



**Black Hawk College  
75th Anniversary  
October 19, 2021**



## Letter from the President

Seventy-five years sounds like a long time. But, ask someone who has lived that long and they will tell you it passes in the blink of an eye. It's true as well for an institution that is one of the foundations of the community – Black Hawk College. The pages that follow give a brief history of the origins, the persistence and the legacy of a uniquely American form of higher education – the community college. That is important but, it is the people – students, faculty, staff and trustees – who embody the life of a college. Black Hawk College exists, today and tomorrow to serve our community.



Some institutions brag about the number of potential students they exclude from their ranks. That's not us. We judge our success by the students who persist, achieve their goals and complete their education, and find their career. Our students come from all backgrounds and every walk of life. As an open-access college, a college of the community we serve, we welcome everyone who desires to better themselves and the world around them.

For three quarters of a century, we have invited the recent high school graduate, the veteran, the immigrant learning English with a desire to attend a university, and the adult with a job and a family who can see a path to a better life through higher education to come to Black Hawk College to realize their dreams. These are not easy paths, nothing worthwhile ever is. But in 2021, like our predecessors in 1946, we stand ready to serve our community now and for the next 75 years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. A. Wigness". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the first letter.

## Black Hawk College History

In the 1940s, an entire country had turned its attention to a war half a world away. Young American GIs shipped out to Europe and the Pacific. Parents, brothers, sisters, wives and girlfriends said goodbye, not knowing if this was the last time they would see their loved ones. Each tear shed carried with it fear and hope.

The war was eventually won and soon thousands of soldiers would be coming home. Quad-City community leaders realized the GIs would need training and education to move from soldier to productive citizen. In 1946, Moline Community College was founded to provide education and training to World War II veterans. The college was organized into three divisions – Moline Cooperative Extension of the University of Illinois, Terminal Course Division to provide career training, and Adult Education Division geared toward personal enrichment. The nation recovered from the war years, and the Quad-Cities enjoyed prosperity and growth during the 1940s and 1950s. As households became more prosperous, higher education and career training became possible for more people.

Moline Community College became Black Hawk College in 1961, and it was the first county-wide junior college in Illinois. The college became part of the Illinois state system of higher education in 1965 with the passage of the Illinois Public Junior College Act.

With this membership came the Black Hawk College commitment to continue its mission of service to transfer, career and Adult Education opportunities.



As the decade of the 1960s grew older, turbulent times spread across the nation. The war in Vietnam grew unpopular, and many college campuses were sites of protests and violence. Despite national turmoil, Black Hawk College continued to grow, and the citizens recognized that it was an important part of the western Illinois community. Expansion to Kewanee, Illinois, occurred in 1967 when classes were offered at the Kewanee National Guard Armory and the Kewanee High School. Demand exceeded expectations and plans for a campus near Kewanee were developed. The Black Hawk College East Campus was opened in 1971 at its present site five miles south of Kewanee.

The two campuses – Quad-Cities in Moline and East near Kewanee – operated separately from 1971-89. The college petitioned the North Central Association to unify the campuses in 1986, and the Illinois Community College Board approved the request for the college to become one college with two campuses in 1989.

Today, Black Hawk College serves Illinois Community College District 503, an area that includes all or part of nine counties in western Illinois from the Quad-Cities east to Kewanee and south to Wyoming, Illinois. The college serves nearly 20,000 transfer, career and Adult Education students each year. It is difficult to find a citizen of District 503 whose life has not benefited from Black Hawk College.



## **Mission**

Our mission is to inspire students, develop talent  
and strengthen communities.

## **Vision**

Our vision is to prepare learners to live and work in  
diverse global communities through the relentless pursuit of  
student success, innovation and educational excellence.

## **Core Values**

### **Caring and Compassion**

*We advocate being kind, considerate, and empathic as we work  
toward our collective and separate goals.*

### **Fairness**

*We promote consistency and evenhandedness in our policies,  
procedures, and dealings with others.*

### **Honesty**

*We advocate being truthful, sincere, and candid in all aspects of our  
daily activities.*

### **Inclusion and Diversity**

*We value the inclusion of all individuals and celebrate their unique  
attributes, characteristics, and perspectives.*

### **Integrity**

*We promote being trustworthy, honorable, and consistent with our  
values in our interactions with others; we do the right thing even  
when it is not popular or easy.*

### **Respect**

*We treat others with positive regard and esteem.*

### **Responsibility**

*We are accountable, dependable, and reliable as we follow  
through on our commitment to teaching excellence, student learning,  
and service to others.*



In May 1969, Black Hawk College adopted the official college seal. The focal point of the seal is the “Y” or large fork, and it symbolizes the up-reaching spirit. A flame appears at the top of the design representing knowledge, specifically the knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences programs. The philosopher’s sign is positioned on the left representing the human intellect that is present in adults who participate in continuing education. On the right is the chemical sign for basic metals, representing vocational and technical education. The Latin phrase “Collegium Pro Populo” appropriately translates as “College for the People.” The year the College was founded, 1946, was added to the seal in the early 1970s.

# **Event Program**

**Welcome | Tim Wynes, President**

**Comments from the Board of Trustees | Fritz Larsen, Chair**  
Proclamations

**Singing of the college song | BHC choir**

**Student poetry contest winners | Heather Bennett, Administrative Assistant**  
Reading | Zayne Olson  
Reading | Joseph Smith

**Alumni speaker | Paul Rumler, Class of 1999**

**Alumni speaker | Alejandra Martinez, Class of 2017**

**Celebrating 75 years – Time capsule opening and dedication**

The founding of Black Hawk College | Dorothy Beck, Professor Emerita  
and Trustee Emerita

Opening of the 1969 time capsule | Ashtin Trimble, Director of Library Services  
Dedication of the 2021 time capsule | Tim Wynes, President

**Looking forward**

Black Hawk College Forever Scholarship | Zenaida Landeros, Executive Director,  
Quad-Cities Foundation and Danielle Williams, Executive Director,  
East Foundation

A look to the future | Aubrie Mozingo

**Closing remarks | Tim Wynes**

*Reception to follow featuring the Black Hawk College Jazz Band conducted by  
Corey Kendrick.*

*Free admission to the BHC Braves volleyball game at 6 p.m.  
in the gym in Building 3.*



# Black Hawk College School Song

In the valley, on the prairie,  
In our cities and our towns,  
Black Hawk College calls to those who look  
Toward futures not yet known.

Those whose hopes lead to exploring  
Opportunities to learn  
In our classrooms and on farmsteads  
As paths of knowledge turn.

Students challenge old assumptions  
And sharpen new-found skills,  
Finding strength to keep on growing  
In a world that can't stand still.

As we look toward brighter futures  
We reflect upon our past  
Where our dreams and skills were nurtured  
From the first day to the last.

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*This version was developed over the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters.  
Its premiere performance was Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the Black Hawk College  
Board of Trustees meeting. It was performed by the BHC Chamber Singers as  
directed by Jon Palomaki with Christine Engebrecht accompanying on piano.*

*Words by Professor Emerita Dorothy Beck and Professor Emeritus Paul Cioe  
Music by Gustav Holst ("Thaxted" public domain)  
Music arranged by Professor Dr. C. Edgar Crockett  
Edited by Professor Jon Palomaki*

## **Black Hawk College Forever Scholarship**

Much has changed over the last 75 years but one constant has been the dedication of Black Hawk College faculty and staff to deliver high-quality instruction and a great student experience. As our future unfolds, that same dedication will continue to make Black Hawk College a great choice for the students of the next 75 years. Black Hawk College employees, retirees, Foundation board members, trustees and community members have come together to establish the ***Black Hawk College Forever Endowed Scholarship***.

The Black Hawk College Foundation from East Campus and Quad-Cities Campus set out to commemorate the colleges milestone by creating an endowed scholarship. By meeting the \$10,000 goal at both Foundations, these scholarships will help students on each campus. A very special thank you to every individual who made this campaign a success. Your contribution made a difference and you will forever be a part of our history.

**THANK YOU!**

# BHC Forever Scholarship Donors

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Tim Wynes

### Retirees

Janene Blodgett  
Carla Hillman  
Linda Simmons

# Black Hawk College Student Poetry Contest

## *What Education Means To Me*

by Zayne Olson  
East Campus student

Education is meant to be a mutual understanding  
Something meant for everybody standing  
An opportunity that foes can't oppose us  
This isn't something that we can discuss  
My education is just as important  
My mind is just as absorbent  
As the guy sitting right there  
In that chair  
We both know what we want to be  
Give us that opportunity so that we can be free  
I already know what path I want to go  
My education will just help me grow  
Help me become the person I want to be  
Now do you all see?  
That's what education means to me



# Black Hawk College Student Poetry Contest

## *What Education Means To Me*

by Joseph I. Smith  
Quad-Cities Campus student

What does education mean to me?  
Take a listen it's easy to see  
Off into the world to make my mark  
At a disadvantage without a degree  
The future was looking quite dark  
Desiring a life with a fulfilling career  
To the bursar's office I did steer  
Google doesn't teach you knowledge  
I'm in the right place that was clear  
Time to commit and finish college  
Tuition was due before the first day  
If not for FAFSA I couldn't have paid  
Now I walk down these halls  
I'd like to just say  
I must focus before my GPA falls  
Nothing will stop me from graduation  
Spring 2022 brings my culmination  
What does education mean to me?  
A better written poem that's error free



## The Presidents of Black Hawk College

1946 – 1954	Dr. Gerald Smith	( <i>Director</i> )
1954 – 1956	Dr. William French	( <i>Director</i> )
10/1962 – 3/1966	Dr. Richard E. Whalen	
3/1966 – 8/1966	Marvin Schiess	( <i>Interim</i> )
8/1966 – 6/1977	Dr. Alban E. Reid	
6/1977 – 9/1977	Dr. Richard Puffer	( <i>Interim</i> )
9/1977 – 8/1987	Dr. Richard Puffer	
8/1987 – 3/1993	Dr. Herbert C. Lyon	
3/1993 – 1/1994	Dr. Charles E. Laws	( <i>Interim</i> )
2/1994 – 9/1999	Dr. Judith A. Redwine	
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7/2000 – 6/2008	Dr. Keith Miller	
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1/2010 - 10/2010	Dr. Richard Underbakke	
10/2010 – 12/2011	Dr. R. Gene Gardner	
1/2012 – 6/2014	Dr. Thomas Baynum	
7/2014 – 12/2014	Dr. Bettie A. Truitt	( <i>Interim</i> )
1/2015 – 1/2018	Dr. Bettie A. Truitt	
1/2/2018 – 6/2018	Dr. John S. Erwin	( <i>Interim</i> )
7/2018 - Present	Tim Wynes, J.D.	

## One college, multiple campuses

Quad-Cities Campus

*District Office*

*6600 34th Ave.*

*Moline, IL 61265*

East Campus

*26230 Black Hawk Road*

*Galva, IL 61434*

Adult Learning Center

*4610 Black Hawk Commons Drive*

*Rock Island, IL 61201*

Business Training Center

*Quad-Cities Campus*

*Building 1, Balcony*

*6600 34th Ave.*

*Moline, IL 61265*

Community Education Center

*404 E. Third St.*

*Kewanee, IL 61443*

Industrial Training Lab Extension Center

*3901 25th St.*

*Moline, IL 61265*

Outreach Center

*301 Avenue of the Cities*

*East Moline, IL 61244*

Welding and Skilled Trades Center

*520 E. Third St.*

*Kewanee, IL 61443*

## 2021 Fun Facts

Black Hawk College is a member of the Higher Learning Commission and is certified by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). The College was established in 1946 and has been accredited since 1951.

### FY2022 total budget - \$66.2 million

- The College has three major sources of funding: State of Illinois support and revenue appropriated by ICCB, local revenue generated from property taxes, and student tuition and fees revenue.
  - State funding provides 16.55% of total funding, property taxes provide 42.43%, and tuition and fees provide 39.13%.
  - Credit-hour tuition in FY2022 was \$149 for in-district residents and Illinois residents for online courses.
  - Employee salaries represent 55.55% of total operating expenses, followed by employee benefits at 17.61%, supplies and materials at 6.4%, and contractual services at 5.93%.

### Where are BHC students transferring to?

- Western Illinois University
- Augustana College
- St. Ambrose University
- Illinois State University
- University of Iowa
- Eastern Iowa Community Colleges
- Iowa State University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Northern Illinois University

### Sports teams

#### Men's

Baseball

Basketball

Golf

Soccer

#### Women's

Basketball

Soccer

Softball

Volleyball

Annual enrollment

**6,084**

Certificates awarded

**170**

Associate degrees  
awarded

**479**

In-district tuition

**\$149/credit hour**

District population

**approximately  
225,000**

District area

**2,200 square miles**



# Illinois Community College District 503

## Board of Trustees



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## **75th Anniversary Committee**

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*Improving Life Through Learning*

