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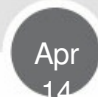
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Girls on the Run!

Saturday, April 12, was a beautiful day for the Girls on the Run 5K held on campus. I was there to see hundreds of runners and also hundreds of EIU students, faculty, and staff who volunteer ... [Read More](#)



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Quality Time with Our Students

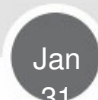
Earlier this week I had three great opportunities to spend some quality time with Eastern students: An evening dinner -- part of the "Charleston Chew" program -- with several students from Pemberton Hall, a "Pancakes with the Prez" breakfast with students in Taylor Hall dining, and my regular meeting with student government executives ... [Read More](#)



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Encouraging Technology in Instruction



Earlier this week I attended an awards luncheon, hosted by our Center for Academic Technology Support (CATS), to recognize the creativity of our faculty and staff in the use of technology in instruction ... [Read More](#)



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A Moving Tribute to Veterans

On Nov. 7, I attended an inspirational concert by the EIU Wind Symphony. The concert was a tribute to veterans, and we had many veterans and their families in attendance ... [Read More](#)



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Eastern Students Making a Difference

Earlier this week, I dropped by the Library Quad in the late afternoon to see the end of a successful fundraising effort for Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital by our ... [Read More](#)



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Proud Host of Our Youth



This summer, I have had the pleasure to attend events associated with the American Legion Girls State and Boys State, state championship competition for Illinois High School Association track and field as well as badminton, and other statewide groups we're pleased to host on EIU's campus. [Read More](#)



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Recognizing Jobs Well Done

As we near the end of the academic year, April is the month during which EIU takes extra time to celebrate the achievements of our students, staff and faculty ... [Read More](#)



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EIU Well-Represented at NCUR

I am proud to see EIU undergraduates will make 34 presentations at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) this April ... [Read More](#)



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Proud to Serve Student Vets

I was pleased that EIU received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Education last week, recognizing our programs and services for student veterans. [Read More](#)



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An Enjoyable Holiday Concert

I joined a nearly full house Dec. 2 at our Doudna Fine Arts Center for the annual Holiday Concert in Dvorak Hall. The crowd of people from throughout the university and community enjoyed a vibrant array of instrumental and vocal performances ... [Read More](#)



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Our Impressive, Accomplished Faculty

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, EIU celebrated the creative work, publications and grants of its faculty. At the reception and display of works in the University Ballroom, I was struck by the breadth and depth of our scholarship and how it makes our teaching dynamic for our students.

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Reaching Out



Yesterday, I walked the neighborhood next to campus with students, staff, and city government officials to reach out to our community residents and off-campus students with friendly greetings, conversation, and information. We do this every year ... [Read More](#)



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Off and Running!



We are off to a great start to the new academic year with our students, faculty and staff helping new students move into their campus residences, leading small group discussions of this year's Eastern Reads book selection ... [Read More](#)



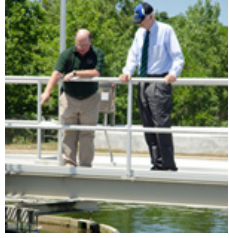
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Jul

Collaborating Research Efforts



A couple days ago, I visited the Charleston waste water facility to witness the collaboration taking place between the city and EIU's students and faculty on a research project involving algae and their ability to purify [effluent](#). It turns out ... [Read More](#)



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Capitalizing on Community Support

The other day, I visited with -- and thanked -- Dan Pilson of Pilson Auto Center, who donated a truck for our use in biodiesel testing. This fuel, made from waste cooking oil and other sources, is a research interest of our faculty and staff... [Read More](#)



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May
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Students Excelling at National Level



After commencement, we get a chance to catch our breath and reflect on how our students excel in many ways at the national level. A recent example is this team of [EIU health studies](#) majors: Emily Schumacher, Caitlin Clancy, and Ericka Duncan. The trio took first place in the American Association for Health Education's ... [Read More](#)



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Eastern's Commitment to Service

Service is one of the most important ways we can connect with our communities. On Saturday, April 21, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of [Panther Service Day](#) with more than 600 students getting involved in community service projects both locally and in other communities ...



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Apr
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Headed to the Met!



On Friday, April 6, I'll be at the Metropolitan Opera in New York to enjoy a performance from EIU alumnus Matthew Polenzani, who assumes the role of Alfredo in La Traviata. Matthew's international success is a great source of pride for EIU, but I believe it is also emblematic of the value of and Eastern education and our goal of enabling students to discover passions and succeed professionally ... [Read More](#)



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Years of Service Luncheon

On Feb. 13, we honored members of our faculty and staff who have completed five, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service with a lunch and presentation of certificates for all. [Read More](#)



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Articulation Agreements with RCC



This week, as part of our commitment to affordable access to higher education, I and several EIU colleagues traveled to Richland Community College in Decatur to formally sign articulation agreements that provide road maps to students who start at Richland and then complete their bachelor's degree at EIU ... [Read More](#)



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Dec
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Thoughts on Fall Commencement

This past Saturday was a day of great joy and celebration for the EIU community as we held our annual fall commencement ceremony. As the graduates crossed the stage, the look in their eyes and spring in their step showed resolve and optimism in facing the future. As I congratulated each graduate and they voiced their thanks, I thought of how our newest alumni will make the most of their educations in changing society for the better ... [Read More](#)



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Dec
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Raybin Earns *Professor of the Year* Honor

One of EIU's faculty members, David Raybin of our Department of English, has been recognized as Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This is a significant recognition for Professor Raybin -- not only for his research and teaching, but also his impact on our students. At Eastern, our values of excellence, personal relationships, service, and opportunity all come together ... [Read More](#)



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Nov
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Terror on the Eighth Floor!

On my most recent "Escape from Old Main" in the Carman Hall lounge, I met quite a few students. Among them was Nick Fulco, who is hall president. I learned from Nick that Carman Hall held a haunted house event called "Terror on the Eighth Floor". That event raised almost \$600 for charity and almost 250 canned food items for their food drive. I am really proud of EIU's students: They look for opportunities to serve the community. Carman Hall's efforts are representative of Eastern's spirit of service among our students. [Read More](#)



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Oct
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Another Successful Homecoming



The weather for Homecoming weekend was perfect! Alumni, students, faculty, staff and community members all came together to enjoy that weather and celebrate this "family reunion" for

EIU. This celebration of the personal relationships our alumni have maintained for so many years makes Homecoming one of the most ...

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A Great Place for Grad Students

Last Wednesday, I had lunch with several of our graduate students who received the president's and provost's assistantships this year. They are involved in and excited about their research with Eastern faculty members. [Read More](#)



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Help Me 'Escape' from Old Main!



This fall, I would like to "escape" from Old Main and turn the whole campus into my office. In order to do so, however, I'll need the help of Eastern Illinois University's students. [Read More](#)



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EIU Conversation on Renewable Energy

I recently joined WEIU-TV's crew to shoot video for an episode of *EIU Conversation* focused on our Renewable Energy Center and how it is making EIU even more green. Jack Neal, WEIU's general manager, visited with me about the research, education and public service the REC supports. [Read More](#)



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Oct
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Visit from the Iraqi Ambassador

A little over a week ago, EIU was privileged to hear a speech from Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaid'ie, the Iraqi ambassador to the United States. Dvorak Concert Hall was filled with students, faculty, staff and community members who not only enjoyed the speech, but participated in a lengthy Q&A session. [Read More](#)



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EIU and SOFF: A Great Combination!

Last Saturday, over 700 EIU students volunteered for the [Special Olympics Family Festival](#) in nearby Mattoon. I was proud to be present and see our students serving as buddies for the Special Olympians on a day of fun activities for them. [Read More](#)



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Patriotism at EIU



Our students involved with National Pan Hellenic Council, Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity supported EIU's Sunday evening 9/11 memorial service with organizational help and attendance at the event. Their participation was very much appreciated. Attendance by local fire department ...

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Student-Athletes Giving Back

Last weekend, I received an email from a community member expressing appreciation for our university's service to Habitat for Humanity. Student-athletes from our intercollegiate swimming, cross country, and basketball programs were all involved. Volunteerism and community service -- a great way for EIU to be a part of the wider community! [Read More](#)



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EIU Alumni: An Invaluable Commodity

Last weekend, I enjoyed lunch with some students and an EIU grad who had provided an excellent short-term internship last summer. Our alumni connect with current students and support them in many ways: They arrange for internship opportunities, volunteer their time to our career center ... [Read More](#)



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Aug 30

Meeting with Luo Aiping

At EIU, you have the opportunity to interact with students and faculty from all over the world. One way we create such opportunities is by developing partnerships with universities in other countries. On Aug. 25, I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Chairman Luo Aiping of Hankou University of China. Essentially, this document is meant to create student and faculty exchanges, increase study abroad opportunities ... [Read More](#)



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Aug 20

Welcome Lunch



Lunch . . . what a great way to meet people! With Move-In Day yesterday and the welcome lunches today, I've met students from all over the place; from Chicago to Metropolis, from St. Louis to Marshall, and from South Korea, Belgium and India.

Our mix of students from communities of all sizes in Illinois, other states, and other countries makes for a diverse campus and enriching experiences -- not only for our students, but also for our faculty, staff and community. [Read More](#)



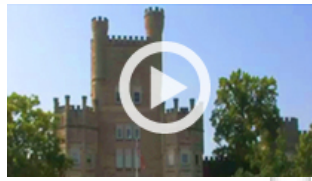
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Move-In Day



Move-in day! It's always one of the best days of the year. Faculty, staff and students help all the new students and families: unloading cars, carrying belongings up to the rooms, taking people around campus in golf carts. It's all part of our commitment to service and personal relationships -- embracing the newest members of the EIU family -- and I'm proud to be in there helping, meeting new students, and just being a part of it. [Read More](#)



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Textbook Rental



At Eastern Illinois University, we take pride in our ability to provide our students a top-notch education at an affordable price. A significant factor in that affordability is our Textbook Rental Service. Compared to the expense of buying the same books, our rental program saves the average student \$800-\$1000 every year. That kind of annual savings over a college career undoubtedly makes EIU a viable choice for students who otherwise may not have been able to attend. [Read More](#)



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Welcome to *Eastern Ways*

My *Eastern Ways* blog is one way I will informally notify you of the ways EIU values and supports excellence, personal relationships, service, and

opportunity. Within this blog, you'll hear about examples of EIU students, faculty and staff getting involved in academic programs, student life, and community engagement. I hope the things you read here will motivate you to learn more about EIU, where we expect greatness of ourselves in our mission to provide a second-to-none higher education. [Read More](#)



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