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# \$1.325 Million renovation will transform EAC Alumni Library

**A**s part of its initiative to continually improve upon student success, the Graham County Community College District Governing Board awarded a \$1.325 million contract to TSG Constructors, LLC, to renovate the Eastern Arizona College Alumni Library.

“Even in this digital age, EAC’s Alumni Library has been at the heart of our educational institution, but the way students use it has changed,” stated Todd Haynie, EAC president. “This renovation will create a 21st-century learning environment with resources that better serve our students, faculty, and the community.”

The renovation which started in February will combine the library and EAC’s Student Learning Center, which is currently located in a different building. It will transform the space into a dynamic hub for multi-media, group collaboration, social interaction, advanced technology resources, tutoring, and individual study. The reimagined

space will offer 27 individual and group study rooms, a lounge, a quiet zone with individual carrels, a reading nook, four quick-print stations, and a repurposed upper level for additional learning and tutoring space.

“The world is changing, and the way we access information continues to evolve,” stated Kristen Becker, EAC director of library services. “Books still matter, but modern pedagogy requires libraries to evolve from collection-based to multi-media environments that appeal to students.”

Library construction is expected to be completed during the summer of 2020. To accommodate construction, library services, such as access to books, periodicals, newspapers, and reference services, have been temporarily relocated to EAC’s Academic Programs building. The Media Center will remain in its current location throughout construction, providing access to computers and course reserve materials.



EAC Director of Library Services, Kristen L. Becker,  
assists a student at the Alumni Library.

# EAC Marching Band featured throughout Arizona legislative session

The Eastern Arizona College marching band was invited by Speaker of the House Russell Bowers to perform the national anthem at the opening session of this year's legislative session. Students arrived early that morning so they could play for a news interview with EAC President Todd Haynie. President Haynie was able to explain what a huge part community colleges play in the education of the residents of our state.

President Haynie explained, "We represent 10 college districts and nearly 300,000 students, nearly double the number of public universities."

Band members wore placards that showed which legislative district they came from to attend Eastern. They came from more than one third of the districts in Arizona to play in the band.

By popular demand, the band was asked to return to the legislature again on February 19 to perform during Arizona's community college day at the legislature. Also in attendance were Gila Hank and some of the mascots from the other community colleges.

The tagline from the event was #FundWhatWorks.

"Today's event vividly illustrates how consistent, equitable state funding helps create programs and jobs that can change student lives and contribute to Arizona's economy," said Arizona Western College President Dr. Daniel Corr. "We want to continue to collaborate with the legislators and Governor Ducey to fund what works."

We appreciate the hard work of director Geoff DeSpain and the members of the band that made this such a great showcase of excellence at Eastern Arizona College.



EAC Marching Band performs the Star-Spangled Banner at the opening session of the Arizona State Legislature.



Senator Vince Leach, EAC Band Member, Brandon Welch, and EAC President Todd Haynie outside the Arizona State Capitol.



EAC Marching Band outside the Arizona State Capitol.



# Monster Alumni

**Anna Jane Lazear Jarvis, '58**, Pima, Arizona, came to Eastern Arizona Junior College in 1956 after graduation from Mesa High School. The following year is when **Reece Jarvis, '53**, and she were officially introduced on a blind date. She had already been scheming on him after hearing him sing and he said he saw her picture in the Gila Monster while at the University of Arizona and came to check her out. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June of 2018 so it was meant to be!



**Anna Jane Lazear Jarvis, '58, Reece Jarvis, '53, and family**

They both worked and retired from the Postal Service. Reece spent 31 years as Postmaster in Pima, 22 of which she worked with him and she retired with 34 years, many of which were part time as they have a family of six children. She worked in the Thatcher, Safford, and Central post offices as well. Reece also drove the Pima mail route after retirement for another 20 years. She worked part time in the records office at EAC ending that special time June of 2019. Eastern Arizona College has been a big part of their lives.

Their lives have been busy serving in their church and community. Reece was especially involved in community service, among which were Pima Fire Dept., Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Arizona Museum founding board member, and shared his singing ability through the years. They had a special time serving in

the college ward bishopric and in both the Mesa and Gila Valley Arizona Temples. They loved camping with family and friends in Alpine and Mount Graham and Reece enjoyed round ups and hunting trips. They took many rides around

Arizona and neighboring states and were able to fly to several fun destinations in our U S of A. They have been blessed to call the Gila Valley their home and raise their family here! Their first love is their family, **Reecia Ann Stapley, '79** (Larry), **Karen Michele Scott, '82** (Brian, '80), **Carolyn Yvonne Cathcart, '85** (Dennis, '84), **Ryan Fielding, '91** (Fay, '90), **Juliana Smith, '91** (Joshua), **Jordan Lazear, '98** (Shanna, '07). All of their

children have attended EAC and participated in music or drama and four of them found their partners there. They have been blessed with 19 grandsons and 5 granddaughters, many of which have attended EAC and now the great grands are numbering 19 with two more coming soon. Anna Jane said goodbye to her sweetheart and a beloved father and grandpa in November 2018 just two days after Thanksgiving. She says, "We have had a wonderful life."

**Bryant Ridgway, '63**, Mesa, Arizona, attended Eastern Arizona College and played football with a major in Education.

Bryant graduated from the University of Arizona in 1967 majoring in Secondary Education and eventually earned a MA in Emotional Disturbance and PhD in Administrative Law.

Mr. Ridgway taught law for Northern Arizona University (EDL722) and later was a teacher in the Alhambra School District in Phoenix for 10 years. He was an administrator in Kayenta for 5 years, Duncan for 5 years and Willcox for 4 years. He retired from the Stanfield Elementary School District as a Superintendent.

While teaching law for NAU, Mutual of Omaha called him and asked him to work with them and their attorneys setting up trusts for various clients. After a few years of this, he just sold insurance products for Mutual of Omaha. Now, 23 years later he still "dabbles" in the insurance industry but is mostly retired.



**Bryant Ridgway, '63, and wife, Marsha.**

His wife, Marsha and he are co-directors of a Family History Center in Mesa, AZ. They have three children: **Marcus, '90**, Brenton and Melinda. Marcus and his family live in Mesa, Brenton and his family live in Flagstaff, and Melinda and her family live in Blue

Springs, MO. They have 12 grandchildren. Bryant and his wife served a mission for their church in Honduras.

As for travel they have been extremely fortunate. They have been in every state

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in the United States. They have also visited every continent. People ask which continent was their favorite. He said that is difficult to answer, but Antarctica was extremely interesting and beautiful. They especially enjoyed Israel and Africa. Their last trip to Africa was to Kenya a couple of years ago. Their son Marcus paid for the first class trip and 3 safaris. He also chartered helicopters that flew them to a huge rock in a valley. They landed on top of this rock and there was a cake and flowers for their 50th wedding anniversary! What a special trip that was!

**DelAnn Householder Haymore, '77**, Sierra Vista, Arizona, attended Eastern Arizona College and enjoyed her time with the band and choir programs. While attending Eastern she started dating Gary Haymore, a baseball player attending Cochise Community College. They ended up getting married and moved to Utah so Gary could attend Brigham Young University.

Most of Gary's brothers and sisters attended Eastern Arizona College. They include **Steven Haymore, '79**, **Maurine Haymore Allred, '81**, **Jan Haymore**

**Rogers, '92**, **Ron Haymore, '93**, and **Kevin Haymore, '93**.

The Haymores moved to Douglas for a number of years where Gary worked in the real estate industry. In 1984, they moved to Sierra Vista and started over with their own real estate company that buys, sells and manages real estate, primarily commercial properties.

All of Gary and DelAnn's five sons and one daughter attended Eastern. As a result, most of their children have spouses who also attended EAC. They are **Dagen Haymore, '01** (married Latasha Haymore), **Garrick Haymore, '03** (married **Kara Wallace Haymore, '03**), **Ryan Haymore,**



**DelAnn Householder Haymore, '77**, Gary Haymore, and family

**'04** (married **Camille Daley Haymore, '04**), **Brek Haymore, '07** (married **Leah Jones Haymore, '06**), **Bryna Haymore Isaacson Molesworth, '08** (married the late **Robert Tyler**

**Isaacson, '08**), and **Troy Haymore, '13** (married **Ashley Tueller Haymore, '14**).

Dagen now works with the US Border

Patrol in Naco, AZ. Garrick played baseball at University of New Mexico for two years and continued studies to become a Nurse Practitioner. Ryan works with the family real estate business. Brek also works with the Border Patrol in Sanoita, AZ. Bryna completed the EAC cosmetology program and is now raising four boys. Troy completed the criminal justice program at Eastern and is now a deputy with the Cochise County Sheriff's Department.

DelAnn shared that she strongly recommends Eastern Arizona College to those wondering where they should go to college. Many students have made their way here because of her influence.

**Marion McEuen, '90**, Tucson, Arizona, found his path redirected many times throughout his life, but found success in unexpected ways. After attending Eastern Arizona College, Marion continued his education at the University of Arizona studying political science. He heard that the university's mirror lab was hiring people with drafting experience. He applied and got the job because of the drafting courses he took at Eastern. Students with AutoCAD experience were in high demand. Marion's college career ended when he was offered a job paying better than he could obtain if he finished political science at the university.

His experiences at the lab, especially work with vacuum processing equipment, led to

# Alumni!

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another job building vacuum processing equipment for other companies. He soon became a project manager and engineering team leader. During his career, Marion spent some years in Tucson, AZ, and Berlin, Germany, building solar factories.

Marion currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of Duralar Technologies, a company that builds machines that apply "ultrahard coatings" or DLC (Diamond light carbon). The patented processes make finishes that can withstand high friction without needing lubricants.

Looking back, he attributes much of his success to being able to see the big picture in projects and help people of varied skills and backgrounds work together to solve problems.

He is appreciative of those in his career who mentored and taught him and enjoys

the opportunity to mentor interns and help them learn the basics of success. He comments that you never know where life will take you so keep building skills, find mentors, and communicate well with the members of your team.

**Sandra K. Upshaw Barwick, '11**, Chinle, Arizona, started her schooling at EAC through the GIFT Fire Science program during high school and was the first female to serve on the Thatcher Fire Department. She received the Firefighter of the Year award given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Thatcher.

After her time as a firefighter Sandra went on a mission for her church to the Russia Samara Mission.

After her mission Sandra moved to Idaho to attend BYU-Idaho to get her Bachelor degree in International Studies. While there she met her sweetheart, Alan Barwick, and they were married. Since graduation, the couple moved around a bit and then moved to Chinle, Arizona, where

Alan teaches economics and government and coaches football at the high school. They have two little girls, Gracie and Faith. Sandra still finds time to be a volunteer firefighter for the fire department in town.

**Mark J. Gomez, '13**, Tucson, Arizona, graduated from Eastern with a degree in Computer Information Systems. He continued coursework with Western Governor's University. He worked as an infrastructure technician for three years at Freeport McMoRan and then was promoted to control systems analyst. Last fall Mark moved to a new Amazon fulfillment center in Tucson where he works as an IT support engineer. Congratulations to Mark for his continued success after Eastern.



**Sandra K. Upshaw Barwick, '11,**  
Alan Barwick, and family

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### [www.eacmonsters.com/ boosters.asp](http://www.eacmonsters.com/boosters.asp)

EAC Booster Club membership offers free entry into all games and select tailgates. Membership also features snack bar tickets for volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball. If you are a Booster Club member, you can purchase chairbacks in the newly renovated Guiteau Gymnasium. **For more information, call (982) 428-8414.**



## Wedding Bells Rang

July 13, 2019 for **Allie Skinner, '20** to **Karston Price, '20**

July 26, 2019 for **Mattie L. James, '18** to Tyson L. Binnie

July 27, 2019 for **Brynn N. Pritchard, '20** to George Morris

August 3, 2019 for **Hanna R. Hatch, '19** to **Jason J Ellett, '14**

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October 19, 2019 for **Meagan Moore, '19** to **Jacob Collins, '18**

October 26, 2019 for **Hannah M. Dodge, '16** to **Parker Robinson, '20**

November 9, 2019 for **Jacie N. Ames, '12** to Kevin M. Dunford

November 16, 2019 for **Rylee Evans, '17** to **Hunter Woods, '18**

November 22, 2019 for **Natalie N. Fehlman, '14** to **Jace R. Elkins, '12**

December 21, 2019 for **Megan Larson, '19** to **Sione Talakai Jr., '17**



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\*Correction

# EAC teaches remotely for remainder of semester

**W**hen Aaron Burk stepped into Eastern Arizona College's science lecture hall last week, he faced a room of empty seats, and a screenful of students eager to learn.

At EAC, the COVID-19 pandemic has added new dimensions to Burk's role as professor of biology.

He and his fellow professors have shifted to remote instruction for the remainder of the spring semester due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Their students have been asked to stay at home.

"As an educational facility, we don't feel like we can put anybody's education on hold," said Burk.

"Instead of shutting down, we're trying to use this as an opportunity to ramp-up and provide even more for our students, even though it may be in a non-traditional format for us."

Based on recommendations from public health officials, EAC has required all instruction to move to remote learning.

"The majority of our faculty have already been using a learning platform for in-person classes called Canvas," he said. "We're familiar with that, and so are many of our students. Canvas streamlines digital tools and allows us to set up

discussion boards and live lectures."

EAC has kept students, faculty, and staff well-informed throughout the COVID-19 outbreak with a web page dedicated to breaking news and information on how to get help with College services.

"Even though there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 on campus, it's so important for our students to not come back after spring break," said Todd Haynie, EAC president.

For classes requiring hands-on learning, EAC's instructors have been asked to move as much material online, and limit in-person meetings to 10 or fewer, using strictest social distancing practices.

"Obviously, there will be some disruptions," stated Haynie. "But if we work together, we can make this successful."

Other professors at EAC are using a wide variety of teaching tools to connect remotely with students. Instructors in the Math Department are using MyMathLab to deliver lectures, homework assignments, chapter tests, and Zoom remote conferencing to conduct virtual office hours. While video conferencing complicates large-scale choir rehearsals, music professors have replaced listening and memorization assignments



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on Canvas, and compressed individual videos of students singing to create a virtual choir performance.

“I want to thank our faculty and staff,” said Haynie. “The work they have done to make our classes remote and help curtail the spread

of COVID-19 has been nothing short of remarkable.”

To view video footage of Professor Burk teaching remotely, go to [EAC.EDU](http://EAC.EDU) and click “watch video” under “Never stop learning at EAC” on the homepage.



EAC Professor of Biology, Aaron Burk, prepares to teach students remotely for the remainder of the 2020 spring semester.

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