



Choo Choo Soul with Genevieve!

The EACC Family Series presents *Choo Choo Soul with Genevieve!* on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center.

All aboard the choo choo train! As seen on the Disney Junior Channel hit TV show, get on board with singer Genevieve Goings and beatbox artist DC as she drives her train through fantastical lands while singing contemporary, kid-friendly hip-hop songs about ABC's, 1-2-3's and more. Genevieve makes learning fun!



Kids will enjoy dancing along to hit songs such as *Chugga Chugga Choo Choo*, *Jump Jump*, *Let's Dance*, and *Bullet Train*.

Choo Choo Soul with Genevieve! promises to be more of the same with shows for Radio Disney, a return to The LA Times/Target Festival of Books, a weekend of shows at Sesame Place, and many more exciting concert dates!

Tickets for Choo Choo Soul with Genevieve! are \$12 and are available online at www.eacc.edu or by calling 870-633-4480 ext. 352.

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1700 Newcastle Road
Forrest City, AR 72335



Save The Date!

For the 2nd Annual

EACC Golf Tournament

Monday, June 11, 2012

Forrest City Country Club

4-Person Scramble
Check-in and Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds to Benefit the EACC Foundation

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Renovations to Vaccaro Clock Tower

"The Vaccaro Clock Tower has been a cornerstone of EACC for many years. We wanted to keep the integrity of the original structure while updating the tower to suit the current needs of the campus."

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At press time, renovations were almost complete to the Vaccaro Clock Tower at East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City. The final adjustment to the project was begun in mid December and will culminate a yearlong process to update and enhance the existing structure.

The Vaccaro Clock Tower was given to the College in 1975 by Gazzola Vaccaro Jr., a long time EACC Board of Trustees member, in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gazzola Vaccaro of Forrest City. The Chime System was added three years later made possible by gifts from a number of local businesses and families.

"The Vaccaro Clock Tower has been a cornerstone of EACC for many years," said Dr. Coy Grace EACC President. "We wanted to keep the integrity of the original structure while updating the tower to suit the current needs of the campus. We also wanted the design to blend with the architectural features that have been added to buildings on campus in the past ten years. We consulted with Gazzola Vaccaro, Jr. before the redesign process was started and he's been

very positive about the development of the plans and the progress toward completion. He also provided the college with a generous donation dedicated to the project. The Vaccaro Clock Tower will continue to be a literal beacon for the College for many years to come."

In addition to the new frame and internally lighted cupola, the tower will feature lighted clocks on all four sides and a digital chime system with a huge selection of music with the capacity to be used as a warning system for the campus.



Photo by Dave Nichol



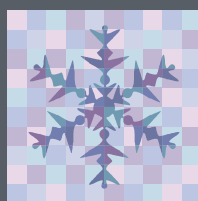
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The renovations were designed by The Verdin Company in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Randy Hurd of Hurd Construction in Forrest City served as the local contractor who oversaw the placement of the frame and cupola.

Upcoming Events

- ... January 3-6 Advising and Registration
- ... January 9 Classes Begin
- ... January 9-13 Drop/Add Late registration
- ... January 14 *Choo Choo Soul with Genevieve!* FAC 3:00 p.m.
- ... January 16 Dr. M. L. King Holiday
- ... February 14 Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Dinner Theatre FAC 7:00 p.m.
- ... February 24 Deadline for Spring Graduation



Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Dinner Theatre

The EACC *Spotlight Series* presents *Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show* – Valentine's Dinner Theater on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will be held in the EACC Fine Arts Center Banquet Hall and Auditorium.

This very special evening includes a three-course candlelight meal followed by a journey back to the days of highballs, hi-jinks and happy hour with 'Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Joey Bishop, and Dean Martin.' Celebrating 50 years of Las Vegas style, *Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show* has been hailed as the next best thing to seeing Frank, Dean, Joey, and Sammy themselves.

Produced by Sandy Hackett - son of the late, great comedian and actor Buddy Hackett - and Lisa Dawn Miller - daughter of legendary songwriter Ron Miller, the show features classic songs such as *For Once in My Life, My Way, Mack the Knife*, plus original, songs written by the late Miller. Buddy Hackett himself is the voice of God, thanks to a voiceover recorded before his passing in 2003.

They were style with substance, swing with swagger and a nonstop party that everyone wanted access to. Now audiences can experience this critically acclaimed, hugely entertaining theatrical production which includes exciting new arrangements of the classic songs everyone knows and loves.

With a stellar cast, *Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show* features performances by Sandy Hackett (Joey Bishop), a powerhouse veteran writer, producer and film & TV actor; his wife, singer / songwriter / producer Lisa Dawn Miller (Frank's One Love); David DeCosta (Frank Sinatra); Doug Starks (Sammy Davis, Jr.); and Johnny Edwards (Dean Martin). The incomparable musical team is led by Maestro Christopher Hardin.

Tickets for *Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack*



Show are \$35 (show and dinner included) and are available online at www.eacc.edu or by calling 870-633-4480 ext. 352.

The EACC Fine Arts Center is located at 1700 Newcastle Road in Forrest City just off I-40.



Pleasants to Direct OTA Program

EACC has announced Sunny Amber Pleasants as the Program Director/Instructor for the EACC Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (OTA).

Pleasants, a graduate of EACC, earned Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas. She is also associated with Kids for the Future, Goode Therapy Services and Q-Source of Arkansas.

Occupational therapist assistants (OTAs), commonly known as *occupational therapy assistants*, work under the direction of occupational therapists to provide rehabilitative services to persons with mental, physical, emotional, or developmental impairments. The ultimate goal is to improve clients' quality of life and ability to perform daily activities.

There were only 126 accredited occupational therapist assistant programs in 2007 in the U.S. The first year of study typically involves an introduction to health care, basic medical terminology, anatomy, and physiology. In the second year, courses are more rigorous and usually include occupational therapist program-specific courses in areas such as mental health, adult physical disabilities, gerontology, and pediatrics. Students also must complete 16

weeks of supervised fieldwork in a clinic or community setting.

As part of her duties at EACC, Pleasants will serve as Program Director for the OTA program and will be directly involved with developing and establishing accreditation for the program. She is currently an instructor for Medical Terminology class and will teach the same class online in the spring semester. She will also teach Introduction to OTA in the spring.



OTA Director Pleasants

Pleasants is certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy and is licensed with the Arkansas State Medical Board. She is a member of American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and the Arkansas Occupational Therapy Association.

"I am looking forward to sharing with the students at EACC my love of occupational therapy and how it positively impacts the lives of individuals with special needs," said Pleasants.

The OTA program at EACC has entered the process of accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) and is in the Developing Program Status phase. Upon approval, EACC anticipates the first class to be admitted in 2012.

High School Students Earn College Credit

EACC offers qualified high school students a number of options to earn college credits before graduation.

The program is designed for students in grades 9-12 who have completed EACC Admissions forms and a Concurrent Enrollment Application. Students are required to have a minimum score of 19 on the ACT subtests or comparable scores on the ASSET or COMPASS tests if enrolling in math or English classes.

A permanent record is established once students

are admitted to the program and begin to take classes. Typical course offerings include English, psychology, history, political science, Spanish and others. Classes are taught at service area high schools or on the EACC Campus. Students are frequently assisted with the cost of tuition and fees by many resources including the Nimocks Oil Company Scholarship or through financial agreements with the area high schools.

For more information about the program call 870-633-4480 ext. 329.



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