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EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE

Eastern Shines as a Top Community College in the Nation

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A survey of 280 community colleges in 36 participating states showed that students can expect great learning opportunities at Eastern Arizona College. The survey rated numerous factors and recognized schools that follow “best practices.” Eastern

scored at or above the 85th percentile in 23 categories.

Some of the best practice rankings for EAC were for student centeredness, service excellence, overall student satisfaction, registration effectiveness, instructional effectiveness, diverse

populations, admissions process effectiveness, academic services, and academic advising. Further recognition came because of excellence with college-level completion success rates, developmental writing and math success rates, career prep employment, and market penetration rates.

We’re pleased to share that Eastern Arizona College continues to be a great place to gain a high quality education from teachers who care and know their students. The College offers affordable access to the life-changing opportunity of education through low tuition costs and generous scholarship assistance from alumni and friends of the College, like you.

Thank you for your part in these successes!



Progress update on EAC Nursing Scholarship Endowment

We’re pleased to report the progress in our efforts to build an endowment to fund nursing scholarships for students in the EAC Nursing Program. We’re half way to our goal of \$40,000, an amount that should enable a full tuition scholarship to be generated from earnings year after year – forever!

The EAC Nursing Program is a rigorous program that most students find difficult to complete while maintaining employment. The additional expenses of the program and travel to out-of-town hospitals for clinicals add to the financial difficulty for

these students. We look forward to being able to offer scholarship assistance to these students.

We’re very proud of the faculty and students of our nursing program. The instruction and requirements are rigorous, but they prepare students well for the licensing exam and the real world of nursing.

Let us share with you some additional highlights of the program. An impressive 86% of students who completed the final block of the nursing program last December and this May passed the National Council of State Boards of

Nursing’s NCLEX-RN exam. That’s quite remarkable! And even more of those students will pass after retaking the exam.

The director of the nursing program, Carolyn McCormies, was also recognized for her proficiency as she was recently appointed to sit on the Arizona State Board of Nursing. In an unrelated appointment, Carolyn was also asked to serve on the committee that writes questions to be used in upcoming national certification tests (NCLEX-RN).

We are grateful to have faculty, staff, and community partners that bring national recognition to the Eastern Arizona College

Nursing Scholarship cont'd

Nursing Program. Our graduates are well-received in the work force and are taught to give wonderful service in the health care field.

Please consider investing in the success of this program and the men and women who need financial assistance to complete this difficult but rewarding degree.

Donations can be made by check or credit card using the enclosed pledge envelope. You may also choose to donate on our website at www.eac.edu/alumni/giving, or by phone at (800) 445-2472. Nursing Program. Our graduates are received well in the work force and are taught to give



Group photo taken April 2012 of all four blocks of EAC nursing students on the front lawn of the College's new Nursing Education Center.

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New Alumni Visitor Center at Eastern Arizona College

Construction is nearing completion for a new Alumni Visitor Center at Eastern Arizona College. An addition to the east side of the Gerald L. Hoopes Jr. Activities Center will provide visitors the chance to learn about the wonderful heritage of the school. Alumni and other visitors will be able to browse yearbooks, pictures, newspapers, and other memorabilia of the College's 125 year history.

Visitors and alumni returning to the College after many years usually stop

at the Activities Center first because of its visible location on the highway. The new Alumni Visitor Center will give them a great introduction to EAC and give them a positive jumping off place as they visit campus.

The Visitor Center will also be the home of the Eastern Arizona College Foundation, which looks forward to its new location. Both the EAC Foundation and the EAC Alumni Association, which operates under the umbrella of the EAC Foundation, will fit well in the new location since many of their meetings and events already take place in the Activities Center.

At approximately 2,000 square feet, the addition will offer greater capacity to display college history, retain artifacts and memorabilia, and meet the needs of the Foundation staff.

The building will be completed by the end of the Fall 2012 semester. A formal dedication of the visitors center will be part of the 125th Anniversary celebration and reunion that will be held next year. Make plans to attend this fantastic all-school reunion and take a tour of the new Alumni Visitor Center during Homecoming weekend 2013.



The exterior of the new Alumni Visitor Center will match the facade of the existing Gerald L. Hoopes Jr. Activities Center.



While work has largely been completed on the outside, workers are busy finishing up the interior.



The building's interior will house a reception area, storage room and work space, and offices for the Foundation staff.

Class of 1962 enjoys a 50 year reunion at EAC

Members of the Class of 1962 gathered together to celebrate fifty years of progress since leaving Eastern Arizona College. First, classmates toured the Student Services Building and the

rest of the Thatcher Campus.

They also spent a portion of the day at the Discovery Park Campus for excellent food, storytelling, and a ride on a space shuttle simulator. They were able to see the Tinsley 20" telescope

and the Gov Aker Observatory telescope. The members of the class were delighted to have Ed Hunter, one of their instructors, and his wife, Peggy, attend the Discovery Park lunch.

Reunion attendees then participated in the 112th Annual Alumni Banquet where they were recognized and inducted into the Alumni Association Emeritus Club.

At each of our reunions alumni express surprise at the beauty of the campus, what things have changed, and how different their friends look (we use yearbook pictures on the name tags to help). Thanks to all who travel to be part of these wonderful reunions. (See story about the reunion on the next page.)



Members of EAC's Class of 1962. (Front row, left to right: Joyce Keim, Cathy Green Bigler, Darlene McWhorter Haynie, Louise Garner, Neoma Thomas, Sherrie Quinn, and Gloria Kurzahls; Back row, left to right: Barry Webb, David Keim, Ray Bigler, Ivan Haynie, Don Garner, Thomas Thomas, Don Quinn, Ralf Kurzahls, and Chuck Patterson.

Attention Class of 1963 Get ready for your 50th year reunion!

Wow! Hasn't time just flown by? Can you believe it's been 50 years since you've attended EAC? You are invited to come back, renew friendships and catch up on the last 50 years. So mark your calendars and plan to attend the Class of 1963's 50th year reunion on Friday, May 10, 2013. Whether you graduated or even attended just one semester, come back and see the many changes that have been made to the campus.

The day will be full of exciting events giving you the opportunity to participate in the EAC Alumni Association Banquet and be honored at the 2013 Commencement. More information on reunion details will be mailed to class members.

When is my reunion?

Interested in having a reunion with your classmates? Homecoming reunions can be organized for any group: single class year, several class years, music groups, athletic groups, etc. Fiftieth year reunions are traditionally held at the end of the spring semester on the same day as Commencement. We make it easy for you! Contact the EAC Alumni Association at (800) 445-2472 or (928) 428-8295 or by email at alumni@eac.edu. We'd love to hear from you!

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EAC continues preparation for its 125th Anniversary All-School Reunion

EAC's 125th Anniversary all-school reunion will be held in the fall of 2013. If you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to have your help. Contact the Alumni Office for more information.

My experiences at EAC's 50th Year Reunion of the Class of 1962

By Barry Webb, EAC Class of 1962

When contemplating a class reunion, one of the fears, or questions you ask yourself is, "What if I'm the only person there I know?" If you were not a member of the homecoming royalty, or the student council, etc., that fear is very real. That, probably more than any other reason, is why most people opt out of class reunions.

Certainly those thoughts went through my mind as I contemplated making the journey back to Thatcher this past spring. However, I need not have feared. Though the reconnecting with former friends and classmates was most rewarding, the trip and the overall reunion experience would have been well worth the time and trouble even had I not known a soul there—thanks to the wonderful program put together by David Udall and the reunion committee. Besides, I was curious to see how much had changed and how much had stayed the same at all of my old haunts (after half a century).



I arrived in the Safford/Thatcher area the late afternoon before the reunion. The first thing I did, after checking in to my hotel, was to drive around campus. I wanted to soak in a nostalgia fix by getting up close and personal to places I used to live during my two-year sojourn at EAC. It was interesting to see that all three of those places were still standing, and two of them are still being rented out to EAC students. The other has become an art gallery.

But, boy, have things changed everywhere else in Thatcher and on the EAC campus. Not only is campus more than three times larger than it was way back when, many buildings are now more than one story, increasing the actual space to about four or five times the size of the EAC we used

to know. The increase in student body size is also reflected in the increase of housing opportunities for students. While the old men's dorm still stands on the west side of the campus, large new dorms—for both men and women—have been built. Most surprising of all though is the proliferation of privately owned two-story apartment buildings surrounding the campus. All of this growth in campus size, new buildings, and surrounding apartments combined with the strip malls and other businesses that now connect Thatcher and Safford in a solid line, make Thatcher look more like a real college town than the small provincial village it used to be.

The following morning, the day of the reunion, we registered, posed for a few photos, then David Udall took us on a tour of the campus pointing out all the new buildings while explaining what happened to all of the old buildings. Some of the old buildings, like the old gym, have been demolished, while others still stand albeit with new additions built around and on top of them so that most are unrecognizable. I was pleased to see that the old music building, where I spent 99% of my time and made so many wonderful friendships, was one of the old buildings still standing. However, it has an extra addition on the front and is now being used as an Allied Health Lab.

Which brings me to one of the highlights of the new construction: the Fine Arts building. All of you who were in choir, band, and drama, remember when we used to have to give all of our performances in the rickety old gym? Well, now the Fine Arts Department has its own 900-seat auditorium with an expansive, modern stage. Band and choir both have their own separate rehearsal rooms, there is extra

storage space for the drama students, and individual practice rooms downstairs.

Those of you who were in the band, remember when we could barely muster 25-30 people to march on to the football field to put on a halftime "show?" And, to scrape up the 14-15 quality musicians needed to

play in the Dance Band was virtually impossible? Well now the Music Department has grown so much that not only do they have a full concert band and Jazz band—but they even have a string orchestra

now! Imagine. The choir side of the equation has also shown similar growth in quality and quantity.

After touring campus, we toured EAC's new Discovery Park Campus. This is sort of a branch campus on Safford's southwest side that EAC maintains, serving as a gateway to the Mt. Graham International Observatory and as an educational facility. We enjoyed a nice buffet lunch, and then took in one of the highlights of the day. This was a near virtual reality space shuttle flight through the solar system. That experience alone was well worth

the trip to the Safford/Thatcher area.

Then, in the evening we enjoyed another buffet at the alumni

banquet, listened to some speeches—and enjoyed a fine performance by the Music Department's jazz singers. They did some really nice stuff, much of it technically very difficult—and they stayed in tune throughout. Very professional.

For those of you in the 1963 and subsequent classes, I would encourage you to take advantage of your 50th anniversary when it comes up. You will be pleasantly surprised.



Monster Alumni

Megan Bluth, '11, Provo, Utah, took her NCLEX-RN exam in February and passed. In fact, an amazing 100% of Megan's class of nursing graduates (December 2011) passed the test. She's excited to be a registered nurse and is working at a rehabilitation nursing facility for the disabled.

Kendra Haeger, '10, Tucson, Arizona, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Arizona State University in May with a B.S. in Nursing. She is currently a trauma nurse at University Medical Center and plans to continue her education to become a nurse practitioner.

Marsha Bitsui, '07, Ganado, Arizona, graduated from Northern Arizona University with a B.S. in Biomedical Science and minors in Biology and Chemistry. She has just been accepted into the graduate program in chemistry. Marsha was active in the Inter-Tribal Club while at EAC.

Taz Brinkerhoff, '07, Mesa, Arizona, graduated from Arizona State University in May with a B.S. in Nursing.

Jordan John, '04, son-in-law of Steve and Karen Johnson, received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in May with a 3.8 GPA. Jordan is married to Shari Johnson John, and are the parents of three children - Tessa, Maci, and Cooper. They currently reside in Buckeye, Arizona, where Jordan and his father own an agricultural chemical company.

Kimberly Yazzie, '03, Sanders, Arizona, graduated from Arizona State University and now teaches at Valley High School in Sanders. She is the Future Farmers of America advisor and was recently recognized by the Arizona Agriculture Teacher Association with the Outstanding Young Member Award. The award recognizes the top teacher with three years' experience but not more than five.



Kim Yazzie and her FFA students.



Jordan John and family.

Although the high school is small, there are fifty students in the agriculture and FFA program which includes instruction and practice

in herd health management, small and large animal TPR (temperature, pulse, respiration) clinics, castration, equine dentistry, sheep shearing, corn field management, tractor operations, and arc welding.

Kimberly and her sister, **Samantha Yazzie, '03**, also worked as models and were featured in several "Women of the Navajo" calendars.

Ron Higginbotham Jr., '03, Saint David, Arizona, graduated from Northern Arizona University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Speech Pathology through the NAU online program. He started his new career in August 2012 as a speech pathology assistant. He visits several small schools in southern Arizona who cannot afford to hire a speech pathologist full-time. Prior to his new career, he had 13 years' experience working with children as a school teacher. Ten of those years were in Saint David, where he primarily taught fifth grade. Ron and his wife, **Louisa**

Hardwick Higginbotham, '99, met while attending EAC and were married the summer after Louisa's first year. While fulfilling the duties of a mother, she has continued to build upon the degree she earned at EAC. She completed her bachelor's in Elementary Education through the University of Arizona and taught one year before becoming a stay-at-home mother to six children, ranging in age from 1 to 13. Louisa wrote, "We live in St. David (which is hometown to both of us) in a big house built by Ron's grandparents. Our six future Gila Monsters enjoy going to Disneyland each summer, as well as camping at family reunions and working and playing around our place. We love EAC and appreciate that we had opportunities there—particularly in the Music Department...thanks Eastern for a great start!"



Brandon Johnson and family.

Brandon Johnson, '02, son of Steve and Karen Johnson, received a Bachelor of Science in Multilingual Multicultural Elementary Education from Arizona State University and a Master of Science in Clinical Speech and Language Pathology from Northern Arizona University. He is currently working as a speech and language pathologist in Gilbert, Ariz., and teaches an all-adult martial arts class. His wife, **Melissa Donaldson Johnson, '04**, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northern Arizona University in May with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Public Management and a minor in Anthropology. She currently stays home with their two little girls, Eliana and Brynlee.



Ron and Louisa Higginbotham and family.

Tim Remick, '88, Tucson, Arizona, is a managing member of the Tucson law firm of Little, Remick, Capp & West-Watt, PLC. He is proud of his start at Eastern Arizona College. Those interested in catching up with Tim should visit the firm website at www.lrcww.com.

Douglas Bluth, '74, Palm Desert, California, came to Eastern from Academia Juarez High School, in Colonial Juarez, Mexico.

He enjoyed his time playing football for head coach Ladd Mullenaux and the many visiting performing artists whose tours stopped for concerts at EAC like the Oakridge Boys and the Statler Brothers. Douglas



Doug Bluth

completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at University of Southern Utah in 1976, a Masters of Administration at University of Utah in 1981, and the California School Administrative Clear Credential in 2000. He moved to Bellflower, California, where he was a successful high school coach and administrator for sixteen years. He and his wife, Penny, raised eight children.

The Bluths later moved to the Palm Springs area where Douglas worked in the Desert Sands school district. In 2009,

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he was assigned to open a brand new school, Shadow Hills High School, as its first principal. This has been very enjoyable for Principal Bluth who saw the highly performing high school's first class graduate last June. The school's colors, purple and silver, were inspired by the purple at Eastern Arizona College.



Shadow Hills High School

Harold Denetso, '71, Keams Canyon, Arizona, met his wife **Della Bahe Denetso, '70**, at Eastern Arizona College. They have been working in education for 40 years now. Harold works as an education technician at Pine Springs Day School and Della at Keams Canyon Elementary. Their daughter, **Dawnee Denetso, '90**, also attended Eastern. She studied nursing at Northland Pioneer College and now works as the school nurse for Greasewood Springs Community School. Dawnee and her son, **Michael Haungooah, '14**, were on campus together this summer as they prepared for Michael to start school as a third generation student. Michael will be studying architecture.

Raymond Cueto, '66, Clifton, Arizona, graduated from EAJC and then moved to Tucson. He married his high school sweetheart, Roberta, and went to work for Hughes Aircraft and attended University of Arizona at night. He enlisted in the Navy with the SEABEES and served for four years including one year in Vietnam. He then

returned to Clifton and worked for Phelps Dodge for six years in the engineering department. Raymond then began working with his father's drilling company, Cueto Drilling. In 1978, Raymond bought the business from his father and has continued to run the drilling and pump repair

company. The Cuetos raised two sons and enjoy family activities with them and their grandchildren. Their grandson, **Christopher Cueto, '14**, started school at Eastern Arizona College this semester.

Margaret Guyton, '63, Oracle, Arizona, is one of the original organizers of the Oracle Oaks Festival and the Spring Run Car Show. She was recognized this year as the grand marshal of those festivities. She has also been busy as a member of the Oracle Historical Society.

Sheila McCleve Stewart, '60, Snowflake, Arizona, and her husband, Fred Stewart, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house given by their children on July 24, 2012.

Jeanne Russell Worthen, '52, Levan, Utah, enjoys hearing about the lives of fellow students she attended with over 50 years ago. She would like to hear what has happened to the "four crows," as they called themselves. They were Dudley Welker, ("We are proud of you, Dudley, for making yourself still an

important part of it; it was so good to see you with your daughter and grandson."), the others are Kay Curtis, Lyle Robinson, and D. Von Allen.

Worthen writes, "I noted that our friend Keith Hallsted left us a year ago last December, the very time that I was in hospice and given six weeks to live. Today, I am so blessed to be here as a very healthy 80 year old, remembering our wonderful days during old Eastern Arizona! It's wonderful to see Keith Crockett, who was our good friend—it's wonderful to see his sweet wife, Kathleen and the achievements of both of them and their son!

"Wow! What a legacy! This College has blessed so many lives! Thank you for keeping it strong!

"I married a wonderful man, Kent G. Worthen, while serving his country in the United States Army with the Military Police, just after he was released from his mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Great Lakes Mission. We've been blessed with six wonderful children who have made us great grandparents now; we love them all! We recently served our mission together in the Washington D.C. Temple; what a wonderful time we've had!"

Alumni! TELL US WHAT'S NEW

Send us your information for Monster Alumnotes—the most read section in the *GilaGram*! We want to know your latest news... jobs, promotions, milestones. Please type or print your information clearly and include a photo (if you'd like) so we can share your news with your fellow classmates and friends.

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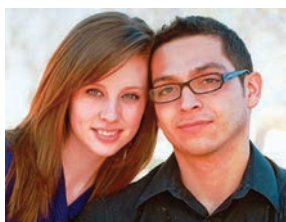
Wedding Bells Rang

September 17, 2010 — **Ashley Walker, '08** & Kody Miller
 July 29, 2011 — **Raelynn Patterson, '03** & **Ralph Adam Patterson, '07**
 January 3, 2012 — **April Pollock, '11** & **Steven Romney, '11**
 January 6, 2012 — **Sarah Rose, '12** & **Jacob Scott, '12**
 January 14, 2012 — Hannah Merrill & **Kaden Wright, '12**
 January 18, 2012 — **Amber M. Sloan, '04** & Johnny J. Alford
 January 21, 2012 — **Julie Daley, '99** & Daniel K. Clawson
 February 4, 2012 — **Grant Aaron Bingham, '05** & Kirstie Rene Clonts
 February 4, 2012 — **Hayley M. Savage, '08** & Shea Alexander Shipton
 February 10, 2012 — **Brooke Gibson, '09** & **Landon Montierth, '12**
 February 14, 2012 — **Tassy Tena Pursley, '09** & **Landon Bryce, '13**
 March 2, 2012 — **Lacy Jo Householder, '12** & **Collin Fanning, '12**
 March 3, 2012 — **Mary Pease, '08** & Mark Rubalcava
 March 3, 2012 — **Shaylin Farar, '11** & Benjamin Mulcock
 March 9, 2012 — **Brenda Norton, '12** & Tyrel Mortensen
 March 9, 2012 — **Rachel L. Lindsay, '04** & Rorick Gurney

March 16, 2012 — **Elizabeth I. Richins, '12** & **Andrew Norton, '12**
 March 17, 2012 — **Mercedes Taylor, '12** & **Roberto Ordaz, '12**
 April 13, 2012 — **Kami Montierth, '08** & Reggie Crowe
 April 20, 2012 — **Kelsey Crandell, '11** & **Sean Williams, '12**
 April 21, 2012 — **Laura Kartchner, '05** & Kendal Cash
 May 18, 2012 — **Brianna M. Patterson, '11** & Rhett J. Dunn
 May 25, 2012 — **Leah Welker, '12** & **David Nicholas, '12**
 June 2, 2012 — **Katelyn Wriston, '12** & **Andrew G. Miller, '11**
 June 2, 2012 — **Kayla M. Claridge, '12** & **Colton T. Caillouette, '12**
 June 2, 2012 — **Delsy Shumway, '12** & Russell Gardner
 June 6, 2012 — **Brittany Britton, '12** & **Brandt Woods, '12**
 June 9, 2012 — **Cara Hanna, '09** & **Jay McEuen, '09**
 June 16, 2012 — Julie Whetten & **William Chad Finch, '12**
 June 23, 2012 — **Sarah C. Reid, '11** & Justin T. Hatch
 June 30, 2012 — Chantelle Linford & **Ryan D. Curtis, '11**



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& **Benjamin Bryce, '13**



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& **Colton Caillouette, '12**



Julie Daley, '99
& **Daniel K. Clawson**

In Memoriam

Dolores McRae Turner, '52 – October 2, 2011
 Mary Ann Hoopes, '52 – November 11, 2011
 Wilbert Ray Bentley Sr., '48 – December 10, 2011
 Sheryl Joy Ford Reidhead, '87 – January 1, 2012
 Betty Ruth Elmer Skinner, '87 – January 2, 2012
 Carrie Crum, '55 – January 12, 2012
 Carolyn Sue Neff, '68 – January 14, 2012
 Dean Reed Goodman, '49 – January 14, 2012
 Larry N. Bearup, '76 – January 15, 2012
 Daniel O. Kleinman, '47 – January 18, 2012
 Marvin Nuttall, '43 – January 22, 2012
 John R. Lytle, '66 – January 25, 2012
 Alexander L. Morales, '73 – January 25, 2012
 Laura Casey, '85 – January 28, 2012
 Carson Hatch, '12 – January 30, 2012
 Ora Cluff McBride, '27 – February 3, 2012
 Richard R. Moody, '39 – February 12, 2012
 Alice E. Kelso Gilliland, Faculty Emeritus – February 14, 2012
 Brooks Curtis, '50 – February 16, 2012
 Gerald L. (Jerry) Alfred, '50 – February 25, 2012
 Ann Charlene Purdy Clouse, '76 – February 27, 2012
 Maxine McRae Layton, '46 – March 2, 2012
 Verle "I" Palmer, '53 – March 15, 2012
 Gene Gipson Herbert, '49 – March 17, 2012
 Micah Raymond Ray, '90 – March 19, 2012

Edward A. Gastelum, '69 – March 21, 2012
 David Leroy Cisneros, '78 – March 27, 2012
 Richard Dennis Swinger, '63 – March 31, 2012
 Lewis Edward Black, '53 – April 1, 2012
 Flora Ferrin Britten, '44 – April 2, 2012
 Max S. Blazzard, '92 – April 7, 2012
 Joaquin O. Garcia, '76 – April 9, 2012
 Daniel "Danny" Matthews, '01 – April 15, 2012
 Louisa Caroline Kuschel McDonald, '62 – April 24, 2012
 Michelle Echo Seay, '12 – April 18, 2012
 LaSchelle Dowdle Schneider, '78 – April 30, 2012
 Marguerite Taylor Payne, '36 – April 30, 2012
 Ramona Ferrin, '31 – May 3, 2012
 Pat Catalano-Park, '92 – May 4, 2012
 Phyllis Blake Larson, '44 – May 9, 2012
 Carl Nolan Blake, '57 – May 10, 2012
 Diana Ogas, '95 – May 18, 2012
 Jeffrey Reed White, '73 – May 31, 2012
 Lenora Fern McBride Smith Thomas, '38 – June 14, 2012
 Wilford R. Richardson, '36 – June 23, 2012
 Manny Aguilar, '11 – June 25, 2012
 Felix T. Quinonez, '98 – June 26, 2012
 Esther Spradlin, '92 – June 26, 2012
 Kenneth D. Hodges, '83 – June 26, 2012
 Daniel J. Damron, '74 – June 30, 2012

2012 Scholarship Awards

Recipients of the 2012-2013 Donor Scholarships

Albert & Nellie Calderon Brooke Pollock
 Allen H. & Marie A. Cress Music Scholarship Matt Allen
 Allyne Hemphill Memorial Scholarship Leah Briggs
 Alumni Association Scholarship Emily Cheney, Katelyn Curtis,
 Deidra Hansen, Shawn Layton, Jessica Maner, Karalyn Ollerton,
 Jayann Palmer, Jackelyn Poulsen, Brock Reynolds, Skyler Richins,
 Shauntel Simper, Lisha Titus, Taylor Welker
 Anna Deane Millett, Don &
 Carlotta Pace Scholarship Jessica Judd Allen
 Arizona Business & Professional Women's Scholarship Monica Perez
 Ashley Marie Beals Memorial Scholarship Kimala McKenzie
 Belle & Arnold Greenbaum Scholarship Taylor Owens
 Bernstein Brothers Memorial Scholarship DeWitt Evans
 Bette N. Smith Nursing Scholarship Jessica Householder
 Clara Curtis Bennett Memorial Scholarship Cheyanne Blaschke
 DRG Technologies Business Scholarship Joshua Webb
 Dallace Butler Memorial Scholarship Kerri Sangster
 Debra Mullenau Memorial Scholarship Bradley Markham
 Dennis Braithwaite Memorial Music Scholarship Michelle Markham
 Donald J. Caldwell
 Educational Scholarship Matthew Haban, Adina Morris
 Douglas Michael Loeb Memorial Scholarship Cody Gentry
 Dr. David Lunt Choral Music Scholarship Michelle Markham
 Dr. Pamela Rule Memorial Scholarship Desiree Oakes
 EAC Foundation Automotive Scholarship Paxton Scarborough,
 Edgar Baltazar Pacheco
 EAC Foundation Scholarship Matt Allen, Shannon Olivas
 EAC Professional/Operational Support Staff
 Book Scholarship David Gunnnett, Crystal Lehmann,
 Larry Robinson, Joshua Woods
 E. James Lee & Jacqueline McFadden Lee Scholarship Alexis Kempton
 Eldon & Lucille Palmer Scholarship Alexandria Alder
 Elizabeth Louise Loeb Memorial Scholarship Adam Hunt
 Ella T. & J. David Lee Memorial Scholarship Cody Gentry
 Emil Crockett Insurance Scholarship Alyssa Chavez
 Farrel & Bessie Layton Scholarship Lacey Liljekvist
 Follett College Stores Scholarship Alden Montierth
 Fred & Olga Pace Scholarship Deserae Hatch
 Freeport McMoran Engineering Scholarship Thomas Bencomo, III
 George R. Bingham Jr. Memorial Drama Scholarship Marshall Eastin
 GFWC Woman's Club of Safford Music Scholarship Cheyanne Iske
 GFWC Woman's Club of Safford Scholarship Erickson Hinton,
 Mariah Hinton
 Glenn West Memorial Art Scholarship Kalee Beals, Sarah Gordon
 Graham County High Schools
 Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship Audree Adams-Dupont,
 Quincy Buckley, Maddysen Grady,
 Michelle Weatherhead
 Graham County Republican Scholarship Joseph Allred, III
 H. Greg Brockmeier Scholarship Lorena Aguirre, Amanda Johnston
 Harvey J. & Loretta Olsen Memorial Scholarship Sonya Maes
 Helen Dyar King Scholarship Lindsay Bryce, Tara Cochran

Helen Johnson Bone Scholarship Rebecca Finegan, Norma Harvey
 Helen Papas Memorial Scholarship Brichel Peterson
 Ingebritson Family Foundation Scholarship Michelle Webb,
 Brittany Britton Woods
 James Smith Memorial Scholarship Heather Leaman
 Jody Buzicky Women's Athletic Scholarship Jaclyn Tihano
 John Mickelson Endowed Scholarship Cheyanne Gentry
 Kalvert W. Lines Scholarship Liana Allen, Erik Barriga
 Kathryn Murphy-Spencer L. Kimball
 Scholarship Elizabeth Richins Norton, Ami Spencer
 Keith & Kathleen McBride Crockett Family
 Alumni Scholarship Megan Sherwoods
 Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 10385 Scholarship Heather Leaman
 Latter-day Saint Student Association Scholarship Daphne Brown
 Mark J. Green Excellence in Spanish Award Jaime Tate
 Marla Mullenau Memorial Scholarship Melissa Ollerton
 Mary Kim Titla Scholarship Kyle Bahe
 Meghan Lynne Hammer
 Memorial Scholarship R. J. Callaway, Jimmie Shay
 Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center
 Foundation Scholarship Cara Jaye
 National Bank of Arizona Scholarship Alfredo Chavez
 Newman Sustaining Board Scholarship Chad Daigle,
 Quinn Latham, Shannon O'Malley
 Ora DeConcini-Martin Scholarship Garrett McGee
 Paul & Blanca Roberts Percussion Scholarship Thomas Smith
 Paul Lemons Memorial Scholarship Manuel Landavazo
 Phyllis Martin Lord Scholarship Nicole Niesen Weech
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