



Hanna, Hardy Selected ECCC HEADWAE Honorees

Sophomore Andrew Hanna of Union and biology instructor Kim Hardy of Philadelphia were recently selected to represent East Central Community College in Decatur at the 2012-13 Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence program scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 26 in Jackson.

The annual HEADWAE observance was established by the Mississippi Legislature to honor the academically talented students and faculty members from each of the 36 public and private member institutions of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

Honorees are invited to the State Capitol where they are welcomed by Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves and recognized in each Legislative chamber.

A luncheon is scheduled at the Jackson Marriott Hotel in downtown Jackson, during which each student and faculty honoree is recognized in front of their guests, institution leaders, corporate sponsors and legislators.

In addition to the public recognition, a booklet will be published featuring photos and biographical sketches of each



Andrew Hanna and Kim Hardy

honoree.

Hanna, a President's List Scholar who holds a perfect 4.0 grade point average, plans to major in chemistry. He has received several honors at EC, including the Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Award, Frank M. Cross Chemistry Award and Secondary Education Award.

He also holds various positions of leadership in several campus organizations.

He serves as vice president for leadership of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international

honor society for two-year colleges, and is co-president of the Baptist Student Union and Warrior Corps. In addition, he serves as secretary of the President's Council.

He is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and served as vice president his freshman year. He also holds membership in the Environmental Club.

Hanna's involvement in campus activities also includes

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EC Transfer Students Prove Successful at Next Level

The success of East Central Community College students is evident in recent reports from Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), which revealed that transfer students from the Decatur college achieved the highest cumulative grade point average of all community college transfers in the state with a 3.18 average at the state's eight public, four-year institutions.

The average for all 15 community colleges combined was a 3.08 GPA, which again showed that community college transfer students performed academically as well or better in university courses than students who began their education at the senior institutions.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart was elated at the news that East Central students were the top performers in the state!

"This data, compiled and reported by IHL, confirms that faculty and staff at East Central Community College are committed to student success and to preparing transfer students well for the academic challenges of a university. Based on the performance of our students, no one does that better than the faculty and staff at East Central Community College," Dr. Stewart said.

East Central Community College offers the first two years of a four-year degree for more than 201 areas of concentration in academic studies. These academic courses are guaranteed to transfer thanks to an Articulation Agreement between Mississippi's community colleges and the State's public colleges and universities.

The College also offers two-year terminal degrees in healthcare, career and technical fields of study.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Services at 601-635-6205 or e-mail Dr. Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services at rlee@eccc.edu.



ECCC Gospel Choir Presents Concert

The East Central Community College Gospel Choir is shown prior to the group's annual concert held November 28, 2012 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Members and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Vandaju Talley of Philadelphia, treasurer and section leader; Camera Hopkins of Louisville, Jermaine Russell and Denzell Clemons, both of Philadelphia; Jeremiah



Chapman of Newton, Shavonda Stingley of Forest, Aries Agee of Morton, section leader; Andrea McSwain of Decatur, president and section leader; Tiara Stewart of Philadelphia, and Brenda K. Johnson, director; (second row, from left) Keith Phillips of Carthage, student director; Sabrina Shelwood of Collins, Toneshia Ruffin of Decatur, Ben Brooks of Meridian, Terrance Dentry, Jr. of Columbus, Charles Taylor of Neshoba, Lashundra Rush of Philadelphia, Keyndra Jones and Beunca Patrick, both of Forest; and Raenica Bryant of Meridian, secretary; (third row, from left) Sharde Mays of Morton, Brittany Clark of Carthage, Avery Ward of Morton, Thomas Robertson of Forest, Terrance Walker of Newton, assistant student director; Shakerra McGilberry of Laurel, Cahnesiya Donald of Forest, Diamond Wesley of Chicago, Evone McDonald of Montrose, and Brittany Foster of Ludlow, section leader.

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participation in athletics. He is a two-year member of the Warrior tennis team and was on the men's basketball squad his freshman season.

A 2011 honor graduate of Newton County Academy, he is the son of Rusty and Lanette Hanna of Union.

Hardy joined the EC faculty in the fall of 2005 after previously serving as an interim instructor and adjunct faculty member. She is also a former biology and human anatomy instructor at Philadelphia High School and previously served as a science instructor at Mississippi State University and Kosciusko Middle School.

Hardy has received several other teaching honors while at EC, including her selection as Lamplighter instructor in 2010, an annual program that recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college faculty members. She was also named to Who's Who Among Community College Instructors.

In addition to her teaching duties, Hardy serves as sponsor of the Sigma Sigma Mu Tau Medical Club.

She is married to Bobby Hardy and they reside in Philadelphia. She has a daughter, Mrs. Tommy Wayne (Leigh) McDaniel; two step-daughters, Mrs. Grant (Carmen) Ford and Deanna Hardy; and four grandchildren, Mason Payne, Brian, Pasiley Grace, and Hooper McDaniel. Hardy's parents are Glois and Doris Daniels of Philadelphia.

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. Teresa Houston, 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.



Don't Miss Senior Days Scheduled March 27 & 28!

East Central Community College will host its annual Senior Days for area high school seniors on March 27 and 28.

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 ECCC Players, Collegians rock-n-roll band, Percussion Ensemble, Centralettes danceline, ECCC Cheerleaders and the Ac'cents show choir.

"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, March 27 include Forest, Grace Christian, Lake, Leake Academy, Leake Central, Louisville, Nanih Waiya, Newton County, Noxapater, Sebastopol and Union.

Those scheduled to attend on Thursday, March 28 are seniors from Carthage Christian, Choctaw Central, Leake County, Morton, Neshoba Central, Newton County Academy, Newton, Philadelphia, Scott Central 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.

Dormitory Space is Filling Up!

**Reserve Rooms Now
for Fall 2013 Semester**

If you plan to live on campus during the fall 2013 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, 2013.

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.



ECCC's Happy Hollandaise! Cast

A "perfect" Christmas is the goal but the above scene suggests otherwise for cast members of East Central Community College's dinner theatre production of *Happy Hollandaise!* by Tim Koenig, presented Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1 on the Decatur campus. Cast members and their respective hometowns included (seated from left) Shelby Parkman (as Vilma Hasenpfeffer), Homewood; Sam Irby (Father William Abbot), Morton; and Virginia Easley (Mary Abbot), Nanih Waiya; and (standing from left) Holli Nutt (Claire Finley), Morton; Chelsey Smith (Inspector Abernathy), Brandon; Delaney Kilgore (Irene Quigley), Newton; Tanner Fortenberry (Larry Finch), Union; Colton Hurst (Phillip Finely), Hickory; and Cameron Hinkle (George Finely) Carthage. Not pictured are technical crew members George Conner Bond of Brandon and Kerry Ingle of Forest, and stage manager Claire Griffin and set manager Amanda Packer, both of Decatur. Stacey Pollock serves as director.



5 Easy Steps to Attending ECCC!

Fall classes begin Thursday, August 15, 2013. Students interested in enrolling for the fall semester should complete the following steps:

STEP 1

APPLY ONLINE: www.eccc.edu

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

STEP 2

TRANSCRIPTS

Have your "official in progress college and/or high school transcripts" sent to the ECCC Admissions Office.

STEP 3

TAKE THE NATIONAL ACT PRIOR TO JULY 2013.

ECCC uses ACT English and mathematics scores for placement procedures. ECCC's ACT Code is 2192.

STEP 4

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

It is most important that students file for financial aid prior to April 1. Apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov. East Central's 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 1; Friday, June 21; Friday, July 12; and Friday, August 2.

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 1 p.m.

For additional information call toll free 1-877-462-3222 or 601-635-6375.

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!

Campus Events Calendar

March

Concert Band Spring Performance, March 7, 7 p.m., Huff Auditorium (Free Admission)

Business, Education and Healthcare Expo, 9:30-11 a.m., Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium (Free Admission)

Jazz Band Spring Performance, March 26, 7 p.m., Huff Auditorium (Free Admission)

Senior Days, March 27-28, (For more information, contact Student Services at rllee@eccc.edu, or call 601-635-6205)

April

Centralette Workshop, April 4

EC Players' Spring Musical- "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," April 11-13, 7 p.m., Huff Auditorium, (\$10 Admission)

Drum Major Auditions, April 16 (For more info, contact Director of Bands Hunter Corhern at hcorhern@eccc.edu, or call 601-635-6123)

EC Night O' Percussion, April 18, 7 p.m., Huff Auditorium (Free Admission)

Art Department Spring Exhibit, April 22-May 3, Lobby of Vickers Fine Arts Building (Free Admission)

Concert Choir Spring Performance, April 23, 7 p.m., Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium (Free Admission)

Centralette Auditions, April 25 (For more info, contact Director of Bands Hunter Corhern at hcorhern@eccc.edu, or call 601-635-6123)

Concert Choir and Ac'cents Show Choir Auditions, April 26 (For more info, contact Director Vicki Blaylock at vblaylock@eccc.edu, or call 601-635-6225)

Collegians Spring Concert, April 26, 8 p.m. Huff Auditorium (Free Admission)

Color Guard Auditions, April 30 (For more info, contact Director of Bands Hunter Corhern at hcorhern@eccc.edu, or call 601-635-6123)

May

Ac'cents Spring Concert, 7 p.m., Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium (Free Admission)

June

Surgical Technology Application Deadline, June 1 (For more info, contact ishirley@eccc.edu or call 601-635-6344)



Need Money For College?

Apply Now for Financial Aid

All students who are planning to attend college in 2013-14 must complete the financial aid application process as soon as possible. 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.

2013-14 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.

2013-14 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, 2013.

*HELP deadline is March 31, 2013.

2013-14 ECCC Freshman or Sophomore Scholarship Application Packet - Applications are available from the ECCC Student Services Office.

*Freshman/Sophomore Scholarship Application deadline is March 8, 2013.

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 All-State Band Members

At right are members of the Wall O' Sound Band who were recently selected for the Mississippi Junior/Community College Band Association All-Collegiate Band. Participants attended the University of Southern Mississippi Band Clinic February 7-9 in Hattiesburg. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jessie Armstrong and Hannah Cade, both of West Lauderdale; Samantha Farley of Neshoba Central and Matt Graham of Lake; and (back row from left) Zach Peden and Leslie Young, both of Neshoba Central; and Sarah LaBue (alternate) and Hannah Berryhill (alternate), both of Newton County. For more information on the ECCC Band Department, contact Hunter Corhern, Director of Bands, at 601-635-6123 or e-mail hcorhern@eccc.edu.





ECCC Warrior Corps

Above are members of the 2012-13 East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group chosen to represent the College with recruiting endeavors and special events on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) Lajoya Griffin, Philadelphia; Ashlyn Pullin, Union; Tiffany Watkins, Conehatta; Leighanne Wright, Little Rock; Jon'Marie Baucum, Decatur; Teylor Martinez and Nan Hartness, both of Louisville; Mary Margaret Bailey, Philadelphia; Holli Nutt, Morton; Shelby Johnston, Lena; Tiana Grover, Decatur; Amanda Barnett, Union; Allison Perry, Philadelphia; Axie Jones, Decatur; Kennedy Castleberry, Meridian; and Alex Meador, Hickory; (second row, from left) Zack Killion, Crestwood, KY; Eliud Alvarez, Forest; Claire Griffin, Decatur; Sandy Alexander, Little Rock; Jayohnnie Slaughter and Madison Herrington, both of Union; Lindsey McCool, Louisville; Shelby Parkman, Raleigh; Hannah Farmer, Decatur; Hillary Williams, Philadelphia; Taylor Gressett, Chunky; Ally Loper and Jordan Clearman, both of Philadelphia; Andrea McSwain, Decatur; (third row, from left) Jeremy Carson, Decatur; Andrew Hanna, Union; Nathan Stone, Louisville; Emily Jacome-Cluff and Felicia Robinson, both of Hickory; Hayden Fryery, Louisville; Emily Marler, Morton; Meghan Johnson, Lena; Mikayla Carson, Newton; Emily Gully, Bay Springs; Abbie Smith, Louisville; Kendall Taylor, Macon; Alli Rawson, Union; and Greg Mitchell, Meridian; and (fourth row, from left) Matthew Evans, Forest; William Meruvia, Philadelphia; Zachary Yates, Paige Wall, Colton Ballard and Tyler Pigg, all of Decatur; Allie Killens, Saltillo; Brooke Wilson, Lena; Casey Cherry, Union; Elauran Vowell, Philadelphia; Joseph Aulds, Decatur; and Clint Walker, Newton. Warrior Corps members not pictured include Kelsey Bounds, Newton; Lucas Cavert, Jeffrey Hemphill and Johnny Kight, all of Louisville; Haley Chapman and Blake Cochran, both of Hickory; Denzel Clemons, Danielle Irons, Lashundra Rush and Chandler Smith, all of Philadelphia; Ian Cremen, Enterprise; Tyler Gilmore, Union; Alexander Lee and Kelsey Tadlock, both of Decatur; Mary Anna Jefcoat, Brandon; and Nathan Powell and Breonka Simpson, both of Meridian. Student Services staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors.

2013 GOLF SCHEDULE

(Remaining Matches)

Date	Host	Golf Course/City
March 2-3	Hinds	Eagle Ridge/Raymond
March 17-18	Co-Lin	Wolf Hollow/Wesson
March 25-26	Northwest	North Creek/Southaven Wedgewood/Olive Branch
April 7-8	East MS	MSU Golf Course/ Starkville
April 14-	Jones	Dixi Golf Club/Laurel (MACJC State Championship)
April 22-23	East Central	Dancing Rabbit, Azalea/ Philadelphia (NJCAA Region 23 Championship)
May 19-24	Illinois Central	Goose Pond Colony Scottsboro, AL (NJCAA National Championship)

2013 TENNIS SCHEDULE

(Remaining Matches)

March			
1	Northeast	Home	2 p.m.
5	MS Gulf Coast	Home	1 p.m.
7	Holmes	Away	2 p.m.
19	Itawamba	Forest	1 p.m.
21	Hinds	Home	2 p.m.
22	Jacksonville	Raymond	2 p.m.
April			
1	Northeast	Away	2 p.m.
2	Itawamba	Away	2 p.m.
4	Co-Lin	Away	2 p.m.
9	Jones	Home	2 p.m.
11-14	Meridian Spring Mixer	Away	TBA
15	Northwest	Home	TBA
17-20	State Tournament	Itawamba	TBA
24-26	Region Tournament	Meridian	TBA
May			
4-9	Women's Nationals	Tuscan	
12-17	Men's Nationals	Plano	



EC's Windham Selected for Drum Corps International

East Central Community College sophomore Shawn Windham of Morton was recently chosen to participate in the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps, a member of Drum Corps International (DCI).

Windham, who serves as a color guard captain for the ECCC Wall O' Sound Band, will be marching with the corps this summer. DCI hosts marching events throughout the United States, including performances in Ocean Springs and Hattiesburg on July 23 and 24, respectively. The season concludes with a grand finale competition in August. The title of the 2013 Spirit of Atlanta show is "Speakeasy."

Windham first became interested in Drum Corps as a student at Morton High School.

"Our high school (band) director showed us Drum Corps videos," he said. "Music has always been a big part of my life. I started playing saxophone in the eleventh grade. Guys couldn't be a part of the guard in high school, but I tried out here and made it."

"I plan to audition for color guard at USM



Shawn Windham

(University of Southern Mississippi) in March. I will probably be a culinary major at USM, but I hope to also be a guard instructor some day."

He will begin training camp in April, start full rehearsals Memorial Day Weekend and begin touring in June.

"We will have the two Mississippi shows in July and after touring completes in August, I will only have a few days before fall semester starts at USM," Windham added.

In order to travel with the group, Windham will have to raise his own funds. Those interested in making donations may send them to Shawn Windham, ECCC Band Department, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

According to the Corps Web site, Spirit of Atlanta Drum & Bugle Corps, founded in 1976, is a nonprofit youth performing arts education organization based in Atlanta, GA. The corps comprises 150 brass, percussion, and color guard members, ages 15 to 22, who perform an 11-minute show that integrates artistic and athletic skill in an entertaining display of outdoor pageantry. Members are selected by audition based on their musical ability, movement skills, and attitude.

2013 LADY WARRIOR SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

(Remaining Games)

March

4	Holmes	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
9	Co-Lin	Wesson	1 & 3 p.m.
13	Hinds	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
16	MS Gulf Coast	Perkinston	Noon & 2 p.m.

23	Southwest	Decatur	1 & 3 p.m.
26	Jones	Ellisville	4 & 6 p.m.
29	East MS	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.

April

3	Pearl River	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
6	Co-Lin	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
9	Hinds	Raymond	2 & 4 p.m.
13	MS Gulf Coast	Decatur	1 & 3 p.m.
20	Southwest	Summit	1 & 3 p.m.
23	Jones	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
27	Pearl River	Poplarville	Noon & 2 p.m.

May

2-4	MACJC State Tourney	TBA
9-11	Region 23 Tourney	TBA
15-18	National Tourney	TBA

2013 ECCC BASEBALL SCHEDULE

(Remaining Games)

March

2	East MS	Scooba	1 p.m.
6	Meridian	Decatur	4 p.m.
9	Ellsworth	Booneville	1 p.m.
9	Northeast	Booneville	4 p.m.
12	Pearl River	Decatur	3 p.m.
16	Jones	Ellisville	3 p.m.
20	Southwest	Decatur	3 p.m.
23	Itawamba	Fulton	2 p.m.
26	Co-Lin	Wesson	3 p.m.
29	MS Gulf Coast	Decatur	3 p.m.

April

3	Hinds	Raymond	3 p.m.
6	Pearl River	Poplarville	1 p.m.
9	Jones	Decatur	3 p.m.
13	Southwest	Summit	2 p.m.
17	Itawamba	Decatur	3 p.m.
20	Co-Lin	Decatur	2 p.m.
23	MS Gulf Coast	Perkinston	3 p.m.
27	Hinds	Decatur	2 p.m.

May

3-4	First Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
9-11	MACJC Tourney	TBA	TBA
16-19	Region 23 Tourney	TBA	TBA
25-June 1	NJCAA World Series	Enid, OK	TBA

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ECCC Diamond Darlings

Diamond Darlings for 2012-13 have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Diamond Darlings is an organization for female students that gives support to the Diamond Warrior baseball program. Members include: (front row, from left) Samantha Hill of Louisville, Jon Marie Baucum of Decatur, and Shelby Johnston of Lena (second row, from left) Jayohnnie Slaughter of Union, Kaitlin Dean of Decatur, and Hillary Williams, Hannah Jones and Shamiski Collier, all of Philadelphia; (third row, from left) Shelby Davis of Waterford, Lindsey Ezelle of Decatur, Taylor Gressett of Chunky, and Tori Atkinson of Philadelphia (fourth row, from left) Robin Coker of Newton, Lauren Ezelle of Decatur, Emily Marler of Morton, Ally Loper of Philadelphia and Meghan Johnson of Lena; and (fifth row, from left) Leighanne Wright of Newton, Sandy Alexander of Little Rock, Courtney Mackey of Meridian and Emily Jacome-Cluff of Hickory.

