

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Report from Board Chair

**B. Committee Reports**

**Executive/Planning Committee\***

Mr. Joe Dively, Chair

**Board Relations Committee\***

Mr. Dan Caulkins, Chair

**Finance/Audit Committee\***

Mr. Tim Burke, Chair

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee\***

Mr. Carl Mito, Chair

**\* All trustees serve as members of the committee.**

IV. ACTION ITEMS

**A. Approval of Minutes**

November 17, 2017 Board Meeting

## B. Housing Rates

### RESIDENCE HALLS & GREEK COURT- 2018-2019 Academic Year Rates (Effective Fall Semester 2018) Per semester rate based on double occupancy

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	
7 Meal Plan Option 7 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$200 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 2 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,317	\$64	\$4,381	(Rm \$3,067/Bd \$1,314)
10 Meal Plan Option 10 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$60 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 3 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,510	\$67	\$4,577	(Rm \$3,067/Bd \$1,510)
12 Meal Plan Option 12 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$100 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 4 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,680	\$70	\$4,750	(Rm \$3,067/Bd \$1,658)
15 Meal Plan Option 15 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$140 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 5 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,868	\$73	\$4,941	(Rm \$3,067/Bd \$1,874)
Unlimited Meal Plan Option 55 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$150 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 6 Bonus Meals per Semester	New for Fall 2018		\$5,215	(Rm \$3,067/Bd \$2,148)

The Meal Plan Option permits each student with a board plan to use a specified number of Dining Dollars for any of the following: 1) Purchases at the Food Court within the University Union; 2) Purchases at our residence hall convenience centers; 3) Purchases at Panther Pantry and Java B&B in the University Union; 4) Meals for a guest in any Dining Center when accompanied by the student; 5) Additional meals for the student in any Dining Center. Bonus Meals allows the plan holder to use those meals for a guest or for themselves if they run out of meals.

<b>Adjusted Usage Charges</b>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Double Room as Single (per Semester)	\$850	\$0	\$850
Triple Room as Double (per Semester)	\$450	\$0	\$450

  

<b>Summer Room and Board (1.5% increase)</b>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
2019 Summer - 4 week - Single Room	\$1,002	\$15	\$1,017
2019 Summer - 4 week - Double Room	\$801	\$12	\$813
2019 Summer - 6 week - Single Room	\$1,502	\$23	\$1,525
2019 Summer - 6 week - Double Room	\$1,201	\$18	\$1,219
2019 Summer - 8 week - Single Room	\$2,004	\$30	\$2,034
2019 Summer - 8 week - Double Room	\$1,599	\$24	\$1,623

NOTE: 12 Meal Plan Option is the only option offered during Summer Sessions

**B. Housing Rates (Cont.)**

**UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS (Monthly rates will be effective August 15, 2018)**

<b><u>9.5 MONTHS:</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
Efficiency Apartment	\$4,634	\$0	\$4,634
1 Bedroom Apartment	\$4,876	\$0	\$4,876
<b><u>PER MONTH:</u></b>			
Efficiency Apartment	\$488	\$0	\$488
1 Bedroom Apartment	\$513	\$0	\$513

**UNIVERSITY COURT - 2018-2019 Academic Year Rates (Effective August 1, 2018)**

Per resident, per semester, based on double occupancy

	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,598	\$0	\$2,598
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$2,756	\$0	\$2,756
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,795	\$0	\$2,795
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$2,895	\$0	\$2,895
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$3,002	\$0	\$3,002
Studio	\$2,460	\$0	\$2,460
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$3,290	\$0	\$3,290

**Fall 2018 Semester Only Contracts**

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,858	\$0	\$2,858
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$3,032	\$0	\$3,032
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$3,074	\$0	\$3,074
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$3,184	\$0	\$3,184
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$3,302	\$0	\$3,302
Studio	\$2,706	\$0	\$2,706
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$3,618	\$0	\$3,618

**Summer 2019 (Effective May 2019)**

**Monthly Rate**

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$490	\$0	\$490
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$523	\$0	\$523
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$518	\$0	\$518
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$538	\$0	\$538
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$490	\$0	\$490
Studio	\$491	\$0	\$491
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$550	\$0	\$550

**Adjusted Usage Charges**

	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
Two Bedroom Apartment as Single	\$850	\$0	\$850

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Housing Rates for FY19.**

**C. FY19 Grant-In-Aid Fee Increase**

<b>FY19 Grant-In-Aid Fee Increase (Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)</b>
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	<u><b>Present</b></u>	<u><b>Proposed</b></u>	<u><b>Increase</b></u>
<u><b>Grant-In-Aid Fee</b></u>	\$15.76	\$16.00	\$.24

\*In 1982, the Board of Governors approved the indexing of the Grant-In-Aid fee equal to the increase in the approved room and board rates. For FY19 a rate of 1.5% is applied to the Grant-In-Aid Fee.

**It is recommended that the Board approve the Grant-in-Aid fee increase.**

**D. Contract Renewal and successor Agreement – Teamsters Local #26**

**Labor Agreement:**

A tentative agreement was reached between the parties on November 21, 2017, to renew a two year successor contract. There are approximately six members. The Teamsters ratified the agreement on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. The agreement is to be effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019.

**Cost of Settlement:**

The proposal includes a one percent (1%) across the board wage increase in year one, and the tree surgeon will be placed in the same pay scale as the grounds gardener. A one percent (1%) across the board wage increase is proposed for year two.

Estimated Cost of the Increases:

Effective July 1, 2017	\$3,705.00
Effective July, 1, 2018	\$3,802.50

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this successor agreement.**

## E. New Program Request

### New Program Request M.S. in Athletic Training

Athletic training is a constantly evolving allied healthcare profession. Due to the evolution of the profession, the education, training and preparation of future athletic training professionals also continues to evolve. The Commission on the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), is the agency that provides national accreditation for athletic training and only those students who graduate from a CAATE accredited program are eligible to sit for the national Board of Certification (BOC) examination. CAATE has set forth new educational standards that includes the transition from an entry level bachelor's degree to a professional master's degree.

Currently, there are approximately 20 professional graduate CAATE accredited programs in the nation with more programs transitioning within the next couple of academic terms to meet the deadline that CAATE has mandated. By the fall of 2022, all CAATE accredited programs must be transitioned to a master's degree. The last students eligible to sit for the BOC examination at Eastern Illinois University will begin the program in the fall of 2018, with a graduation date of Spring 2022. The Master's degree in Athletic Training will prepare students for a variety of employment settings within the profession including intercollegiate and secondary school athletics, outpatient orthopedic clinics, physician extenders, military, civil service, fine arts and healthcare supply sales. The degree would draw students who have completed bachelor's degrees at other institutions to EIU for advanced education. This program would also be an opportunity for former intercollegiate athletes, those who already have bachelor's degrees and decided to change career paths to advance their education as well in an allied healthcare field. The program would be able to comfortably accept roughly 16-18 new graduate students annually and would be a combined cohort of EIU accelerated students and recent graduates as well as graduate students from other institutions. Upon full implementation, the two and a half year program will enroll up to 40 students inclusive accelerated EIU admits.

The proposal has been approved by the Council on Graduate Studies.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this new program request.**



V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. President's Report

Graduate School Advisory Council Accomplishments and Update

**B. Reports from Constituencies**

1. Faculty Senate – No Report
2. Staff Senate – No Report
3. Student Government – Mr. Luke Young

**C. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999**

None

## D. FY 2018 Deposit & Investment Reports

**Eastern Illinois University**  
**Deposit and Investment Report**  
**For the Quarter Ending December 31, 2017**

**Operating Funds Investment Performance:**

	Quarterly	Year to Date
Average Daily Cash Balance	\$ (3,632,248.02)	\$ (3,354,805.68)
Average Daily Invested Balance	43,326,771.16	39,164,788.54
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$ 39,694,523.14</u>	<u>\$ 35,809,982.86</u>
Total Interest Earned on Investments	<u>\$ 115,458.52</u>	<u>\$ 198,332.00</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>109.15%</u>	<u>109.37%</u>
Annualized Average Yield	<u>1.15%</u>	<u>1.10%</u>
Benchmark - 90 Day Treasury Bill	<u>1.22%</u>	<u>1.13%</u>

**Summary of Investments:**

	Cost	Market Value
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$ 240,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 240,000.00</u>

EIU invests primarily in the Illinois Funds. The Illinois Funds consist primarily of repurchase agreements, commercial paper and money market funds. EIU investments may also include U.S. Treasury Notes, Government Agencies (e.g., Federal Home Loan Bank, FNMA, etc), Money Market Funds, Depository Accounts and Commercial Paper. Earnings rates for the quarter ranged from 1.07% to 1.10%

**University/Foundation/Alumni/Agency General Ledger Cash by Major Category:**

Student Insurance Fund/Departmental Equipment Reserves	\$ 15,077,656.70
Local Accounts/Athletics/Student Governed Funds/Reserves	13,278,364.81
Alumni/Foundation Funds Held by the University	9,179,557.81
Construction Funds/Capital Projects	7,703,293.32
Housing/Student Life Operating Funds	4,341,622.12
Gifts with Donor Restrictions for Departments	3,267,356.33
Housing/Student Life Construction/Repair/Replacement Reserve	3,242,788.75
Student Loan/Work Study Funds	1,019,042.76
Income Fund Tuition	526,641.33
Funds Held for Clubs/Organizations	459,544.34
Parking/Lounge Operating Funds	428,374.21
Endowment Funds	183,675.01
Research and Grant Funds	106,663.90
Scholarships Receivable	(673,141.27)
General Revenue Funds Due From the State of Illinois	<u>(9,060,588.85)</u>
Total Cash Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 49,080,851.27</u>

D. FY 2018 Deposit and Investment Report (Cont.)

**Endowment Funds Investment Performance**

		Quarterly		Year to Date
Previous Portfolio Market Value	9/30/17	\$ 5,300,263.88	6/30/17	\$ 5,213,674.08
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested		22,463.10		36,834.97
Change in Value of Investments		79,443.62		150,385.29
Farm Interest Dividends		138.41		265.73
Farm Income/Expense Net		21,526.91		22,695.85
Present Portfolio Market Value	12/31/17	<u>\$ 5,423,855.92</u>	12/31/17	<u>\$ 5,423,855.92</u>

**Endowment Funds Asset Allocation**

**Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:**

	Market Value 12/31/17	Market Value 6/30/17	
<b>Equity Funds:</b>			
Brookfield Global	\$ 77,227.18	\$ 73,596.50	
John Hancock Global Absolute	241,544.44	236,722.73	
Morgan Stanley Intl	203,975.98	190,126.21	
Principal Diversified	108,325.03	102,510.25	
Touchstone Intl Small Cap.	85,955.81	76,152.04	
Vanguard Developed Markets	323,183.82	293,304.04	
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	94,905.36	85,411.21	
Vanguard Emerging Markets	131,634.18	114,909.20	
Vanguard Total Stock Market	360,465.34	324,244.41	
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	327,799.42	294,226.55	
Vaughan Nelson Value	82,013.38	75,348.75	
Total Equity Funds	<u>\$ 2,037,029.94</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,551.89</u>	
<b>Bond Funds:</b>			
Doubleline Total Return	\$ 75,947.19	\$ 74,969.96	
JPMorgan Core Bond	175,317.05	173,197.67	
Metropolitan West Total	176,778.69	174,695.45	
Vanguard Intermediate Term	148,974.02	147,055.41	
Total Bond Funds	<u>577,016.95</u>	<u>569,918.49</u>	
<b>Other Funds:</b>			
Ishares Currency Hedge	\$ 167,797.68	\$ 158,158.13	
Total Other Funds	<u>167,797.68</u>	<u>158,158.13</u>	
<b>Cash Funds:</b>			
Schwab Money Market Fund/Cash	1,865.25	1,861.05	
Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Acct:	<u>\$ 2,783,709.82</u>	<u>\$ 2,596,489.56</u>	

**Buckler Farm Assets:**

Cash or Equivalent Operating Funds	\$ 83,110.79	\$ 60,149.21
Co-op Stock	2,035.31	2,035.31
Fairland	2,555,000.00	2,555,000.00
Total Buckler Farm Assets	<u>2,640,146.10</u>	<u>2,617,184.52</u>
Total Endowment Assets	<u>\$ 5,423,855.92</u>	<u>\$ 5,213,674.08</u>

Return of Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account Quarterly 3.80% Year to Date 7.21%

## E. Financial Aid Programs Report

### Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Summary Statistics for FY 2017

Seventy-eight percent of Eastern's student body received some type of financial assistance in FY 2017 in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, tuition waivers and/or employment, from various federal, state, university, and other programs. Financial aid in FY 2017 totaled \$90,376,578 at Eastern, a decrease of (\$16,663,930) or (15.57%) over FY 2016. The percentage breakdown of financial aid sources is as follows: 57% federal, 9% state, 25% institutional, and 9% other.

	FY 2016	FY 2017	% of change	% of volume
<b>Total number of financial aid recipients</b>	7881	6679	-15.25%	
<b>Percentage of enrollment receiving aid</b>	80%	78%	-2.49%	
<b>Total dollars received</b>	\$107,040,508	\$90,376,578	-15.57%	
<b>Average amount received by each recipient</b>	\$13,582	\$13,531	-0.37%	
<b>Sources of financial aid</b>				
Federal programs	\$61,305,301	\$49,094,439	-19.92%	57%
State of Illinois programs	\$9,800,572	\$8,063,224	-17.73%	9%
Institutional	\$26,458,627	\$25,586,479	-3.30%	25%
Other	\$9,476,008	\$7,632,436	-19.46%	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,040,508</b>	<b>\$90,376,578</b>	<b>-15.57%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Types of financial aid</b>				
Grants, Scholarships, Waivers	\$47,452,512	\$42,395,004	-10.66%	47%
Loans	\$53,329,781	\$42,057,541	-21.14%	47%
Work	\$6,258,216	\$5,924,033	-5.34%	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,040,509</b>	<b>\$90,376,578</b>	<b>-15.57%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Enrollment *</b>				
Undergraduate	8019	6694	-16.52%	
Graduate	1865	1896	1.66%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9884</b>	<b>8590</b>	<b>-13.09%</b>	

\* Source for enrollment information: EIU Office of Planning and Institutional Research, *12-month Unduplicated Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender for the Academic Year* and as reported on the annual Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP).

All other figures as reported to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) by the EIU Office of Financial

## **F. University Highlights**

### **AROUND CAMPUS**

#### **EIU Receives Gift from Wells Fargo to Provide Local Scholarships Community Ambassador Scholarship Program Benefits Local Students, Economy**

In early November, Wells Fargo Advisors in Charleston announced a donation of \$20,000 to Eastern Illinois University as part of a Community Ambassador Scholarship package that will encourage local high school graduates to stay in the area. In spring of 2018, that commitment will help no fewer than 11 local high school students earn Community Ambassador Scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, and to continue their academic careers in east central Illinois.

#### **Eastern Illinois University's Fall Commencement Ceremonies Set for Dec.16 Alumnus Dr. Matt Kircher '00, '02 to address EIU's most recent graduates**

EIU alumnus Matthew L. Kircher, M.D. will deliver the charge to the class for both ceremonies. Dr. Kircher is currently an assistant professor of Otolaryngology, Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago. An ear disorder specialist, Kircher completed his undergraduate studies in biology at Eastern Illinois University in 2000. Two years later, he earned a master's degree working under the mentorship of Dr. Britto Nathan, assistant chair and professor and coordinator of graduate programs for EIU's Department of Biology. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, currently serves on several national ENT committees, and is an active member of the American Neurotology Society and the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

Student speakers will be Fabian Rempfer, an M.A. candidate from Heigenbrücken, Germany, who will represent the Graduate School during the 10 a.m. ceremony, and Robbie Nethery of Oblong, IL, who will represent the School of Continuing Education at the 1 p.m. ceremony.

Joe Dively of Charleston and Daniel P. Caulkins of Decatur will represent the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees at the 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. ceremonies, respectively.

#### **EIU Top 5 in ROI for Underserved Student Engagement and Success Initiatives**

The Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) has issued an executive summary affirming Eastern Illinois University is one of the top five universities in the state in its service to underrepresented students. Of the top five, EIU is the only university outside the Chicagoland area and the only public regional organization in the state with a top five distinction.

The results of the IERC and other similar assessments are often used to help students explore college options, identify and support best practices in supporting underserved students in Illinois, and maintain college affordability in an increasingly competitive higher education environment.

## **STUDENT/FACULTY/STAFF/ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

### **EIU Foundation Recognizes New Honorary Lifetime Member Award Recipients**

Three individuals have been recognized as 2017 Honorary Lifetime Members of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation. This year's Honorary Lifetime Members include Dr. Donald and Ferne Rogers of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Dr. Gail J. Richard of Charleston, Illinois.

Dr. Donald Rogers taught at EIU's Buzzard Lab School from 1964 to 1974 before moving to the Secondary Education and Foundations Department at EIU. During his career, he served as director of the Alternative Secondary Education program and represented EIU as a visiting professor in Taiwan. As an EIU professor, he sat on several critical statewide committees that focused on science and adult education.

Ferne ultimately completed three degrees at EIU, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in zoology ('74), as well as master of science and master of arts degrees in speech communication ('77). Ferne taught in both the Speech Communication and Biological Sciences Departments before retiring in 1994.

Dr. Gail J. Richard graduated from EIU with a master of science degree in speech pathology and audiology in 1977. During the course of her career, Dr. Richard taught courses and provided diagnostic and treatment services in the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at EIU for individuals with a variety of communication disorders. Over the years, many families have driven hours or flown from great distances to receive her evaluations.

### **EIU Alum Kevin Jeanes Earns Emmy for Weather Coverage**

Eastern Illinois University alumnus Kevin Jeanes, along with his co-worker and fiancée, Lisa Burris, both earned Emmy Awards for their shared feature covering the 2016 monsoon in Tucson, Arizona.

Jeanes, a 2010 EIU graduate, worked as a forecaster in EIU's WeatherCenter and for WEIU-TV SkyWatch. After graduating, he worked for NBC affiliate WWBT in Richmond, Virginia as a weekend meteorologist before earning a chief meteorologist position in Tucson with CBS affiliate KOLD-13, where he earned his Emmy in October. Since, he has taken a position with ABC affiliate WXYZ-7 in Detroit.

Jeanes and Burris are planning a March 2018 wedding.

### **EIU's Jean Cornell Awarded Prestigious Beattie IBEA Scholarship**

Eastern Illinois University's Jean Cornell was awarded the Dora J. Beattie Illinois Business Education Association (IBEA) Scholarship during the 55<sup>th</sup> IBEA annual fall conference in Springfield. More than 100 business education professionals from high schools, community colleges, and universities across the state attended the event earlier this month.

Cornell is a junior-level student working toward earning a business teaching degree from EIU. As a nontraditional student, she is attending college after having already served in



management and ownership positions at a variety of food, retail and merchandise establishments in Central Illinois and Indiana.

The IBEA is a professional organization whose members represent educational institutions throughout Illinois. Since its formation in the mid-1930s, IBEA—originally known as Illinois Commercial Education Association—has promoted the study, development, and teaching of business and vocational education in all educational and business settings.

### **EIU ROTC Cadet, Paris Native Winkler Receives High Honor**

Eastern Illinois University ROTC Cadet Joseph Winkler of Paris received The Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement, one of the highest honors a cadet can achieve, during the Veterans Day ceremony on campus.

Eastern President David Glassman presented the award, which was a surprise to Winkler, to this cadet during the annual ceremony in the Old Main atrium. Winkler, who was already helping lead the ceremony, received a standing ovation.

Winkler graduated from Paris High School in 2012 and then joined the Illinois National Guard. He continues to serve in the 1544th Transportation Company in Paris. The cadet joined Eastern's ROTC program in fall 2014. He is a senior majoring in sociology at EIU and plans to pursue his master's in clinical psychology and counseling there.

Third-graders from teacher Suzie Bosler's class at Carl Sandburg Elementary School attended the ceremony and shook hands with ROTC cadets and veterans afterward.

### **EIU Student Accepts Award, Speaks on Behalf of 2017 Lincoln Laureates**

Eastern Illinois University's Bailey Angeline Martin-Giacalone of Belleville was selected by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureates to accept the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award, and to speak as a representative of all Illinois Student Laureates in a November 11 ceremony in Springfield.

Martin-Giacalone, a senior-level honors student majoring in biological sciences, was one of the outstanding seniors selected from each of the four-year degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois for the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award, thereby becoming a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. In the spirit of Lincoln, Student Laureates are honored for their leadership and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity and for overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

Since the program's inception in 1975, over 2,000 Illinois students have been honored as Lincoln Laureates. According to the organization's website, each recipient is selected "to honor individuals whose contributions to the betterment of humanity have been accomplished in or on behalf of the State of Illinois, or, whose achievements have brought honor to the state because of their identity with it, whether by birth or residence, or by their dedication to those principles of democracy and humanity as exemplified by the great Illinoisan whose name we bear."

## **FOCUS ON ATHLETICS**

### **Dewberry, Hantak Play In Tropical Bowl**

Eastern Illinois had two former players playing in a post-season collegiate football game. *AJ Hantak* and *Bradley Dewberry* both participated in the 3rd annual Spiral Tropical Bowl on Sunday, January 14, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Since 2016 over 110 players from this game have gone on to the NFL including more to the CFL and Pro Arena leagues. The Tropical Bowl is considered a top four bowl game by scouts and is attended by almost every NFL team consistently seeing 27 teams scouts and GMs in attendance.

### **Lennox Named Semifinalist For Senior CLASS Award**

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. - The 2017-18 Senior CLASS committee named *Grace Lennox* as a semifinalist along with 29 players from across the country for the Senior CLASS Award.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

In the classroom, Lennox is seeking a degree in Kinesiology and currently holds a 3.93 cumulative GPA. She was an OVC Medal of Honor award recipient in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

### **EIU Connections In the NFL Playoffs**

Three former Eastern Illinois Panthers will be active in NFL Playoff action this year.

Sean Payton, Kamu Grugier-Hill and Brad Childress will all be part of NFL playoff teams. Payton has guided the New Orleans Saints back to the NFL playoffs as the team is making its sixth NFL playoff appearance under Payton. This season the Saints won the NFC South title finishing the year with an 11-5 record. The Saints are the No. 4 seed in the NFC and will host the Carolina Panthers this Sunday in the NFL Wild Card round.

Grugier-Hill is a special teams standout with the Philadelphia Eagles helping the team earn the No. 1 seed in the NFC. The Eagles won the NFC East Title and will have a bye this weekend before hosting a game in the Divisional Round on Saturday, Jan. 13. This season Grugier-Hill made 22 tackles with one tackle for loss, two forced fumbles and one blocked kick. In November during the Eagles Sunday Night prime time game at Dallas, Grugier-Hill was the emergency kicker for the Eagles with several kickoffs.

Childress is the assistant head coach with the Kansas City Chiefs and helped the team win the AFC West crown this year. The Chiefs finished 10-6 and will host the Tennessee Titans on Saturday afternoon in the Wildcard Round.

### **EIU Student-Athletes Make The Grade**

Eastern Illinois student-athletes finished the semester with success in the class room as 15 of the Panthers intercollegiate teams posted a 3.00 GPA or higher for the fall semester. As an athletic department EIU had an overall team GPA of 3.20 with 204 of its student-athletes posting a 3.00 or higher GPA for the semester. Five of the teams posted a team GPA of 3.50 or higher.

The top team in terms of GPA was the men's tennis team with a 3.62 GPA. Women's tennis was the top women's squad for the semester with a 3.59 GPA. Softball (3.56), Women's Soccer (3.55) and Women's Swimming (3.51) had team GPA's of 3.50 or higher.

EIU had 72 student-athletes earn a 4.00 GPA for the semester.

### **Athletics Announces Partnership With Peak Sports MGMT**

Eastern Illinois University Athletics has announced a partnership with Peak Sports MGMT to provide additional staffing in January 2018 to sell corporate partnerships and continue to grow the EIU Panthers Athletics marketing brand.

The agreement between EIU and Peak Sports MGMT is for five years, provides a financial guarantee to the Athletics department and a revenue sharing model once financial benchmarks have been met.

Peak Sports will manage and sell all sponsorship inventory for EIU Athletics, including broadcasting rights, venue signage, program advertising, digital and web content, game sponsorships and other special events.

### **Seven Panthers Earn All-OVC Honors**

Eastern Illinois football posted its third straight winning season wrapping up the 2017 campaign. The Panthers had seven players earn All-Ohio Valley Conference honors as the league released its post-season awards list.

## **Since November 13, 2017**

### ***Wells Fargo/EIU Partner to Provide Local Scholarships***

It pays to go to EIU thanks to a gift from Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo Advisors in Charleston are providing scholarship opportunities to local students who choose to attend EIU.

<http://foxillinois.com/news/local/wells-fargo-helping-high-schoolers-pay-for-college>

### ***Kambic '85 Earns National Recognition for Healthcare Leadership***

Phil Kambic, a 1985 EIU graduate and current President/CEO of Riverside Healthcare in Kankakee, IL, was recently named as one of the "Top Nonprofit Hospital and Health System CEOs to Know" by Becker's Hospital Review.

[http://www.daily-journal.com/news/local/riverside-ceo-kambic-honored-nationally/article\\_02a0ae62-d533-51e5-ae83-f1e0acd881e8.html](http://www.daily-journal.com/news/local/riverside-ceo-kambic-honored-nationally/article_02a0ae62-d533-51e5-ae83-f1e0acd881e8.html)

### ***Eastern Illinois QB Makes One-of-a-Kind 'Handoff'***

When EIU QB Scotty Gilkey, Jr. challenged others to give, his tweet traveled through Eastern Illinois circles and inspired gifts from several players, professors, and the university's AD.

<http://www.wandtv.com/story/37064060/eastern-illinois-quarterback-makes-one-of-a-kind-handoff#.WjJttdLxlpU.twitter>

### ***EIU Couple Makes it to The Knot!***

"The first time I ever laid my eyes on Vito, I was passing through Lumpkin Hall..." Read the full account of how Vito and Brittani met at EIU and got their engagement story on The Knot's "How I Asked" website!

<https://howheasked.com/brittani-and-vito/>

### ***EIU's Pearson Presents on Faculty Development at Arkansas-Pine Bluff***

Dr. Mildred Pearson, Professor of Education at Eastern Illinois University speaks to UAPB faculty as the guest speaker. She is the first presenter for the newly created faculty development initiative at UAPB.

<https://uapbnews.wordpress.com/2017/11/28/new-faculty-development-initiative-begins-at-uapb/>

### ***EIU's Bailey Martin-Giacalone receives The Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award***

Student Laureate Bailey Martin-Giacalone was given an award by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureates for her excellence in scholarship, as well as her campus and community involvement.

<https://www.dailyeasternnews.com/2017/11/27/studentspotlight-bailey-martin-giacalone/>

### ***EIU's Amanda Falk Talks Financial Literacy***

Amanda Falk, graduate assistant in EIU's LIFE Center, was recently featured in WalletHub's piece about credit repairing.

<https://wallethub.com/edu/how-to-fix-your-credit/21169/#amanda-falk>

## **G. Other Matters**

## **H. Public Comment**