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## Faculty and Staff Awards Presented

The EACC Foundation recently announced the recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award and the Outstanding Staff Award at the Annual Awards Ceremony for faculty, staff and students. The event was held in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, Dr. Harold Souheaver, has been a member of the Social Science department at EACC since 1993. This award is presented yearly by the EACC Foundation to a full-time faculty member for his or her excellence in teaching and service to students.

According to co-workers in his department, "He is always willing to accommodate anything asked of him with an uncomplaining attitude. He does an amazing job teaching a huge number of students. He has also been instrumental in strategic planning, assessment of student learning and developmental education during his time at EACC."

His nomination form states: "The most significant aspect of Dr. Souheaver's skill in teaching is his affect on students. It is evident he really cares about them. Regardless of how challenging his classes are, students diligently continue to want to take the courses that he offers. He epitomizes what a great teacher should be."



"I'm finishing up my 18<sup>th</sup> academic year here at EACC and I am extremely honored to receive such a prestigious award," said Dr. Souheaver.

The Outstanding Staff Award recipient is Personnel Manager, Yvonne Rucker Franklin. This Award by the Foundation is presented yearly to an EACC employee who manifests outstanding job performance, attitude and willingness to go "that extra" mile for the good of the College.

A co-worker writes: "Yvonne has a comprehensive understanding in all areas of her department. She is consistently pleasant to those who share her office building. She is willing to assist her co-workers without 'passing the buck.' She gives of her time freely to assist during financial aid disbursements as well with any other departmental needs. She guards personnel information with fierce loyalty and reliability. She also assists EACC employees with many different issues. She remains professional in handling many types of situations."

"I've been with the College as a full-time employee since 1983," said Franklin. "I really enjoy working at EACC and I'm so grateful and excited to be the recipient of this award."

The award winners will also be honored during the annual AATYC convention to be held in October.



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## EACC Commencement 2011

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The large crowd was welcomed by EACC President, Dr. Coy Grace. Honor Graduate, Clint Thomas Davis, served as the Student Speaker and Dr. Jeff Watson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the candidates as Dr. Coy Grace conferred the degrees.

A variety of degrees were awarded including Associate of Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching, Associate of Science in Business, Associate of Applied Science degrees in Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Management, Administrative Office Technology, Criminal Justice, Child Care, and Renewable Energy Technology. Certificates were awarded in General Studies. Technical Certificates were awarded in Health Professions,

Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic, Office Technology, Word Processing/Desktop Publishing, and Renewable Energy Technology. Certificates of Proficiency were awarded in EMT-Basic, Renewable Energy Technology, Criminal Justice, and Electrical Maintenance Technology.

EACC held the annual Honors Breakfast earlier in the day in recognition of students for their academic achievements at EACC.



Jennifer Hicky Collins spoke as the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Harold Souheaver, recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award for 2011, gave a humorous presentation and offered words of encouragement for the

graduates.

The Associate of Applied Science Nursing program held the annual Pinning Ceremony for 17 graduates at 3:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Kim Martin was named as the 2011 Mary Emma Piper Award recipient presented by Catherine Coleman, EACC Vice President of Student Affairs.

## Upcoming Events

- ... May 6 Honors Breakfast 9:00 a.m. FAC Banquet Hall
- ... May 6 Nurse Pinning 3:00 p.m. FAC Auditorium
- ... May 6 Commencement 7:00 p.m. FAC Auditorium (Graduates please report at 6:00 p.m.)
- ... May 23-27 Registration for Summer I Term
- ... May 31 Summer I Classes Begin
- ... June 13 First Annual EACC Golf Tournament (see page 3 article)
- ... June 20-25 Missoula Children's Theater Camp (see page 3 article)
- ... June 30 Summer I Final Exams Begin



## Fine Arts Center Season II Announced

EACC has announced the exciting upcoming season of events offered in the Fine Arts Center. Ticket sales for each event are available on the website at [www.eacc.edu](http://www.eacc.edu) or by calling 870-633-4480 ext. 352 or 362.

...**Glen Campbell – Farewell Tour** September 10, 2011 at 7 p.m. Eight-time Grammy winning performer Glen Campbell is set to open EACC's 2011-2012 performance season with his highly anticipated *Farewell Tour*. In a legendary musical career that spans more than five decades, Campbell is considered one of the most successful pop-country crossover acts of all time with classic hits like 'Gentle on My Mind,' 'Wichita Lineman' and 'Rhinstone Cowboy.'

...**The Blind Boys of Alabama w/ special guest Sara Watkins** November 10, 2011 at 7 p.m. Gospel legends *The Blind Boys of Alabama* will be joined by acclaimed Americana singer/songwriter and musician Sara Watkins as they explore the deep and vital connection between country and gospel music. For over 60 years, the Blind Boys have thrilled audiences across the globe, notching five Grammy awards and a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, an induction into The Gospel Music Hall of Fame, White House performances under Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama, and intriguing collaborations with such artists as Ben Harper, Lou Reed, Tom Petty, Peter Gabriel, Bonnie Raitt, and many, many more.

...**Arkansas Symphony Orchestra** December 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. 'Home for the Holidays' Concert Enjoy a wonderful and festive mix of traditional yuletide classics as well as classical, religious and secular selections. Under the Musical Direction of Philip Mann who has been hailed by the BBC as a "talent to watch out for, who conveys a mature command of his forces," American conductor Philip Mann is quickly gaining a reputation as an "expressively graceful yet passionate" artist on three continents.

...**Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack – Dinner Theatre** February 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. Direct from Las Vegas, this show celebrates the 50th anniversary of the 'Rat Pack' as it takes audiences on a journey back to the days of highballs, hi-jinks and happy hour with Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Joey Bishop, and Dean Martin. Produced by Sandy Hackett - son of the late,



Music Legend, Glen Campbell will perform at EACC on September 10th

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, never-before-heard songs written by the late Miller. Buddy Hackett himself is the voice of God, thanks to a voiceover recorded before his passing in 2003.

...**Boyz II Men** April 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. With over 60 million CDs sold, *Boyz II Men* is the most successful R&B group in music history. They recorded five #1 R&B hits between 1992 and 1997 and have sold more than 60 million records. Three of its #1 hits, 'End of the Road,' 'I'll Make Love to You,' and 'One Sweet Day' (with Mariah Carey), set and

broke records for the longest period of time a single remained at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100.

### The EACC Family Series:

...**Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats** September 18, 2011 at 3 p.m. This attraction has been called "incredible," "breathtaking," "stunning," and "quite unbelievable," to quote just a few of the critics. The *Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats* have taken the world by storm and continue to do so on this, their 32<sup>nd</sup> North American Theatre Tour.

...**A Christmas Carol** December 11, 2011 at 3 p.m. Perhaps the best loved holiday story of all time, this adaptation of Dickens' classic presented by Theater IV is particularly suited to children, and features a magnificent score by Jule Styne, the composer of Broadway's immortal *Peter Pan*, *Gypsy* and *Funny Girl*.

...**Raggs the Musical** January 14, 2012 at 3 p.m. Get ready to "wag and wiggle" at the *Raggs LIVE!* Dance Party, starring the colorful cast from *Raggs*, the hit PBS series! The charismatic characters impart subtle messages about the power of friendship, respect and cooperation while demonstrating how much fun it is to get up and move your body. The *Raggs* Band has performed more than 4,000 live concerts around the world, including stops in Europe, Asia and Australia. **A Brown Bear, A Caterpillar, and A Moon:**

**Treasured Stories By Eric Carle** March 3, 2012 at 3 p.m. This much-anticipated new production brings together old favorites and new friends. Featuring beautiful music, stunning visual effects and innovative puppetry, the triple-bill highlights three of Eric Carle's most beloved tales.

## First Annual EACC Golf Tournament Announced

On Monday, June 13th, East Arkansas Community College will host the First Annual East Arkansas Community College Golf Tournament at the beautiful 18-hole course at the Forrest City Country Club. Entrants may form their own teams or enter individually. The tournament will follow a 4-person scramble format. Single entries will be assigned to a team and teams will be flighted after the round. The number of flights will be determined by the number of entries. All proceeds from this tournament will benefit the EACC Foundation. To date, Co-Sponsors for the Tournament are Nabholz Construction and the Forrest City Medical Center. Hole Sponsorships are also still available.

"This project has been discussed for a number of years," said Dr. Coy Grace, EACC President. "This year a number of factors, including the loss of a couple of long-term tournaments in the area, played into the decision to move forward with the event. We've already had terrific support and enthusiasm from many regional and local businesses for sponsorships and from golfers excited about the establishment of a competitive tournament being hosted here in Forrest City. I hope everyone who enjoys a good round of golf and those who enjoy watching the sport will come out and support the event." Prizes for individual hole contest winners are also needed for giveaways. "Contest prizes are a great way for businesses and individuals to get involved in this fundraising effort," said Grace.

Lunch will be provided as a hamburger buffet with all the trimmings and check-in for players will begin at 11:00 a.m. The shotgun start begins at 1:00 p.m. The entry fee for players will be

\$100 for each player or \$400 for each team of four payable to the EACC Foundation. All entries should be mailed to the EACC Foundation C/O Niki Jones at 1700 Newcastle Road, Forrest City, AR 72335 or they may be dropped off at the Forrest City Country Club Pro Shop. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 1st and forms are available at the Forrest City Country Club Pro Shop, on the EACC website ([www.eacc.edu](http://www.eacc.edu)) or by calling 870-633-4480.

Dalton Motors is sponsoring 'Hole-in-One' contests on three par three's on the course. Win a 2011 GMC Terrain, a set of Callaway Diablo Irons or an Escort Drive Smarter Prize package which includes a car Radar Detector, GPS, Bluetooth and Back-up Camera. 'Closest to the Pin' contests on three holes will be sponsored by Farm Bureau. A Putting Contest will be held with a \$5000 cash prize. Other contests will be held on various holes throughout the tournament. Miscellaneous prizes will be awarded to those winners.

"We're looking forward to making this annual tournament a great success but also a chance for fellowship and camaraderie between golfers," said Grace. "It's a great opportunity to come out and enjoy a fun round of golf for a good cause."



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## Missoula Children's Theater Camp

Dates have been announced for the EACC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Theater Camp presented by Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theatre. The camp will be held on June 20 – 25<sup>th</sup>.



Under the direction of two MCT Actors/Directors, the camp will begin with group auditions for approximately 50 roles that are available for area children ages 6 - 17. Once casting is complete, the children become involved with comedy, acting, singing, danc-

ing, as well as staging and scenery design and development. The camp program culminates in a dress rehearsal and a public performance on the "big" stage of the EACC Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

This year's production will be *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Everyone who registers will be cast in the production. The registration deadline is May 27<sup>th</sup> and the fee for the camp is \$45. For more information or to register, contact the Department of Continuing Education at 870-633-4480, ext 333 or 347.

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