

ECCC Hall of Fame Honorees



East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2013 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. They included (from left) Claire Griffin of Decatur, Andrew Hanna of Union, Emily Marler of Morton, Cain Prestage of Carthage, Hannah Farmer of Decatur and LaJoya Griffin of Philadelphia. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 2, 2013 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

Academic Reputation Among Top Reasons Students Choose ECCC

A recent survey of honor students from throughout the district indicated the top reason students chose to attend East Central Community College in Decatur is the College's academic reputation.

"Data from surveys of top academic entering freshmen shows that what attracted them to ECCC was the quality of our instruction," said Dr. Randall E. Lee, Vice President of Student Services.

Other top reasons for attending ECCC were the recommendations of someone who has attended the college, advice of parents or relatives, cost of attending, joining friends who attend or plan to attend and advice from high school counselors or teachers.

Not only does the college have a great academic reputation among high school students, but ECCC graduates continue their successes once they leave East Central as evidenced in recent reports from Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), which revealed that transfer students from East Central 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 said, "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 200 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 health-care, 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 rllee@eccc.edu.



ECCC Class Favorites

Freshman and sophomore class favorites at East Central Community College, selected by a vote of the student body, include: (front row, from left) Allie Killens, Saltillo; Payton Smith, Scott Central; Lindsey McCool and Jayden Fryery, both of Winston Academy; Taylor Gressett and Hannah Farmer, both of Newton County; Tiana Grover, Newton County Academy; and Haley Covert, West Lauderdale; (back row, from left) Zach May and Chandler Smith, Newton County; Andrew Hanna, Newton County Academy; Cole Ballard, Newton County; Lucas Viverette, Union; Tyler Warnat, New Hope; Layton Holcomb, Oak Grove; and Tyler Pigg, Newton County.

ECCC Spring Musical Cast 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

At right are cast members for the East Central Community College Players' spring musical presentation of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat held April 10-13, 2013, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Cast members and their respective hometowns include Lizabeth Benton, Preston; Holli Nutt, Morton; Clint Walker, Newton; Sam Lovorn, Charles Taylor, Savannah Stuart-Dahl, Will Stokes and Chandler Smith, all of Philadelphia; Ian Lanthrip and Danielle Shelley, both of Sebastopol; Matt Graham, Meridian; Delaney Kilgore, Colton Hurst and Tadarrian "Bo" Foster, all of Hickory; Chelsey Smith, Brandon; Claire Griffin and Andrea McSwain, both of Decatur; Sharley Hardin, Forest; Sara LaBue, Conehatta; Aaliyah Cook and Conor Bell, both of Carthage; Bristol Buffington, El Paso, Texas; Tara Gibson and Georgia Doner, both of Bailey; and Rob Parker and Hunter Brooks, both of Puckett.

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

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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.

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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.



Andrew Hanna: Proud to be a Warrior!

Andrew Hanna of Union, a 2013 graduate of East Central Community College, says he may not know exactly what his future holds, but he is prepared for whatever it may be. His gives credit in part to ECCC.

"I feel adequately prepared for the future, because ECCC has offered me the opportunities to become a better student, athlete and person," Hanna said.

Hanna is a 2011 graduate of Newton County Academy and is the son of Rusty and Lanette Hanna of Union.

Hanna dreamed of graduating high school and leaving the small town in which he grew up.

"I wanted to get away from home and become my own person. Who would have thought that the best place for me to do that was actually right down the road," he said.

Following high school, Hanna was given the opportunity to continue playing basketball and tennis at East Central.

"Through athletics, I have learned life lessons that could never be learned in the classroom. On the other hand, ECCC's instructors have taught me so many things I could never learn while bouncing a ball. I have always been interested in science and my teachers challenge me each time I step in the classroom.

"Along with athletics and academics, ECCC allowed me to develop as a leader through many clubs and community organizations. From the local church to Phi Theta Kappa (the



Andrew Hanna

international honor society of the two-year college), numerous leaders have poured into me and encouraged me to lead others."

A President's List Scholar and chemistry major, Hanna was named to the ECCC Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive, was selected to the Phi Theta Kappa All Mississippi Academic First Team and was named 2013 HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence program) Student of the Year.

In addition, he was awarded the Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Award, Frank M. Cross Chemistry Award and Secondary Education Award.

Hanna served as vice president for leadership of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was co-president of the Baptist Student Union and Warrior Corps. In addition, he served as secretary of the President's Council and was a Men's Bible Study leader for the BSU.

He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and served as vice president his freshman year. He was a member of the Environmental Club, participated on the Warrior basketball team his freshman year and was a two-year member on the Warrior tennis team.

"Sometimes the best things are hidden in plain sight," Hanna said. "I may not know exactly what the future holds, but I am prepared for whatever it may be. Every moment of my time at East Central has molded me into the person I am today, and I am proud to be a Warrior!"

Spring Spree Participants!

Almost 100 students participated in the annual Spring Spree Games held Thursday, April 23, 2013. The event is held each spring and features various relay games in which teams compete. As a part of Spring Spree activities, a volleyball tournament, crawfish boil, scavenger hunt and various other activities are held throughout the week. Marcie Pinson, Director of Housing/Student Activities serves as event organizer.





Karcher Selected Head Football Coach; Brock To Serve as Defensive Coordinator



Ken Karcher



Scott Brock

Ken Karcher, a former NFL quarterback with 22 years coaching experience is the new head football coach at East Central Community College.

Karcher, who most recently served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Eastern Michigan University, said he looks forward to the challenge of developing a winning program at East Central.

He also stressed the importance of having players who have pride in being a Warrior.

"What I'm looking for are guys who want to be a part of something bigger than themselves. I think when you find people like that, they are able to work and build towards a vision and a mission that both Dr. (Billy, College President) Stewart and I have...The first thing I want to help them recognize is where their value is. I think if a person has an understanding of their own value and worth it's easier to come to work each day and to do the things you're asked to do. I want them to have pride in being a Warrior. That could be as simple as walking on campus, seeing a piece of paper on the ground and putting it in the trash. Because this is your home and if we can create pride within the program then we have a chance. No guarantees, but a chance."

Having coached on both the high school and senior college level, Karcher said he looks forward to joining the community college ranks.

Scott Brock, who has 25 years coaching experience on the high school, community college and university levels, recently joined Coach Karcher's staff as defensive coordinator.

Since 2008, Brock served at Hilliard Middle Senior High in Hilliard, Fla., as director of athletics, head track coach, defensive coordinator and special team's coordinator.

"Coach Brock will bring an expertise to our program on the defensive side of the ball that will help East Central be successful," said Coach Karcher. "More importantly, he will play a major role in impacting the lives of our student athletes. I am confident that East Central Community College will be a better place because of Scott Brock and his family."

Additional staff members will be announced at a later date.

ECCC Ac'cents Selected for 2013-14

Members of the East Central Community College show choir, The Ac'cents, were recently announced for the 2013-14 term.

Director Vicki Blaylock said, "There were more than 40 candidates who auditioned for a spot in the Ac'cents show choir. There were so many talented people audition and that really makes my job hard!"

Those selected and their respective high schools include Houstin Martin, Mackenzie Rowzee, Dee Jay Rolison, Claire Griffin, Taylor Gressett, Jayohnnie Slaughter, Chandler Smith and Ryan Godwin, all of Newton County; Zach Peden and Sam Lovorn, both of Neshoba Central; Krissy Winstead, Union; and Kara Miller, Newton County Academy.

Technicians are Matt Graham of Lake and Ian Lantrip of Sebastopol.

The Ac'cents perform for various civic clubs, schools and other organizations throughout the five-county district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information, contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225. The e-mail address is vblaylock@eccc.edu.

2013 Warrior Football Schedule

August 29	Itawamba	Away	7 p.m.
September 5	East MS	Away	7 p.m.
September 12	Co-Lin	Home	6:30 p.m.
September 19	Southwest	Away	7 p.m.
September 26	Hinds	Away	6:30 p.m.
October 3	Jones	Home	6:30 p.m.
October 12	MS Delta*	Home	2:30 p.m.
October 19	Pearl River	Away	2 p.m.
October 24	Gulf Coast	Home	6:30 p.m.

*Homecoming



EC Athletes Raise Money for Make-A-Wish Foundation

The East Central Community College Athletic Department has joined efforts with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi to help Eden Smith's wish come true!

Eden is the daughter of ECCC English instructor Lynne Smith, and has recently completed treatments for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

ECCC coaches and athletes are selling bracelets provided by the Make-A-Wish Foundation as a fundraiser and 100 percent of the profit goes directly towards Eden's wish, which is a trip for her and her family to Hawaii to "swim with dolphins."

Lynne Smith said, "Eden's illness has been very traumatic for her and for us. We are overjoyed that she is now in remission and feeling well enough to take her trip from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Her wish is to travel to Hawaii and swim with dolphins."

The fact that ECCC Athletics wants to help her wish come true, truly warms my heart!"

The total cost of the trip, scheduled for June 30, 2013, is \$5000 and the Athletic Department hopes to raise the entire amount before that time.

The bracelets are \$5 each and may be purchased from any ECCC athlete or coach.

For more information, contact ECCC Athletic Director Chris Harris at 601-635-6401. The e-mail address is charris@eccc.edu.



Representatives from the East Central Community College Athletic Department are shown with just a few of the bracelets they are selling to assist the Make-A-Wish Foundation in sending Eden Smith to Hawaii. Eden is the daughter of ECCC English instructor Lynne Smith and recently completed treatments for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Bracelets are \$5 each and may be purchased from any ECCC athlete or coach. Pictured are (seated, from left) LaJoya Griffin (softball) of Philadelphia, Kaylin Hopkins (softball) of Louisville, Haley Covert (soccer) of West Lauderdale and Heather Johnson (cheerleading) of Newton County; (second row, from left) head softball coach Kristin Chaney, Blake Edmonson (football) of Brandon, Terrance Steele (baseball) of Neshoba Central, Severino Signa (baseball) of Deer Creek, Ryan Artman (soccer) of Grenada, and Niya Hughes (women's basketball) of Forest; and (back row, from left) baseball head coach Neal Holliman, women's basketball head coach Crandal Porter, Kyron Samuels (football) of Fairhope (Ala.), football head coach Ken Karcher and men's soccer head coach Kenneth Thompson. For more information, contact ECCC Athletic Director Chris Harris at 601-635-6242 or e-mail charris@eccc.edu.



Welcome! ECCC Athletic Signees/Commitments

(As of May 6, 2013)

Football

Andy Morris, Amite School Center
Virzil Tillman, Laurel
Josh Brown, Laurel
Daryl Rogers, Laurel
Matthew Moore, Laurel
Demetre McCleon, Newton County
Brandon Davis, Newton County
Chris Washington, Lake
Jon Parker, Union
Anthony Triplett, Philadelphia
Jimmie Saulsberry, Starkville
Edward DeLee, Centerville Academy (La.)
Xavier Woodard, Jim Hill
Isiah Williams, Jim Hill
Sheppard Jones, Lanier
Anthony McGee, Quitman
Phakezian Walker, Quitman
Brody Martin, Marshall Academy
Xavier Telford, Northwest Rankin
Darrion Burnside, Neshoba Central
K.D. Monroe, Neshoba Central
Thomas McCool, Neshoba Central
Jimmy Cockrell, Columbus
Quincy Cole, Ackerman
Blake Gordon, Northwest Rankin
Ronald Dixon, Northwest Rankin
Kentrell Mayfield, Wayne County
Quanterris Newby, New Hope
Tyler Pace, Newton
Branden Thomas, Gulfport
Jeremy Pyles, Oxford (Ala.)
Romario Cobb, Ocean Springs
Matthew Hicks, Ocean Springs
Jacori Taylor, Early County (Ga.)
Andrey Collins, Byhalia
Desmond Grayson, Meridian
JaDerrick Farrow, Bleckley County (Ga.)
Lamarcus Franks, Greene County

Softball

Mallory Turner, West Lauderdale
Anna Katherine Nowell, Leake Academy
Hannah Peoples, Leake Academy
Nikki Triplett, Forest
Jordyn Scarbrough, East Central High School
Makayla Kelly, Nederland (Texas)
Christen Benson, Brookhaven

Baseball

Zach Mowdy, Union
Ryan Ward, Madison Ridgeland Academy
Kyle McCullouch, Madison Ridgeland Academy
Reagan Warren, Newton County
Chance Whitten, South Panola
Nick Wilson, Terry
Will Myers, Leake Academy
Hunter Thrower, Southeast Lauderdale
Colby Eaves, Nanih Waiya
Blake Pugh, Wayne Academy
Dylan Little, Mary G. Montgomery (Ala.)
Gage Sullivan, Richland
Tyler Reeves, Northeast Jones

Women's Basketball

Anna Katherine Nowell, Leake Academy
Keoceania Yarbrough, Louisville
Shamiya Evans, Lake
Andreka Harper, Forest
Haley Watkins, Scott Central
Shaniqua Quinn, Brandon
Breona Foster, Neshoba Central
Christen Benson, Brookhaven

Men's Basketball

Tre Collins, Newton County Academy
Terry Carter, Louisville
Devardrick Carter, Forest
Brandon Jones, Bay Springs

Demond Morgan, Morton
Carnail Minor, Starkville Academy

Women's Soccer

Addie Ambrosier, Magee
Erika Joyner, West Lauderdale
Kennedy McReynolds, Southeast Lauderdale
Ashlan Culberson, Brandon
Jessie Hennington, Neshoba Central
Tesia Keith, Corinth
Tamia Cavett, Murrah

Men's Soccer

Russ Thompson, Newton County
Matt Sykes, Heritage Academy
Tim Nix, D'Iberville
Daniel Casaca, Forest
Nicholas Breeland, Stone
Dalton Smith, Florence
Jerry Byrd, D'Iberville
Hector Ortiz, Enterprise

Tennis

Daniel Giles, Union
Ethan Rigdon, Union
Juan Miranda, Morton
Hunter Tharp, Clinton

Golf

Kirk Stonestreet, Kosciusko

Centralettes Chosen for 2013-14 Term

Members of the 2013-14 East Central Community College Centralettes, the danceline for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band, were selected following tryouts held April 25 on the Decatur campus, announced Hunter Corhern, ECCC Director of Bands.

Members and their respective high schools include Grayson Harrell, East Rankin Academy; Emilee Cox, Kelsey Cox and Davita Ragsdale, all of Forest; Kasey Logan, Lake; Emily Cook, Leake Central; Joni Hickman, Louisville; Kara Beth Johnson, Morton; Kayla Covington, Cara Jackson, Jordan Lovorn and Jessica Moffett, all of Nanih Waiya; Hillary Williams, Neshoba Central; Kelli Boulton, Mackenzie Gannon, Taylor Gressett, Hannah Mitchell, Caitlyn Sant and Jayohnnie Slaughter, all of Newton County; Emily Gully, Sylva-Bay Academy; and Emma Burton, Union.

Tina Sanders serves as coordinator/choreographer.



Carson, Griffin Selected Mr. and Miss East Central

Jeremy Carson of Decatur and LaJoya Griffin of Philadelphia were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College by a vote of the student body.

Carson is the son of Tom and Brenda Carson of Decatur and is a 2011 graduate of Newton County High School.

Carson said he enjoys the fact that ECCC is a "close-knit family." He said his favorite memory from East Central was being a part of Spring Spree. Carson said "hands down" his favorite on-campus activities are the ones the Student Body Association sponsors.

He said he is most inspired by his father.

"He has strongly battled esophageal cancer and has never let it get him down," said Carson.

Jeremy is a vocal music education major and a member of various musical organizations including Ac'cents, Concert Choir, Collegians, and the Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

In addition, Carson is a member of Warrior Corps, Student Body Association, President's Council and ECCC Players. He is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was selected for Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges. He said he enjoys reading, attending sporting events, singing and socializing with friends.

After receiving his associate's degree at

of Philadelphia High School.

"Friendly atmosphere and small classroom sizes that allow me an one-on-one opportunity to communicate with my teachers is my favorite thing about East Central," said Griffin.

Griffin said her family inspires her.

"My family inspires me with their encouragement, love, and support. I would love to make each family member proud, especially my parents," she said.

Griffin is a liberal arts major, but despite this, she is leaning toward a career in the medical field. Griffin is involved in numerous activities including Phi Theta Kappa, Lady Warrior Softball, Warrior Corps, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Phi Beta Lambda and Student Athletic Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the Neshoba Youth Coalition.

In addition, she was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was Maid of Honor at the 2012 ECCC Homecoming.

Griffin said she enjoys playing sports, spending time with family, cooking, fishing, hunting and four-wheeler riding.

She plans to continue her education and work toward a higher degree in her field of study.

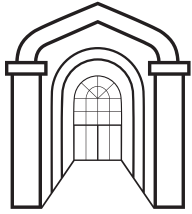
Mr. and Miss ECCC, Jeremy Carson and LaJoya Griffin

East Central, Carson plans to continue his education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Griffin is the daughter of Ken and Juliet Griffin of Philadelphia. She is a 2011 graduate

2013 Warrior Soccer Schedule

August 22	Co-Lin @ Wesson	4 p.m.	September 27	Southwest @ Decatur	2 p.m.
August 27	Southwest @ Summit	3 p.m.	October 2	Meridian @ Decatur	2 p.m.
August 30	Meridian @ Meridian	2 p.m.	October 4	Gulf Coast @ Perkinston	5 p.m.
September 4	Jones @ Decatur	3 p.m.	October 11	Hinds @ Raymond	5 p.m.
September 6	MS College JV @ Clinton (women)	3 p.m.	October 16	Itawamba @ Decatur	2 p.m.
September 7	Wallace State @ Decatur (men)	1 p.m.	October 18	Holmes @ Decatur	2 p.m.
September 10	Hinds @ Decatur	3 p.m.	October 22	Northwest @ Decatur	2 p.m.
September 13	Itawamba @ Fulton	2 p.m.	October 25	Pearl River @ Decatur	2 p.m.
September 17	Holmes @ Ridgeland	2 p.m.	October 29	Quarterfinals @ #2 Seed Home	TBD
September 20	Northwest @ Senatobia	2 p.m.	November 2	State Tournament Semi-Finals	TBD
September 24	Co-Lin @ Decatur	2 p.m.	November 3	State Tournament Finals	TBD



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(Should Be Completed Prior to Attending Orientation)

- *Complete the ECCC Application for Admission
- *Send ACT or COMPASS scores to ECCC
- *Send High School/College transcripts to ECCC
- *Apply for Housing
- *Apply for Financial Aid



Orientation Checklist

(To Be Completed During Orientation Session)

- *Complete Fall Class Schedule
- *Make Student ID Photo (Also used for College Yearbook)
- *Apply for Parking Decal (Needed for all students bringing cars to campus;
Must have tag number and \$10 fee)
- *Complete Online Orientation



Summer Orientations

Saturday, June 1
Friday, June 21
Friday, July 12
Friday, August 9

***Begin the process
anytime between
8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at
the Smith Student
Union Building***

**Fall Classes Begin
Thursday, Aug. 13**

For more information,
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