ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2024



Eastern Wyoming College Foundation, was established in 1964 to act as the fundraising arm of Eastern Wyoming College. The EWC Foundation raises, receives, and manages private gifts to support programs and projects throughout the college for future needs.

FOUNDATION





\$20,561,004 Total Assets

\$4,235,226 Annual Gross Receipts



\$520,240 Scholarships 231 Students Served



\$138,476 Program Support

Our Mission, Your Impact

On behalf of the Eastern Wyoming College Foundation, we are delighted to present our Annual Report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This has been a remarkable year of growth, success, and community impact, and we are honored to share our progress with you.

One of the most exciting milestones from this past year is the growth of our investment portfolio, which has now exceeded \$20 million. This tremendous achievement is a testament to the unwavering support of our donors, partners, faculty, staff, and the broader community. The Foundation Board takes very seriously our duty to steward the gifts received by the Foundation, by making sound investments and fulfilling the desires of our donors to benefit students. Together, you have helped us strengthen our foundation to ensure we can continue to serve the educational needs of future generations.

Through your generosity, we have been able to provide essential resources to our students, faculty, and programs. In the past year, we awarded scholarships to 231 students, totaling more than \$540,000. Additionally, we contributed nearly \$140,000 to support vital college programs and initiatives, ensuring Eastern Wyoming College continues to be a beacon of excellence and opportunity for our region.

As we look ahead, the Foundation has a tremendous opportunity to help the College obtain \$1 million in matching funds from the State of Wyoming. Plans are underway to raise money for rodeo and livestock facilities in Torrington and expand the Douglas campus with a construction trades program, among other needs identified by the College.

Thank you for being an essential part of our success. We could not do it without you, and we look forward to an even brighter future together.

With deep appreciation,

Todd Peterson

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Financial Statement

Eastern Wyoming College Foundation

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited) As of June 30, 2024

Statement of Financial Position

Assets		
Cash in Bank		\$ 1,166,295
Investment Pools		18,733,181
Accounts Receivable		29,340
Prepaid Expenses		29,404
North Campus Lands		362,355
Motorcoach (Net of Depreciation)		240,429
	tal Assets	\$ 20,561,004
Liabilities		
Scholarships Payable to Eastern Wyoming College		\$ 520,240
Charitable Gift Annuity		111,041
Deferred Scholarship Revenue		3,950
Total	Liabilities	\$ 635,230
Net Assets		
Accumulated Earnings		\$ 10,865,735
Principal Balances	—	9,060,039
Total N	let Assets	\$ 19,925,774
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$ 20,561,004
Statement of Activities		
Revenue		
Management Fees Income		\$ 223,219
Lease Income-Motorcoach		46,500
Investment Income		2,922,111
Support		1,043,397
	Total Revenue	\$ 4,235,226
Expenses		
Fundraising		\$ 405,163
Depreciation		43,714
Program		632,054
Administration		185,639
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,266,570
Chan	ge in Net Assets	\$ 2,968,656

College Program Support

The Eastern Wyoming College Foundation creates opportunities that empower students, faculty, and staff to reach their full potential and make a lasting impact in the communities we serve. Through strategic fundraising and community partnerships, the Foundation provides scholarships, educational materials, and cutting-edge technology to enhance classroom instruction. When needed, we lead major campaigns to expand campus facilities, ensuring that Eastern Wyoming College continues to thrive and meet the evolving needs of its students.

Through fundraising events, annual donations, and earnings from investments, the Foundation granted **\$138,476** to programs at Eastern Wyoming College.

Agriculture Awards Banquet Agriculture Cultural Exchange Trip Anatomy and Physiology Models and Equipment Barbering Club Cargo Trailer for Competitive Teams Education Technology & Instruction Lab Fine Arts Auditorium Improvements Legislative Internship Library Technology Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Rodeo Rough Stock School Student Success Initiative Veterinary Technician National Exam

One of the priorities for the Foundation was support for competitive teams to increase enrollment. The Board pledged \$47,000 in scholarships for the new women's golf team, \$100,000 for the livestock judging and show teams, and \$20,000 to equip the new E-Sports lab.



Community Partnerships

The Foundation leveraged resources with the college and economic development partners by starting a grant writing office, supporting entrepreneurship in Goshen County, and economic research related to workforce development and housing in Converse County.









Dr. Eric Wodahl

2024 Distinguished Alumnus Award

This award is given for exemplary achievement in one's profession, academic activities, and in community and civic service. **Dr. Eric Wodahl** graduated from Eastern Wyoming College in 1992 with an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Dr. Wodahl is a Professor and Department Chair of the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Wyoming. He joined the University of Wyoming in 2007 after completing his PhD at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Before going back to school to work on his doctorate, he was employed for the Wyoming Department of Corrections as a probation and parole officer for approximately 8 years. Dr. Wodahl's research interests focus on the areas of prisoner reentry, the use of sanctions and incentives in community supervision, and rural issues in the criminal justice system. In addition to his teaching and research, Dr. Wodahl also serves as the Department's Graduate and Internship Coordinator.



Mr. Leland Vetter

2024 Albert C. Conger Distinguished Service Award

The Albert C. Conger Distinguished Service Award, named after the first president of the college, is presented for exemplary achievement and support of Eastern Wyoming College. Primary considerations are leadership and significant accomplishment in a college role, financial support for the college, and academic and professional activities that have enhanced the college and its students. The recipient of the 2024 Albert C. Conger Distinguished Service Award is **Leland Vetter**. Mr. Vetter combined his education at North Dakota School of Science and experience in the oil field to build a world-class welding program at Eastern Wyoming College. Under his guidance, the program expanded from 8 to 100 students and from a high school FFA classroom to a \$24 million tech complex. Leland was recognized by the American Welding Society for serving the welding industry for 35 years.

Scholarships

For the 2023-2024 school year, the EWC Foundation paid **\$520,240** in scholarships for **231** students. About half of the scholarships are from funds held by the EWC Foundation. The remainder are from various sources that are sent to the Foundation and then passed on to the college. The Foundation has **97** endowed scholarships and **28** annual scholarships.

Anker, Alma Memorial Scholarship Atkins, L.C. and Mary Lou Baker, Richard M. Scholarship Banner Health Employee Scholarship Bloedorn Lumber Company Scholarship Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming Branham, Gail Memorial Brown, C.H. Family Scholarship Brown, Dr. F.S. (Lion's Club) Burden, Kellie Memorial Burns Family Scholarship Casillas, Cecilia Scholarship Cato, Wayland H. Jr. Scholarship Davis, Jo Memorial Veterinary Technology Scholarship Delger Family Scholarship Dill, Kenneth Memorial Scholarship Downing-Reed-Prahl Scholarship Eddington, David & Gertrude Poage Eddington Erickson, Bob & Martha Memorial EWC Employee-Sponsored Scholarship EWC Staff Alliance Leadership Award EWC Foundation Endowed Scholarships and Book Award Fraizer-Schliske Memorial Scholarship Francisco, Kathy Memorial Franks, Charlene Fanning Nursing Scholarship Fullmer, R.W. Memorial Rodeo Scholarship Gorman, Ruth and Glen Memorial Scholarship Goshen Cattlewomen Goshen County 2Shot Scholarship

Goshen County Beet Growers Scholarship Goshen County Quilters Scholarship Harris, Albert "Ab" Memorial Haun, Kaylie Memorial Scholarship Heinz, Donna Cay Memorial Scholarship Henning, Lauraine Single Parent Scholarship Hill, Jeannine Joyce Memorial Scholarship Hovey, William W. and Beverly D. Memorial Jolovich Family Endowment Kaufman, Larry Memorial Scholarship Kelly, Betty Memorial Kendall, Joe and Mary Jane Scholarship Kenvon Family Scholarship Kidney, Mildred Memorial Scholarship Kuehne, Marna M. Foundation Larsen, Irv Memorial (Goshen County Historical Society) Lenhart Agriculture Scholarship Lenhart Nursing Scholarship Lions Club Ludwig, David Memorial Scholarship Lynch, Edward Lee Memorial Lynch, Ima Memorial Maffe Family Memorial Scholarship Maxfield, L.W. and Jean Memorial McElhaney, Lloyd & Marian McKinney, Cody Memorial (Goshen County Rooster Boosters) Medical Field Educational Opportunity Scholarship Neider, Dave Memorial (Goshen County Rooster Boosters)

Pinnacle Bank Agriculture Scholarship Pinnacle Bank Business Scholarship Platte Valley ABATE Book Scholarship Platte Valley Bank Poage-Wright, Judith and David Alan Poage Memorial Points West Community Bank Rodriguez, Alicia Memorial Cosmetology Scholarship Rogers, Chuck Memorial Sagebrush and Roses Scholarship Seid, Lee Memorial Shindledecker, Arlene Memorial Smith, William & Edna Memorial Southeast Wyoming Art Association Scholarship Scottsbluff Valley Street Rods/EWC Welding Scholarship Tebbet, Margaret Scholarship Tebbet, Rex Scholarship Received July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 Memorial gifts are a wonderful way of remembering loved ones. Gifts were made to the Foundation in memory of the individuals listed below. We are deeply grateful to the friends and families of these individuals for thinking of the Eastern Wyoming College Foundation in their time of sorrow.

Norwest Bank Scholarship

PEO Chapter AK

PEO Chapter AU

PEO Chapter M

Pepsi Scholarship

Oberg, Carl & Orma Memorial

Pieper, Nathan Memorial Scholarship

Rick Breedlove Harley Ludden Verl Petsch, Jr. Guido Smith Emma Werner

Terrell, Esther & Hubert Memorial Scholarship Thaler Family Scholarship Torrington, City Of/Wyoming Community Gas Scholarship Torrington Rotary Club Scholarship Torrington Telegram/Jo Davis Memorial Scholarship Union Pacific Corporation Scholarship Vandel, John Family Scholarship Vonburg, Trevin Memorial Scholarship Weickum, R.W. and Freida Memorial Scholarship Wells, Jeannie Memorial Werner, Emma Memorial Nursing Scholarship Wesch Family Memorial Wickham Family Endowment Willenbrink, Melvin G. Welding Scholarship Willhite, Neal & Lucille Memorial Wilt, Ray E Memorial Winship, Kathryn Scholarship Wiseman, Jim Memorial Wyoming Pork Producers Wyrulec Company Trade School Scholarship Yoder Woman's Club

Memorial Gifts

Youtz, Kenny & Alice Memorial

How to Give

Your gifts, both large and small, will help us to achieve our mission of helping students.

Thank you in advance for your generous support that allows us to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of people and their families each year. Scan the QR code to donate!



Looking Ahead

Strategic Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025

The Board of Directors established four priorities to support the growth of Eastern Wyoming College.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Plan and execute capital campaign to raise \$2 million by March 31, 2026.

- Rodeo Livestock Facilities
- Douglas Campus Expansion for Construction Trades
- Endowment Scholarships

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Strengthen lasting connections between EWC and its alumni to build future support for EWC.

COMMUNICATION

Increase the overall visibility of the Eastern Wyoming College Foundation and enhance the reputation of Eastern Wyoming College throughout the EWC service area.

GOVERNANCE

Provide board members with resources and support to effectively fulfill their responsibilities and plan for succession.

Save-the-dates



- December 3, 2024 Giving Tuesday
- January 25, 2025 Sagebrush & Roses Gala
- April 22, 2025 Donor Appreciation Dinner