# Annual Report



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# **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.

# **Board of Directors**

The board provides oversight and direction to enhance our mission, objectives and services we provide to the region.

# **Board Officers**

Joe Orwig - Chair Brandon Hall - Vice Chair and ABCA Representative Ray Jacobs - Secretary Doug Parrott - Treasurer

# **Board Members**

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### **National Barrow Show**

- High Team Overall (35th win for BHC)
- High Team Reasons

# World Beef Expo

- Sophomore Team –1st, 2nd, & 4th High Team **Overall**
- Freshman Team High Team Overall

# **State Fair of Texas**

- Sophomore Team Champion Team Overall
- Freshman Team Champion Team Overall

# **American Royal**

- High Team Reasons
- High Team Sheep and Goats
- 2nd Team Cattle
- 4th Team Overall

# **Mid-American**

- High Team Overall
- High Team Reasons
- High Team Sheep and Goats
- High Team Cattle

# **Horse Judging**

- All-American Quarter Horse Congress
- o Team Reserve Champions
- MTSU Contest
  - o Freshmen Horse Judging Team High Honors

# **NACTA Equine Management**

Team – 1st

# **Hunt Seat**

NACTA

Crops

o Team – 6th Soils

o Team – 2nd

• 3rd place in Region

# Livestock Judging 2023-24

# North American International Livestock **Exposition (NAILE)**

- 2nd High Team Overall
- 2nd Reasons

# **Cattlemen's Congress**

- Champion Junior College Team
- High Team Beef
- High Team Hogs
- High Team Reasons

# **Iowa Beef Expo**

- Sophomore Team results
- o 1st and 2nd Team Overall
- o 1st and 2nd Overall Reasons Team
- Freshman Team results
- o 2nd and 3rd Team Overall
  - o 2nd Overall Reasons Team

# **Houston Stock Show**

- Reserve Champion Team Overall
- High Team Sheep and Goats

# Western Illinois University Contest

- JUCO Freshman results
  - o 1st and 2nd Overall Teams

# **Equine Competitive Teams 2023-24**

# **IHSA Western Equestrian**

- IHSA Show hosted at East Campus o Sept. 23, 2023
  - > High Point Team
- IHSA Show hosted at East Campus
  - o Oct. 21, 2023
  - > High Point Team
  - o Oct. 22, 2023
    - > High Point Team
- IHSA Show hosted at East Campus
  - o Nov. 18-19, 2023
  - > High Point Team (Show 4)
  - > High Point Team (Perfect score Show 5)
  - > 3rd High Point Team (Show 6)

# **Crops and Soil Judging 2023-24**

# **Soil Judging**

 Region 3 Collegiate o Team – 2nd



Front row from left to right: Eilish O'Rourke, Violet Hodgson, Emily Simmons Back row from left to right: Christina Francis, Emily Jessen, Anna Taylor, Kayla Vandenberg



From left to right: Emily Simmons, Eilish O'Rourke, Christina Francis, Kayla Vandenberg, Anna Taylor, Emily Jessen, Violet Hodgson

### Champion Team Overall BHE Gold

1st and 2nd High Team Cattle

**Conner's State Masters Contest** 

- Champion Team Reasons BHE Gold
- 2nd High Team Hogs BHE Gold •
- 3rd High Team Sheep and Goats BHE Gold

# **Blue Dragon Classic**

- Champion Overall Team and 4th Overall Team
- High Team Beef
- High Team and 4th Team Reasons
- High Team Sheep
- 2nd and 4th Team Goats
- 2nd and 3rd Team Hogs

# North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA)

- Livestock Judging
- o Teams 1st and 2nd
- Livestock Management o Team – 3rd
- Dairy Cattle Judging o Team – 2nd

# **IHSA Western Equestrian (continued)**

- IHSA Zone 7 Region 4 Championship o Won Zone 7 Region 4 Championship IHSA Semifinals
- o Reserve Champion Team
- Nationals
  - o Top 5 in the nation

# **Competitive Teams**

# **President Dr. Jeremy Thomas**

Dear Black Hawk College East Campus family,

I am filled with gratitude for the warm welcome and unwavering support I've received from everyone who makes up the Black Hawk College family. This journey has been both inspiring and rewarding, thanks to the incredible people – students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members – who are united in their commitment to the college's success.

I've had the privilege of witnessing the profound impact this institution has on the lives of our students and community. Whether it's the passion of our staff and faculty, the determination of our students or the generosity of our alumni and donors, each piece contributes to the transformative work we do every day.



Looking ahead, our mission is clear: to continue building on this momentum, strengthening our partnerships and expanding opportunities for all who call Black Hawk College home. Together, we will foster innovation, enhance student success and deepen our engagement with the communities we serve. Your ongoing support – whether through your time, advocacy or resources – will be vital as we move forward.

I am honored to serve alongside you and excited for all we will accomplish together as we shape the future of the Black Hawk College East Campus and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

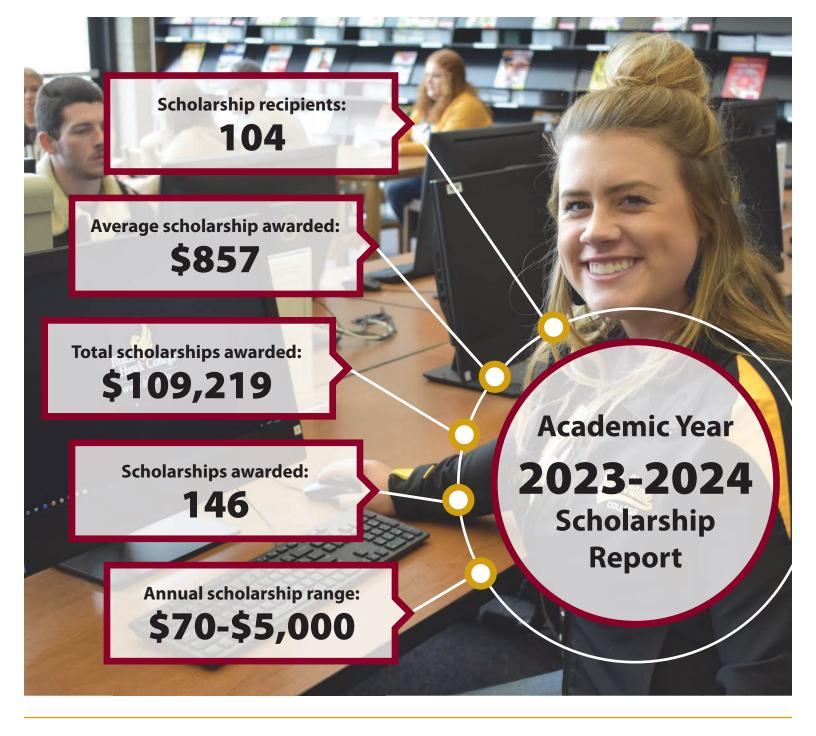
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Dr. Jeremy L. Thomas President













# **Board Members**

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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
- Volunteered at the Trick-or-Treat Trail

# How your support has and can make a difference!

The Black Hawk College Agribusiness Club Alumni is pleased to continue our support and commitment to Black Hawk College East Campus and our students. We express our heartfelt gratitude for the community support that has enabled our board to continue making significant contributions over the past several years. Our fundraising efforts have allowed Black Hawk College East Campus to not only grow but flourish in numerous ways.

Historically, the ABCA has had the privilege of supporting the entire campus and all departments in various capacities. From grants to purchase tools for faculty use in the classroom to funding meals for students on campus, our contributions have been impactful. Our largest grant to date provided the Veterinary Technology program with 10 microscopes totaling \$10,000 in 2016. In partnership with the Black Hawk College East Foundation, we have made a positive impact on the educational environment and the experiences our students receive at the East Campus.

We also continue to support our students by awarding scholarships. Annually, we select one outstanding freshman and one outstanding sophomore as recipients of our Freshman Spirit and Future Alumnus awards. Recently, we created two incoming freshman scholarships, one of which is a legacy scholarship. Additionally, we provide departmental scholarships to increase support across all of our outstanding programs. We are proud to announce that these scholarships have increased to a total of \$11,000 for the 2025-26 academic year.

Furthermore, our organization has progressively become the sole sponsor of our annual agricultural recognition banquet, which celebrates the success of our students. This event allows us to provide a nice meal for students and their families while showcasing what makes Black Hawk College East Campus so special.

Over the past couple of years, our board has continued to set ambitious goals to raise funds and increase our support efforts, ensuring our students receive the best possible education and experience.

# Support students like **Gabby** with a gift to the Agribusiness Club Alumni Fund!

"Hi, my name is Gabby Olson. I chose Black Hawk College East Campus for the small-knit community and equine program. The ABCA Equine Scholarship has impacted me greatly as I compete on the Horse Judging Team and Western Equestrian Team. As we are very busy with practices and competitions, this has allowed me to focus on school and being my best competitor to carry on the Black Hawk legacy. Having the financial support to pay for school has been a huge relief off my back. The student life at Black Hawk College is a positive and supportive community. Being involved on the Horse Judging Team, Western Equestrian Team and Agribusiness Club has brought me new relationships with students, professors, alumni and community members. It has truly been special to learn how Black Hawk College has impacted all of the people that are connected to the East Campus. I plan to continue my education at a four-year university to further my education in ag education."

– Gabby Olson



# **Joe Orwig** *Outstanding Ag Alumni*

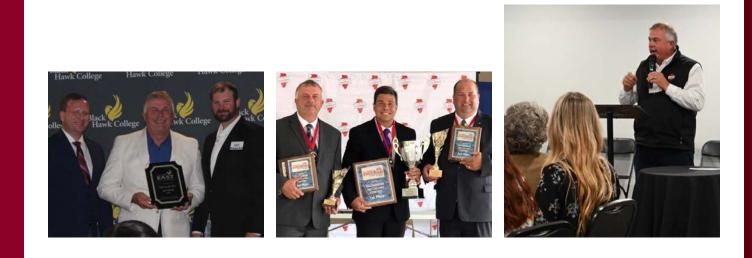
Joe Orwig is a 1982 graduate of Toulon Lafayette High School and a 1984 graduate of Black Hawk College East Campus. While at the East Campus, he earned an Associate in Science-Ag Transfer.

Prior to Black Hawk College, Orwig attended the Mendenhall School of Auctioneering in High Point, N.C., and became an auctioneer in 1982. After 15 years of benefits, sale barn work and numerous personal property sales, he became a full-time auctioneer in 2003. He has worked for some of the biggest auction companies in the country and traveled throughout the United States. Along with auctioneering, he also sells real estate, does personal property appraisal and is a contract ringman. He is a certified machinery and equipment appraiser and worked for Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers for five years prior to COVID.



He has been married to his best friend for 19 years and together they have seven children ranging in age from 17-41. He is the past president of ABCA, a member of the Illinois State Auctioneers Association, has served on the Stark County School Board for 12 years and serves as chair of the Black Hawk College East Foundation. This year he was fortunate enough to be inducted into the Illinois State Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame, which will always be a tremendous honor for him.

Black Hawk College, his community and his family are the foundation of who Joe Orwig is and who he wants to be.



# Thank you again to the generous sponsors of this event!



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# 2024 Aggie Weekend was a huge success!

- 105 Ag Banquet guests
- 23 Golf Outing teams
- 200+ donors & sponsors
- \$72,907 raised

Thank you for supporting our agriculture programs at Black Hawk College East Campus!







# Save the date: Aggie Weekend July 26-27, 2025

# 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
- Creative Writing
- Delta Alpha Pi Iota Tau Chapter
- Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL)
- Illinois Farm Bureau Collegiate Chapter
- Living in Faith Together (LIFT)
- Marketing Ambassadors
- National Professional Agricultural Student Organization (PAS)
- Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Phi Beta Chapter
- Pre-Vet & Pre-Vet Tech Club
- 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:**

- Crops and Soil
- 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
- Trap Team Club

# 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



# **JID 5 WAYS** to **GIVE**

# 1. 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.

# 2. 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 wise choice.

# 3. Sponsor an event or competition

The annual Ag Banquet, Golf Outing, Wall of Fame and judging competitions offer a wide range of giving opportunities to highlight you, your business or your organization in fun, exciting ways.

# 4. 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.

# 5. 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.

With the help and support of donors like you, Black Hawk College East Campus continues to grow and prosper as a higher education institute.

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.

# **Kim Goodley** Associate VP - External Relations and Executive Director of East Foundation

Dear Black Hawk College East Campus community,

I am excited and honored to introduce myself as the new Associate Vice President for External Affairs and the Executive Director of the Black Hawk College East Foundation. As I step into these roles, my focus will be on building and strengthening relationships with our community partners, alumni and supporters.

My time as an East Campus student was instrumental in shaping who I am today, both personally and professionally. This institution is more than just a college to me; it feels like home. It's a place that not only nurtured my growth but also carries a deep connection to my family's legacy as alumni. The traditions and values upheld here are something I am proud to be a part of, and they continue to inspire me to help others.



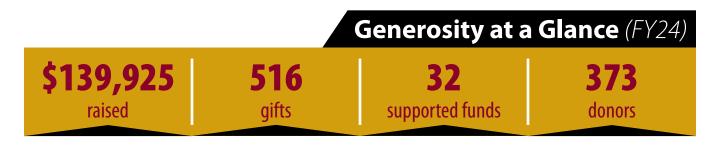
Student success is at the heart of everything we do here at Black Hawk College. Through your unwavering support, we can provide the essential resources, opportunities and experiences that help our students excel both in and out of the classroom. A sincere thank you for your contributions.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to connecting with you and exploring how we can continue to make a lasting impact together.

Warm regards,

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Kim Goodley Associate VP - External Relations and Executive Director of East Foundation



# Thank you donors!

Thank you to the following contributors for your generous support in providing Black Hawk College East Campus with resources to offer quality education and learning opportunities from **July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**. Please accept our sincere apologies if we inadvertently missed or misspelled your name, and be sure to let us know of the error.

### **INDIVIDUALS**

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