June 2014

Provost’s Message
As spring quarter comes to a close, the university community is making active preparations for commencement 2014, scheduled for Saturday, June 14, at 9 AM and 2 PM at Roos Field. At the morning ceremony, degrees will be conferred upon baccalaureate and graduate candidates in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work and the College of Business and Public Administration while students in the Colleges of Science, Health and Engineering and Arts, Letters and Education will receive their degrees in the afternoon.

I encourage faculty and staff to participate in these ceremonies where and when possible. Students often comment that having their professors and staff congratulate them and cheer for them during the ceremonies brings an extra layer of meaning to a milestone event such as graduation. Please consider supporting this celebratory day with our students.

National Science Foundation Grant Award
Dr. Joanna Joyner-Matos, associate professor of biology, has been awarded a $593,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a five-year project to help first-generation and underrepresented students excel in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) under NSF’s “Scholarships in STEM” program (S-STEM). More than $500,000 of the grant is dedicated to scholarships, as EWU will support 36 upper-division students who demonstrate academic potential, financial need, and motivation for STEM studies. To meet regional workforce needs, students will be recruited from biology, biochemistry, and environmental science and will receive mentoring, two years of financial support, and enrichment activities designed to increase academic integration.

College Spark Community Grant Award
Led by Dr. Barbara Alvin, mathematics; Dr. Sean Agriss, English; Dr. Jackie Coomes, mathematics; and Mr. Rick Biggerstaff, also mathematics; EWU and its partners – the Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS), and several area school districts, including Spokane, Cheney, NEWESD101 and Mead – have received just under $150,000 over three years to help low-income students in Washington become college ready and ultimately earn their degrees. The overall goal of the project is to shift the teaching and learning conditions in the region’s schools and colleges to increase the number of students who graduate with both mathematics and English language arts (ELA) proficiency in order to succeed in college and graduate. EWU, CCS, and the K-12 district partners will establish professional learning cohorts comprised of high school, college, and university math and ELA faculty. Participants will examine the alignment of existing coursework within each math and ELA sequence. The shared findings and insights will be utilized to develop strategies to strengthen instruction and curriculum so that students will gain mastery of both math and ELA standards through high school and the first two years of college.
**Faculty Engaged Scholars**
The Office of Community Engagement has announced that faculty members Teena Carnegie, Patricia Chantrill, Elizabeth Kissling, Michael Zukosky, and Writers’ Center responder Summer Hess have been selected as Engaged Scholars for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. Engaged Scholars will produce scholarly work, pedagogical research, course development, and professional development resources for the university to engage and educate students and colleagues and to advance research in the field of service learning and community engagement. After their first year, Engaged Scholars will serve as mentors for a second year. Congratulations and kudos to the Office of Community Engagement for the opportunity to explore best practices associated with service learning and the scholarship of engagement.

In other news, Community Engagement Director Molly Ayers has been honored by the Cheney Public Schools and the Washington Association of School Administrators as a Community Leader Award Winner. Molly has formed a partnership that provides many opportunities for EWU students through the Eagle Volunteers Program. As an example, more than 70 EWU students have been placed within district schools in the Prime Time Mentoring Program. Mentors commit 1 - 2 hours per week and provide positive role models to at-risk youth. Thank you, Molly, for all of your efforts on behalf of many students!

**Faculty Searches**
This academic year, 30 searches for tenure-track faculty have been launched. To date, two associate professors and 21 assistant professors have been hired, and seven additional searches are underway. Faculty searches will continue throughout the early summer.

**Faculty Emeriti**
Retiring faculty who have been been accorded the title of faculty emeritus/emerita for their distinguished service are Dr. Ronald H. Dalla, mathematics; Dr. Flash Gibson, biology; Dr. Lawrence S. Luton, public administration; Dr. Frances R. Sherwood, education; Mr. Marvin E. Smith, theatre and film; and Dr. Daniel E. Turbeville III, geography. Congratulations, and we thank these professors for their years of service to Eastern Washington University and their dedication to student success.

**Eastern Bids Farewell to Ron Dalla**
Teaching, encouraging, mentoring, instructing, praising, influencing, guiding, inspiring ... all are words that describe the career of faculty emeritus and administrator Ron Dalla, whose career at Eastern has spanned more than four decades. Dr. Dalla plans to retire at the end of June 2014. His many duties at the university have included professor of mathematics, department chair, dean of the graduate school, vice provost for academic planning and accreditation, faculty athletic representative, interim vice president of student affairs, and interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Dalla’s many contributions to the university and students serve as an inspiration. Congratulations and thank you, Ron: you will be missed!

**Riverpoint Campus**
A ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 2, 214, at the Riverpoint Phase 1 building celebrated the transfer of that building to EWU for its exclusive use. The formal date of EWU occupancy is July 1, 2014, and marks a significant step forward in the EWU-WSU alliance on the Riverpoint campus. Long-time home of the College of Business and Public Administration at Riverpoint, the lower level of the Phase 1 Building will house Eastern’s new College of Health Science and Public Health. Meetings to discuss space needs will take place with faculty and staff from both colleges as well as with EWU faculty and staff currently housed in the Riverpoint One building on the northwest corner of the campus. A move-in completion date of September 1, 2014, is planned.
General Education Review and Reform Wins Senate and BOT Approval

‘Critical Foundations,’ the name chosen by the ASEWU for Eastern’s revised General Education program, will be outcomes based, will give the university another signature program useful in recruitment, will require fewer credits for completion, and will be easier for students and advisors to navigate. Classes will serve multiple outcomes: the model will work well with a block-scheduling structure and will mirror AAC&U high-impact practices, including first-year seminars, writing-intensive courses, collaborative assignments, undergraduate research, diversity and global learning, and service learning. A 30-credit foundational core, integrated or clustered thematically across the curriculum, will reinforce six key learning outcomes:

- To think critically.
- To communicate effectively.
- To analyze quantitatively.
- To engage creatively.
- To be well and do good.
- To recognize difference.

On May 12, 2014, the Academic Senate approved the goals and structure of Critical Foundations by a vote of 22 for/5 against/4 abstain, and the initiative received Board of Trustees’ approval on May 15, 2014. Faculty members Julia Smith, Kevin Decker, and Mindy Breen deserve all congratulations and kudos for their diligent and creative work on Critical Foundations. We look forward to the implementation phase of this project and to Starting Something Big for our students!

Student Research and Creative Works at EWU

On May 13 and 14, EWU’s Seventeenth Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium took place. The symposium is a two-day event where students from disciplines across campus showcase their research and creative work – in oral, poster, interactive, literary, performance and visual arts presentations – to the university community and the general public. The symposium is the largest campus-wide academic event at EWU, with 479 student presenters and 138 faculty mentors participating in last year’s event. This year, more than 600 students presented, and 25 new faculty have come on board as mentors. And from April 16 – 18, 2015, EWU will welcome more than 3,000 student participants and 400 faculty mentors from nearly all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, additional U.S. Territories, Canada, and other countries worldwide to participate in NCUR, the National Undergraduate Research Council symposium. In a nationwide competition, EWU was selected as the 2015 NCUR site.

Established in 1978, the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR/NCUR) is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study by sponsoring an annual conference for students. Conference goals are to celebrate and promote undergraduate student achievement; provide models of exemplary research and scholarship; help to improve the state of undergraduate education; and maintain a high commitment to diversity. For the 2015 conference, faculty networks and colleagues will be needed to review all the student proposal abstracts submitted. The nationwide call for papers will go out on September 8, 2014; the deadline for applications and abstracts is December 2, 2014; and registration will open on January 13, 2015. Faculty who have interest in reviewing student proposal abstracts are encouraged to contact Dr. Chuck Lopez, vice provost for undergraduate studies and student success (clopez17@ewu.edu/359-2202) or Chris Robbins, NCUR project manager (crobbins3@ewu.edu/359-4548).
Spotlight on the Colleges, JFK Libraries, and the Office of Global Initiatives

EWU faculty, staff, and students can be proud of the strong academic tradition and rich variety of experiences offered by our colleges, JFK Libraries, and the Office of Global Initiatives. Selected highlights follow.

Office of Global Initiatives — OGI

Faculty Advisory Committee: In support of the International Programs Task Force Executive Summary Report completed in May 2012, EWU has established an OGI Faculty Advisory Board that will continue the work of the task force by:

- Defining what the word ‘internationalization’ means to EWU;
- Delineating a set of desired broad-based global learning outcomes;
- Exploring and recommending regional and academic institutional focus areas;
- Presenting internationalization goals and assessment methods to campus stakeholders for review;
- Aiding in the positioning of EWU’s global programming and fundraising efforts.

OGI Advisory Group members nominated by their respective college deans are:


EWU Welcomes Student Cohorts from Brazil and Egypt

Sixteen Brazilian Science without Borders students began intensive English studies in EWU’s English Language Institute in spring quarter. These students joined the three students that have been enrolled at EWU since fall 2013. In addition to the nineteen students currently at EWU, we expect upwards of an additional 15 students to arrive in summer and fall 2014.

Due to EWU’s demonstration of early success with the Brazilian Science Mobility Program (BSMP or Science without Borders), the International Institute of Education (IIE) contacted EWU to participate in USAID’s Egypt Lotus Scholarship Program. The Lotus Scholarship Program provides scholarship packages for Egyptian undergraduates to attend private universities in Egypt, pursue a single-term study-abroad opportunity in the United States, develop leadership potential, and enhance employability and career options. This spring, OGI was proud to welcome to students from Egypt to EWU.

Staff, students, and student ambassadors jump for joy during OGI’s spring orientation.
College of Arts, Letters and Education — CALE

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Roy Sonnema has accepted the position of EWU dean of the College of Arts, Letters and Education (CALE). Dr. Sonnema has served as the dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at Colorado State University-Pueblo for the last eight years and served as chair of the Art Department and professor of art history six years prior to his role as dean.

Dr. Sonnema has played an active role in promoting the arts in Pueblo, Colorado as a contributing writer for the local Pueblo Chieftain newspaper; as a member of the Board of Directors, Pueblo Performing Arts Guild, a consortium of individual performing artists and art groups; and as the senior editor of the SECAC Review, a research journal of the Southeastern College Art Conference. Throughout his academic career, Dr. Sonnema has made and continues to make contributions to the arts through his scholarship and conference presentations.

Dr. Sonnema holds a Doctor of Philosophy: History of Art from the University of California at Berkeley; a Master of Arts: History of Art from California State University, Fullerton; and a Bachelor of Arts: Education and Studio Art from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

We are confident that under the leadership of Dr. Roy Sonnema, and with the support of CALE faculty and staff, CALE will continue to strive for excellence. A special thanks to Dr. Jim Perez, Interim Dean, for leading CALE during this transition period. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Sonnema when he joins Eastern Washington University on July 1, 2014.

College of Business and Public Administration — CBPA

The House I Live In: EWU and the College of Business and Public Administration co-sponsored a film screening of The House I Live In, which offers a penetrating look inside America’s War on Drugs and explores implications for human rights and public health. Following the screening, a panel discussion with guest panelists – Marcus Riccelli, Third Legislative District representative; Martina Whelshula, Ph.D., executive director, Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations; Adrian Dominguez, epidemiologist, Spokane Regional Health District; Phillip High-Edward, assistant principal, Shadle Park High School; Dom Felix, social work student, EWU; and the Honorable Harold Clark, III, superior court judge – linked filmatic themes to public health issues in Spokane and statewide. Master of ceremonies and panel moderator was James Wilburn, Jr., president of the Spokane NAACP.

Executive Speaker Series: The College of Business and Public Administration Leadership Series featured Darrell Hallett, co-founder of Seattle’s Colvin + Hallett law firm, presenting “50 Years in Tax Controversy: Beavers, Billionaires, (Alleged) Drug Dealers, and SuperSonics – My Path from Counsel ID to the Supreme Court.” Before co-founding the Colvin + Hallett firm, Mr. Hallett was a trial attorney with the tax division of the US Department of Justice, a special trial judge with the US Tax Court, and a senior trial attorney with the District Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service in Seattle, Washington. In 2013, he was named Lawyer of the Year in Seattle Tax Litigation and Controversy and, in 2014, included for his work in tax controversy and litigation and white collar criminal defense by Best Lawyers, a peer-reviewed guide to the legal profession.
Washington State Science Olympiad: Established in 1986, the Washington Science Olympiad State Tournament, hosted this spring by EWU, brought together 800 of the state’s brightest middle- and high-school students, who competed in 25 team events that encompassed life, personal, and social sciences; earth and space science; physics; chemistry, technology and engineering; and inquiry into the nature of science. Disease Detectives, Crime Busters, Robo-Cross, and Boomilever were only a few of the competitive events offered.

“Eastern is proud to host an event that improves the quality of K-12 education in the state,” said CSHE Dean Judd Case. “Having the state’s brightest students on campus [gives] Eastern the opportunity to showcase its fine programs in math, science, and engineering.”

Students taking part in this year’s state tournament all advanced from regional competitions throughout Washington. EWU tournament winners then moved forward to the National Science Olympiad tournament in Orlando, Florida, hosted by the University of Central Florida. The national tournament took place in May.

Commitment to Student Success: CSHE is proud to offer the following scholarship opportunities to its students. Descriptions of selected scholarships follow.

- **Bertha Finley Brisbois Scholarship**: The Bertha Finley Brisbois Memorial Scholarship was established at Eastern Washington University by Ms. Brisbois’s children, grandchildren, and other relatives, many of whom are Eastern Washington alumni. The scholarship, created with an endowment of $5,000, is dedicated to students who graduate from Columbia High School, Wellpinit High School, and Reardan. To be eligible to receive the scholarship, the students must be Spokane Tribal members who are majoring in the fields of study associated in Eastern Washington University’s College of Science, Health and Engineering. The scholarship is intended to provide full tuition and books.

- **Robert Noyce Scholarship**: The goal of the Eastern Washington University Robert Noyce Scholarship program is to increase the number and quality of science and mathematics teachers by encouraging majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to become teachers. The program is an EWU/Spokane Public School partnership and is funded by the National Science Foundation. Scholarships of up to $16,000 per year are available for twelve STEM majors. Recipients must complete teaching certification requirements and commit to serving two years as mathematics or science teachers in high-need schools for each year of support. Scholarship recipients are placed in inquiry-based classrooms and work with highly qualified math and science teachers in high-need school settings. In addition, recipients work directly with EWU faculty and other K-12 mentor teachers to deliver highly effective inquiry-based curricula.

Dr. Sally Winkle, director of the Women’s and Gender Studies program, received the Timm Ormsby Faculty Citizenship Award for her work in women’s issues and the LGBT community. The award was designed to recognize faculty who demonstrate a strong sense of civic activism and community engagement, especially those whose work and service have statewide implications.

Ms. Barbara Culler, coordinator of EWU’s Children’s Studies Program at Bellevue College, received the Community Champion Award for Excellence in Service to Early Childhood Education from Bright Horizons Family Solutions. Ms. Culler was noted for her relationship with Bright Horizons over the past twenty years, providing students as interns, mentoring many of their employees in their education and career goals, and even helping several of their centers in Washington achieve national accreditation.
Ms. Culler also has provided ongoing professional training and scholarships through her Childhood Matters conference and has tirelessly given of her time and talents in multiple roles within the early childhood community.

**Dedication of the Barbara Shields Student Practice Lab**

On March 7, 2014, Dean Vickie Shields and the faculty of the Communication Studies Department surprised generous donor Ms. Barbara Shields with the dedication of a remodeled state-of-the-art classroom and media presentation practice lab, named in Ms. Shields’ honor, for Communication Studies students.

After a successful thirty-four year career with Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone, Ms. Shields fulfilled a lifetime dream by receiving her four-year degree, at the age of 62, from Eastern Washington University. In 2008, she established two separate endowments for two undergraduate and two graduate scholarships in order to inspire and support other students to pursue their dreams.

The Communication Student Practice Lab is a technologically enhanced audio-visual presentation and conference room where undergraduate and graduate students can become stronger, more proficient, and more skilled communicators. Students will use the lab to prepare, practice, fine-tune, and receive peer and faculty feedback on their classroom and professional presentations.

Comm. Studies Faculty and Staff with Donor Barbara Shields

**John F. Kennedy Memorial Library — JFK**

**Phase II of Learning Commons Complete:** The Learning Commons has expanded to accommodate additional partners, including Career Services and math tutoring (a PLUS activity). This expansion included shifting library print periodicals from the main level of JFK to the lower level. In addition, there were shifts of several small library holdings, including LP records and folio (oversize) books. Ms. Verlinda Washburn is now director of the Learning Commons and the PLUS group.

**New Catalog:** The shared Summit Library Catalog, commonly known as SUMMIT, has undergone some major changes. In December 2013, the EWU Libraries, a member of the Orbis Cascade Alliance (37 academic libraries in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho), migrated to a new integrated information system. This new system supports unified resource management, optimizes resources and data, provides a cloud-based service, and has an open platform to allow for the development of collaborative applications. By December 2014, all 37 institutions will have migrated to Alma (the staff-side portion) and Primo (the public single-interface discovery and delivery portion for local and remote resources like books, journal articles, and digital objects). The Primo user experience is more streamlined, more personalized, and incorporates features like a personal e-shelf for re-running saved queries, receiving RSS feeds, and pushing results into third-party software like RefWorks.

**Digital Commons:** The development of the EWU Digital Commons is well underway. The library signed a contract with the Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress©) in January and is moving forward with configuration work on this institutional repository for the university. The library anticipates that the EWU Digital Commons site will be in production by early June. Some of the first collections to be included in the Digital Commons will be EWU's master's theses and recordings of performances and recitals from the Music Department.
Fundraising Efforts: The EWU Libraries have been working with a group of EWU alumni from the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Members of this group, who have maintained a close bond over the past 45 years, came home to EWU on February 8, 2014, for a celebration in the JFK Archives and Special Collections, where they raised over $100,000 in one evening. The philanthropic efforts of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will allow the EWU Libraries the opportunity to digitize over a quarter-million items of substantive intellectual value and cultural significance that are currently not accessible. When the $250,000 goal of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fund is reached, JFK’s Archives and Special Collections will be renamed in the fraternity’s honor. In addition, a scholarship was created in the name of Randy Van Turner, an EWU graduate and founding member of the “Pike” fraternity who was killed in Vietnam shortly after graduation. A memorial for First Lieutenant Randy Van Turner will be displayed in Archives and Special Collections, and proceeds from the $25,000 scholarship will be awarded to an Eastern student as early as 2015.

In Closing ...

Spring 2014 has been filled with many achievements, most notably the completion of the general education proposal that was approved by the Senate in May. EWU has a long tradition of providing excellent academic programs, and ‘Critical Foundations,’ EWU’s newly designed general education program, will ultimately improve student success. I want to express my appreciation to the General Education Review and Reform Committee: Julia Smith, Chuck Lopez, Mark Baldwin, Tony Flinn, Natalia Ruiz-Rubio, Keely Hope, Brian Grinder, Barbara Alvin, Ielleen Miller, and co-chairs Mindy Breen and Kevin Decker. We have more work ahead, but I am encouraged by the direction and design elements of the new program.

Additionally, the creation of the new College of Health Science and Public Health, along with the full utilization of the Phase 1 building at Riverpoint, will enable EWU to have a heightened role at the Riverpoint campus. It is clear that the programs at Riverpoint are of great importance in serving the needs of the state and region. By consolidating all of our programs on the Riverpoint campus and vacating the leased space in Riverpoint One, EWU will have enhanced visibility at Riverpoint and throughout the Inland Northwest region. Through this consolidation of space, EWU-Spokane also will continue its strong support of programs in humanities, social sciences, and business.

Despite ongoing challenges, the Academic Affairs Division continues to sustain a commitment to academic excellence. Every week I see examples of faculty and staff members’ going the extra mile for Eastern’s students, and I can tell you that these students appreciate your efforts. The university holds a special place in society, and the work done here is critical to our future. Thank you.

Best wishes for a successful close to spring quarter,