

Professor emeritus Ken Maguire was inducted April 22, 2016, into the Black Hawk College East Foundation [Wall of Fame](#) in a ceremony at the college's East Campus south of Kewanee.



The [Wall of Fame](#) represents individuals and organizations that have made Black Hawk College East Campus the quality higher education institution it is today.

As one of six original East Campus faculty members hired in 1967, Maguire devoted 36 years as a professor of liberal arts and science, teaching U.S. government, sociology, anthropology and other history courses to thousands of students.

Students and faculty peers describe him as one of the best lecturers at the college. Maguire also served as chair of the Liberal Arts and Science Department for 13 years, interim dean of instruction, and chaired two North Central Association Accreditation studies.

He was a major influence on the athletic programs at the East Campus as co-coach of the first women's basketball team and founder of the Black Hawk East Booster Club in 1973. He also was co-founder and first president of the Arrowhead Athletic Conference.

Maguire is a longtime member of the Kewanee Elks Club and served as chairman of the Kewanee Human Relations Committee.

At the April 22, 2016, [Wall of Fame](#) induction ceremony, Maguire received tributes from professor emeritus Steve Sams who retired in 2003 with Maguire; BHC alumnus Brock Tumbleson of Schueneman & Tumbleson Funeral Home; BHC alumna RaeAnn Tucker, director of health promotion for the Henry & Stark County Health Departments; and Dr. Dennis Gerleman of Gerleman Chiropractic Clinic and president of the Illinois Elks

Association.

Through his dedication and leadership, Maguire was instrumental in the growth and development of the Black Hawk College East Campus. He and his wife Cathy have generously supported the college through the Black Hawk College East Foundation.

To honor Maguire for his outstanding career and contributions to higher education, the foundation established the Ken Maguire Liberal Arts & Sciences Scholarship. It will provide financial assistance to East Campus liberal arts and science transfer students for many years to come.

More than \$22,000 has been raised for the scholarship in cash and pledges, including a generous donation from Ken and Cathy Maguire.

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