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EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE



The EAC Foundation offers opportunities for a brighter future

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EAC Foundation

Opportunities for Brighter Futures

Scholarship assistance at Eastern comes in several different ways. Sharing individuals provide financial support through direct mail appeals, online donations, or from in-person visits with employees at the EAC Foundation.

A number of individuals, service clubs, and businesses have expressed the desire to sponsor a scholarship on an annual basis. They have established scholarship criteria with the EAC Foundation, including a selection committee like the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee or EAC Faculty. They send a donation annually and a student, who meets the criteria, is chosen each year. The scholarship donors are able to meet the recipients and receive updates on their progress at school, as well as attend recognition events here on campus.

Some donors have chosen to create “endowed” scholarships. In these cases, larger donations are made to the Foundation. The endowment assets are invested such that scholarships are funded only from earnings on the investments. This enables the scholarship to continue in perpetuity – honoring the individual(s) the

donor wishes to name with the establishment of the scholarship.

Video interviews from many of these scholarship donors can be seen by clicking “scholarships” at eacalumni.org.

One student helped this year is Brandee Bovee, a single mother who is progressing through the demanding EAC Nursing Program. She is receiving the Helen Johnson Bone Scholarship. Receiving the scholarship was a great relief to her as she builds the skills to provide for her family in a strong career. The Bones are pleased to have helped dozens of students like Brandee where changes in life require them to upgrade a career to reenter the workforce.

The United Way of Graham County sponsors many scholarships each year. Many of their recipients expressed that they would not have attended college without their generosity. Some said they plan to turn around and help others when they complete their education and start with their careers.

Recipients of the Sumitomo-Freeport McMoRan Scholarship are building skills in welding, automotive, electrical instrumentation, and mining engineering.

The Eastern Arizona College Foundation was created in 1966 to support the success of the College and help bring financial support to its students and programs. In the last 18 years, the Foundation has provided **\$3 million in scholarship support** to 2,258 students.

Some scholarships like the GFWC – Woman’s Club of Safford Scholarship and the Emil Crockett Scholarship have been offered for more than 60 years!

The Alumni Association Scholarships and the EAC Foundation Nursing Scholarship are made possible by many individual donors whose combined contributions have also helped hundreds of students attend Eastern.

We express our gratitude to all who share to make the opportunities of education available to the students of Eastern Arizona College. Thank you.



William J. Bone (left) presents the Helen Johnson Bone Scholarship to recipient Brandy Bovee.



Deanna Moeller (left) and Annji Craig-Wooten (right) present the GFWC-Woman’s Club of Safford Scholarship to recipient Nicole Ortiz.



Susan Bernstein (left) presents the Bernstein Brothers Memorial Scholarship to recipient Krysta Maltos.

2016 Scholarship Awards

Recipients of the 2016-2017 Donor Scholarships

Alumni Association Scholarship.....Curtis Hancock, Derek Van Winkle, Breton Hunt, Dahlin Lutz, Jacob Mayberry, Colton Cook, Sierra Reitmeyer, Jade Brooks, Emily Clouse, Madison Fields	Ora Deconcini-Martin Scholarship ...Jessica Palmer, Jeremiah J. Guy
Bernstein Brothers Memorial Scholarship Krysta Maltos	Paul Lemons Memorial ScholarshipCabrini Cota, Jerry Pirtle
DRG Technologies Business ScholarshipJames Hundley	Phyllis Martin Lord Scholarship Ashley Smith
Dennis Braithwaite Memorial ScholarshipJonathan Ferrin	Pizza Edge Scholarship..... Emilio Blinkey
Donald J. Caldwell ScholarshipCameron Mortensen, Rachel Timmerman, Madelyn Miley Passmore	Prina Family Scholarship Fund (ACF) Leilani Alva, Serena Mains, Callie Thygerson
Dr. Dorine Chancellor Athletic Scholarships..... Taylor Hollestelle, DeAndre Love	Safford Business and Professional
Dr. Ron Keith Memorial ScholarshipHope Kelleher	Women ScholarshipJolea Ross Taylor
E. James Lee & Jacqueline	Safford Lions Club Scholarship..... Gregory Smith, Gabriella Pena
McFadden Lee ScholarshipSpencer Peery	Safford Rotary Club ScholarshipChyana Lunt, Kathleen Orona
EAC Foundation Nursing ScholarshipAbigail Estelle	Sarah Lamoreaux Memorial ScholarshipMcKenna Badger
Emil Crockett Scholarship.....William Hundley	Student Nurses Association -
Follett College Stores ScholarshipBoyd Chatwin	Mandy Sanchez ScholarshipLauren Lloyd Mortensen, Esharra Ruiz
G. Wayne & Phillis Blake Scholarship.....Brittany Romero	Student Nurses Association -
GFWC Woman's Club of Safford Scholarship..... Nicole Ortiz	April Byrd Scholarship Beinana Reiher
Graham County High Schools	Students in Service Scholarship Christian Clement, Morriah Willy
Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship..... Amber Diaz	Sumitomo - Freeport McMoRan Scholarship.....Justin Judd, Brandon Tapia, Dallen Whetten, Ethan Anway
Graham County Hispanic Family	VFW Auxiliary Post 10385 ScholarshipWilliam Hundley
Heritage ScholarshipAntonio Castillo, Darian Romero	Wilford Stailey Memorial Scholarship..... Austin Judd
McDougal's Caldwell Funeral Home Scholarship..... Ali'I Tavesi	William J. Bone Scholarship Lerin Ackerson
Graham County Republican Scholarship Amilynn Webb	United Way of Graham County Scholarship..... Shyann Breshears, Braylee Scarborough, Megan Larson, Hannah Shiflet, Mary Reynolds, Serena Avila, Alexandria Thomas, Kamron Wynne, Karina Hernandez, Blessing Duncan, Nicole Ganilla, Lillyana Arthur Zamora, Charlotte Rios, Xavier Thibodeaux, Angel Patten, Marcos Lopez, Julian Rascon, Jennifer Wilson Hott, Sage Peterson, Dechambre Dosela, Tenille Kessay, Wesley Davis, Rachel Mattice, Allison Pursley
H. Greg Brockmeier Scholarship.....Travis Rickman, Brent Hatch	
Helen Johnson BoneBrandy Bovee	
Ingebritson Family Foundation (ACF) Sabrina Watson, Mikaila Boden	
Jody Buzicky Women's Athletic Scholarship.....Deonshanae Sadler	
John Mickelson Endowed Scholarship Enid Rodriguez Montiel	
Kathryn Murphy-Spencer L. Kimball Scholarship.....Rylee Brower	
Keith & Kathleen McBride Crockett	
Family Alumni Scholarship Savana Shumway	
Kristie and Patrick Putnam Scholarship..... Arianna Garza	
LDSSA Scholarship..... Dustyn Brown	
Mark J. Green Excellence in	
Spanish Scholarship Hannah Dannenbrink	
Mary Kim Titla Scholarship Eva Duncan	
Mary Louise "Mella" Palmer Memorial ScholarshipShania Phelps	
Max and Clara Curtis Bennett Scholarship Logan Jones	
Meghan Hammer Memorial Scholarship.....Isabella Callaway	
Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center	
Foundation Scholarship.....Brittany Miner	
Newman Sustaining Board ScholarshipSerena Mains, Diana Ramirez	



Takahiro Yamamoto (far left) and Daisuke Sato (far right) present the Sumitomo-Freeport-McMoRan Scholarship to recipients Ethan Anway, Justin Judd, Brandon Tapia, and Dallen Whetten.

EAC's Class of 1966 Celebrates 50 Years!

Members of the Class of 1966 gathered from various places in Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Michigan at the Gherald L. Hoopes, Jr. Activities Center to celebrate fifty years of progress since leaving Eastern Arizona College. After mingling for a bit, the alumni gathered for pictures and then boarded an EAC bus for a tour of the campus.

After the tour they drove to Discovery Park's Circle D Ranch for lunch, sharing college memories and life experiences. They continued their tour of the Discovery Park Campus and were able to see the Tinsley 20" telescope, the Gov Aker Observatory telescope, and ride the space shuttle simulator.

Reunion attendees then participated at the 116th Annual Alumni Banquet where they were recognized and inducted into the Alumni Association Emeritus Club.

It was great to see members share good memories of their experience at EA and see classmates that they haven't seen for many years. Their experiences in life were varied, challenging and inspiring. Class of 1966, we wish you the best in the coming years.



During the 2016 Alumni Banquet, George Lord was recognized with the Alumni Association's Annual Award for his years of service as Alumni President and outstanding generosity.

Getting Ready for the Golden Reunion for the Class of 1967



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) 678-3808 or (928) 428-8295 or by email at alumni@eac.edu. We'd love to hear from you!

Can you believe it's been 50 years since you've attended EAC? Tuition was only \$50 per semester. The average cost of a new car was \$2,750, and a home averaged \$14,250. Popular television included "The Fugitive" and "The Monkees," and color programming started increasing as the color TV price dropped. The Beach Boys continued to lead popular music with the album "Sgt. Peppers Lonely Heart Club Band."

Members of the Class of 1967 are invited to come back, renew friendships,

share feelings of nostalgia and catch up on the last 50 years. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Golden Anniversary Reunion of the Class of 1967 on Friday, May 12, 2017. Whether you graduated or attended one semester, come back and see the many changes that have been made to the campus.

The day will be full of enjoyable events. You will also have the opportunity to participate in the EAC Alumni Association Banquet and be honored at the 2017 Commencement. More information on reunion details will be mailed to class members.

Eastern Arizona College Seeks Your Input!

Eastern Arizona College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on February 6-7, 2017, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission.

EAC has been accredited by HLC since 1966. The team will review the College's ongoing ability to meet the HLC's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding EAC to:

**Public Comment on Eastern Arizona College
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411**

The public is also encouraged to submit comments online on HLC's website at www.hlcommission.org/comment.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of Eastern Arizona College or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

Comments must be received by January 9, 2017.



Monster

Nina Burk Kelly, '46, Cedar Hills, Utah, married Reef Kelly, '46, just after graduating from Gila Junior College. They celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary June 28, 2016. Nina and Reef were in the retail hardware business and real estate in Arizona until 1965. They completed a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and then worked twelve years in the Mesa and Snowflake Arizona temples. They moved to Cedar Hills, Utah, in 2001. Reef is now 91 and Nina is 90 and both are in good health. They still have fond memories of their days at Gila.

Eddie McClellan, '56, Cottonwood, Arizona, worked for First National Bank for about 14 years after attending EAJC. He started at the Safford Branch and was later the manager at Cottonwood, Clarkdale and Springerville branches. After banking, he became the first Apache County Planning and Zoning Director. He later started a real estate and investment company. Eddie returned to Cottonwood, Arizona, where his hobby of photography grew. He wrote articles for the Verde Independent's weekend publications and used his photography skills with those articles. He shares wonderful memories of his time at Eastern and looks forward to reading issues of the GilaGram newsletter.

Memi Howard Calvert, '57, Cottonwood, Arizona, served her first mission in Thailand teaching English. The next one was in Taiwan as an office worker and the third was in Salt Lake City at the church history library. Memi writes, "I plan to finish my fourth mission as a Pathway facilitator. Best wishes to those survivors of the Class of 1957."

Jim Kinsey, '62, Queretaro, Mexico, writes: "After a couple of disastrous marriages I have found peace and tranquility in Mexico



Jim Kinsey, '62, and his wife.

with a wonderful, loyal lady I have known for more than 50 years. I love it down here. It is so peaceful and beautiful. The weather is fantastic, like eternal spring. We have a beautiful house in a gated community and many, many good friends. I keep busy with church work and maintaining our home. Sometimes you have to get older to reap the blessings God has in store for us. Visitors are always

welcome, plenty of room. Just give us a week or so advance notice. I love the history and culture here. We are only about three hours from Mexico City and a short distance from several significant ruins. Downtown is beautiful and shopping is easy. All in all, I am very happy, finally."

Gary Sutherland, '63, Buda, Texas, graduated from EAJC and then completed a Bachelor of Science at Eastern New Mexico University. He later acquired

two master's degrees at Florida State University. He was drafted into the US Army in 1966 and progressed from a private to colonel, retiring almost 30 years later. His tenure included combat tours in the Republic of Viet Nam and Asia, six years in Europe, and extended duty in the Middle East. He served in command positions at the platoon, company, battalion and brigade level. He married a lovely lady from New Mexico over 50 years ago and they have a son and daughter that reside in Austin, Texas, and Cumming, Georgia. They keep their grandchildren spoiled and spend their retirement traveling and participating in sporting activities. Gary has fond memories of EAJC, but was only able to return once. He was hoping to visit his former coach, Jesse Pease, who unfortunately passed away before he arrived.

Lewis (Lou) Osman, '64, St. Louis, Missouri, lives with his wife, Marianne. They have three daughters all living in the St. Louis area. He's been the President of Aero Engineering for the past 20 years. His hobby is racing drag boats. They have won five world championships including world record speed of 258 MPH in the quarter mile.

Lou was a football player in the school years of 1963 and 1964. Lou writes, "Would love to hear from any of my old EAJC friends. I have many fond memories of my years at this school."

Ernest McCollum, '70, Morristown, Arizona, shares his memories of EAC, "I attended EAJC for just three semesters. It was great! It was the right place for me to attend. It gave me the confidence

Alumnnotes

I needed. I used the GI Bill to help pay my way. After a week with little money I decided I needed to find a job for the weekend so I went to the unemployment office in Safford. I was lucky I was about 30 seconds behind a man looking for a day laborer. I worked the rest of the year for him feeding hogs. I was the president of the Industrial Arts Club and we had a great year. We won the best homecoming float and we were asked to save it for the Safford Christmas Parade.

Troy Hudson, '77, Roswell, New Mexico, earned an AA from EAC and transferred to Northern Arizona University. While attending EAC he played basketball for the Gila Monsters and was named Eastern Arizona Athlete of the year and the Arizona Community College and the National Junior College Athletic Association Region I Basketball Player of the Year. In 1980-81, Troy returned to EAC and was an assistant basketball coach for a team that was region one runner up. He recently won the New Mexico Senior Olympics three point

shooting contest for his age group and was second in the free throw competition. He will have the opportunity to compete nationally.

While at NAU, Troy played two years of basketball and is a member of the Northern Arizona University Sports Hall of Fame.

He is currently the athletic director of the Roswell New Mexico Unified School District in Roswell, New Mexico, and is in the New Mexico Athletics Association Character Counts video.

Victoria Lukens, '13, Las Vegas, Nevada, completed in May a 9-month internship with Friends of Israel (FOI) ministry. This subgroup of FOI is called G'sherim (Hebrew for "bridges") – and they

befriend and assist Holocaust survivors and Jewish people in the Las Vegas area. While there, Victoria volunteered weekly as a docent at the Holocaust Resource Center and also at the Jewish Family Services food bank. She met many Holocaust survivors including Marton Ackerman, who escaped from the Budapest ghetto during World War II. Victoria designed the book

cover for Marton's biography, *And Yet I Smile*. She also painted her rendition of Corrie ten Boom's book *The Hiding Place*, which was donated and hangs in the Holocaust Resource Center. Victoria, who is the daughter of EAC's Patrick and Jerri Lukens, graduated from EAC in May 2013 with a degree in graphic design.



Victoria Lukens, '13, and Holocaust survivor Marton Ackerman

Alumni! TELL US WHAT'S NEW

Send us your information for Monster Alumnnotes—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.

Send to:
Alumnnotes
EAC Alumni Association
615 N. Stadium Ave.
Thatcher, AZ 85552
or by e-mail at: alumni@eac.edu

EAC Micronesian Alumni Reunite

By Rod Merta, Former EAC Faculty Member



EAC graduates from Palau-Peleliu

Front Row from Left to Right: Cisco Gibson, Aggie Merta, Rod Merta, Gloria Lonno, Marina Udui, Fermine Meriang, and Lois Schneider. Back Row from Left to Right: Patrick Moses, Denis Viri, Nace Soalablai, Alex Cruz, and Epi Moses.

From the mid-1970s, throughout the 1980s and into the early 1990s, if you happened to be walking or driving in downtown Thatcher near the EAC campus, you would not have been surprised to suddenly cross paths with a Pacific Islander or more specifically a Micronesian EAC student. Oral history has it that the first three Micronesian students were from the Truk Islands (now more correctly named the Chuuk State of the Federated States of Micronesia) who had first accidentally ended up in Thatcher in the fall of 1974 while en route by bus to Cochise College. Dallas Butler, EAC counselor and former LDS missionary to American Samoa, quickly befriended the students, enrolled them at EAC, and in so doing laid the foundation for the Micronesian Special Services Program. In the years to come, other students from Chuuk, Marshall Islands (now the Republic of the Marshalls), Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Yap (now along with Chuuk the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia), Palau (now the Republic of Palau), and the Marianas (now the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) would pursue their educational goals at EAC eventually totaling over 200 students. Upon the passing of Dallas Butler, Rod Merta took up the task of trying to replace Dallas as the Coordinator of the Micronesian Special Services Program. The Micronesian Club became an active EAC student association both within the College and in the

community. It may still hold an EAC record of having won the award for best float for the homecoming parade four years in a row (1980-1983). The Club sponsored numerous trips for Micronesian students to such places as Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco. As for the community, the Club sponsored traditional dances for numerous organizations and groups.

2000 Reunion in Pohnpei and 2015 Reunion in Palau

In 2000, Rod and Aggie Merta and their two daughters—Jenny and Jackie were able to finance a trip home to Yap. While visiting Yap and in their island-hopping route home, the Merta family attempted to reconnect with EAC graduates and fared best during their island hopping to Pohnpei. They had been able to alert EAC graduates of their arrival in time to organize a reunion at a restaurant in Kolonia—the capital of Pohnpei. After leaving Pohnpei, the Mer-

tas stopped off in Kosrae and were able to visit briefly with another EAC graduate, Annang Welly. In 2015, Aggie and Rod were able to visit Yap again, visited briefly with another EAC graduate, Waath Kenmed, and this time they were able to include a long overdue visit to Palau. Again, they alerted Palau EAC students of their arrival and in particular to Marina Udui living in Palau and Kay Rirou living in New Mexico but well connected with Palau EAC students in Palau and in the States by phone and email. Given that Aggie and Rod were just hoping to share

a dinner with a few of the Palau EAC graduates, they were overwhelmed with the reception that they were to receive. One EAC graduate, Joe Aitaro, greeted the Mertas while on the plane in route from Yap to Palau, and several EAC graduates were there at the airport to greet

them and take them to their hotel. The next morning, during the boat trip to Peleliu a distance of 25 miles from Koror, Pa-



EAC graduates from Palau-Koror Dock

From Left to Right: Francis Remengesau, Epi Moses, Rod Merta, Nace Soalablai, Patrick Moses, and Alex Cruz.

lau, Rod and Aggie were treated to a close up view of the famous Palau Rock Islands. Once at Peleliu, the Mertas and the Palau EAC graduates boarded a bus and took in a tour of the infamous battle scene of WWII. As they renewed acquaintances, the memories, banter, and laughter among the graduates and the Mertas was immediate and ongoing and appeared to all as if no time had passed since leaving Thatcher.

A Sampling of the Successes of EAC's Graduates from Micronesia

EAC has made a tremendous impact on the lives of these students. The following are some examples of the way

an EAC education has propelled these graduates on to greater things: One EAC graduate currently serves as the Minister of Education for the Palau Department of Education while another serves as an advisor to the President of the Republic of Palau.

A graduate from Pohnpei is the current Vice Speaker of the Federated States of Micronesia Congress. Two of our graduates have established successful law practices in the Republic of Palau. A graduate worked as a journalist in the U.S., the Philippines, and in the Republic of Palau. A graduate from Yap

is the Insurance Commissioner for the Federated States of Micronesia Insurance Commission. A graduate from Palau has served as a social worker and supervisor for New Mexico Child Protective Services in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A graduate from Kosrae served in the Marines and was a recipient of the Purple Heart before returning home to work in tourism. Another graduate has made a career of teaching math at the Palauan Community College. A graduate from Yap has taught special education and art for 20+ years at a middle school in Las Cruces, New Mexico. A couple from

Palau who met at EAC is still together with one working for customs and the other working at a museum. Another graduate has had an extensive career in banking, finance, marketing and sales, and management both in

the U.S. and in the Republic of Palau. A graduate of Palau has taught K-12 on his home island of Peleliu in the Republic of Palau for 20+ years. Another graduate has had a leadership role for many years with the Department of Public Works in Yap. Another graduate has been a leader



EAC graduates from Pohnpei
Front Row from Left to Right: Judge Ioanis Kanichy, Rod Merta, Ginger Douglas, Pedra Kanichy, Betsy Nowell Darra, Swina Lipai, and Aggie Merta. Back Row from Left to Right: Panda Santos, Rod Welly, and Rosalind Sienes.



EAC graduates from Palau-Penthouse Koror
Front Row from Left to Right: Denis Viri, Lois Schneider, Rod Merta, and Aggie Merta. Middle Row from Left to Right: Washington Soalablai, Patrick Moses, Gloria Lonno, Bessie Iyar, Cisco Gibson, and Epi Moses. Back Row from Left to Right: Nace Soalablai, Alex Cruz, Marina Udul, and Fermine Meriang.

in the development of radio broadcasting for the Republic of Palau. Another graduate served as a missionary for many years and in many places before returning home and serving in Spiritual Health Services with the Palau Bureau of Public Health. Another graduate has served for over 12 years with the Republic of Palau's Ministry of Health most recently as a Health Emergency Preparedness Planner. Another graduate from Palau has been highly active in the Paris Climate Change negotiations and is currently serving as the coordinator on finance for the Pacific Small Island Developing States.

These success stories can all be traced back to Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher, Arizona. Thank you, EAC!

Note: Should any member of the EAC/Thatcher community seek information on an individual EAC graduate from Micronesia, possible assistance may be provided by Rod Merta at rmerta@nmsu.edu.



EAC's Alumni Website has been redesigned with *you* in mind!

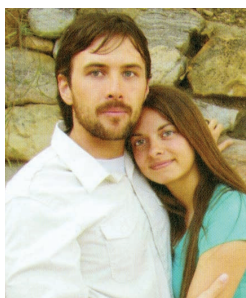
www.eacalumni.org

Our new alumni website allows you to reconnect with alumni and friends and keep up with the latest stories from EAC. In addition, after you create an account and login, you will have access to almost 100 years of EAC's Oasis Yearbooks, including yours!

Wedding Bells Rang

January 2, 2016 – **Chase McCormies, '13** & Amber Allison
 January 2, 2016 – Karina Kartchner & **Sheldon W. Thomas, '15**
 January 7, 2016 – **Trina Fox, '14** & Robert Larsen
 January 16, 2016 – **Anna-Manuela John, '15** & Spencer L. Cluff
 January 16, 2016 – Hannah Webster & **Eli Grant, '16**
 February 13, 2016 – **Emma Porter, '15** & **Derek Hoopes, '15**
 February 26, 2016 – **Sarah Mosley, '15** & **Trenton Pursley, '15**
 March 12, 2016 – **Megan Zimmerman, '14** & Marco Milton
 April 2, 2016 – **Aubrey Dodge, '16** & **Dallin Sanders, '16**
 April 15, 2016 – **Katelyn Stephenson, '14** & Conner Wassom
 April 23, 2016 – **Janetta Best, '14** & **Christopher Martin, '13**
 May 7, 2016 – Hunter Rebecca Falco & **Trevin Jones, '13**
 May 14, 2016 – **Mikal Pate, '16** & **Dallin Gardner, '12**

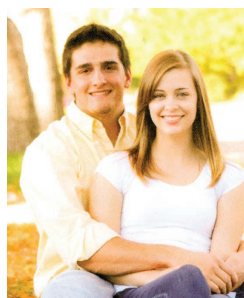
May 21, 2016 – **Kelsey Claridge, '16** & **Russell Rapier, '16**
 May 22, 2016 – **Kelci Owens, '16** & **Kevin Johnson, '16**
 June 3, 2016 – **Erica Ferrin, '12** & **T. Dane Arnell, '14**
 June 4, 2016 – **Cassie Dixon, '14** & **Walker Gonzales, '14**
 June 11, 2016 – RaeLynn McNeil & **Ryan Allen, '08**
 June 17, 2016 – **Ziphora Meyers, '16** & **Eric Wiltbank, '16**
 June 18, 2016 – **Rachel Wilhelm, '15** & Thomas (TJ) Taylor
 June 25, 2016 – McKenzie DeSpain & **Zac Payne, '16**
 June 25, 2016 – **Stephanie Adams, '16** & **Braunson Summers, '15**
 June 25, 2016 – **Kelsey O'Donnal, '15** & **Tyson Rolando, '09**
 July 2, 2016 – **Camille Dyches, '14** & Trenton Goodrich
 July 16, 2016 – **Hannah Merkle, '16** & **Collin Tibbitts, '16**



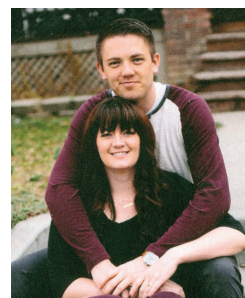
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Chase McCormies, '13 & **Amber Allison**



Cassie Dixon, '14 & **Walker Gonzales, '14**



Erica Ferrin, '12 & **Dane Arnell, '14**

In Memoriam

Hilary A. Chapman, '12 – January 5, 2016
 Stephen E. Morris, '79 – January 6, 2016
 K. Milton Farr, (*former faculty*) – January 11, 2016
 John E. Hickman, '51 – January 11, 2016
 John A. Seymour, '56 – January 11, 2016
 Danny Estrada, '91 – January 17, 2016
 David Henry Langford, '82 – January 19, 2016
 Marjorie Cole Childers, '46 – February 7, 2016
 Max M. Nicholas, '67 – February 11, 2016
 Brittany Sexton, '11 – February 13, 2016
 Arnold W. Shreeve, '71 – February 14, 2016
 Ray George Fleenor, '65 – February 15, 2016
 Nancy Buchanan Hatch, (*former staff*) – February 17, 2016
 Kuther Montgomery, '13 – February 25, 2016
 Gordon E. Wright, '65 – February 26, 2016
 Brandon J. Talgo, '14 – February 29, 2016
 Jeneveve Eyring Layton, '36 – March 8, 2016
 Robert Collett, '50 – March 14, 2016
 S. Dawnette Hill Rowan, '88 – March 15, 2016
 Olivia Safford, '02 – March 19, 2016
 Paul M. Gutierrez, '81 – March 22, 2016
 Joseph L. Alder, '51 – March 23, 2016

Lois Pease Linford, '94 – March 25, 2016
 Marva J. Moody Sanders, '52 – March 26, 2016
 Harold "Hack" Woods, '50 – March 31, 2016
 Harold O. Schulz, '11 – April 2, 2016
 Paul Bryce, '61 – April 6, 2016
 Jenny Reyna Fohr, '70 – April 8, 2016
 Mell Jarvis Whiting Nielsen, '48 – April 15, 2016
 Ralph Stanley Gardner, '39 – April 20, 2016
 Greta Bryce Bergan, '49 – April 22, 2016
 Shelby Hockersmith Boothe, '08 – April 27, 2016
 Edward P. Hancock, '72 – May 3, 2016
 William W. Congdon, '99 – May 8, 2016
 Trisha Curtis Laker, '97 – May 11, 2016
 Felicia Sanchez, '10 – May 11, 2016
 Carlos Bencomo, '86 – May 19, 2016
 Max J. Green, '52 – May 27, 2016
 Joseph Sidney Woodford, '39 – June 3, 2016
 Barbara Richards Lemons, '62 – June 6, 2016
 Karl E. Brown, '65 – June 16, 2016
 O. Kent Woods, '60 – June 24, 2016
 Anthony "Tony" McGregor, '66 – June 27, 2016

EAC Foundation Donors

The individuals and organizations listed below are appreciated greatly for helping us continue making a difference in the lives of more than 100 students each year. The following donations were received between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016. Thank You!

\$50,000 or more

United Way of Graham County, Inc

\$10,000 or more

Anonymous

\$1,000 or more

Anonymous

Ms. Jody Buzicky

Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kathleen Crockett

EAC Faculty Association

EAC Student Nurses Association

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Safford Business & Professional

Women Club

Sodexo, Inc. and Affiliates

Mrs. Sandra Thompson

\$500 or more

Mrs. Connie Callaway

Mr. Jerry Carpenter

Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Becky Ward Johnson

VFW Auxiliary Post 10385

\$250 or more

Mr. Joseph Acker, Jr.

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Mr. Don Colvin

Dr. & Mrs. Mark & LaFaunda Curtis

Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Cassandra Echols

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