

Scholarship Recognition Banquet

The Black Hawk College East Foundation honored both those who gave and those who received at its annual scholarship recognition banquet Oct. 4, 2011, at the Homestead in Woodhull.

Speaking at the event were Liz Breedlove, executive director of the Black Hawk College East Foundation; Steve Spivey, president of the Black Hawk College East Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. R. Gene Gardner, then Black Hawk College president; Chanda Dowell, vice president for East Campus; and Janene Blodgett Lourdeau, board member of the Black Hawk College East Foundation.

In addition, David Bradbury, benefactor of the David Bradbury Scholarship, encouraged students to "Learn, Earn and Return." He told of his family background, growing up with the importance of education stressed. He funded his education with part-time jobs, loans and benefactor scholarships. He was one of the first nine faculty members hired for the East Campus, and he taught English and related courses for 31 years before retiring in 1999.

Thirty-eight recipients shared what receiving a scholarship meant to them as well as their plans for the future. The benefactors and scholarship representatives in attendance also were introduced and recognized.



Front row (L-R): Taylor Wilkinson of Wyoming; Carrie Horsley of Galva; and Amanda Oldfield of Atkinson.
Back row (L-R): Joshua Stahl of LaFayette; and Jon Heaton of Toulon.



Front row (L-R): Judy Kitterman, Connie Johnson, Wally Denzer, Carolyn Anderson, David Bradbury, Beth Dolieslager and Deanna Hoge.
Back row (L-R): Janene Blodgett Lourdeau, Sharon Deahl, Norm Johnson, Lanny Anderson, Neil Johnson, Bill Dolieslager and Dan Hoge.



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Boot Scootin' Barn Dance & BBQ

There may have been a lot of horsing around at the first ever Boot Scootin' Barn Dance & BBQ, but the evening raised a serious amount of funds in support of equine scholarships for Black Hawk College East Campus. Sponsored by the Black Hawk College East Foundation, the Oct. 22, 2011, fundraising event at the East Campus Ag Arena raised more than \$56,000 for new endowed and annual scholarships. In addition to funds raised by sponsorships and ticket sales, the live and silent auction events raised nearly \$15,000.

Funds raised at the event will establish three fully endowed equine scholarship funds: The Peoples National Bank of Kewanee Endowed Equine Scholarship, the Verlin and Joan Jackson Foundation Endowed Equine Scholarship and the Equine Endowed Scholarship Fund. These funds will be invested for two years, and then the earnings will be used to award their first scholarships in the 2014-15 academic year.

In addition, three annual scholarship funds were established: the Cargill Equine Scholarship which will award two \$1,000 scholarships for a total of five years and two Verlin and Joan Jackson Equine Scholarships, which will each award a \$500 scholarship for a total of two years. The first awards for all four annual scholarships were presented for the 2012-13 academic year.

Highlights of the event included: photographs with popular Black Hawk College horses, two-step and line-dancing lessons, live and silent auctions, a real Texas barbeque dinner by Hickory River Smokehouse of Peoria, and a live dance with music by Southern Cross Band.

"We are so grateful for the generous financial and volunteer support received from individual and business sponsors, members of the Black Hawk College community, equine industry and community at large," said Liz Breedlove, executive director. "I applaud those who had a part in creating new endowed and annual scholarships for students enrolled in the Black Hawk College East Campus Equine Program. Their investment in higher education will pay great dividends for many years to come."



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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.

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Joe Orwig

Joe Orwig is a resident of Toulon, Ill., and has been married to wife Karin for seven years. They have four children and three stepsons. Joe was a 12-year member of the Stark County School Board and current member and former president of the Black Hawk College East Campus Agri-Business Club Alumni. He has been an auctioneer since 1982 and is currently the president of the Illinois State Auctioneers Association.



Joe is also the ambassador for the state of Illinois for the National Auctioneers Association. He is a licensed real estate broker, a contract ringman for Ritchie Bros. Auctions, and has attained the Certified Machinery and Equipment Appraisers certification. Joe is the lead auctioneer for Benefit Auction Events. In his spare time, Joe officiates and coaches football and baseball and spends time with his family.

Dennis Aupperle

ABCA Representative

Dennis R. Aupperle, president of the Agri-Business Club Alumni, graduated from Black Hawk College East Campus in 1975 with an associate degree in agricultural business. Dennis is the grain merchandiser at Big River Resources Galva LLC. He has been involved in farming and the grain industry for more than 30 years. He was president of the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois for 2002-03. Dennis and his wife Cindy live in Princeville, Ill., and have four children: Jon, 28, and his wife Bere, are missionaries in Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico; Erin, 27, (husband Derek Stewart) is a sixth grade math teacher in Washington, Ill.; Clayton, 24, 793 project engineer at Caterpillar; and Allison, 21, is a senior at Illinois State University majoring in Spanish education.



Year in Review: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Scholarship Awards

The Foundation awarded 81 scholarships totaling \$83,283 to 64 student recipients for the 2011-12 academic year. In order to be considered for a scholarship, students must complete the Stars Online application listing their GPA, honors and activities along with responding to essay questions. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Janene Blodgett Lourdeau, based their selection on these items. Some awards are based on financial need while others are based on specific criteria such as area of study or extracurricular activity. The East Foundation established five new endowed scholarships and three new annual scholarships this past fiscal year:

Endowed Scholarships (principal is invested; only the interest can be used)

- Peoples National Bank of Kewanee Endowed Equine Scholarship
- Verlin and Joan Jackson Foundation Endowed Equine Scholarship
- Equine Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Robert and Jean Wolf Memorial Scholarship
Horse Judging Team
- Frank Gerard and Tom Naughtin Memorial Scholarship
Liberal Arts & Sciences Transfer Student

Annual Scholarships:

- Cargill Equine Scholarship – five years
- Verlin and Joan Jackson Foundation Equine Scholarship
Horse Judging Team – two years
- Verlin and Joan Jackson Foundation Equine Scholarship
Horse Show Team – two years

Currently, the East Foundation maintains 76 scholarship funds: 54 endowed; five annual; and 16 flow-through. The Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to all of the generous benefactors who have made these scholarships possible.

e4e Employee Giving Campaign

The e4e (Employees for Education) Employee Giving Campaign raised \$11,990 in support of a campus fitness trail and Building A entrance landscaping, as well as scholarships. This represents an 8.6 percent increase of funds over the 2011 e4e Campaign. East Campus employees, Black Hawk College district and retired employees, East Foundation board members and Black Hawk College trustees contributed to this year's campaign.

"This support is a testament to their commitment to higher education and pride in the East Campus, for which the East Foundation is very grateful," Liz Breedlove said.



Installation of the 2011 e4e front entrance landscaping.

Prairie Pointe Apartments

After a year of full occupancy, Prairie Pointe Apartments had an active summer season as well. Once students moved out of their apartments, cleaning crews and contractors were quick to move in. These groups not only gave the apartments their annual thorough cleaning, but also replaced flooring in six apartments of the B Quad. In addition, the building also received new siding on the southwest side due to hail damage, mechanical upgrades, and changes to the electric and gas systems to reduce costs. Additional plans for Prairie Pointe Apartments include a new parking lot – constructed by the college – to ease parking congestion for students, staff and faculty, and to provide overnight parking for Prairie Pointe residents.

Livestock Judging Alumni Reunion

The second annual Livestock Judging Alumni Reunion was Nov. 26, 2011, at the Par-a-Dice Hotel and Casino in Peoria. Jennifer Shike, member of the 1988 Livestock Judging Team, provided introductory remarks. Faculty members Dan Hoge, Lee Denzer and Brian Arnold introduced honorees for the evening, which included the 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2011 teams. The event raised more than \$7,600 in support of the Black Hawk College Livestock Judging Team at the East Campus. Over the past two years, the event has raised more than \$18,600. Proceeds from the 2011 banquet funded student and coach expenses for the San Antonio Stock Show and the Purdue Block and Bridle Contest.

Dave Lapan Golf Outing

The eight annual Dave Lapan Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing was Aug. 14, 2011, at the Kewanee Dunes Golf Course. The event included a 4-Player Scramble, with special hole prizes, a silent auction and a meal. The 2011 golf outing, which raised more than \$5,800, directly benefits the endowed Dave Lapan Scholarship Fund. With interest earnings, the Dave Lapan Scholarship Fund currently has a market value of more than \$44,000, largely due to this annual golf event. The first endowed athletic scholarship established at East Campus, this fund assists male and female student athletes with tuition, fees, books and housing expenses. Three scholarships were awarded from the endowed Dave Lapan Memorial Scholarship funds for 2011-12, with a total of 10 scholarships awarded for women's volleyball, men's basketball and women's basketball student athletes through June 30, 2012. The 2012 golf outing will be highlighted in the FY13 Building Foundations newsletter.



Dave Lapan
Former East Campus athletic director and coach

GED Test Fee Scholarship

For individuals who have not completed high school, the GED is an important credential, according to David Harris, coordinator of the Black Hawk College Community Education Center (CEC). "It is a stepping stone to employment and to success in college. The college offers GED Preparation classes at the CEC but for many students, the \$50 GED testing fee is a significant barrier. The BHC East Foundation is helping students get this credential through the GED Test Fee Scholarship, thereby eliminating this financial barrier. The scholarships will be awarded to CEC students with a financial need and a demonstrated ability to pass the entire GED test. Perhaps as important, the scholarship will help motivate students to complete their studies for all five sections of the test. Your donation to support this scholarship will be doing double duty," Harris said. The Black Hawk College East Foundation invites you to help students gain their GED by supporting the GED Test Fee Scholarship.



Linda Martinez-Rivera, 2011 GED graduate

ABCA Supports Ag Department

The Agri-Business Club Alumni (ABCA) Board of Directors is honored to contribute financially to the growing Ag Department at the East Campus. Over the past year the ABCA has been able to make donations totaling \$2,500 to this vital program. Those items included \$950 Farm Progress Show (student travel expenses); \$500 Black Hawk College East Campus Invitational participant awards; \$800 band fee for the Boot Scootin' Barn Dance & BBQ (equine scholarship fundraiser); and most recently \$250 for an Ag Department Student Award Recognition Plaque to be displayed in the Game Room. These items were given through requests made by the ABCA faculty representatives. The ABCA board has committed to contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the Ag Department in FY 2013 through funds raised at the Annual Banquet in February 2012.

Faculty/Staff Mini-Grants

The East Foundation awarded \$1,800 in supplies and materials for the 2012 Science Fest on March 23, 2012, at the East Campus. In its second year, this event was designed to inspire junior and seniors in high school to consider science as a career choice by exposing them to the physical sciences taught at the East Campus. In addition, more than \$4,600 was awarded for the following faculty/staff mini-grants: a new Bridges to Campus program to help GED students become successful BHC postsecondary students; Project Prune for tools utilized by students enrolled in the Horticulture Program; new sound system for Music Appreciation classes; and royalties for the 2012 student theater production, "Heaven and Hell (On Earth): A Divine Comedy."

CNA Scholarships

The East Foundation has awarded scholarships to deserving Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students through its CNA Scholarship and Barbara J. Curran Golby Memorial Scholarship funds. Yet, the Foundation has been unable to meet the demand for these scholarships. "There is a need for Certified Nursing Assistants in the immediate area, however, lack of funding has been cited as a main reason students are unable to take the course," according to Cheryl Ballantyne, RN, BSN, coordinator of the CNA Program. "I get many calls from students looking for a source of financial help. This type of education is very important for those needing to gain steady employment in a short amount of time. CNAs are employed by hospitals, nursing homes, home health care, hospice and other care agencies." Continued financial support of these scholarships can assist a greater number of students enroll in the program at the Black Hawk College Continuing Education Center in Kewanee.



Spring 2012 CNA class
Front row far right: Chandra Galli, Barbara J. Curran Golby CNA Scholarship recipient
Back row far right: Chessa Griffith, CNA Scholarship recipient