



Rogers, Bounds Selected Mr., Miss ECCC

Tate William Rogers of Louisville and Nicole Marie Bounds of Newton were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College by a vote of the student body.

Rogers is the son of Don and Rebecca Rogers of Louisville and is a 2010 graduate of Louisville High School.

He is a physical education major and member of the Warrior football team where he played center and was named to the MACJC All-State Second Team. He was also selected a team captain and received the Warriors' academic award.

In addition, Rogers is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society and was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was a recipient of the U.S. Motors Endowed Scholarship as well as ACT, Presidential and Salutatorian scholarships.

After receiving his associate's degree at East Central, Rogers plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Bounds is the daughter of Jeff and Jo Beth Bounds of Newton and is a 2010 graduate of Newton County High School.

A communication/journalism major, Bounds serves as president of the Student Body Association and is a member of Warrior Corps, President's Council, Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, The Tom-Tom newspaper staff, Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff, astronomy club and Wesley Foundation.

In addition, she was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was a recipient of the Sue Gunter Memorial Scholarship, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers Scholarship and ACT and Leadership scholarships.

She previously served as freshman class vice president and was elected freshman homecoming maid and freshman class favorite.

Bounds plans to complete her associate's degree at ECCC and continue her education at the University of Mississippi where she hopes to pursue a career in sports broadcasting.



Nicole Bounds and Tate Rogers

Don't Miss Senior Days Scheduled April 11 and 12!

East Central Community College will host its annual Senior Days for area high school seniors on April 11 and 12.

Activities begin with registration in Huff Auditorium at 9 a.m. and end with a complimentary lunch at noon. All campus clubs and organizations will have information booths set up in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building and advisors from academic, career, technical and healthcare programs will be available.

In addition, students will be entertained by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Jazz Band, Ac'cents show choir, Centralettes danceline and the Percussion Ensemble.

"We look forward to visiting with our district seniors and providing information on why they should make East Central their college choice," said Dr. Randall Lee, vice president for student services.

Schools scheduled to attend on Wednesday, April 11, include Carthage Christian Academy, Grace Christian Academy, Leake Central, Leake County, Louisville, Morton Christian Academy, Nanih Waiya, Neshoba Central, Newton County, Newton County Academy and Noxapater.

Those scheduled to attend on Thursday, April 12, are seniors from Choctaw Central, Forest, Lake, Leake Academy, Morton, Newton, Philadelphia, Pine Grove Academy, Scott Central, Sebastopol, Union and Winston Academy.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Services at 601-635-6205, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.



'Notes' from the Wall O' Sound Band

by Thomas W. Carson, Director of Bands

In my 30 years as Captain of the "SS Wall O' Sound," this year has been one of school highs and personal lows. The Wall O' Sound had a banner marching season with a 180 member band that wowed the crowds with our "SPACE" show. The downside is my battle with cancer that began August 18. I missed the entire fall semester dealing with chemo, radiation and major surgery. As I continue my chemo, I am happy to report that I am winning my cancer war and am looking forward to the remainder of the spring semester.

For those "not in the know" who think the fun is over after our successful marching season has concluded, allow me let you in on what all EC band members already know: the band department is rockin' harder than ever!

Five band groups, which include Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, Collegians and the Centralettes, are in the thick of rehearsals. Besides the concert band and percussion ensemble, Mr. Girling is subbing for me as he directs the Jazz Band while I have my chemo treatments. All groups keep our great band program going strong, as there is always some type of band related show or performance going on somewhere in our five-county district.

The Centralettes have been entertaining at the home basketball games, and the Collegians have been busy with me, playing "catch-up", as we were limited with rehearsals during my fall semester cancer war. Our goal is to work towards an awesome spring concert in April. The Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble members are excited about their upcoming shows and, of course, the Concert Band continues to prepare the more "traditional" repertoire for the spring concert.

The Collegians will continue to present the latest music to screaming crowds, including tunes by AC/DC, Adele, Bush, Beyonce and so much more. The Collegians play it all!

By this time, all seniors should be receiving their band scholarships and many are now arriving, signed and filled out, in my mailbox. If you are a band senior and have not returned your scholarship...WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? Doing what you love, while getting your college education paid for...how COOL is that?

With students involved with the Wall O' Sound Marching Band, the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Drum Line, Color Guard, Centralettes, and The Collegians rock and roll band, there is something for EVERY band member's musical needs here at ECCC.....and you will still have plenty of time for your studies; many high grade point averages of our band members prove that!

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please e-mail me at tcarson@eccc.edu. You may also e-mail my assistant, Mr. Girling, at egirling@eccc.edu.

Important Band Dates!

March

- 5 Drum Major Tryouts
- 6 Drum Line Tryouts
- 7 Color Guard Tryouts
- 8 Spring Band Dept. Concert
- 22 Centralette Workshop (Must attend workshop to be eligible to tryout.)
- 30-31 Senior Days

April

- 9 Collegians Spring Campus Concert
- 12 Centralette Tryouts

Receive First Chair Honors During ECCC Band Clinic

These local musicians received first chair, first band honors during the 34th annual East Central Community College Invitational Band Clinic. The two-day clinic is comprised of first and second bands, which include the top musicians from the ECCC district. The clinic concludes with a concert in Huff Auditorium. Students receiving first chair, first band honors and their respective schools include (front row, from left) Conner Bell (tenor saxophone) and Krista Greenwood (baritone saxophone), both of Leake Central; Ashley Cumberland (flute), Destiny Files (contra-alto clarinet), and Zach Peden (alto saxophone), all of Neshoba Central; Nina LaBue (trumpet), Newton County; Evan Derrick (trombone), Morton; Katie Bradley (horn), Newton County; and Kayla Sudduth (baritone), Morton; and (back row, from left) Gabriel Evans (percussion), Forest; Lenethra Laster (clarinet), Morton; Chandler Smith, (mallet) and Charlie Gaddis (tuba), both of Newton County; Brittaney Walker (bass clarinet), Morton; and Zach Savage (bass guitar), Neshoba Central. Joe Moore, band director at Delta State University, served as guest clinician for the first band and Phil Martin of Lafayette High School in Lafayette, La. directed the second band. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. Ed Girling serves as assistant director.



Accreditation

East Central Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools 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.

Non-Discrimination

East Central Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or age in admissions or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Compliance with Section 504 and Title IX is coordinated by Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction, Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building, Rm. 171, and P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. Telephone: 601-635-6202. Fax: 601-635-4011.

The EC Express, a publication for high school juniors and seniors in ECCC's five-county district (Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties), is published three times a year (December, February and May) by the Office of Public Information with assistance provided by the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.



Sophomore Class Favorites

Sophomore class favorites at East Central Community College and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) LaTia Peavy, Carthage; Katie Reeves, Newton County; Hannah Clay, Lake; and Raychal Reed, Winston Academy; and (back row, from left) Tyler Reeves and Jason Mann, both of Newton County; Channing Bucklew, Winston Academy; and Dustin Culen, Leake Academy.



Freshman Class Favorites

East Central Community College freshman class favorites and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Kirk Griffin, Newton County; Lauren Daniels, Neshoba Central; and Hannah Farmer, Newton County; and Zack McGarr, Leake Academy; and (back row, from left) Ryan Shotts, Louisville; Jordan Clearman, Neshoba Central; and Claire Griffin and Jeremy Carson, both of Newton County.

Dormitory Space is Filling Up!

If you plan to live on campus during the fall 2012 term, please complete the housing application located on the college Web site, www.eccc.edu, as soon as possible.



The application must be printed and mailed to the ECCC Business Office, along with the \$60 deposit. Should one decide not to live on campus, the deposit is fully refundable if a withdrawal is submitted in writing prior to August 1, 2012.

All beds are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on campus housing, contact Marcie Pinson at mpinson@eccc.edu or call 601-635-6213.

Cheerleader Tryouts Set for March 31

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the 2012-13 Cheerleading Squad at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31 in the South Campus Gymnasium.

There is a non-refundable \$30 fee for all participants. All those trying out for a spot on the squad are required to wear a white fitted tank top and black cotton shorts. Slick shorts are not allowed, as they are not deemed safe for co-ed stunting.

Mandatory pre-tryout clinics are scheduled in the South Campus Gym from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. During these sessions, participants will learn all tryout material.

Optional open practice sessions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on February 22 and 29; March 7 and March 25 in the South Campus Gym.

Those selected for the squad receive full-tuition scholarships.

For more information or a list of required skills, contact ECCC cheerleader sponsor Huellen Watson at 601-260-5345 or e-mail huellen@yahoo.com.



5 Easy Steps to Attending ECCC!

Fall Classes begin on Thursday, August 16, 2012. Students interested in enrolling for the fall semester should complete the following steps:

STEP 1

APPLY ONLINE: [WWW.ECCC.EDU](http://www.eccc.edu)

Click on the photo of the computer mouse that says "Apply Online."

STEP 2

TRANSCRIPTS

Have your OFFICIAL college and/or high school transcripts sent to the ECCC Admissions Office once you have graduated or completed the courses.

STEP 3

TAKE THE NATIONAL ACT PRIOR TO JULY, 2012.

ECCC uses ACT English and mathematics scores for placement procedures.

STEP 4

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

It is most important that students file for financial aid during the February/March 2012 time frame. The Web site to apply is www.fafsa.ed.gov. East Central' college code is 002404. You must complete the form for a PIN number and have a valid email address before applying.

You may also qualify for the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG). For information on MTAG, go to http://www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/search-results.php?article_id=230.

STEP 5

Advance Register

Once the above steps are completed, you should attend one of ECCC's Summer Orientation Sessions scheduled Saturday, June 2; Friday, June 22; Friday, July 13; and Friday, August 3.

Students will begin the orientation/registration process at the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building and can arrive any time between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For additional information call toll free 1-877-462-3222 or 601-635-2111, ext. 205.

Higher education at East Central Community College is very accessible and achievable, and we want to help you accomplish your goals.

Dr. Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services

P.S. There is guidance on the Web site - click on FUTURE STUDENTS and explore!

ECCC Reports Record Spring Enrollment

A record 2,665 students are enrolled in spring semester classes at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced David Case, Dean of Admissions, Records and Research.

The new spring record surpasses the previous mark of 2,648 students who attended classes during the 2011 spring term.

Dr. Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services, said the record enrollment is a result of the continued academic excellence and other opportunities for success provided by the College since its founding in 1928.

"East Central's continued growth is a reflection of a quality education and excellent employees who work hard at providing quality student service," said Dr. Lee, whose office coordinates the College's recruiting efforts. "It is amazing that the student body keeps growing despite a downward trend at most colleges!"

The vast majority of students enrolled at ECCC continues to come from the College's five-county district. Newton County leads the way with 552 students, followed by Neshoba, 549; Scott, 395; Winston, 289; and Leake, 271.

Case said 1,964 students are enrolled in academic courses and 701 students participate in career-technical programs of study.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research at ECCC, 601-635-6206 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 206.

Centralette Tryouts Set for April 12

Mandatory Workshop Slated for March 22

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 12 in the South Campus Gymnasium. A mandatory pre-tryout clinic will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. Only those auditioning may attend tryouts.

All Centralettes receive full tuition scholarships.

For more information, contact Tom Carson, Director of Bands, at 601-635-6228. The e-mail address is tcarson@eccc.edu.



Need Money For College?

Apply Now for Financial Aid

All students who are planning to attend college in 2012-13 must complete the financial aid application process as soon as possible after January 1. Returning students must reapply for financial aid each academic year.

*Be AWARE of scam Web sites that try to charge a fee for filling out the application. The FAFSA is always FREE.

2012-13 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – Grants, work-study, loans and other programs require the application results.

*Complete the FAFSA by choosing one of three following filing methods:

1. Apply online at www.fafsa.gov (preferred method), or
2. Request a paper copy by calling the Federal Student Information Center at 1-800-433-324, or
3. Download and print a PDF to complete and mail at www.fafsa.gov (Select FAFSA Filing Options)

*Be sure to list ECCC's school code (002404) on FAFSA if planning to attend or apply for scholarships.

***ECCC priority date is April 1 (FAFSA processed by federal processors on or before this date)**

Priority date ensures eligible students' complete applications will be processed in time for class and book store charges. The priority date is also used to consider students for work study positions and for Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) funds.

*Applications processed after the priority date will be accepted and are encouraged; however, no assurance can be given that funds will be available in all programs.

2012-13 Application for Mississippi Student Financial Aid - MTAG, MESG, HELP and other programs require this application. It must be completed online at www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/financialaid. Please check the Web site for deadline dates for other programs.

*MTAG deadline is September 15, 2012.

*HELP deadline is March 31, 2012.

2012-13 ECCC Freshman or Sophomore Scholarship Application Packet - Applications are available from the ECCC Student Services Office.

*Freshman/Sophomore Scholarship Application deadline is March 9, 2012.

Helpful Information:

ECCC School Code (Title IV code) for FAFSA – 002404

ECCC Telephone 601-635-2111 or toll free 1-877-GO2-ECCC

Financial Aid Office, 601-635-2111, Ext. 218

Student Services Office, 601-635-2111, Ext. 204

ECCC Players Present

"Little Shop of Horrors"

7 p.m. • March 28-31, 2012

Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium

According to director Stacey Pollock, "Little Shop of Horrors is a rock musical that combines the sounds of Motown and doo-wop music. The lead character, Seymour, is a clumsy, kind-hearted florist shop worker who stumbles upon an exotic plant. This plant is unlike any other and it changes the skid row florist shop into a thriving business. The venus fly trap plant is affectionately named Audrey 2 after Seymour's love interested and co-worker, Audrey. The little plant that saves Mushnik's flower shop takes on a personality and plans to take over the world."



ECCC Career-Technical Programs Offer Educational Options

Attending college doesn't mean one has to commit time and money to a four-year degree plan. It can mean that, and does for many students, but for an increasing number of college prospects, a technical degree or immediate career skills are the ticket to a great future.

East Central Community College has more than 700 students enrolled in such programs.

"Career-Technical programs at ECCC give students the technical training, as well as the hands-on experience, that will make them successful in their chosen field of study," said Wayne Eason, Director of Workforce Education. "Once finished with the degree, many programs are also offering students the option to take National Skills Certification and other certifying tests that will make them valuable to future employers."

The College offers technical programs in Automotive Technology, Computer Programming Technology, Computer Networking Technology, Microcomputer Technology, Office Systems Technology, Healthcare Data Technology, Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology, Culinary Arts Technology, Drafting and Design Technology, Architectural Engineering Technology, Land Surveying Technology, Electrical Technology, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Precision Machining Technology and Early Childhood Education Technology. Career programs include Cosmetology, Carpentry and Cabinetmaking, and Welding.

Technical programs at ECCC are designed to prepare students for employment upon completion of the curriculum. Students who complete a two-year program are then eligible to receive the Associate of Applied Science Degree. Those completing a one-year option will receive a certificate.

Career programs are designed to teach students a trade and a certificate is issued upon satisfactory completion of the programs. These programs meet six hours a day, five days a week, unless otherwise specified in the college catalog or schedule. Each program includes classroom instruction and hands-on experience.

"By training students to employer designated standards, the region will be able to statistically quantify a workforce that is technically qualified in ways



Jacob Dean (left) and Sedrick Page, both of Decatur, work on the internal parts of a computer during their Networking Technology classes.

employers in a rebounding economy can respect and reward. Our goal is to produce graduates who can succeed at helping employers profit," said Roger Whitlock, ECCC Dean of Workforce Development and Education.

Highlighted below are five specific programs, which will give prospective students an idea of the course offerings.

Computer Networking Technology is a two-year program, which offers training in telecommunications, network administration and client/server systems. In addition to various elective and core courses, students will receive instruction in courses such as Data Communica-

tions, Web and Programming Concepts, Network Components, Visual Basic Programming, Concepts of Database Design, Network Planning and Design, Network Administration Using Linux and Network Implementation.

Computer Programming students, upon successful completion of the course, should be prepared for employment as a computer programmer and/or computer operator, web developer or network administrator. Instruction is provided in several different programming languages including Visual BASIC, RPG, COBAL,



Heating and Air Conditioning Technology allows students like Kyle Breland of Decatur (pictured above) to receive hands-on training on HVAC equipment.



TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Automotive
Computer Programming
Computer Networking
Microcomputer
Office Systems
Healthcare Data
Hotel/Restaurant Management
Culinary Arts
Drafting and Design
Architectural Engineering
Land Surveying
Electrical
Heating and Air Conditioning
Collision Repair
Precision Machining
Early Childhood Education

CAREER PROGRAMS

Cosmetology
Carpentry and Cabinetmaking
Welding

SQL, Java, Script, Advanced Visual Basic, Database, Advanced PRG, Advanced COBOL, C, and XML. Hands-on experience is included on microcomputers as well as an online business computer system. This is a two-year Associate Degree program.

Precision Manufacturing and Machining prepares individuals to manufacture metal parts on machines such as lathes, grinders, drill presses, milling machines and computer numerical control equipment. Instruction includes making computations related to work dimensions, testing, feeds and speeds of machines; using precision measuring instruments such as layout tools, micrometers and gauges; machining and heat-treating various metals; and laying out machine parts. Also included is instruction in the operation and maintenance of computerized equipment. Students may choose between a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree or the one- or two-year certificate program.

Heating and Air Conditioning Technology prepares individuals to work in engineering departments or private firms installing, maintaining and operating small or medium air conditioning, heating and refrigeration systems. Instruction prepares individuals to work in a commercial setting performing special task relating to designing ductwork, assembly, installation, servicing, operation and maintenance of heating and cooling systems. This is a two-year associate degree program.

Students who successfully complete the **Collision Repair Technology** program will be prepared for beginning positions as body, frame and refinish technicians. Instruction includes all phases of Collision Repair, including glass replacement, welding, replacement of hardware and trim items, cosmetic and structural repairs. Students may choose between a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree or the one- or two-year certificate program.

For more information on these other career-technical courses, contact Eason at 601-635-6211 or toll free at 1-877-462-3222. The e-mail is weason@eccc.edu. Students may also find information on the College's Web site at www.eccc.edu.



Instructor Danny Gresset (right) assists Chance Thaggard of Madden during lab time of the Precision Machining course.



Markesha Willis of Philadelphia completes her assignment during Computer Programming class.



Collision Repair student Stanley Foster of Louisville works in the painting booth during his laboratory class.

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ECCC Students Selected for Who's Who



These students at East Central Community College were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2011-12. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Pictured are (first row, from left) Megan Dollar, Union; Haelie Allen, Lena; Whitney Stokes, Philadelphia; Tyler Reeves and Edward Holmes, both of Decatur; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; Madison Nowell, Louisville; Emily Lucy, Newton; Danielle Pierce, Union; Raychal Reed, Louisville; Hannah Clay, Lake; Andrea McSwain, Decatur; and Wendy Barns and Christina Nollie, both of Carthage; (second row, from left) Calvin Smith, Decatur; Lillian Curry, Newton; Kelsi Watson, Smithville; Layna Phillips, Lena; Kristen Grace Nettles, Forest; Ashley Walker, Little Rock; Samantha Holdiness, Louisville; Krystle Bender, Newton; Courtney Mackey, Meridian; Katie Reeves, Decatur; I'Oshore May and LaTia Peavy, both of Carthage; and Tyler Yates, Decatur; (third row, from left) Tate Rogers, Louisville; Nikki Cumberland, Decatur; Loren Pullin and Bailee Viverette, both of Union; Lauren Lurk, Newton; Bailey Hartness, Louisville; Brittany Boatner and Eden McGee, both of Philadelphia; Nicole Bounds, Newton; Brittany Pounders, Meridian; Haylee Roberts, Enterprise; and Fred Hampton, Louisville; and (back row, from left) Andre Lucious, Ralph, Ala.; Brittany Bobo, Union; Kameron Boulton, Hickory; Haley Chaney, Newton; Amanda Williamson, Lake; Kayely Kinard, Brittany Burton and Cottrell Miller, all of Louisville; Dustin Cullen, Carthage; Brandon Davis and Jason Mann, both of Newton; James Cumberland, Sebastopol; Evan Humphries, Louisville; and Casey Wells, Laurel.