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IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

EIU CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY READY TO OPEN

The EIU Campus Food Pantry will officially open the cupboards on October 1st. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 30th. Housed in McAfee 1347, the pantry is available to all Panthers (EIU students and employees) without showing any financial information; only a Panther ID is required.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Alumni Association for start-up funds, Beth Gillespie and the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism have come up with a plan to offer food for nine meals to any Panther twice a month. Individuals may choose from a variety of canned proteins, canned vegetables, cereals, and pasta/rice. Gillespie shared that letting Panthers choose from what is available is an important step in the food being used. "We know that food insecurity exists on all college campuses across the country.

Here at EIU, more than 40% of our students surveyed wake up not knowing if they will have a nutritionally adequate breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

Gillespie offered that anyone can donate to the pantry. EIU staff are welcome to volunteer time and/or money. Online donations are accepted [DONATE HERE](#), and payroll deductions can also be established. Donations of canned goods such as ravioli, SpaghettiOs, and soups are preferred. Nothing will be turned away and all money donated will go to helping fellow Panthers. One dollar donated turns into ten dollars of food for the pantry. Gillespie stated "our hope is that Panthers will spread the word to their fellow Panthers that we are here to help!"

EIU Food Pantry Hours

Monday 10:00-Noon and 4:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday 4:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday 3:00-5:00 PM

Thursday 10:00-Noon

Friday 10:00-Noon and 3:00-5:00 PM



NOW YOU KNOW

VP SA Voice

Thank you to all who contributed to an engaging and fun Family Weekend! I heard many positive comments from students and family members who attended. A personal highlight was being on the Adventure EIU Team with student Amy, and her parents, Terri and Jerry.



As we move into fall and October, there are several opportunities I would like to bring to your attention. I am thrilled for the grand opening of the EIU Food Pantry on October 1, in room 1347 McAfee. Beth Gillespie and Crystal Brown in the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism and Dr. Michael Gillespie have worked tirelessly to bring the pantry to fruition to assist with food insecurity. More information about the pantry and open hours are available on the [CEVO website](#). Please stop by and see the space and share this resource with our Panthers!

October is [Gender and Sexual Diversity \(GSD\) History Month](#). While there will be many events, I encourage you to pick up a pronoun button from the GSD Center to wear on October 20, International Pronouns Day. We honor one's human dignity by referring to the pronouns determined by the individual. Read more at [Pronouns Day](#).

On October 11, we celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day commemorating the histories and cultures of Native American peoples. In honor of the land where we gather at EIU, we recognize the traditional territories of the Peewaarees (Peoria), Kaahkaahkia (Kaskasia) Peeya Peeyankihšiaki (Piankashaw), Waayaahatanwa (Wea), Myaamiaki (Miami), Mascoutin, Odawa (Ottawa), Sauk (Ojibwa), Meshkwahkihaki (Mesquaki), Kiwikapawa (Kickapoo), Bodéwadmi (Potawatomi), Anishinaabe (Ojibwa), Mamaceqtaw (Menomonee), and Hoocąk-waaziija-hači (Winnebago) peoples.

I am beyond excited for my first in-person EIU Homecoming, "Close or Apart, Panthers at Heart!" Let our school spirit shine and our hearts Bleed Blue during the Oct. 18th Homecoming Week. [Details available here.](#)

If you have made it this far, email vp sa@eiu.edu your thoughts about "In The Know" before 4:30 on October 15th for an opportunity to win a Homecoming t-shirt!

Namaste,
Anne (She/Her/Hers)

KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP



Student Affairs Celebration
November 17th, 9:00 AM
Grand Ballroom
MLK University Union
Make a Nomination
by October 15

2021 Homecoming
Blue-B-Q
Save the Date!
Wednesday, October 20th
11:00-1:00, North Gym McAfee

We need your help!

Volunteer to be a Sidekick for new Student Affairs employees. What does it mean to serve as a Sidekick? You will serve as an informal resource to a new SA team member. This may include a welcome coffee or lunch, tour of campus, and an occasional check-in with the new team member to see how they are doing.

Questions-Contact Nathan Wehr or Annie Wilson.



Check These 2 Mandatory Trainings Off Your List....

Preventing Harassment and Discrimination



Who: All EIU Employees, including student employees and graduate assistants.

How: You will receive an email from EVERFI with a link.

Student Affairs Due Date: October 25th

Questions: Office of Civil Rights & Diversity
civil@eiu.edu or 217-581-5020

Ethics



Who: All EIU Employees, including student employees and graduate assistants.

How: You have received an email from President Glassman with instructions for D2L.

Student Affairs Due Date: October 25th

Questions: University Ethics Officer
ethicsofficer@eiu.edu or 217-581-7249

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VISION

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to being forward thinking and providing transformative life experiences that foster student learning and development, empowering individuals to reach their optimal potential.

MISSION

The Division of Student Affairs welcomes and celebrates our students' commonalities and differences, focusing on development, active citizenship, experiential learning, engagement, leadership, and preparation for a diverse, global society. Collaborating across campus, we ensure student success and retention and are dedicated to cultivating a sense of community on both our campus and beyond. We are committed to the health and well-being of our students and encourage them to lead balanced lives. We advocate for an inclusive environment where students feel safe and secure.

EIU DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

Eastern Illinois University is committed to fostering a learning community where all members feel welcomed and valued. The university provides equality of opportunity in all areas of campus life and we strive to recognize and appreciate the unique value of our students, faculty, and staff. Every member of campus has the right to learn and work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment, and beyond that, our goal is for all members of our community to develop a strong sense of belonging to Eastern Illinois University.

The Division of Student Affairs embraces and respects diversity in all forms and upholds these values through our programs and services.