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Mission Statement

The mission of the Black Hawk College East Foundation is to be the primary support partner of the East Campus of Black Hawk College, providing for and carrying on activities that facilitate the growth and development of the East Campus.

It started here

NACTA Judging Conference 2015

Nearly half the states in the union were represented by 1,000 optimistic agriculture student contenders and their coaches this spring when Black Hawk College (BHC) hosted the national NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) Judging Conference April 8-10. The theme for this year's event was "What starts here changes the world, one student at a time."

Precisely 834 contestants from 51 schools in 24 states earned a healthy start on world change by competing individually or in one of 173 teams in a dozen world-class judging categories. Those categories included livestock and horse judging, agriculture communication, computer applications, plant and seed identification, problem solving and other related areas designed for both two- and four-year college students.

Additionally, more than 300 4-H and FFA (Future Farmers of America) youth participated in judging contests and

clinics, an experience faculty members say is invaluable.

Recognizably, an event of this size and influence is not possible without planning and teamwork. During the many months leading up to the conference, partnerships between the college, the BHC East Foundation and national and local business establishments were essential.

"When the ag faculty and Foundation asked for the support of our friends in the business community, we were not disappointed," said Liz Breedlove, executive director of the BHC East Foundation.

Moline's iWireless Center converted its arena into a venue for livestock judging, horse judging and the closing banquet, while classrooms hosted exams, judging seminars and a career fair.

The Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island accommodated the horticulture contest, and an agricultural materials and mechanics contest was held at the John Deere Cylinder Works plant in Moline.

Financial donors stepped up to the plate generously. John Deere was lead sponsor for the event. DeKalb/Asgrow, Farm Credit and Helena Chemical Corporation were major sponsors with Becks Hybrid, Calmer Corn Heads, Nutrena, Patriot Renewable Fuels, Pfister, Vermeer

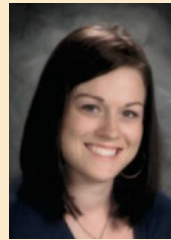
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L to R: Students packaging food for area families; BHC East Campus students preparing arena for livestock judging competition; students practicing plant identification for crop contest.

New Directors

Renee Crabtree
ABCA Representative



Renee Crabtree, Agri-Business Club Alumni treasurer, is a 2007 Black Hawk College ag transfer student. She competed with the 2006 Equine Judging Congress and World Champion team. After transferring to West Texas A&M University, she became a member of their award-winning 2007 Equine Judging Team. She is currently employed by Kewanee Community Schools in their Technology Department. Renee and her husband, Brian, live on an 80-acre rural property where they enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with their energetic son Remington.

David M. Sherrard



David is a retired banker and compliance officer with Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, where he was employed for 23 years. He graduated from Black Hawk College East Campus in 1972 with an Associate of Science degree as part of the agriculture transfer program and from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, in 1975 with his bachelor's degree in business administration. Dave is a professional musician, enjoys playing golf, and is involved with the family farm in rural Cambridge.

Ripple of success

Black Hawk College East Campus honors scholarship recipients, benefactors

Throw a rock in a pond and you'll see ripples. Give a scholarship to an outstanding student, and the ripple expands for years to come. It takes both donor and recipient to initiate and sustain the motion. That's why the Black Hawk College East Foundation honored both those who gave and those who received at its annual scholarship banquet Oct. 28, 2014, at Lavender Crest Winery in Colona, Ill.

Welcoming benefactors, scholarship recipients and their guests, faculty and staff were Steve Spivey, chair of the Black Hawk College East Foundation Board of Directors, and Dr. Lee Weimer, interim vice president for instruction and student services.

It was noted that the combined efforts of administrators, faculty and the staff at East Campus have created a climate of success for each student. In turn, students such as those recognized at the banquet motivate nearly everyone with whom they come in contact.



L to R: Herb Vandersnick, Haley Haverback and Maribeth Vandersnick.

Donors and benefactors make scholarships possible, and scholarships keep the ripple going, offering recognition of success and encouragement to continue. The students who attended detailed how the scholarship monies will help them pursue their career goals, and without exception,

stressed how grateful they were for the financial support.

Carolyn Anderson, benefactor and guest speaker for the Anderson Memorial Scholarship, explained the reasons behind her family's scholarship.

As a graduating high school student, the would-be secretary received a teacher's scholarship to Western Illinois University. Student teaching led her to realize that teaching was her career choice. Five years teaching in a high school classroom evolved into 29 years at the Black Hawk College East Campus.

The Anderson Memorial Scholarship is Carolyn and Lanny Anderson's way of paying it forward and saying thank you to Black Hawk College for the years it was their home away from home. At the same time, it gives them the opportunity to help students financially. The Andersons add to the scholarship every year to keep it growing.

Carolyn Anderson challenged the audience to pay it forward as well. "Establish a scholarship, chip in on an established scholarship, or be creative and do your own thing to help Black Hawk. When you finish your education and become established in your career, remember Black Hawk. You don't have to make a big splash – a small puddle that grows will do," she said.

"Our scholarship benefactors share a practical understanding of and commitment to education and have all invested in it wholeheartedly," said Liz Breedlove, foundation executive director.

At the time of the banquet, the Black Hawk College East Foundation had awarded 83 scholarships totaling \$79,418 to 64 students.

"The deep gratitude expressed by our student scholars and heartfelt words of this year's benefactor speaker truly capture the spirit of this evening and the mission of the college and foundation. On behalf of the BHC East Foundation, we want to thank all of you," Breedlove said.



Seated L to R: Marty and Susan Golby, Janene Blodgett Lourdeau and David Bradbury. Standing L to R: Dan and Deanna Hoge, Jon and Jane Wolf, Judy Kitterman, Lanny and Carolyn Anderson, Bill and Beth Dolieslager, Herb and Mari Beth Vandersnick, John and Brent Colwell and Sharon Deahl.

A message from the Chair of the Board

Dear friends and supporters,

In 1967, a group of Kewanee community leaders organized an effort to bring higher education to the Kewanee and surrounding communities. Their efforts resulted in the formation of the Black Hawk College East Campus and opened the door to higher education with classes offered locally, in the community, and at an affordable cost. To ensure the success of this new and vital community asset, they formed the Black Hawk East College Foundation. Chartered as an Illinois Public Charity and a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code, the East Foundation's initial purpose was to raise funds to purchase the land where the East Campus sits today.



Forty-eight years later, the Foundation continues to support the academic instructional needs of the East Campus, the educational needs of the students on campus, and the communities and citizens served by the East Campus. Our sole purpose is to support the East Campus and its students through scholarships, grants for equipment, and other educational resources. During the past year there have been major changes in the administrative structure of Black Hawk College that have resulted in significant changes at the East Campus. These changes have generated many questions and concerns about the future of the East Campus, the East Foundation and how contributions made to the East Foundation will be used now and in the future.

The East Foundation works with the college in identifying areas of need where the foundation can be of assistance. At the same time, the East Foundation is a separate organization with its own board of directors that is organized and functions independent from the college. The foundation directors have the sole responsibility for determining how and in what manner the east Foundation assets are used to support the East Campus.

As donors, be assured that your donations and assets are secure and will be used only in the manner that you designated. Any gifts that were given with no specific purpose (unrestricted) will also be used only for the benefit of the East Campus and its students as determined by the East Foundation Board of Directors.

Your support for the East Campus has been critical to the success of its students and national prominence of many of its programs. Your continued support is even more important in the future. State and federal support for higher education in general and community colleges in particular continues to decline every year. To compensate for this decline, tuition continues to increase putting a bigger burden on students and their families. It is through your generous gifts that the East Foundation can help close the gap in the cost of education for needy and deserving students and help the East Campus to serve the needs of its service area.

Your donation to the Black Hawk College East Foundation's 2015 Annual Fund will help continue the amazing success stories of everyone who has been a student at the East Campus.

Sincerely,

Steve Spivey, Chair
Black Hawk College East Foundation Board of Directors

P.S. To contribute to the 2015 Annual Fund, simply use the remittance envelope provided or donate online at www.eastfoundation.bhc.edu. Thank you for your kind support!

Year in review: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Agri-Business Club Alumni (ABCA)

It has always been the mission of the ABCA to build a lasting foundation for the ag programs at Black Hawk College. With its numerous achievements this year, the ABCA has done just that. Donations made over the past year included grants and scholarships of \$5,400 for Ag Ambassador shirts (\$300); meals for the Fall Work Experience Banquet (\$900); NACTA tabulation equipment (\$1500); Spring Ag Recognition Banquet awards and expenses (\$2,200) and the establishment of the first Future Alumnus Award Scholarship (\$500), which was awarded to Savannah Speckhart. Funds for these and other programs were made available through proceeds raised at the ABCA annual banquets. The 2015 banquet raised \$10,165 for the benefit of the ag program. The next banquet will be Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016.

The First Annual ABCA Golf Outing was May 30, 2015, at the Kewanee Dunes Golf Club in Kewanee. The golf outing was not only a way to raise money for the BHC Ag Program, but it was also a way to network and give back within the community, generating \$4,300 in net proceeds. The ABCA very much appreciated the donation of half of a beef by Ryan Rieker, Kewanee, for the raffle.

The ABCA also established the endowed ABCA Eldon "Bud" Aupperle Recognition Scholarship which will award its first scholarship in the 2017-18 academic year.

Fall and Spring Scholarship Awards

Nearly \$100,000 in scholarship money was awarded during the 2014-15 academic year, making 76 East Campus students very happy. In the fall, the East Foundation awarded scholarships totaling \$79,418. For the spring semester, another \$20,050 was awarded, making the grand total for the year \$99,468 to 76 students. The East Foundation currently maintains 90 scholarship funds with assets of more than \$2.1 million.

Livestock Judging Alumni Reunion

The annual Livestock Judging Alumni Reunion Banquet both honors and serves. The 2014 event was Nov. 29 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino in East Peoria and honored BHE Livestock Judging Teams from 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 and 2014. The \$11,388 raised served to help fund travel expenses for faculty, coaches and livestock judging teams to compete in the Iowa Beef Expo, the San Antonio Stock Show and the Houston Stock Show. The funds also helped with animal science professor Dan Hoge's trip to the National Jr. Swine Association this past summer.

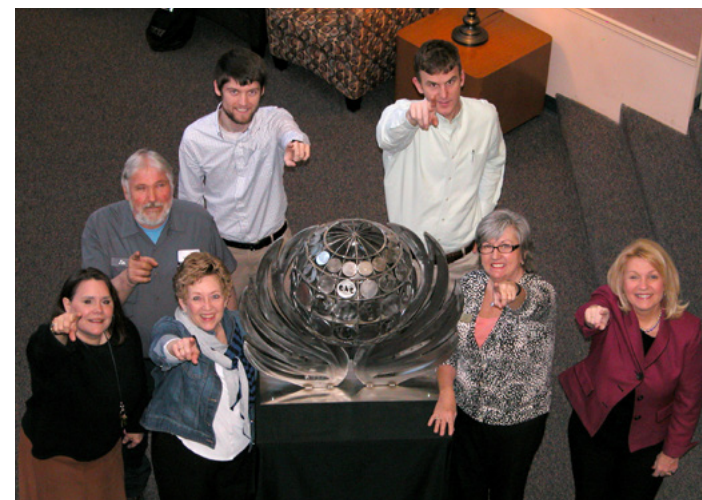
2015 Faculty/Staff Mini-Grants Total Nearly \$10,000

Sometimes a little bit means a lot. The East Foundation was able to award \$9,153 in faculty/staff mini-grants to enrich and expand the learning experience for hundreds of students in FY15. These awards funded the following: a history trip to the Holocaust Museum in Chicago for the History Department; 12 anti-gravity Levitron devices for the "scientific method" lab for the Science Department; a "real image" optical illusion for science shows for the Science Department; an electronic scoring system for ag judging events for the Agriculture Department; a self-serve kiosk for student scheduling of advising appointments for the Advising Department; spinal cord models and sponge diorama for the Science Department; and a business class etiquette seminar for the Business Department. Since 2010 the East Foundation has granted a total of \$34,153 for the mini-grants.

e4e Campaign

What happens on the East Campus stays on the East Campus, especially where the e4e (Employees for Education) Employee Giving Campaign is concerned. Thanks to the generous support of current and retired employees, the East Foundation Board of Directors and BHC trustees, \$9,154 was raised through the 2015 e4e campaign. Of that amount, \$8,189 was earmarked for "The Brink" outdoor sculpture, with the remaining \$965 dedicated to scholarships. More than \$17,568 has been raised for the sculpture. Thanks to all who contributed! Special thanks to the 2015 e4e Committee members for their tremendous efforts in coordinating this year's campaign.

In total, \$90,689 has been raised through the East Foundation's employee giving campaigns since 2006.



2014-15 e4e Committee L to R front: Doris Strand, Linda Simmons, Jimalee Driscoll and Liz Breedlove. In back L to R: Jim Findley, Andrew Mansheim and Drew Cotton, chair. Missing from photo are Vashti Berry, Ray Jacobs and Sharon Smith.

New Welding & Skilled Trades Center

Will make you want to be a welder!

Mark Washburn, East Campus welding instructor, said he's just elated by the new Welding and Skilled Trades Center as he celebrated its open house in January 2015. Mayor Bruce Tossel represented the city of Kewanee and said he was so taken by the new industry-standard center, "(It) makes me want to learn the skill of welding."

The 15,000-square-foot building has a virtual welding lab, a welding lab, project lab, cutting lab, machine room, two classrooms, three faculty offices and a commons area. The 3,700-square-foot welding lab was built to American Welding Society standards and contains 24 welding booths with MIG, ATIG and stick-welding capabilities. The project lab is large enough to accommodate vehicles.

The \$4 million dollar project was funded by 2012 bond funds, and the land was donated by the city of Kewanee.

Martin Engineering, headquartered in Neponset, IL, generously donated funds toward the purchase of one of two Miller LiveArc virtual welders for the center.

"The Miller LiveArc virtual welder is a very good tool to practice all the parameters needed for welding, all of which require fine motor skills, without using any consumables or risk burning of the eyes. With this type of practice on the virtual welder, a student can become a pretty good welder before going into the booth to make an actual weld. In addition, the virtual welder can be used to actually weld material and will score the students' technique," Washburn said.

In addition, two friends of the college, Jack and Anne Koepke of Creative Application Products in Kewanee, donated a Pro Weld drawn arc stud welding system and a Pro Weld capacitor discharge 5/16 unit. The stud welders weld studs to metal without creating a hole in the product. This is used in items that need to be explosion-proof or water-tight.

It started here, continued...

and Wyffels sponsoring contests for the event. Many other businesses also cosponsored specific contests. (A full listing of NACTA sponsors is included on page 7.)

Also representing John Deere was keynote speaker Cory J. Reed, senior vice president for the company's Intelligent Solutions Group. During the closing banquet Reed presented his insight on the future of technology in agriculture. He is responsible for the growth and planning of Deere's Intelligent Solutions Group and leads the company's efforts to develop strategies for delivering innovative technology solutions and data that result in agronomic and productivity insights.

True to the conference theme, change began right in the midst of events, as student contestants volunteered to assemble nearly 50,000 U.S.-ingredient meals that were distributed to families,

"The generous private support received from Martin Engineering and the Koepkes is greatly appreciated as they have made these welding applications possible at the new center," said Liz Breedlove, executive director of the East Foundation. The BHC Welding & Skilled Trades Center includes state-of-the-art technology, but it still has a need for a robotic welder.

"Used extensively in the industry, all major plants have robotic welding. If students can program and operate the robotic welder, they can virtually get a job anywhere," Washburn said. Robotic welders cost more than \$75,000, but private support can help make this purchase possible. To contribute to the purchase of this or other equipment, please contact Liz Breedlove at 309-854-1715 or breedlove@bhc.edu.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that welders have a bright job outlook in coming years, projecting a 15 percent growth rate in the number of welder positions through 2020, slightly higher than the average for all occupations. The BLS estimates that an additional 50,000 welding positions will be added during the decade.



The Black Hawk College Welding and Skilled Trades Center is located across the parking lot from the Black Hawk College Community Education Center in Kewanee, IL.

including those in the Black Hawk College district, who rely on the River Bend Foodbank in Davenport, Iowa.

Students were invited to get a glimpse of future options at a Networking Fair sponsored by Pfister Seeds. Eleven of the region's leading employers helped contestants explore the agriculture industry and pursue a career or education in the field.

Andrew Larson, professor and Agriculture Department co-chair at the time of the conference, summed it up this way, "Not only were our students able to participate at a national agricultural event, but it exposed them to the value of higher education in agriculture. Overall, the collegiate coaches and participants were impressed with the caliber and quality of the event."

Thank you to the following contributors for your generous support in providing Black Hawk College East Campus with resources to offer quality education and learning opportunities from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Please accept our sincere apologies if we inadvertently missed or misspelled your name, and be sure to let us know of the error.

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