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Real Estate Seminar Offered

The EACC Department of Continuing Education and Workforce Development will offer a continuing education seminar for real estate professionals on Tuesday, January 19th. This 6-hour course,



taught by Ron Kelton of Kelton Schools in Jonesboro, will cover important 2010 contract changes, and new RESPA regulations including HUD-1, Early Disclosure Requirements, and Good Faith Estimates. A light lunch will be provided. The seminar will be held in the Learning Resource Center B-129 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact the Department of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at 633-4480 ext. 333 & 347 or e-mail tmathews@eacc.edu.

Brick Project Continues

The EACC Foundation's 'Leave Your Mark' brick campaign continues at EACC.

The washed-gravel walkways on the central portion of EACC's campus were in need of renovation. The EACC Foundation's brick project provides donors with an opportunity to purchase an engraved commemorative brick to replace portions of the walkway.

"The bricks make an ideal gift for that someone who has everything," said Carla Nimocks, EACC Director of Development. "This is a great gift for anyone of any age. It's also a wonderful way to honor accomplishments such as graduation."

The initial area paved with bricks is located in the central portion of the campus near the Vaccaro Clock Tower. "We'll be starting an additional area adjacent to this with this second phase of the project," said Nimocks.

Bricks will be available in two sizes; 4" x 8" for \$50 and 8" x 8" for \$100. Certificates will be given to all donors to signify their purchase.

All monies used to purchase these commemorative bricks will be used to fund the project. Any surplus of funds will be placed in the EACC Foundation General Fund to be used for student scholarships and other college needs as determined by the Foundation Board. All brick purchases are tax deductible to the extent allowed.

Order forms are available through the EACC Development Office 633-4480 ext. 352.

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EACC Entrepreneurship Program

"The Entrepreneurship Program concentrates on building and supporting creativity in students and in developing critical thinking skills and problem solving."

Dr. Watson, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The East Arkansas Community College program in Entrepreneurship offers students hands-on, real-world applications in the development and execution of business ideas and models.

According to recent U.S. Census Bureau data, approximately 80% of the 25 million registered businesses in the United States are entrepreneurial activities with no paid employees (commonly known as 'Mom and Pop' businesses). Over one million of the businesses have fewer than five paid employees.

The goal of the EACC Entrepreneurship program is to prepare students to take a small business idea from a simple proposal to a successful application. These courses provide a foundation to give students the knowledge to start their own business. Anyone interested in starting a small business or increasing their success with an existing business would benefit from this program.

"The entrepreneurship program concentrates on building and supporting creativity in students and in developing critical thinking skills and problem solving," said Dr. Watson, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "It will enhance entrepreneurship concepts in students who want to have the skills necessary to start a business or to assist those already in business with the skills to make them even more successful."

"There are great advantages to owning your own business, but there are many issues to consider and decisions to be made," said EACC instructor Dr. John Alderson. "Whether you want to start your own business or buy an existing one, you should be prepared for the exciting



Entrepreneurship Program instructors
Peggy Winfrey-Hull and
Dr. John Alderson

journey and challenges you will face. The Entrepreneurship courses and program at EACC can provide you with the knowledge, information, and skills you will need to increase your chances of success.

"Students completing EACC's Entrepreneurship Program will be prepared to create innovations not only for themselves as sole proprietors, but as 'intrapreneurs' for their employers," said Instructor Peggy Winfrey-Hull. "Both roles require risk-taking, high energy, and creativity that can lead to above average incomes".

For more information about the Entrepreneurship program, contact the East Arkansas Community College Department of Business/Technology at 870-633-4480 ext. 285.

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Upcoming Events

- ... January 4-12 Advising and Registration
- ... January 13 Classes Begin
- ... January 13-22 Drop/Add & Late Registration
- ... January 18 Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
- ... January 19 Real Estate Seminar B-129 9-4
- ... January 22 Last Day to Register for Online Classes
- ... February 15 Deadline for Spring Graduation

Senior Sage Program at EACC

The Senior Sage program at EACC in Forrest City has been offering innovative classes to assist senior adults aged 50+ in joining the *Information Superhighway*. Because computer technology is relatively new, many adults have not had the same access to technologies in educational settings and the workplace that younger members of the community have grown up using.

The Senior Sage computer classes at EACC begin with the very basics about computers and focus on teaching the students useful applications such as word processing for writing letters or journals, computer file management, digital photo editing, Internet searching, email, and other areas of interest.

"Adults aged 50 and above may not have had the same opportunities for learning about computers, software and other programs as their younger counterparts," said instructor Susan Ligon. "The Senior Sage program offers these students computer courses designed to teach basic computer skills even if they have had little or no exposure to this technology. Many adults use the computer as a tool to help them stay connected with families and friends and East Arkansas Community College is now providing a great opportunity to this segment of our community."

"I've always used the computer 'the long way around' and this class helped me work more successfully," said Betty Molnar of Forrest City, a student in the Introduction to Computers class. "The class was wonderfully organized and handouts helped support the material for use at home. I'm ready to participate in more of the Senior Sage classes."

"I learned a lot in this class-I was a little scared about coming here but Susan (Ligon)

made me feel like I could do anything," said Josephine Brimley from Colt. "She was very patient and took time with all of us. We had a lot of fun even when we messed up! I learned about floppy disks and how to have more screens showing at the same time, I learned more about email, the difference between a folder and a file and how to move files and folders."

"I have enjoyed the computer class," said Andrew Koeller from Turrell. "It's been easy to understand and to follow and the instructors are well informed!"

"Mrs. Ligon has helped me lose my fear of doing something wrong with the computer," said Geneva Calvert, a resident of Forrest



Seated L-R: Fred Ligon, Jr., Eddie Fleeman, John Hogart
Standing L-R: Dorothy Webb, Patie King, Andrew Koeller, Josephine Brimley, John Henry, Alice Tousant, and Betty Molnar

City. I learned to use the Internet, to locate information and to send emails. She was knowledgeable, patient and very enthusiastic."

John Hogart of West Memphis said "It was a very good learning experience. Susan (Ligon) was concise, thorough, and patient."

The upcoming Spring 2010 semester will begin the fourth semester of the EACC Senior Sage computer classes. These classes continue to be in high demand so early registration is encouraged to ensure class placement.

Rose Stone Trio to Perform in FAC

Tickets are now on sale for the East Arkansas Community College presentation of 'The Rose Stone Trio' a nationally-acclaimed group from Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the new EACC Fine Arts Center. The Trio brings creative insight and dynamic life to music using the flute, harp and harpsichord. The Trio presents classical, jazz and popular music with a spirited touch.

The Rose Stone Trio's versatility is sought from concerts, to Presidential inaugural events to jazz festivals. The glittery glissandos of Linda Barton Paul's harp, the sparkling sound of Lillian McCon-

nell's harpsichord, and the dancing melodies of Tamra Kirk's flute set the stage for delightful concerts.

The Trio tours nationally and has performed at President Clinton's second Inaugural celebration, gubernatorial events in Oklahoma, and the opening of the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas. They present a unique listening experience to audiences of all ages.

A catered pre-concert dinner will be offered at 5:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall of the Fine Arts Center with the concert following at 7:00 p.m. Ticket information for the dinner and for the concert is available online at www.eacc.edu or by calling 870-633-4480, Ext. 361.



Linda Barton Paul-harp, Lillian McConnell-harpsichord,
Tamra Kirk-flute

Bickerstaff Wins State Art Award

Brooke Bickerstaff from Marianna, Arkansas, a student in the East Arkansas Community College Continuing Education class- Art Smart, was awarded the "Best in Show" Award at the Arkansas State Fair held in Little Rock.

Bickerstaff has been an art student for more than eight years in the Art for Youth classes and later in the Art Smart classes taught by acclaimed Arkansas artist, Ellen Alderson. Bickerstaff first entered her work, a pencil on white paper drawing titled "Pouty Face" that she produced in the Art Smart class, in the Tri-County Fair in Marvel, Arkansas where she was awarded "Best of Show." The piece also won "Best of Show" in the Northeast Arkansas District Fair in Jonesboro which qualified her to enter the State Fair in Little Rock.

"I've learned everything and more from 'Miss' Ellen," said Bickerstaff. "My shapes, colors, sculpting, history and my perspective in everything I do. Without the years I've spent here (at EACC), I wouldn't be where I am today, and wouldn't have had the opportunities that I have been so blessed with."

After graduating from Lee Academy in Marianna in May, she plans to attend Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida where she plans on majoring in character animation.



Brooke Bickerstaff (left) with her award-winning drawing on paper "Pouty Face" with art instructor, Ellen Alderson.