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## FROM THE PROVOST'S DESK

Jay D. Gatrell, Ph.D. is Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Geography. He earned a B.S. in political science from Eastern Michigan, M.A. in geography at Toledo, and Ph.D. in geography from West Virginia. Jay joined EIU in 2017. With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, he has served in a variety of administrative roles including Vice Provost, acting VP, Graduate Dean, Associate Dean, acting/interim Department Chair, Director, and Program Coordinator.

As Provost, Dr. Gatrell works with the Deans of the Academic Colleges (Education, Business & Technology, Booth Library, Graduate School, Health & Human Services, Honors, and Liberal Arts & Sciences,) to deliver high quality, mission centered undergraduate and graduate student experiences.

Additionally, the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs oversees critical student and faculty support structures that include - Academic Success Center (Advising, Disability Services, Testing & Assessment, and Student Success), Enrollment Management (Admissions, Registrar, Financial Aid, and Marketing & Digital Branding), Inclusion & Academic Engagement, and the Faculty Development & Innovation Center.

Finally, as EIU's Chief Academic Officer Dr. Gatrell also has primary responsibilities for coordinating campus accreditation processes, curriculum development, program assessment, and external academic program relations.

From the EIU student's perspective, the role of the EIU Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs is a critical one responsible for working collaboratively with EIU Faculty to shape academic policies and procedures through the process of shared governance. Additionally, the VP is responsible for maintaining the integrity of academic programs through the consistent and fair enforcement of university policies and management of various student appeals process.



Dr. Jay D. Gatrell  
EIU Provost &  
VP Academic Affairs



## FROM THE EDITOR...

It's a pleasure to introduce myself, I am Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani, EIU Student Government Vice President Academic Affairs, and I would like to welcome everyone to the debut of the "The Panther Bulletin". The Panther Bulletin Newsletter is a quarterly academic E-newsletter published by the EIU Student Government that is dedicated to advancing the academic mission of the EIU Colleges as it relates to academic research, achievements, events and curriculum on the undergraduate student level.

As the Editor of the newsletter, I am honored, and look forward to working in partnership with the Student Deans of the EIU Colleges in keeping the EIU student body informed of the latest academic news and accomplishments within the EIU Colleges. The first edition of The Panther Bulletin is dedicated to introducing everyone to the EIU Provost/Vice President Academic Affairs, EIU Deans of the Colleges, EIU Student Deans, and the executive members of the EIU Student Government. I hope you will enjoy the first edition and welcome your thoughts, questions, and suggestions.

Check-out future E-newsletters that will feature - PROFspeak! Series, Student Spotlight, News & Reflections, What's in the News!, a Student Feedback Corner and more! We will be looking for newsworthy articles, events and accomplishments of EIU students from within the EIU Colleges. Please feel free to contact me - [nkhamisani@eiu.edu](mailto:nkhamisani@eiu.edu) or EIU Student Deans featured in this edition of the E-newsletter regarding any future newsworthy academic topics, events, or accomplishments. GO PANTHERS!

Sincerely,



Noor-ul-Haash  
Khamisani

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Panther Bulletin

EIU Student  
Government /  
Vice President  
Academic Affairs

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# MEET THE EIU STUDENT GOVERNMENT



The EIU Student Government is committed to promoting diversity, leadership, service, and integrity. The EIU Student Government members shall be empowered as student advocates to provide representation of the rights, interests and voice of the EIU student body. Furthermore, the EIU Student Government shall strive to enhance the quality of the EIU student education and experience.

The EIU Student Government is comprised of (3) main branches: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. Annually, EIU students are elected or appointed to the EIU Student Government that is comprised of (4) Executive Officer positions, (5) Judicial Supreme Court Justices, (25) Legislative Senate positions and (8) Legislative Senate Sub-committees. The EIU Student Government Offices are located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, 2nd Floor - Student Activities Center. EIU Student Government meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the MLK Jr. University Union - Arcola/Tuscola Room.



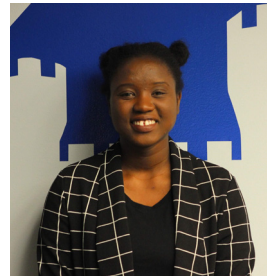
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## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS!

### CONGRATULATIONS! 2019 EIU HOMECOMING OFFICE DECORATING CONTEST

#### 2019 CHHS WINNER



EIU Health Promotion

#### 2019 CHHS HONORABLE MENTIONS



EIU Dept. Human Services & Community Leadership



EIU Office of Nutrition & Dietetics



**SPECIAL THANKS FOR SHOWCASING YOUR EIU PRIDE THROUGHOUT EIU HOMECOMING WEEK 2019!**

# MEET THE DEANS OF THE EIU COLLEGES



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# EIU STUDENT DEANS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Ms. Jaida Brockman**  
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Jaida is a Pemberton Presidential scholar and Livingston C. Lord Scholar. She serves as a drum major in the EIU Panther Marching Band and flutist in the Eastern Symphony Orchestra. Besides academics, Jaida serves as the Assistant Music Event Director for the Doudna crew and President of NAFME (National Association for Music Education) EIU chapter. She is looking forward to working with EIU students in the college to solve problems, encourage cohesiveness and inclusion. One of Jaida's primary goals is to bring recognition to all of the creative and innovative EIU events and students within the college.



**Ms. Dakota Crowder**  
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Dakota intends to utilize her position as a EIU Student Dean as a way to work collaboratively with the College of Education Dean's Office to implement student ideas within the college, and hopes to become a friendly face among the College of Education student body by increasing communication lines between the Dean's Office and EIU students. She is open to exploring any ideas and collaborations within the College of Education that enhance the academic experience and success of EIU students.



**Mr. Jason Tabit**  
Sophomore - Management & Sport Management, Accounting minor / EIU Student Dean - Lumpkin College of Business & Technology

Jason has served as a member of the EIU Dean's Student Advisory Board, Delta Sigma, ESPN+ broadcast team for all home basketball games, working primarily as a replay specialist. He serves as a Recruiting and Research Intern, fulfilling a role that focuses on statistical analysis, player evaluation, and project-based goals.



**Ms. Sarah Vilt**  
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Sarah has received a Bachelor's of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics from Olivet Nazarene University. She believes that with her previous leadership experiences, she will be able to be able to be an effective advocate for her college with her best and full abilities. Sarah's goal is to focus on enhancing the College of Health and Human Services network within various departments throughout the college, while making the most of her own inter-professional educational opportunities.