

FOUNDATION Newsletter



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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.

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

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Greetings East Campus supporters,

The fall semester is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a semester of students fully back on campus and bringing back fall rituals that make East Campus distinctive. The Stampede Auction of Champion Pumpkins, an EC tradition on hold the last two years, raised a record \$8,500 for the Kewanee Area United Way. The Trick-or-Treat Trail returned as well, bringing more than a thousand visitors to campus. I want to give a shout-out to Amy Snyder and Vashti Berry for organizing those two events.

Our agriculture and equine competition teams continue where they left off last year – in first place. The fall competition season has been rewarding for the coaches and students. We are also back to hosting events at the college arena. In other words, the campus is really alive.

I announced my retirement in late August. The search process is just beginning. A search committee was formed Nov. 22. Trustees Jon Looney and Doug Strand are heading up the committee made up of representatives from across the college district. The committee will screen applications this winter, conduct preliminary interviews, and then finalists will be brought to each campus for in-person interviews in late March or early April.

I've truly enjoyed my five years at Black Hawk College. One of my favorite pre-pandemic activities was coming to the arena for the barrel races and the equine competitions, as well as talking to the students about their plans after graduation. I feel that we are getting back to those days.

Finally, I want to thank Dalton for her work while Danielle has been out. She's dedicated to the Foundation and the students it serves. I hope you feel the same.

Thank you for your support of the East Campus students.



Tim Wynes, J.D.
President



Scholarships

Academic Year 2021-2022 Scholarship Report



87

Scholarship Recipients



\$913

Average Scholarship Award



\$104,128

Total Scholarships Awarded



114

Scholarships Awarded



\$70-\$2,500

Annual Scholarship Range



Eldon “Bud” Aupperle

Inspiring Agriculture Students

Eldon “Bud” Aupperle of Toulon, IL, has spent his whole life promoting agricultural education.

“My philosophy is to develop the students beyond the classroom, which makes them a better individual in life,” he says.

Bud and his wife, Virginia, recently enhanced the Aupperle Recognition Fund with a \$50,000 donation to the Black Hawk College East Foundation. The gift will be used annually to provide a \$5,000 award to an ag student who is selected for the new Outstanding Agricultural Graduate Award.

Bud intends for the award to go to an “overall outstanding person,” not just a student with good grades, but someone who also is involved in the college and the community.

Students will not apply for this award. A selection committee will choose the recipient, and the award will be presented each spring at the Ag Recognition Banquet. Bud said this award should motivate each student to do their best.

Bud Aupperle was also chosen as this year’s **Friend of the Alumni** for the ABCA Ag Banquet.

Bud grew up on a livestock and grain farm near Fairbury, IL. In 1946, he joined FFA (Future Farmers of America) as a freshman at Fairbury Township High School. Bud was very active in FFA, eventually becoming president of the club and winning an award for top swine production.

Bud graduated from high school in 1950 then attended the University of Illinois to major in agriculture. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1954 then spent six months in Chile as part of the International Farm Youth Exchange, a program started after World War II to rebuild personal relations between youth from the United States and other countries. Years later, Bud became the national treasurer of the IFYE alumni and treasurer of the national IFYE Foundation for 18 years.

After returning to the U.S. from Chile, Bud briefly taught vocational agriculture at Buckley-Loda High School in Buckley, IL, then was drafted and served two years in Germany in the U.S. Army. Once his military service ended, Bud earned a master’s degree in ag education from the University of Illinois. He was hired to start the vocational-agricultural program at Warren High School in Monmouth, IL, then taught agricultural business at Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, IL.

In the late 1960s, Bud was the first of six original faculty members hired to work at the East Campus. His role was to establish an agriculture program for the new campus. Bud developed and taught ag courses at the East Campus from 1967-88, touching the lives of thousands of students. During his first year, he organized the Agri-Business Club and in 1972, he started the Agri-Business Club Alumni (ABCA).

Bud retired from Black Hawk College in 1988 and was named professor emeritus. He was the first faculty member inducted into the Black Hawk College East Foundation’s Wall of Fame, and the campus quadrangle was named in his honor.

Even after he retired from teaching, Bud continued to stay connected to the college through the ABCA. For 37 years, he was the group’s executive secretary, until retiring from that position in 2009.



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Support

Scholarships:

Freshman Spirit Award

Future Alumnus Scholarship

Incoming Freshman Scholarship

Legacy Freshman Scholarship

Events:

Agri-Business Club Alumni Events

Ag Recognition Banquet – Hosted

Sponsored the FFA Greenhand Conference meal

Sponsored the NACTA meal

Sponsored the Pumpkin Auction meal

Trick-or-Treat Trail

As a result of the support of our alumni, friends and the entire Black Hawk College community, the Agri-Business Club Alumni continues to provide scholarships. In the last year, we have awarded the Freshman Spirit Award and Future Alumnus, Incoming Freshman and Legacy scholarships totaling \$3,000. *With your help, we can invest in agricultural students at Black Hawk College East Campus for many years to come.*

<https://bhceastfoundation.org/giving/>



Blake Moeller
Freshman Spirit Award



Chase Howell
Future Alumnus Scholarship



Eldon "Bud" Aupperle
Friend of the Alumni



Kindra Callahan
Outstanding Ag Alumni

In 2022, our Alumni Board members challenged themselves to reach a goal of \$50,000, that would in return allow them to continue raising support for the agriculture programs on the East Campus. All proceeds from this event went to support scholarships, faculty and staff mini-grants, programs advancements, team and club sponsorships, capital projects, and much more. The 2022 ABCA Golf Outing and Ag Banquet raised more than \$64,000 for the agriculture programs. The ABCA accomplishes more and more each year to give back to Black Hawk College East Campus. The next few pages will highlight the success of the weekend, and we hope you mark your calendar for next year's Aggie Weekend.

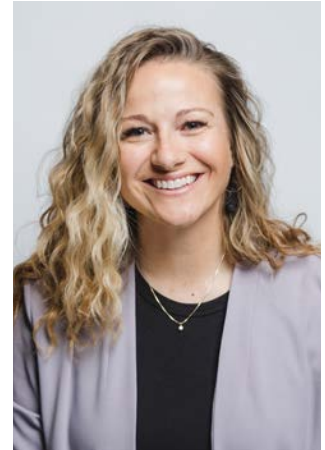
SAVE THE DATE: July 29, 2023

Kindra Callahan

Outstanding Ag Alumni

Kindra Callahan grew up in Cambridge, IL, on a small family farm raising livestock, helping with grain production, detasseling, baling hay and showing horses. Her true passion is evaluating live animals. She has been judging livestock and horses since her early FFA days and carried this with her through college.

She attended Black Hawk College East Campus where she competed on the 2005 National Champion Horse Judging Team, was the student trustee on the Board of Trustees, and was the Agri-Business Club vice president. In 2006, she earned her Associate in Science in agriculture and was named the Outstanding Agriculture Student. She then transferred to Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS, where she competed with the 2007 AQHA World Champion Team and coached the 2008 AQHA Reserve World Champion Horse Judging Team.



After graduation, Kindra was employed by Land O'Lakes Purina as a lifestyle species specialist in the upper Midwest. She focused on serving the nutritional needs of cow/calf operations, horse farms, large sporting dog kennels, zoos and club livestock producers through a dealer network across Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

Now, Kindra is employed in the Kewanee Community School District as the Kewanee High School agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor. Kindra teaches a variety of preps including but not limited to: Introduction to Agriculture, Biological Science Applications in Agriculture, Agriculture Business Foundations, Agriculture Power & Technology, Animal Science, Horticulture (dual credit through the Black Hawk College East Campus) and Veterinary Technology (dual credit). Kindra has been granted three Curriculum for Agriculture Science Educators (CASE) certifications in the areas of agriculture fiber and natural resources, agriculture business management, and agriculture power and technology.

In 2020, Kindra became a CASE lead teacher. She travels in the summer providing professional development to other agriculture teachers from across the country in various areas of curriculum development. In 2021, Kindra was named a Top 5 Agriculture Educator in Illinois as the District 1 Golden Owl. In the summer of 2022, she was named the Illinois State Winner for the Teacher Turn the Key Award and the Kewanee FFA Chapter was recognized as a National Finalist for the National Chapter Award.

Since returning to the Kewanee area, Kindra has served as a board member for the Black Hawk College East Ag Alumni and represented the Ag Alumni on the Black Hawk College East Foundation board. Kindra plays an active role helping her husband, Aaron Callahan, with developing the freshman horse judging team at the Black Hawk College East Campus.

She very much enjoys reading, learning new things (like how to breakaway rope), mentoring young people, serving on the Instructional Leadership Team at KHS, volunteering at the East Campus, judging horse shows, representing Section 3 on the Illinois Ag Education Legislative Committee, visiting with her nieces and nephews, traveling with her husband, playing with their beautiful dogs or, her favorite, attending a TEAM ROPING!

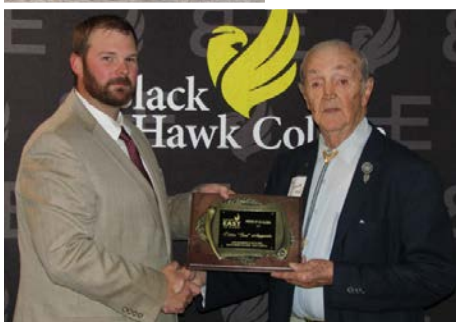


Thank You

Aggie Weekend was a huge success!

- 125 Ag Banquet guests
- 18 Golf Outing teams
- 140+ donors & sponsors
- \$64,000+ raised

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



Thank you again to the generous sponsors of this event!

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BLACK HAWK COLLEGE *Equestrian Program*

Our Mission:

To engage all students in thoughtful application of horsemanship where dignity is bound to our method while developing life skills and the courage to dare greatly in the context of our supportive community and beyond.

Our Success:

- The winningest junior college horse judging team in the nation earning more than 20 AQHA World Championship titles.
- The only two-year college to win the Western National Championship in the Intercollegiate Horses Shows Association (IHSA).
- The competitive Hunt Seat Team is quickly climbing the ranks within the IHSA.
- The storied legacy of student success within our nearly 40-year-old degree program.



Horses are the cornerstone of our program, and we are seeking your help to grow our herd through horse or cash donations.

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info*



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Black Hawk College Livestock Judging Team



Growing up, Black Hawk East was a household name in junior college livestock judging. Great people, a strong alumni base, and top-notch instructors/coaches kept them at the forefront of developing strong faces in the industry. My first interaction with Dr. Bloomberg cemented my decision that Kewanee was going to be home. After my two years at BHE, I can confidently say that there is nowhere else like it, and the experiences and memories made over my two years were the best of my life. The livestock judging experience at BHE is truly second to none. Being able to learn from two of the very best coaches to ever do it while traveling the country looking at livestock is an experience unlike any other. I was fortunate to judge on an incredibly talented team where everyone was held accountable by pushing each other to be the best. Not only was the judging aspect great, but the alumni and faculty support aided to our success. I challenge anyone to find a school with as strong of an alumni base of more people doing more positive things for our industry than what BHE has. On top of that, the faculty always wanted to see us succeed, which led to a more positive morale around campus. Each day I feel fortunate to have been a part of the 2021-2022 BHE Livestock Judging Team. The memories, relationships, and successes will last a lifetime which makes me forever grateful for my two years in Kewanee!

– Dillon Sheiss

Success 2021-2022:

- American Royal – 2nd Place Team
- Cattlemen's Congress – High Team
- Dixie National – High Team
- Grisworld Cattle Classic – High Team
- Houston Livestock Show Rodeo – 4th Place Team
- National Barrow Show – High Team
- National Western Stock Show – High Team
- North American International Livestock Expo – High Team
- State Fair of Texas – High Team
- Tree Lane Farms – High Teams
- Tulsa State Fair – High Teams
- World Beef Expo – High Teams

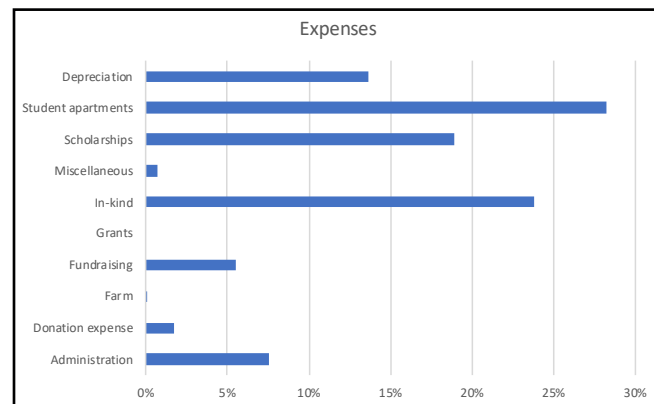
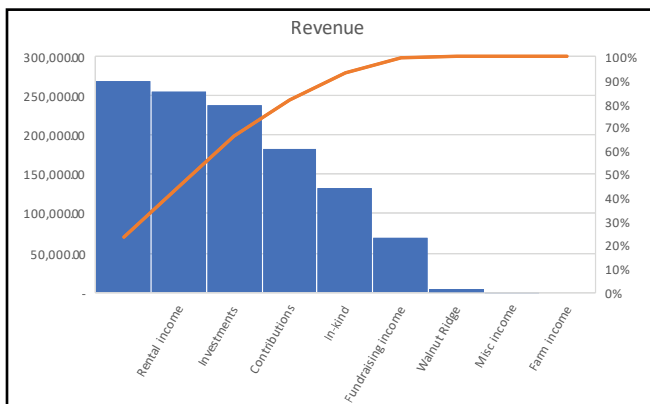


The 2021-2022 Livestock Judging Team will always be known as one of the greatest teams to ever be assembled at Black Hawk College. The BHE Livestock Judging Team finished their year as the National Champion Junior College Livestock Judging Team.

FY22 Revenue and Expense Overview

Revenue		
Contributions	182,627.00	68%
In-kind	132,901.00	49%
Fundraising income	71,063.00	26%
Investments	238,902.00	88%
Farm income	-	0%
Rental income	255,386.00	95%
Walnut Ridge	4,594.00	2%
Misc income	793.00	0%
Gain on investments	(616,273.00)	-228%
	269,993.00	

Expenses		
Administration	41,934.00	8%
Donation expense	9,476.00	2%
Farm	20.00	0%
Fundraising	30,732.00	6%
Grants	-	0%
In-kind	132,901.00	24%
Miscellaneous	3,846.00	1%
Scholarships	105,669.00	19%
Student apartments	157,547.00	28%
Depreciation	76,445.00	14%
	558,570.00	



5 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 wise choice.
- **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.
- **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.

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: BHE Western Equestrian Team made history in 2022 by being the first two-year school to win the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA) Western Team Championship!

- **Livestock Judging:** The 2021-2022 BHE Livestock Judging Team made history as one of the greatest teams to ever be assembled at Black Hawk College. The judging team finished its year out as the National Champion Junior College Livestock Judging Team.
- **NACTA Judging Team:** BHE brought home the Sweepstakes Award again in 2022 making it the 13th time the college has garnered the top prize at the national judging conference.
- **Soil Judging**

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



When it came to selecting a college, I wanted to attend a local school that was agricultural driven. It wasn't until I visited Black Hawk College East Campus that I realized BHE was for me. Black Hawk allowed me to be a part of several organizations. I am a Student Ambassador, a member of the Agri-Business Club and an active member of the Soils Judging Team where I received second highest individual at NACTA.

While at Black Hawk, I was offered scholarships through the Agri-Business Club Alumni and extracurriculars. Those scholarships have helped pay for my school along with transportation. I am truly grateful for the support Black Hawk offers each student.

I chose Black Hawk East because of all the different degree pathways, internship possibilities, competitive teams, and extracurriculars.

– Chase Howell, '23

Thank you donors!

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