EWU Athletics Community Service 2012-13

Athletic Department

- Many of Eastern's teams, coaches and student-athletes took part in the Special Olympics East Region Games. Athletics events (track & field) took place at Roos Field, and swimming took place at the EWU Sports and Recreation Center. (May 4, 2013) (8 hours)

  Student Hours = 300

- Athletic Director Bill Chaves speaks with local Rotary Organizations, Chambers, and serves on NCAA and Big Sky Committees, Associate Athletic Director Don Ross does NCAA Compliance and Recruiting presentations to local high schools on request, Associate Athletic Director Pamela Parks serves on the Board of the Pacific Northwest Qualifier Volleyball Tournament, is a Board Member of the Spokane Sports Commission and serves on several campus and Big Sky Committees. Many of our coaches do committee and church work on a volunteer basis and are involved in personal charitable volunteerism.

  Staff Hours = 300 hours

Football

- Current Tennessee Titan and former Eastern Washington University football player Michael Roos joined forces with the Eagle Football team June 21 to host more than 40 members of the Spokane County Boys and Girls Club for an afternoon of football at Roos Field in Cheney, Wash. The short clinic was part of the fourth Annual Michael Roos Foundation Fish & Chip Weekend in the Spokane area. Eastern head football coach Beau Baldwin, assistant coach Aaron Best and EWU football players Allen Brown, T.J. Lee, Steven Forrette, John Goldwire and Ashton Clark helped provide instruction to the youth who took part. (June 21, 2013) (8 hours)

  Student Hours = 40  Staff Hours = 16

- Four Eastern players represented EWU at the Goodwill Fashion Show on April 20 in Spokane, Wash. The event was part of the annual Spokane Women's Show. (April 20, 2013) (6 hours)

  Student Hours = 24

- Members of the EWU Football team, as well as Academic Advisor Jim Fitzgerald and Faculty Athletic Representative Dr. Laurie Morley, participated in the 2013 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Washington. Raising nearly $700, the Eagles were given the award for "Top Fundraising School" at the event. (Feb. 23, 2013) (20 hours)

  Student Hours = 300  Faculty Hours = 40

- The EWU Athletic Department honored Spokane Valley resident Heather Comer at a men's basketball home game before she headed to the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in
Pyeongchang, South Korea. Comer returned from the Games in February with a gold medal! Helping recognize Comer in front of fans and supporters at Reese Court was Eastern head football coach Beau Baldwin and senior linebacker Zach Johnson, who has been an active volunteer with Special Olympics Washington. (Jan. 12, 2013) (3 hours)

Student/Staff Hours = 3

Women's Basketball

- The Eagles helped raise funds for the Spokane Guild School as part of the organization's annual "Penny Drive" (April 27, 2013) (6 hours)
  
  Student Hours = 126

- Participated in a pair of community events in Cheney, including "Feed Cheney" and "Cheney Clean Sweep" (April, 2012) (8 hours)
  
  Student Hours = 168

- The EWU women's basketball team spent an afternoon at Cheney Care Community, where they played Bingo and visited with the residents. (Feb. 23, 2013) (4 hours)
  
  Student Hours = 84

- Women's basketball freshmen Miranda Mielke, Cece Pearl and Tisha Phillips, and senior Courtney Nolen helped out at "Help the Hungry Food Sort" at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank in Spokane, where they sorted and packed backpacks of produce, food drive or bulk food to distribute to the hungry in local neighborhoods. (Jan. 9, 2013) (5 hours)
  
  Student Hours = 20

- Participated in "Step Up for Down Syndrome" - an annual walk to raise funds for promoting awareness and education about Down Syndrome, as well as funding for research and advocacy programs for people with Down Syndrome. (Sept. 22, 2012) (6 hours)
  
  Student Hours = 126

Men's Basketball

- A few players and coaches from the EWU men's basketball team spent Christmas Eve at the Salvation Army, helping feed the homeless in the Spokane area. Afterward, members of the team who couldn't make it home spent the night at Coach Hayford's house and enjoyed the holiday with the Hayford family. (Dec. 24, 2012) (4 hours)
  
  Student Hours = 12
Volleyball

- During the 2012 season, volleyball partnered with the American Childhood Cancer Society Inland Northwest to provide a special "Eagle Volleyball Experience" for children and their families who are battling cancer. During the 2012 campaign, the EWU volleyball team brought in two different kids, along with their families, to Reese Court for a home volleyball match. The Eagles provided a pizza dinner, a tour of the volleyball team room, a personalized, decorated locker for the night, as well as recognition to the crowd before the match. The “Eagle Volleyball Experience” gave these kids an opportunity to participate in all the pregame and postgame rituals of the night - becoming a real part of the Eastern volleyball team. (Nov. 17, 2012; Oct. 27, 2012) (10 hours)

  Student Hours = 190

Soccer

- A community service effort organized by All-Big Sky Second-Team forward Cassie Black, the EWU Women's Soccer team and coaches participated in the Ronald McDonald House of Spokane Meal Program, in which the Eagles spent an evening cooking dinner for families staying at the RMH. EWU prepared a nacho bar for the children and their families, and spent the evening visiting with the residents. (March 6, 2013) (7 hours)

  Student Hours = 70

Women's Golf

- Women's Golf spent an evening at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank, helping with a "Help the Hungry Sort Night." EWU golfers helped sort almost 10,000 lbs of donated apples, which was enough to feed 3,120 people. The apples were distributed to local food banks around the Spokane area. (Nov. 29, 2012) (5 hours)

  Student Hours = 30

Cross Country/Track & Field

- For the 18th-straight year, members of the Eastern men's and women's teams assisted at the 2013 WIAA 1A, 2B & 1A Track and Field Championships, which take place annually at EWU's Roos Field. Under the direction of head coach Marcia Mecklenburg, the team also oversees implement weighing and measuring for the meet, which took place at EWU for the first time in 1996 and every year since then. (20 hours)

  Student Hours = 400

- Members of the EWU Track and Field team assisted at a Cheney Middle School Meet on April 24. (April 24, 2013) (8 hours)
The Men's and Women's Cross Country teams participated in the Books for Breast Cancer "Just 1 Event" this fall, which is a fundraising effort of the KSAC Foundation. Members of the team helped assemble, coordinate and promote an event on the EWU campus, in which students were asked to donate "Just 1" of their textbooks to the organization to help raise funds for breast cancer research, as well as provide financial assistance to current breast cancer patients. (8 hours)

Student Hours = 160

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The following community service activities were organized by Eastern Washington University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and involve all EWU athletic teams. SAAC is a committee made up of student-athletes that aims at enhancing the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image.

- To help celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and the National Education Association’s Read Accross America campaign, a few members of Eastern's SAAC, including football players Steven Forgette and Ashton Miller, and women's soccer player Brianna Brannan visited Ness Elementary School in Spokane Valley, Wash., where they spent the morning reading a few Dr. Seuss classics to the elementary children. (March 1, 2013) (4 hours)

  Student Hours = 12

- SAAC organized a Teddy Bear Drive on Feb. 2 prior to the men's basketball game versus Montana. Spearheaded by SAAC president Steven Forgette and vice president Ashton Miller, EWU student-athletes collected nearly 300 teddy bears, which they donated to local organizations, including Shriner's Hospital of Spokane, the Spokane Guilds' School and Neuromuscular Center and the Cheney Parks & Recreation Department. (Feb. 2, 2013) (30 hours)

  Student Hours = 60

Athletics Total Service Hours

Student Total = 2,285  Staff Total = 356