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Buzzard Hall



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The College Student Affairs (CSA) program, located in the Department of Counseling and Student Development at Eastern, has been making a name for itself nationally through the research and service activities of the faculty and graduate students. The students in the CSA program are great ambassadors for the program as they work and/or intern in all student affairs areas at EIU. They present programs in the residence halls for undergraduates to let them know about the CSA graduate program and potential career opportunities. Many graduate students complete their thesis on a topic that will impact future EIU students.

The CSA program is coordinated by Charles Eberly and James Wallace. Both faculty members focus their research on the college fraternity. "Dr Eberly has been with the CSA program for many years, and was instrumental in development of the CSA program and nurtured it to the prominence it has in the field," according to Rick Roberts, chair of the Department of Counseling and Student Development. The work and research of some of the CSA graduate students has allowed Eastern to become one of the most recognized and award-winning sorority/fraternity communities in the country as evidenced by the North American Interfraternity Conference recognition in 2006 and the Midwest Greek Council Association for the last seven years. In addition, Catherine Passananti, a CSA graduate student, received the 2007 EIU Presidential Award for Higher Education,

Roberts said, "When I first arrived on campus in 1998, the first person to greet me was Chuck Eberly. At that time he had little more than himself, a few courses and a concentration in college student affairs, He wanted more. His vision was to create a stand-alone master's of science in CSA, with a full curriculum and more faculty. In a very short time, Chuck set in motion what would eventually result in a masters degree in college student affairs, with a first-rate faculty, including current and former senior-level EIU administrators, a nationally recruited class of students and a growing national reputation."