

## Nimocks Oil Scholarship



EACC announces seven recipients of the fall 2009 Nimocks Oil Company Scholarship. Mallory and Carla Morehead Nimocks, in conjunction with Nimocks Oil Company, established the Nimocks Oil Company Scholarship for area high school students who are enrolled in concurrent credit courses at EACC. Concurrent enrollment is the enrollment of a qualified high school student in post secondary education for high school credit and college-level credit.

Through this scholarship, Nimocks Oil Company is dedicated to furthering the educational endeavors of those students in the EACC service area who attend Forrest City High School, Lee Senior High School, Brinkley High School, Wynne High School, Cross County High School, Palestine/Wheatley High School and Lee Academy in Marianna. The NOC Scholarship is designed to offer high school students an opportunity to earn credit towards their high school graduation while earning college credit as well.

"We see East Arkansas Community College as a leader in providing educational opportunities for area students," said Carla Nimocks. "EACC positively enhances the quality of life in the region and we're proud to be able to offer the NOC scholarship to these high school students."

Criteria for application and additional information is available in the EACC Financial Aid Department in the Hodges Student Services Complex or the EACC Development Office located in the EACC Learning Resource Center 870-633-4480 ext 352.



Lee Academy students receiving the NOC Scholarship: front row: Chelsea Devasier, Cricket Kern, Alex Loewer, Hannah Arnold Back: Bryan Whittenton, Lauren Kern, Jade Martin, Will Whittenton, Elizabeth Perry and Benny Parker, Lee Academy Counselor

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East Arkansas Community College and Boar's Head Provisions Company in Forrest City have formed a strategic partnership to develop and deliver an innovative customized workforce training program for employees in the plant's maintenance department. Employees enrolled in the program receive a comprehensive learning experience designed to enhance their work-related skill sets while they earn college credit from EACC.

This program is the result of ongoing dialogue between EACC, local Boar's Head management and representatives from the company's headquarters. "We worked together to develop a program to meet the company's business goals while at the same time offering their employees an opportunity to continue their education while working schedules that do not fit traditional on-campus classes," said Tiffany Billingsley, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at EACC. The customized curriculum incorporates interactive CD, instructor-led instruction, and hands-on experience to provide the participants with relevant, timely training that can be immediately applied in their workplace.

Specialized equipment relevant to industrial maintenance was transported from the EACC Technology Center to the Boar's Head facility in Forrest City so employees could have an initial hands-on training session prior to officially beginning the program. Students will complete the hands-on training at EACC's Technology Center which houses training equipment for manufacturing, electronics, welding, hydraulics & pneu-

matics, computer controlled machining, plastic molding, and basic machine shop equipment.

"We applaud Boar's Head for investing in their existing workforce in eastern Arkansas, said Dr. Coy Grace, EACC President. "This program is a great example of public and private entities creating an alliance to strengthen and enhance the workforce in the Delta Region. One of the main missions of EACC is to provide our area industries and workforce with customized training at every level. Partnerships like this result in constructive changes for participating employees and increased productivity for their employers. Linkages between higher education and industry brings everyone to the table and creates benefits for all involved."



Jack DeLoach (far right), EACC Advanced Manufacturing Instructor and Janice Bailey (center), Human Resources Training Coordinator at Boar's Head, and employees in the Boar's Head Plant

## Upcoming Events

... October 6, 13, 20 & 27 Master Gardener Lecture Series 6-8 p.m. LRC-B129  
 ... October 9 Deadline for Fall 2009 Graduation  
 ... October 17 ACT Prep Workshop 9-3 p.m. LRC-B129  
 ... October 19-20 AATYC Break-Convention in Hot Springs  
 ... November 2 Spring 2010 Early Registration Begins for Spring Semester  
 ... November 25-26 Thanksgiving Break Campus will be Closed

## EACC Foundation Scholarships

The EACC Foundation has awarded a number of academic and technical scholarships for the fall semester 2009.



Chassidy D. Campbell of Wynne, Arkansas has been awarded the EACC Foundation Community Leadership Scholarship for 2009



Kimberly Heep of Wheatley, Arkansas has been named as the recipient of the Dr. Ben T. Whitfield Endowed Scholarship for 2009

The East Arkansas Community College Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c) 3 organization that is dedicated to uplifting, enhancing and improving the effectiveness, quality, and scope of East Arkansas Community College through fundraising and other financial support.



Chelsea Spargo has been named as a recipient of the Nimocks Oil Company Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship for fall 2009



Melissa Petty of Heth, Arkansas is the 2009 recipient of the EACC Foundation Non-Traditional Student Scholarship



Jessica Clark of Forrest City, Arkansas is the EACC Foundation Technical Education Scholarship recipient for 2009

A number of other EACC Foundation scholarships have been awarded and will be announced in a later issue.

## Grand Opening Week Announced

Two very special events have been slated for the Grand Opening Week (week of April 8th 2010) for the new EACC Center for Fine and Performing Arts in Forrest City.

The 'headliner' act on Saturday, April 10th will feature 'The Temptations' - members of the Rock n Roll Hall of fame and listed as one of the top 50 bands of all time in *Rolling Stone Magazine*, 'The Temptations' have 4 Grammy awards, 18 #1 Billboard singles, 23 top ten singles and 10 top ten albums. With great songs, singers and a live stage show that continues to "wow" audiences around the world, 'The Temptations' constantly enlist new fans as they continue to deliver their "Motown" vocal sound that made them famous. "Get ready, 'cause here they come."



The Grammy-Winning Temptations

The Rose Stone Trio will perform on Friday, April 9th. For over a decade, audiences have enjoyed the classical, jazz and contemporary repertoire of 'The Rose Stone Trio' from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The glittery notes of the harp, the sparkling sound of the harpsichord and the dancing melodies of the flute result in an enjoyable and memorable concert for all ages. The Trio's musical diversity is nationally acclaimed. They have performed in Washington, D.C. for President Clinton's second inauguration and for the opening of the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock.

Additional events for the Grand Opening Week will be announced at a later date. Tickets for 'The Temptations' are slated to go on sale in November.

## Robinson Accepts Position at EACC

EACC has announced the appointment of Abbie Robinson as the EACC Director of Career Pathways/Learning Center.

Robinson was formerly associated with the Forrest City School District where she served for over 30 years in various capacities including Dean of Girls, Assistant Principal, and Principal at Forrest City High School.

Her new duties at EACC will include writing and implementation of the Career Pathways Initiative grant, directing, administering and coordinating the activities of the Career Pathways staff and supervising the EACC Learning Center.

"I am very pleased to welcome Ms. Robinson as the newest addition to the Student Affairs staff here at EACC," said Catherine Coleman, Vice President for Student Affairs.

The Career Pathways Program at EACC assists students in overcoming barriers students may face when trying to receive needed training and additional education.



The program provides students with the information and direction needed to begin the 'pathway' toward productive employment.

"The Career Pathways Initiative will give me the opportunity to continue to make a positive impact upon the lives of students as well as the Forrest City community," said Robinson.

She is a member of the National Association of Secondary Schools, Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals, a Commissioner of St. Francis County Housing, and is a member of the Forrest City Education Foundation.

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