



Annual Report



Mission Statement

The mission of the Black Hawk College East Foundation is to be the primary support partner of the East Campus of Black Hawk College, providing for and carrying on activities that facilitate the growth and development of the East Campus. The first project of the Foundation was to raise funds to purchase land for a permanent campus and to finance a new library. Since then, the Foundation has provided support including student scholarships, instructional supplies and equipment, campus beautification, building projects including student housing, and many other special projects for the East Campus.

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Meet new Black Hawk College President Dr. Jeremy Thomas

It is hard to believe that it has been only five months since I arrived at Black Hawk College. For those I have already met, it has been a pleasure getting to know you and I look forward to meeting many more. One thing that is obvious in the "15 minutes" I have been on board is that the college's employees, students, faculty, alumni and communities all have a deep passion for the college's success. I look forward to finding ways to partner with you to make that desire a reality.

I grew up in a small community and I learned the importance of the extended family. I was taught to work hard, help my neighbor, and treat people with respect. Going forward, the college will become more and more immersed in our communities through direct partnerships, attendance at events, and by finding ways to bring you and your neighbors to campus. It is through this community-based approach that we will not only help Black Hawk College grow, but we will enrich our communities as well.



The East Campus has a long and rich history, and our commitment to its success is alive and well today. I have office hours on campus every week, attend many of the campus events, and it is not unusual for my family and I to show up at community events. If you have not already done so, please come say "Hi."

I look forward to getting to know you.

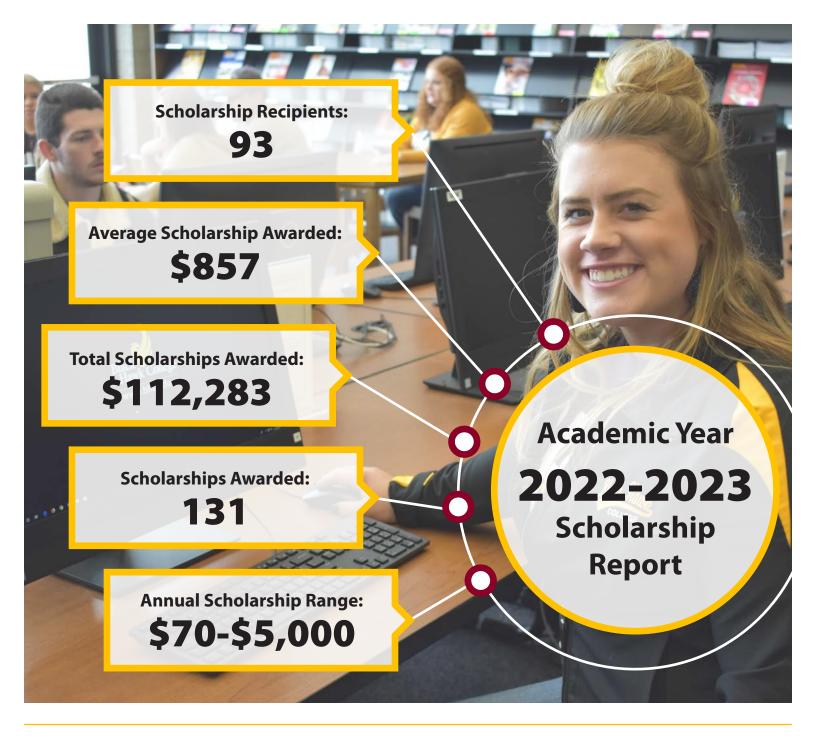
Dr. Jeremy Thomas

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Support students like **Leah** with a gift to the General Scholarship Fund!









Leah Murphy & Gary Werkheiser, Professor of Mechanics, at the 2023 Scholarship Banquet.

"Thank you for investing in me and my career. I wasn't sure if there was a scholarship for auto repair, but I'm so glad there is! Scholarships are very helpful for students like me: students who want to better their life and start a career.

Both my grandfathers were mechanics and as they have passed, I am excited to continue the family trade, especially as the first woman. I also have a beautiful 11-month-old daughter and scholarships have allowed me to better focus on my studies all while juggling the other responsibilities of motherhood.

Thank you again for your scholarship support!"

- Leah Murphy, Automotive Repair

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Support *ABCA Scholarships:*

- Ag Business/Production Scholarship
- Ag Transfer Scholarship
- Equine Scholarship
- Freshman Spirit Award
- Future Alumnus Scholarship
- Incoming Freshman Scholarship
- Legacy Freshman Scholarship
- Skilled Trades Scholarship
- Vet Tech Scholarship

Events:

- Hosted Ag Recognition Banquet
- Sponsored the NACTA meal
- Sponsored the Pumpkin Auction meal
- Trick-or-Treat Trail





Jonwyn Ayres is from Medford, OR. She is a member of the Honors Program, secretary of the Agribusiness Club and a member of the Livestock Judging Team. She is the current student trustee on the Black Hawk College Board of Trustees. After completing her Associate in Science degree, Jonwyn plans to pursue a law degree. Her goal is to become an agricultural attorney and have a purebred cattle operation on the side.

Carli Wright is from Bradford, IL. At Black Hawk College she was a Student Ambassador, vice president of the Agribusiness Club, secretary/treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa, secretary of the Student Government Association and an active member of the Soils Judging Team. Carli will further her education and collegiate soil judging at lowa State University where she will work toward a degree in agronomy with an emphasis in soil science.

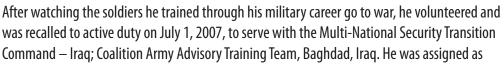


Dan Swanson

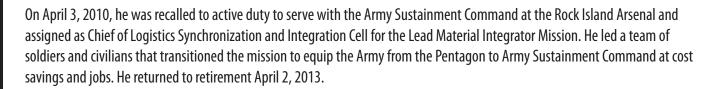
Outstanding Ag Alumni

Dan graduated from Alwood High School then enrolled at Black Hawk College. He graduated in 1984 then attended Western Illinois University where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1994.

Dan enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard on Aug. 11, 1977, as a 63B generator and wheel vehicle mechanic. He was selected on March 1, 1980, to serve on an active-duty tour with the Illinois Army National Guard. He attended Office Candidate School at the Illinois Military Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on June 14, 1986. He retired Jan. 31, 2001, after 20 years active duty and more than three years as a traditional Guardsman.







He served as the superintendent of the Henry County Veterans Assistance Commission providing financial aid and transportation services to the Iowa Veterans Hospital in Iowa City, IA, for Henry County veterans. He also provided financial assistance to veterans to pay utilities, rent and purchase food.

Dan was sworn in Jan. 11, 2017, to proudly serve as Illinois State Representative for the 74th District in the 100th General Assembly. Dan served more than 17 years on the Alwood (Alpha and Woodhull) Board of Education and served two years on the Henry County Board but was required to resign when he was called back to active duty.

He is involved with the sixth generation Swanson family farm where he works with his dad, Ron; brother, Steve; son, Matthew; and nephew, Josh, near Andover, IL.

Dan continues to support the mission of Black Hawk College at the state level and has been instrumental in helping Black Hawk College move forward over the years. Please help us congratulate Dan Swanson as the 2023 Outstanding Ag Alumni.



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Save the date: Aggie Weekend July 26-28, 2024

Life at the East Campus

Black Hawk College is a member of the Higher Learning Commission and is certified by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). The East Campus has been operating at its current location outside of Kewanee and Galva since 1971.

Clubs and organizations:

- Agribusiness Club
- Auto/Ag Mechanics Club
- Circle K International
- Future Business Leaders of America
 - Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL)
- Illinois Farm Bureau Collegiate Chapter
- National Professional Agricultural Student Organization (PAS)
- · Phi Theta Kappa
- Science & Math Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Chapter of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America
- Student Government Association
- Student Veterans of America
- Trap Shooting Club
- We=Them

Competitive teams:

- Horse Judging
- Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA)
 Hunt Seat Team
- Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA)
 Western Show Team
- Livestock Judging
- NACTA Judging Teams:
 Sweepstakes 1st Overall

• Soils Judging Team:

Iowa State University – High Team Overall NACTA- 2nd Overall University of Illinois – High Team Overall

• Trap Team Club:

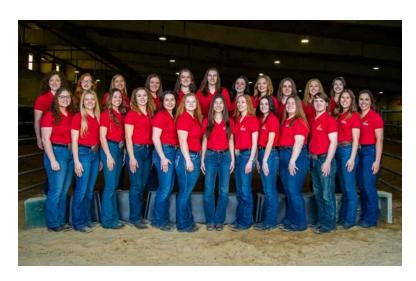
Fall season – 1st in conference Spring season – 2nd in conference

Where are East Campus students transferring to?

- Colorado State University
- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- · Oklahoma State University
- OSF College of Nursing
- Purdue University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Findlay
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- West Texas A&M University
- Western Illinois University



BHC Equestrian Program 2022-2023



Horse Judging:

- Freshman Team: Middle Tennessee State University High Team Halter,
 High Team Reasons, High Team Performance & High Team Overall
- Sophomore Team: Fort Worth, TX Champion Team
- All-American Quarter Horse Congress Champion Team
- NRHA- Champions & Reserve Champions
- American Quarter Horse Association World Show World Champions

Western Equestrian Team:

- 18th Regional Championship win for Black Hawk College
- IHSA Semifinal Champions Weirsdale, FL
- IHSA National Championships: 4th in the nation

Regular Season – Overall High Points:

 Black Hawk, Iowa State, Missouri State, UW Platteville, Truman State & Kansas State.

Hunt Team:

- SUIC Equestrian Club Show Reserve High Point Team
- MSU Show Reserve High Point
- Black Hawk College Hunt Seat High Point Team & Reserve High Point Team
- IHSA Region 5 Zone 7 Championship Reserve High Point Team

NACTA:

• Equine Management – 1st overall

BHC Livestock Judging 2022-2023



National Barrow Show

- · High Team overall
- · 2nd Place Reasons

World Beef Expo

· High Team overall

Tulsa State Fair

- · High Team overall
- High Team Hogs

Reserve Champions

- 2nd Place overall
- 2nd Place Reasons

NAILE

• 5th Place overall

Cattlemen's Congress – Reserve Champion Team

- · High Team Cattle
- · High Team Reasons

National Western Stock Show – Reserve Champion Team

- High Team Reasons
- · High Team Sheep/Goats

lowa Beef Expo

- High Team overall
- · High Team Reasons

Houston Livestock Show Rodeo – Reserve Champion Team

- High Team Reasons
- · High Team Cattle
- · High Team Brahmans
- · 2nd Place Sheep/Goats

NACTA Judging Conference

- Livestock Judging High Team overall & High Team in every division
- Livestock Management High Team overall
- Dairy Cattle Judging High Team overall
- Meats Judging 3rd Place

Generosity at a Glance (FY23)

\$388,536 raised

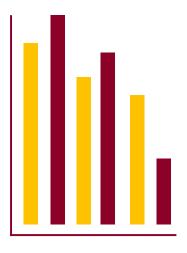
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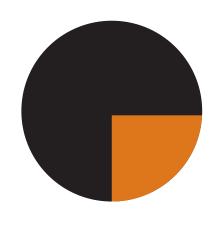














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Dear Friends,

As this year comes to an end, I continue to be inspired by the incredible achievements we are making at Black Hawk College. Thanks to the support of our generous East Foundation donors as well as our dedicated faculty and staff, we are breaking barriers and transforming lives. Our commitment to facilitate the growth and development of the East Campus not only empowers our students, but also strengthens our community.

If you believe in the power of education to change lives, I encourage you to consider the following ways to give:

Make an annual pledge or gift — Your gift to the Unrestricted Fund supports the East Campus' highest priorities. These include merit- and need-based scholarships and grants, student technology and programming, faculty development and campus facility improvements.



Establish an endowed scholarship — Donated funds are invested in perpetuity. Principal-generated earnings fund a scholarship based on your wishes. If you are eager to have your gift impact lives now and in the future, establishing an endowment is a wonderful choice.

Sponsor an event or competition — Between Aggie Weekend and countless judging competitions, there is a wide range of giving opportunities to highlight you, your business or your organization in fun, exciting ways.

Consider planned giving — Integrate philanthropy into your overall personal estate planning. We will work with you to achieve your goals through a bequest from an IRA or 401(k), life insurance benefit, charitable gift annuity or personal property. Our goal is to ensure that your legacy is exactly as you desire.

Come back to campus — Your time is a gift as well. Perhaps you have professional experiences worth sharing with our students in class. We also are looking for volunteers to help with events, serve on committees and be a part of the East Foundation Board of Directors.

No matter how you decide to give back, the East Foundation appreciates your unwavering support. Together, we are creating a brighter future, one student at a time.

With sincere gratitude,

Donielle Williams

Danielle Williams

Executive Director, Black Hawk College East Foundation

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