283 NCATE Institutions Share NCATE’s 50th Anniversary

The Eastern Illinois University College of Education and Professional Studies is among 282 other Institutions who have been nationally accredited for 50 years. Eastern received its accreditation in 1954. At that time the University was known as Eastern Illinois State College.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education is dedicated to improving P–12 student learning by improving the quality of educator preparation. NCATE establishes high and rigorous standards for preparation programs, holds accredited institutions accountable for meeting these standards, and encourages unaccredited schools to demonstrate the quality of their programs by working for and achieving professional accreditation. NCATE accreditation makes a difference. It operates as a lever of reform for schools of education.

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Conferences:

56th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics, October 14-16, 2004

15th Annual Literature Conference, October 21-22, 2004

25th Annual History Teachers Conference, October 28, 2004

Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute, November 14 -18, 2004

Holiday Inn, Decatur, Illinois

Activities:

Special Olympics—September 18 LakeLand College

Alumni Events—see alumni page

Career Services—see department page
Gayle Shepherd is the new Director of the Reading Center. She holds a Specialist’s Degree in Education. Ms. Shepherd recently retired from her position in Cumberland Unit District #77 where she taught full-time. As Director of the Reading Center she works toward maintaining the high level of service that the Reading Center has always provided in the past. The Reading Center is open to all students. Computers are available to type papers, study, or access a practice Illinois Basic Skills Test. While walk-ins are allowed, making an appointment is preferred. Ms. Shepherd came to Eastern Illinois University because she was not ready to get out of education entirely. She has a daughter, son-in-law, and 2 grandchildren, who live in the Quad cities. Not only is she the director of the Reading Center, Ms. Shepherd also teaches MLE 3110, Curriculum and Instruction in Middle Level School. She plans to share experiences and motivate pre-service teachers.
Faculty News:
Spotlight on New Faculty

Dr. Lucia Schroeder - Elementary Education

Dr. Lucia Schroeder is another new member of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Dr. Schroeder comes to Eastern Illinois University from Northern Minnesota. She is no stranger to Illinois having previously taught at Mercy High School in Chicago. This new position also allows her to be close to her family. Her office is located within the Reading Center; however she is not directly affiliated with the Center. Dr. Schroeder holds a PhD in Elementary Education and currently teaches ELE 4770 Methods and Curriculum in primary grades, ELE 3280 Developmental Reading in the Elementary School and ELE 5600 Diagnosis of Reading Problems. Dr. Schroeder is getting used to her new surroundings and wants students to see her class as interesting and informative. In one of her most recent projects she is also working on a chapter for a Special Education book tentatively titled “There’s Room for Everybody”.

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NEW FACULTY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT TEACHING AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

The Department of Student Teaching and Clinical Experiences is proud to welcome three new faculty to the department this year. Dean Tucker, former principal of Charleston High School, joins us as a part-time student teaching coordinator in the Charleston area. Dave Stimac, an EIU graduate and former principal and human resources director in Danville, is supervising student teachers in the Danville area. Carol Hubbartt, also an EIU graduate and a former principal from Chatham, IL, is supervising student teachers in the Springfield area. We are pleased to have these experienced educators join our staff.
Students News:

Spotlight on . . .

Elyse Lyons - Interim Coordinator of Education Abroad

For anyone who is interested in traveling and studying outside of the United States, the New Interim Coordinator of Education Abroad Elyse Lyons is the person to talk to. Elyse recently finished an Internship where she traveled in Ireland and throughout the United Kingdom. She spent 8 weeks living with a host family and other international students from various countries. She worked at Dublin City University (DCU) in Ireland in their International Education office. This was an atmosphere she was used to, having worked in the International Office at Eastern for the past 3 years. While at DCU she designed and created a handbook for American Students who may be interested in coming to the University. She conducted site visits on the weekend to several Universities and learned about their education system and programs. She stayed in contact with her Instructor through the Internet and WebCT. Not only was this experience memorable but it has allowed her to have numerous contacts within international schools. For anyone who would like more information about the Education Abroad Program, please contact Elyse Lyons at (217) 581-2321 or emlyons1@eiu.edu

"This past Summer internship in Ireland was an experience that allowed me to explore my own independence and heritage in ways that I could never do if I stayed in the United States. I met wonderful people from all around the world that taught me interesting perspectives on many issues, especially within the field of higher education. I know that what I learned those eight weeks abroad will stay with me for a long time to come."—Elyse Lyons
Career Services

Career Services offers assistance to students in: choosing a major and/or career options; career library resources; workshops/seminars on effective resume/cover letter writing, interviewing skills, and job search techniques; on-campus interviews; 4-5 career fairs hosted yearly; and online registration placing resumes on the web for referrals to employers. Career services is currently located in the Universities new Human Services Building. This new building has given students and recruiter easy access to our facilities. This allows Eastern students to be well prepared and demonstrates to recruiters that Eastern Illinois University is top on the list when looking for potential employees.

Upcoming Workshops and Events in Career Services

RESUME BLITZ
Monday October 25
3:00-6:00
Career Services
1301 Human Services Bldg.

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP
Monday, November 1
6:00 p.m
Career Services
2nd Floor Buzzard Computer Lab
2445

INTERVIEW TIPS WORKSHOP
Wednesday, November 3
6:00 p.m
2441 Buzzard

RESUME BLITZ
Monday November 8
3:00-6:00
Career Services
1301 Human Services Bldg.

Fall Education Job Fair
Wednesday, November 10
9:30-2:30
Grand Ballroom- Union

For more information, contact
Career Services, Ph: 581-2412
1301 Human Services
SEPTEMBER 18 - ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY VS. EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Watch the EIU Panthers take on the ISU Redbirds at Hancock Stadium in Bloomington, Illinois.
TAILGATE TENT: 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(brats, hot-dogs and hamburgers will be served)
GAME: 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 18, 2004
Hancock Stadium, Bloomington
Tickets are $15 each (Tailgate Tent and Stadium Pass)
To purchase tickets online, visit:
http://www.eiu.onlinecommunity.com/cgi-any/reg_event.dll/show?sitename=eiu&template=event_main.htm&type=event_reg
Or call, 1-800-ALUM-EIU
SEPTEMBER 25 - WINE TASTING AND RECEPTION
Join fellow EIU alumni for a reception and wine tasting at the GenKota Winery in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.
GenKota Winery
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, September 25, 2004
To RSVP online, visit:
http://www.eiu.onlinecommunity.com/cgi-any/reg_event.dll/show?sitename=eiu&template=event_main.htm&type=event_reg
Or call, 1-800-ALUM-EIU
OCTOBER 15-17
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Friday, October 15, 2004: Class of 1954 Reunion Dinner
Saturday, October 16, 2004: Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 16, 2004: Tent City
Saturday, October 16, 2004: Football Game vs. Murray State
Saturday, October 16, 2004: Alumni Awards Dinner
OCTOBER 29-31
BLACK ALUMNI REUNION
For more info, visit: http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/text/reunion.html
Watch your mailbox and check our web site http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/text/events.html for more information on these and other upcoming events in your area.
For questions, call 800-ALUM-EIU (800-258-6348) or e-mail alumeiu@eiu.edu.
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