

East Arkansas
Community College

**Virtual
Commencement
Ceremony**



Live Streamed
Friday, May 22, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Academic Achievement Recognition

Graduation honors are given to students who maintain a superior accumulative grade point average during their study. Classifications of honor guidelines recognized are:

Summa Cum Laude Students with cumulative GPA of 3.80+

Magna Cum Laude Students with cumulative GPA of 3.60 - 3.79

Cum Laude Students with cumulative GPA of 3.35 - 3.59

Honors Program Graduate of EACC Honors Program (*Honors*)

Phi Theta Kappa An international honor society for academic achievement 3.5+ GPA required (PTK)

Graduation Cords and Stoles

Graduation Honor Cords

Graduation cords are reserved for students who have achieved an academic honor over the course of their time at East Arkansas Community College.

Gold Summa Cum Laude

Red Magna Cum Laude

White Cum Laude

Graduation Stoles

Graduation or academic stoles are decorative vestments worn by students to designate various academic/technical areas of study or indicate memberships of various organizations.

Apricot Nursing

Drab Business/Technical

Light Blue Education

Midnight Blue Criminal Justice

Sage Green Allied Health Sciences

Program

- Processional *Pomp and Circumstance* by Edward Elgar
- The National Anthem by John Stafford Smith
- Welcome.....Dr. Cathie Cline
President, East Arkansas Community College
- Introduction of Student Speaker Michelle Wilson
Vice President for Transfer Education and Student Success
- Student Address.....Curt Chandler Coleman
Honor Graduate
- Conferring of DegreesDr. Cathie Cline
- Presentation of the EACC Candidates..... Michelle Wilson
Vice President for Transfer Education and Student Success
Robert Summers
Vice President for Vocational, Occupational, and Technical Education
- Remarks.....The Honorable Ann Beane Hudson
Chair, EACC Board of Trustees
- Closing RemarksDr. Cathie Cline
- Recessional *Trumpet Tune and Air* by Henry Purcell

***Congratulations to
EACC's 2020
Graduates!***

Associate of Arts Degree

Loren Mackenzie Abram, *PTK, Honors Program*

Alicia Paige Roach-Adams

Rosemary Alexis Alberson

Asia Treshila Anderson, *Magna Cum Laude*

Kimya Sharmiessie Anderson, *PTK*

Amber Nicole Austen, *Honors Program*

Italia Halle Beanum

Jasmine Abigail Baker, *PTK*

Tracy J. Bledsoe

Dina Kaylee Bradshaw, *PTK*

Sarah M. Brewer

Dakota Lynn Bridges, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK, Honors Program*

Christina Lyn Burnette

Zadie Rae Busby

Katie Elizabeth Caldwell

Lekeisha S Carter

Valencia Katayzia Marnique Coleman

Curt Chandler Coleman, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK, Honors Program*

Monica Collins

Fedeall Lee Cottingham II

Patrice A. Crawford, *PTK*

Harlee Anne Criss, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Julius Dale

Whitney Barrett Daves

Chasity Octavia Davis

Keith Alan Flowers Jr., *Cum Laude*

Anita Ann Ford

Caressa Renee' Franklin

Fiona Elizabeth Franks, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK**

LaKeisha Renee Goodman

Abdulrahman Ahmed Hezham

Malorey Lena Hicks

Angela Deree Hill

Matthew Dean Hill

Adeva Andrissa Holliman, *Cum Laude*

Caleb Golden Humphrey
Crissy Nicole Jackson, *Cum Laude*
Miara Lonnetha Johnson
Caroline Kathan Jones, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK**
Jessie Elizabeth Jones, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK**
Samuel K. Kamau
Keonna Janay Kirk
Shelby Marie Lambert, *PTK, Honors Program*
Jacob Robert Long, *Summa Cum Laude*
Hannah Katheline M. Lovrien, *Cum Laude*
Kaylie Elizabeth Malone, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,*
Honors Program
Mary Celeste Marrs, *Cum Laude*
Octavia Mason
Sha'miya Symone Mathis
Jermaine Deshaun McCaster, *Cum Laude*
Marlee Marie Meadows, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Arturo Arellano Mercado, *Summa Cum Laude*
Daniel Chase Overholser, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Adam Maxwell Padgett, *Cum Laude*
Jordon Lawrence Pitts
Macayla Paige Pruitt
Sarah Elaine Rendon, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK**
Rikeshia Laneice Roberson
Tiera Jena Lynn Scales
James Jerome Smith
Urbano Soto
Odie E. Spencer
Kelsey Ruth Renee Stancel, *Cum Laude*
Gabriela Lisette Tapia
Darius Devontae Thomas
Jimmy Kevin Thomas
Alyssa Shyanne Trim, *Summa Cum Laude*
Khai M. Truong, *Summa Cum Laude*
Shawna Maria Tucker
Wally Duke Henry Vansandt
William Bradley Vickers
Tia Tiara Walker
De'Andria Lanise Warren

Nyeisha White
Autumn Paige Wigginton
Aaron Jonathan Wright

Associate of Science Degrees

Business

Curt Chandler Coleman, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,*
Honors Program

Kiyanna Nicole Flint

LaKeisha Renee Goodman

Reagan Mariah Helton

Adeva Andrissa Holliman, *Cum Laude*

Shelby Marie Lambert, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK,*
Honors Program

Gary D. McGoy Jr.

Macayla Paige Pruitt

Garya Dellindra Robinson

Garyondra Dellmondri Robinson, *Cum Laude, PTK*

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Urbano Soto

Samantha Louise Davis-Thomas

Shanta Denise Wallace

Chandler Ray Walton

De'Andria Lanise Warren

Criminal Justice

Kemeshia Kandria Chism

Caleb Golden Humphrey

Miara Lonnetha Johnson

Cassie Vanika Kirkwood

Victoria Dawn McClintock, *Cum Laude*

Rikeshia Laneice Roberson

Education

Jasmine Abigail Baker, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Kimberly Ann Broadway

India Anissa Brooks

Patrice A. Crawford, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Brittney Lee-Ann Crosby
Constance Paige Cullum, *Magna Cum Laude*
Anita Ann Ford, *Cum Laude*
Kimberly Ann Freeman
Jedidiah Dennis Haynes, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK,*
Honors Program
Octavia Mason
Victoria Dawn McClintock
Khadijah Necole Wesson
Brittany Nicole Williams

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Karl Vance Justice

Associate of Applied Science Degrees

Administrative Office Technology

Sylvia Loran Clayborne

Childcare

Margaret Deanna Ishmon, *Cum Laude*
Tyisha Lasha Nelson
Candy Webb

Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic

Jade Taryn Butler
Jessica Danielle Hardin
Crystal Monique Prewitt
David Brandon Richardson, *Summa Cum Laude*
Willie Steverson Thomas Jr.

General Technology

Jonathan Tyler Pierce, *Summa Cum Laude*
Malcolm D. Williams, *Cum Laude*

Medical Assisting Technology

Kimberly Darlene Lockley

Nursing

Tokonia Lynnette Aldridge

Bailey Marie Alldredge

Michael Paul Bernard

McKenzi Jade Boger

Sharron Lyn Burnette

Tiffany N. Campbell

Shelby Lynn Clark

Jessica Lynn Courtney

Lillian Renee Criss

Presley De'Shaun Doyle, *Cum Laude, PTK,*

Honors Program

Walter E. Ejuba

Jennifer Elizabeth Etoch

Sandra Dee Giles

Emily Clair Hanks

Kizzy Lashaundra Howze

Brandon Lewis Johnson

Ichengi Dickson Kalothi

Harshida Chaturbhai Kumbhani

Monica Elaine Love

Amber Marie Mattison, *PTK*

Sarah Grace McVay

April Cherea Miseses, *Cum Laude*

Marjorie Allison Mitchell, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*

Regina Anne Randolph

Courtney Lynn Reeves

Jodi Dale Renigar, *Cum Laude*

Donita Shumere Robinson

Miranda Cheyenne Smith, *PTK*

Ashley Elaine Story

TaShanna Shontrell VanPelt

Chelsea Benson Weaver

David Andrew Wright

Radiologic Technology

Ericka Paige Bell

Kassidi Blaze Jackson

Sarah Melissa McDougal

Getrude Akinyi Ogolla
Abigail J. Williams

Certificate in General Studies

Loren Mackenzie Abram, *PTK, Honors Program*
Alicia Paige Roach-Adams
Rosemary Alexis Alberson
Asia Treshila Anderson
Kimya Sharmiessie Anderson, *PTK*
Amber Nicole Austen, *Summa Cum Laude, Honors Program*
Jasmine Abigail Baker, *PTK*
Tayler Nicole Balentine
Tracy Jean Bledsoe
Dina Kaylee Bradshaw, *PTK*
McKayla Marie Brady*
Laynee Paige Burnett, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Christina Lyn Burnette
Kara Ann Burns*
Colton A. Burt*
Deshia Butler
Katie Elizabeth Caldwell, *Summa Cum Laude*
Alexis Georgia Carson, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Lekeisha S. Carter
Curt Chandler Coleman, *PTK, Honors Program*
Valencia Katayzia Marnique Coleman
Monica Collins
Crandal Colbert Cooper
Patrice A. Crawford, *PTK*
Harlee Anne Criss, *PTK*
Julius Dale
Anna Claire Dallas, *Summa Cum Laude*
Whitney Barrett Daves
Chasity Octavia Davis
Keith Alan Flowers Jr.
Anita Ann Ford
Mary Elizabeth Foster, *Magna Cum Laude**
Faith Erin Fowler*
Caressa Renee' Franklin

Fiona Elizabeth Franks, *PTK**
Kimberly Ann Freeman
Alexis Brianna Goodall*
LaKeisha Renee Goodman
Jennifer Michelle Hall
Brayden Massey Harris*
Jequita Alexandria Diane Harris, *Cum Laude**
Allison Bianca Harrison
Karley Ann Hawk*
Makenzie Louise Helton*
Emily Nicole Herndon*
Abdulrahman Ahmed Hezam
Angela Deree Hill
Jaynee-Claire Hill, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK**
Matthew Dean Hill
Dalton Wayne Holland
Adeva Andriッサ Holliman
Latesha Rochelle Johnson
Caroline Kathan Jones, *PTK**
Jessie Elizabeth Jones, *PTK**
Samuel K. Kamau
Kylie Nichole Keeling, *Cum Laude, PTK**
Harley Marie Kilgore*
Keonna Janay Kirk
Shelby Marie Lambert, *PTK, Honors Program*
Alisha Ann Lisko
Hannah Katheline M. Lovrien
Jacob Andrew Main
Kaylie Elizabeth Malone, *PTK, Honors Program*
Mary Celeste Marrs
Lauren Elizabeth Massey
Sha'miya Symone Mathis
Alexa Lawson May, *PTK*
Jermaine Deshaun McCaster
Thomas K McDaniel
Mary Heustess McElhanon, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK**
Arturo Arellano Mercado
Montana Rae Middleton
Shyra Chrystene Moody*

Gabrielle Murray
Daniel Chase Overholser, *PTK*
Adam Maxwell Padgett
Staley Grace Page, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Macayla Paige Pruitt
Kennedy Shea Reinhart
Sarah Elaine Rendon, *PTK**
Terri Diann Revelle
Logan Alex Richardson, *Summa Cum Laude*
Chairty Kay Sackville
Tiera Jena Lynn Scales
Sarah Katelyn Shaw
James Jerome Smith
Reid Claire Smith
Urbano Soto
Odie E Spencer
Kelsey Ruth Renee Stancel
Destiny Marie Swindle
Gabriela Lisette Tapia
Kenneth Austin Teal*
Darius Devontae Thomas
Jimmy Kevin Thomas
Alyssa Shyanne Trim
Shawna Maria Tucker
Wally Duke Henry Vansandt
William Bradley Vickers
Tia Tiara Walker
Shanta Denise Wallace
Chandler Ray Walton
De'Andria Lanise Warren
Khadijah Necole Wesson
Nyeisha White
Autumn Paige Wigginton
Brittany Nicole Williams
Sunni Alissa Rene Williams
Dylan Heath Willis
Mahaley Nicole Worley*
Aaron Jonathan Wright
Amber Annette Young*

Technical Certificates

Auto Body Repair

Travis Gerard Davis
HaKeem LaMone Fowler
Caleb Franklin Turner

Automotive Service Technology

Richard James
Kristopher Demond Presley
Brian Joseph Waggoner

Cosmetology

Alycia Hampton
Shadriannna Harden
Demarcus Jermaine Hester
Amy Jill McKennon
Gail Randle
Angela L Wilborn, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*

Criminal Justice

Victoria Dawn McClintock
Belinda Gail Yarbrough

Diesel Technology

RaHim Lee Fowler
Markeriun Jaleel Thompson, *PTK*
Caleb Franklin Turner

Drafting and Design

Gary Ray Moore, *PTK*

Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic

Jessica Danielle Hardin
Crystal Monique Prewitt
David Brandon Richardson
Willie Steverson Thomas Jr.

Health Professions

Tamika Lyshella Akins

Bailey Marie Alldredge

Eiman Ali Almintoser, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Kimya Sharmiessie Anderson

Haley B Beck, *Cum Laude*

Kendall Nicole Boydston, *PTK*

Katie Elizabeth Caldwell, *Summa Cum Laude*

Alexis Georgia Carson, *PTK*

Krystal Danielle Casey

Valencia Katayzia Marnique Coleman

Katherine Garner, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Jennifer Michelle Hall

Brittany Dawn Hendrick

Amanda R Higgins, *Cum Laude, PTK*

Angela Deree Hill

Wendy LeslieAnn Hively

Crissy Nicole Jackson

Kassidi Blaze Jackson

Ora Joiner, *Magna Cum Laude*

Britney Michelle Kosloski, *Cum Laude, PTK*

Mary Celeste Marrs

Lauren Elizabeth Massey

Sha'miya Symone Mathis

Alexa Lawson May, *PTK*

Sarah Melissa McDougal

Montana Rae Middleton

Marjorie Allison Mitchell, *PTK*

Getrude Akinyi Ogolla

Chairty Kay Sackville

Miranda Cheyenne Smith

TaShanna Shontrell VanPelt

Caroline Elizabeth Ward, *Magna Cum Laude*

Autumn Paige Wigginton

Dylan Heath Willis, *Cum Laude*

Industrial Equipment Technology

Aaron Thomas Ball, *Cum Laude*

Seth Cole Davis

Jacob Alexander Dunn

Jonathan Christopher Parrish

Bart Bradley Siracuse

Major Appliance Service

Hunter Daniel Gilley

Jeffrey Wayne Jackson

Natavien Lewis Mathis

Christopher Wayne Whitehead

Scott Young

Office Technology

Sylvia Loran Clayborne

Practical Nursing

Corrie Alexandria Bailey

Kenya V. Caldwell

Savannah Brooke Cantwell

Natasha Tenise Ceaser

Kimbra Monique Cobbs

Caitlin Renee Dowdy

Brittnay Dawn Getchell, *Cum Laude*

Chikisha Schlon LaCole Hardaway

Heather Nicole Iglehart

Ashton Nicole Jordan, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kameron DeAnna Luke

Sherrese Nicole McDaniel

Chairty Kay Sackville

James Oscar Sides Jr

Aaron Taylor VanLandingham

Jeremy Glenn Wolfe

Alexandra Elizabeth Woodall

Rachael Devon Wright

Residential Heat & Air Conditioning

Randy Lee Scott

Billy Sherman, Jr., *PTK*

Christopher Wayne Whitehead

Welding Technology

Clinton Artis Jr.

Travion Ar'trell Bailey

Jalen M. Buckley

Aaron Drexell Cole

Joshua E. Coleman

Everett Layke Collins

Raymond Bryce Stirlin Davis

Terry Nicholas Davis

Jeffery Hunter Douglas

Jackson Ellis Dunn

Jacobe Laron Fisher Sr.

Jessie Wayne Gleason

Steve Hughes

Chancelor Talbot Johnson

Dustin Albert Lewis

Dierre Lockhart

Cedric Antonio Murphy

Austin David Randall

Terry Young Rice

Dequan Marquel Smith

Mikael Anthony Tullos

Anniston Mary Vance

Dakota Wayne Vance

Cenesha B. Young

Nartavius Ja'Kuese Young

Certificates of Proficiency

Auto Body Painting and Refinishing

Travis Gerard Davis

HaKeem LaMone Fowler

Kuriarte S. Harris

John Edward Lockett

Devonte Smith

Automotive Service

Richard James

Kristopher Demond Presley

Brian Joseph Waggoner

Commercial Driver Training

Juetterryo Markeyvious Archer

Tamathell Lashell Banks

Michael Darnell Banks

Corey D. Bradley

Jacques Deshun Buchanan

Marcus Lashawn Cartwright

Chadwick Doyle

David Lee Freligh

Adrian Deshaun Gregory

Brian Anthony Haywood

Bobby Lee Jones

Jeremy Donrell Marrs

Joseph Benjamin Martinez

Letoy Quosha Mason

Joshua Miller

Kenneth Norris Jr.

Orlando Edward Patterson

Larry D. Pipkin

Mark Edward Ponder

Michael Lewis Siggers

Robert J. Smith

James Edward Stanley

Brandon B. Stone

Jimmy Loyd Tracy

Ricky Shaquille Wade Sr.
Brandon Darnell Williams
Malcolm Malik Williams
La'Davius M. Wright
Brenton James Zamora

Criminal Justice

Tommy Dale Hampton Jr.
Victoria Dawn McClintock
Belinda Gail Yarbrough

Diesel Technology

Byron Dupree Arnold
Anthony Betts
RaHim Lee Fowler
Hunter James Huggins
Melvin Bernard Hutchieson
Terrance C. Jones
Wyatt Cordale Lace
Anthony McClure
Bruce Smith
Marco DeAndre Smith, *Summa Cum Laude*
Bryon Deshun Turner
Caleb Franklin Turner

Emergency Medical Technology--Basic

Sarah M Brewer
Jesse James Broyles
Cody Ray Clayton
Dennis Ray Clayton
Abbygaile Lane Cook
Tejuana Dillard
David Lee Freligh
Capresha Brashae Green
Rebeccah LeAnne Griffin
Austin Blake Hastings
Harold Y. Holland
William Conner Hubbard
Kyle Scott Jackson

Logan Dale Jarrett
Nora Catherine Lucas
Candace Roni Plunkett
Keaton James Sandage
Shane Allen Taylor
Gabrielle Nicole Turner
Kory Alan Ward
Shalondria Deshay Warren
Terrence Jamal Weaver

Finishing and Cabinet Making

Charles Edward Stegall

Industrial Equipment Technology

Aaron Thomas Ball
Seth Cole Davis
Jacob Alexander Dunn
Terry Young Rice

Medical Professions Education

Kylie Nichole Keeling, *PTK**

Nursing Assistant

Fredricka A. Moore
Brenda Serrano

Refrigeration and Heat Exchange Technology

Jamariss Lamont Lenear
Randy Lee Scott
Billy Sherman Jr., *PTK*
Christopher Wayne Whitehead

Residential Construction

Jerry Leonard Anderson
Charles Edward Stegall

Welding Technology

Clinton Artis Jr
Travion Ar'trell Bailey

Eric Johar M Brandon Jr
Cortavian Brown
Jalen M. Buckley
Everett Layke Collins
Terry Nicholas Davis
Jeffery Hunter Douglas
Jackson Ellis Dunn
Jacobe Laron Fisher Sr.
Dillion D. Graham
Steve Hughes
Donta Leshawn Jones
Dierre Lockhart
Landon Kyle McKnight
Cedric Antonio Murphy
Austin David Randall
Dequan Marquel Smith
Mikael Anthony Tullos
Anniston Mary Vance
Dakota Wayne Vance
Chancellor Bryant Whitby
Ronald Williams
Cenesha B. Young
Nartavius Ja'Kuese Young

*These students are graduating with an Associate of Arts degree, Technical Certificate, Certificate in General Studies, or Certificate of Proficiency from East Arkansas Community College's Concurrent Enrollment program or Secondary Career Center (ESCC) while concurrently enrolled in high school.

Honorary Degrees

EACC awards honorary degrees to individuals who have given outstanding service to the college or to the community (at local, state or national levels). The EACC Board of Trustees developed policies on the awarding of honorary degrees in 1987. The policies require approval by the Board and permit nomination of prospective recipients by any interested individual. Honorary degrees are awarded carefully and with restraint indicating the importance placed upon them. The following individuals have received honorary EACC degrees:

Clarence Bell
Dale Bumpers
Oral Winston Edwards

John W. Mann, Jr.
Otis Parnell Hammons



EACC Board of Trustees

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Academic Costume

The procession of academic regalia is not only vibrant and colorful, it is also deeply historical and symbolic. While it may look like a random mixture of styles and colors, it is not. Each individual gown, hood, and cap or tam combination has a special meaning and is based on guidelines set by the Academic Costume Code.

History: The origins of academic costume go back to medieval European universities, where students and teachers wore gowns reflecting their status and scholastic achievements. American colleges and universities follow a standardized system originally developed in 1895. The code regulating academic costume establishes uniform standards and is administered by an intercollegiate commission. East Arkansas Community College follows the code, with adaptations where appropriate.

Procession: The president leads the commencement procession and may wear a distinctive academic costume unique to her position. Presidential gowns may display a fourth chevron, or velvet bar, on each sleeve. The president may also wear a medallion displaying the college seal.

Members of the Board of Trustees wear distinctive regalia, including a medallion, to reflect their importance to the institution. Trustees' gowns are faced in velvet and have sleeves without velvet bars so the gowns are adaptable to any degree. Trustees are awarded the honor of wearing velvet caps, called tams, in recognition of their status.

Administrators, faculty, and staff wear a variety of regalia reflecting their academic achievement and fields of study, as per the costume code.

Degree candidates participating in the ceremony wear black robes and mortar board caps with tassels, which they switch from right to left after degrees are conferred.

Academic regalia worn by faculty and staff vary based on their level of academic achievement. Each costume is divided into three parts: gown, hood, and cap or tam.

Doctoral gowns have three velvet chevrons on round sleeves cuffed at the wrist. The velvet bars may be black, dark blue, or a color distinctive to the field of learning. The hood draping down the back of the doctoral gown is four feet long and is faced with a five inch velvet strip. It is lined with silk panels in colors representing the doctoral institution and field of study. Those holding a doctorate may wear a mortar board or a velvet tam.

Master's gowns have unadorned oblong sleeves that hang down with an arc near the bottom. The master's hood is three and one half feet long faced with a three inch strip of velvet, and is lined in colors representing the master's institution and field of study.

Bachelor's gowns have long pointed sleeves hanging nearly to the knees. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with a two inch strip of velvet, and may display colors in a manner similar to master's and doctoral gowns.

Associate's gowns or gowns worn by those with professional training or credentials are the same as the bachelor's gown, but worn without a hood.

Colors: Agriculture-Maize; Arts, Letters, Humanities-White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business-Drab; Economics-Copper; Education-Light Blue; Engineering-Orange; Fine Arts, including Architecture-Brown; Forestry-Russet; Journalism-Crimson; Law-Purple; Library Science-Lemon; Medicine-Green; Music-Pink; Nursing-Apricot; Oratory (Speech)-Silver Gray; Pharmacy-Olive Green; Philosophy-Dark Blue; Physical Education-Sage Green; Public Administration, including Foreign Service-Peacock Blue; Public Health-Salmon Pink; Science-Golden Yellow; Social Work-Citron; Theology-Scarlet.

History

The graduating Class of 2020 is the forty-fifth in the history of East Arkansas Community College.

EACC's history began in 1967 with the creation of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute. In the late 1960s, residents of St. Francis County sought to create both a technical school and a community college. Crowley's Ridge Vocational Technical School was created during the development of public postsecondary vocational technical schools in Arkansas. In 1966, the CRTI building was approved for construction by the State Board of Vocational Education, and the building site was donated by the Forrest City Chamber of Commerce. CRTI's first official students were accepted in September 1967. In August 1973, the Arkansas Board of Higher Education approved an election for the establishment of a community college in St. Francis County. On November 8, voters approved the establishment of a community college district and levying of a 4-mill tax to finance construction. Gov. Dale Bumpers appointed nine members to the Board of Trustees, and these members were sworn in on December 13, 1973. An administrative team and faculty were assembled, and on August 26, 1974, classes began in a temporary facility. In December 1974, the Board of Trustees authorized construction of eleven buildings on the present campus. In 1979, EACC received accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and was awarded continued accreditation in 1989, 1999, and 2009. Crowley's Ridge Vocational Technical School was approved by the State Board of Workforce Education to become a technical institute in 1992, and the name changed to Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute.

Over the years, EACC's campus continued to grow with a significant number of major expansion and renovation projects including new classroom buildings, a lecture hall, expansion of the physical education building, and the addition of a Computer Education Center, Learning Resource Center, and the Betty Jo Hodges Student Services Complex, and Technology Center. The Fine Arts Center opened in 2010, the Transportation and Technology Center opened in 2011, and the Allied Health Center opened in January 2013.

During the 91st Regular Session of the Arkansas State Legislature, Act 636 passed allowing a merger between Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute and East Arkansas Community College pending approval of both governing boards and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board. In August 2017, EACC and CRTI merged to become a single institution.

With over 90 years of combined history, the uniquely blended comprehensive community college continues to provide high quality academic, vocational, occupational and technical education in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.