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



\$20,561,004Total Assets



\$4,235,226 Annual Gross Receipts



\$520,240 Scholarships 231 Students Served



\$138,476Program 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 Board President Lisa Johnson
Executive Director

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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
Total 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 Net 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
Change 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.





Awards



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

Kenyon 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)

Norwest Bank Scholarship Oberg, Carl & Orma Memorial

PEO Chapter AK PEO Chapter AU PEO Chapter M Pepsi Scholarship

Pieper, Nathan Memorial Scholarship Pinnacle Bank Agriculture Scholarship Pinnacle Bank Business Scholarship Platte Valley ABATE Book Scholarship

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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 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

Youtz, Kenny & Alice Memorial

Memorial Gifts

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.

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

How to Give

Donate

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.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FY2025











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