determine the amount of the scholarship award for each student. Students can monitor and/or review their account information using the college's on-line services (MyEC) at any time.

**13 How much is tuition at ECCC?** For the 2014-2015 school year, tuition is anticipated to total \$990 per semester.

**14. What happens if students apply for the scholarship and funds run out?** Due to the potential limitation of funding for this scholarship (see FAQ #2), the Federal process date of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be used to determine the priority order of the awarding of this scholarship. It is anticipated that all funds available each year will be distributed to eligible students using that priority order. Should there be more need than available funds, some students who are eligible may not receive scholarship assistance from this financial aid program.

**15. Can you provide a simple example as to how the program works?** John Doe's parents are residents of a county in the ECCC service area, and he is a May 2014 high school graduate. He has earned an ACT score that does not qualify him for an institutional scholarship at ECCC, and his parents' income does not allow him to qualify for Pell Grant assistance. He only receives a \$250 MTAG

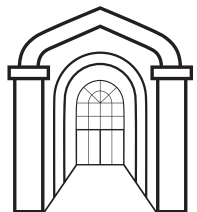
award and a third-party scholarship of \$300 each semester as financial assistance for attending ECCC. Pending available funds, this student would receive a \$440 scholarship in the Fall of 2014 to "bridge-the-gap" between tuition cost and outside financial assistance. To retain the scholarship for the Spring of 2015, the student must fulfill the requirements listed in 7.E. above.

**16. When will applications for this scholarship be available for completion?** February 1, 2014.

**17. Where can I obtain an application for this scholarship?** The application for this scholarship will be available in the Office of Student Services, Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, or online at the college website beginning February 1, 2014.

**18. What about changes that are made in the program?** The College reserves the right to change any responses listed above when deemed necessary. Changes will be communicated as soon as possible upon adoption.

**19. Whom can I contact for additional information on this scholarship program?** You may contact Dr. Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, at (601) 635-6375 or [rllee@eccc.edu](mailto:rllee@eccc.edu), or you may contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, at (601) 635-6327 or [sholling@eccc.edu](mailto:sholling@eccc.edu).



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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Student Services!

Members of the East Central Community College Student Services staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Pictured are (front row, from left) Romonica Evans, Career Center director/recruiter; Brenda Cheatham, administrative assistant; Daniele Brock, interim director of Housing and Student Activities; Kelli Barrett, administrative assistant; and Deanna Rush, Director of Admissions/recruiter; and (back row, from left) James Miller, Dean of Students; Amanda Walton, Workforce Education Counselor; Dr. Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services; and Lanette Hanna and Michael Alexander, academic counselors.