

New Ropes Course Challenges Future Generations

This summer, two-dozen middle and high school students, members of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, spent three days on campus for some hands-on learning. They were the first off-campus group to explore EWU's new challenge course, which combines team-building and leadership skills with physical fitness and educational concepts.

During their stay, the students got a campus tour from the Eagle Ambassadors, stayed in Pearce Hall, ate in the dining hall, spent time on both the low and high elements of the challenge course, and enjoyed river rafting, trap shooting, ice skating and rock climbing. The students then reported back to the tribe's Camas Path and Learning Center to share what they learned during their stay on campus – growth at both the team and individual levels, exploring risk, leadership, communication and problem-solving skills.

John Cogley, chair of the Physical Education, Health and Recreation Department, has been working for 15 years to make the challenge course (located at Chissus Field behind Reese Pavilion) a reality. "Chris Cindric (PEHR lecturer and challenge course director) has done a great job developing the curriculum for the challenge course and training facilitators," said Cogley. "This is an incredible recruiting tool – just to get these first-generation students here and get them comfortable with the campus. They can say, 'Hey, I've been there. I've stayed in a dorm there. College isn't scary.'"

Cindric said it was an honor working with the Kalispel Tribe. "For some of them, this is their first time on a college campus," said Cindric. "We've really opened their eyes to the type of things they can study here. They're learning that if you love the outdoors, you can study and get jobs as recreational professionals."

Eastern is currently the only university in the region with a challenge course run by an academic department. The University offers an 18-credit certificate in challenge course management, which includes 200 hours of practical experience. Two graduate students are doing their thesis on challenge courses.

Camas Path, one of the Kalispel Tribe's endeavors to provide more educational opportunities for the youth of the tribe, donated part of the funds to construct EWU's challenge course. In August 2007, Eastern and the Kalispel Tribe signed a memorandum of agreement to establish a working relationship that will further the mission of both entities.



Business Dean Assumes Key Leadership Position at EWU Spokane

Eastern Washington University President Rodolfo Arévalo appointed Rex Fuller, PhD, as the executive dean of EWU Spokane on the Riverpoint Campus. Fuller, who already serves as dean of Eastern's College of Business and Public Administration at Riverpoint, will continue in that role while assuming his new duties as executive dean.

Fuller came to Eastern in fall 2006 after six years as dean of the business school at Colorado State University-Pueblo. Overall, he has more than 17 years' experience as a dean. At Riverpoint, he is responsible for the administrative leadership and day-to-day operations of EWU Spokane.

"I look forward to the opportunity to extend EWU's reach and effectiveness to the greater Spokane area," said Fuller, who started his new position in July. "EWU is a vital part of the greater vision for the University District, and its continued development will be a high priority for me in this new role."

Fuller is especially grateful for the chance to work with his fellow deans and the senior administration to expand academic programs at Riverpoint. In addition to the College of Business and Public Administration, EWU Spokane is home to many health sciences programs, such as Communication Disorders, Dental Hygiene, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy.

"During his two years at Eastern, Rex Fuller has shown tremendous leadership and vision in guiding the College of Business and Public Administration," said Dr. Arévalo. "His established ties to the Spokane business community make him a natural fit for this position, where he can continue to build and sustain strong relationships."

Fuller took over as executive dean for Ron Dalla, PhD, who returned to the Cheney campus to continue his long service to EWU as vice provost: graduate education, research and evaluation.



Lynn Briggs Named Dean of College of Arts and Letters



After serving in the role on an interim basis for almost a year, Lynn Briggs, PhD, took over as the new dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Eastern Washington University on July 1. Briggs, who has been with Eastern for 14 years, was chosen after a comprehensive and thorough national search.

"Because of Lynn's ample administrative experience and her breadth of interests that encompass the humanities as well as the fine and performing arts, Dr. Briggs emerged as the clear choice," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs John Mason, who made the appointment. "She is a team builder and an effective advocate for her college and University and is committed to developing strong communication skills in our students."

Briggs came to EWU in 1994 as the director of the Writers' Center. In 2004, she was named a full professor in the Department of English and served as the associate dean for the College of Arts and Letters until last summer. Additionally, in 1998 Briggs received the ASEWU Faculty of the Year Award.

"Eastern has given me many opportunities. I'm excited to be appointed to a role where I can help faculty and students turn opportunities into achievements," said Briggs.

Hall of Famers Honored

Four individuals, including two former student-athletes who went on to professional careers in their respective sports, make up the ninth class of inductees into the Eastern Washington University Athletics Hall of Fame.

The new inductees include former Eastern All-America football player and National Football League offensive tackle Kevin Sargent and the current head professional at Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane, Wash., Gary Lindeblad. Lindeblad competed at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships all four years he was at Eastern.

The other two inductees were gymnastics coaches at Eastern, including men's coach Jack Benson and women's coach Maxine Davis. Benson also competed in gymnastics for Eastern, and in 1962 competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships.

Established in 1996, this year's inductees will bring the total number of individuals in the Hall of Fame to 45. Five teams have also been inducted. More information on the Hall of Fame may be found at: <http://goeags.cstv.com/hallfame>.



Jack Benson

Kevin Sargent

Gary Lindeblad

Maxine Davis

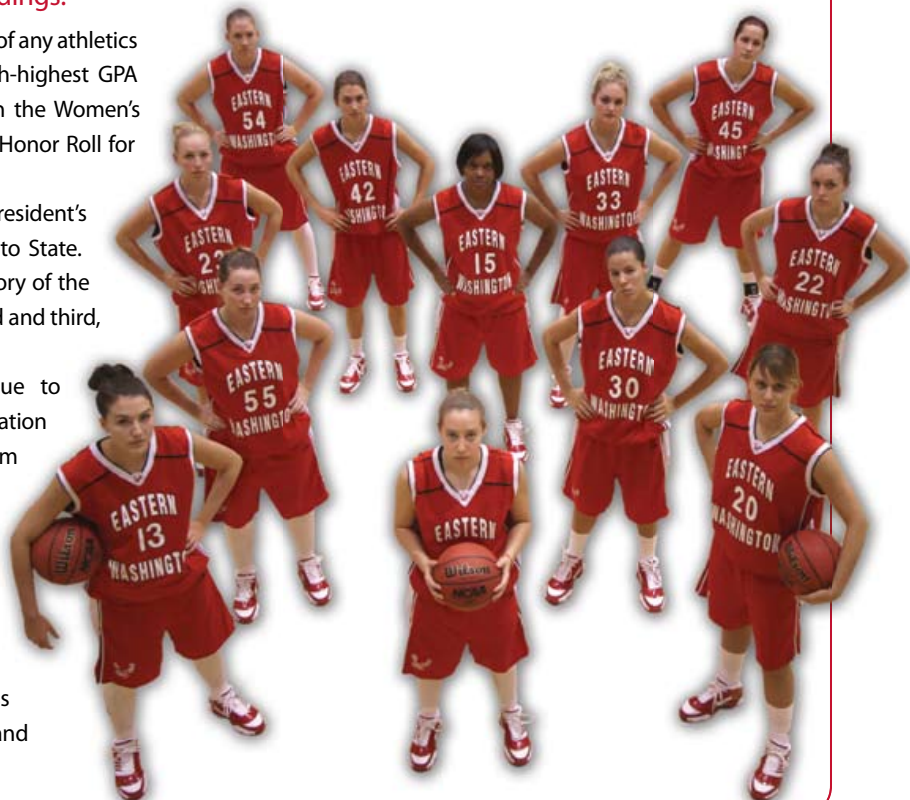
Student-athletes Score in the Classroom

Eastern Washington University's 3.2 grade point average as an athletics department was the best among all Big Sky Conference teams for the 2007-08 school year. The high GPA helped propel the Eagles to a fourth-place tie in this year's Sterling Savings Bank Presidents' Cup standings.

The Eagle women's basketball team had a 3.6 GPA, the best of any athletics team in the conference. In fact, the team had the fourth-highest GPA among all NCAA Division I squads and earned a spot on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Academic Top 25 Honor Roll for the seventh straight season.

The overall team standings in the Sterling Savings Bank President's Cup saw the Eagles tie for the fourth slot with Sacramento State. Weber State was first for the third time in the six-year history of the award, while Northern Arizona and Montana placed second and third, respectively.

The Sterling Savings Bank Presidents' Cup is unique to collegiate athletics in that it reinforces the Big Sky's dedication to the academic side of the student-athlete experience. Team grade point averages, graduation rates and number of All-Conference performers with a grade point average above 3.0 are used to determine the academic side of the equation. Athletic points are determined by regular-season standings for football, soccer, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's tennis. Finishes in the Big Sky Championships for men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, and golf are also used to determine points.



Get better connected with your fellow alumni. It's EASY!

AlumniLINK - Get Connected @ <http://alumni.ewu.edu>

No more cans. No more strings.

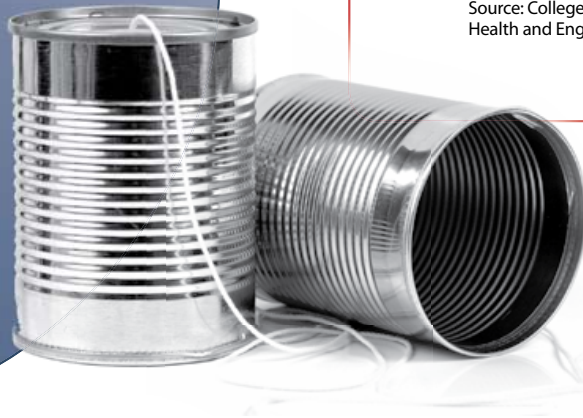
Access to this online directory is exclusive to more than 90,000 EWU alumni worldwide. The networking possibilities are endless.

You never know who OR what you'll find.

- Alumni Directory
- Photo Albums
- Career Networking
- And more ...

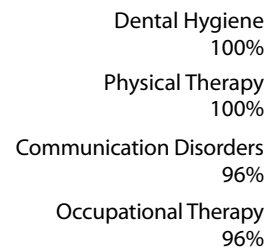
Log on today to update your information, find a friend and get in touch!

All alumni who log on between now and Dec. 1 will be entered in a drawing to win an Eagle spirit pack. If you have questions, call the Office of Alumni Advancement at **509.359.4550** or **888. EWU.ALUM**.

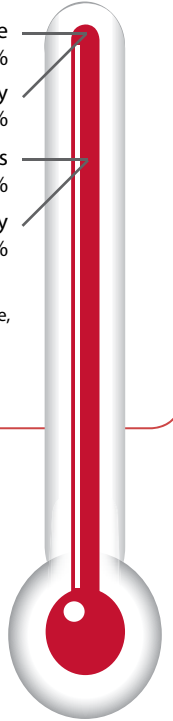


Eastern's Health Science Students are Off the Charts!

State of Washington licensing passage rates by EWU allied health students:



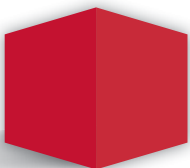
Source: College of Science, Health and Engineering



Everyone is starting something **big**...

My aunt passed away and left me an inheritance, which I knew I needed to do "something big" with a portion of it. I decided to start a new scholarship with \$5,000 for a master's student in communication disorders who would preferably work in grade schools where a child's character is usually formed. I also give to an international scholarship. I love working with the exchange students, being a host mother and showing them my love of Eastern Washington University and the U.S. I host students in my home and express to them the "pay it forward" concept. You give to others first, then they in turn will give to others. My heart is with EWU due to my experiences working here the past 20 years. I feel I have, and am still doing something big in dreaming of the great possibilities for students at EWU.

Carol Golden, administrative manager



start
something
big

Now it's your turn to tell us what's big to you: www.startsomethingbig.org

