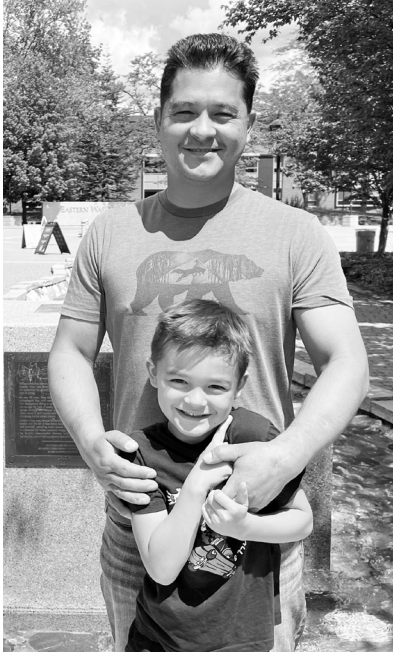


THE GOLDEN EAGLE CALL

EWU RETIREES ASSOCIATION SPRING/SUMMER 2023

HARDWORKING SINGLE DAD RECEIVES EWURA SCHOLARSHIP



Kevin Uyekawa, 41, will enter his senior year at Eastern this coming fall.

The single father of a 5-year-old son is majoring in mechanical engineering while holding down a paid internship and logging a lot of miles in his car.

Uyekawa can continue his education and pursue his goals – with a little more breathing room – thanks to an EWURA scholarship that is providing \$3,105 to help with expenses for the upcoming 2023-24 academic year.

“The scholarship definitely helps me to not be so stressed out financially,” he says, adding that it will allow him to better prioritize school, spend more time studying and tackle added childcare expenses as his son, Kaleb, starts kindergarten.

Graduating with minimal debt will also help Uyekawa realize a goal of moving from their apartment into a home with a yard so that Kaleb can have more space as he grows up and the family can get a dog.

To make ends meet, and gain vital work experience, Uyekawa works at Keytronics, in Spokane Valley. As an intern in the Automation and Design Department, he designs test fixtures for final-stage products as well as automation fixtures to facilitate different processes in an assembly line.

“It’s the exact type of engineering I want to do,” he says. “I got really lucky.”

Uyekawa works 25 hours a week but that doesn’t account for the time spent driving back and forth from his home in Spokane to classes, to his son’s daycare in Cheney, and to his job in Spokane Valley.

Uyekawa juggles a lot but says it’s worth it to be a role model for Kaleb. When his son is older, he looks forward to guiding him through the college process. Originally from Temecula, California, Uyekawa was working as a tire technician at The Tire Store in Spokane when Kaleb was born and recalls thinking, “I want to be able to support my kid and be able to get out of an apartment and into a house, what am I going to do?”

EWU was the answer. Uyekawa, who is determined to make the most of his education and set himself up for a successful career, is an example of a hard-working student seeking to balance the demands of school, work and life.

Although he experiences stress from his multiple responsibilities, Uyekawa is able to stay positive because of opportunities at Eastern – like the EWURA scholarship.

Uyekawa is grateful to the retirees: “I just want to say thank you. It really helps boost my confidence in that I’m doing the right thing and that’s a huge thing, getting support from people who believe in me.”

EAGLES IN THE NEWS

EWU Cyber Defenders won the NCAEW Cyber Games in Tampa, Florida on April 22 and made the Spokane news.

Margo Hill, JD, MURP, was recently awarded the Trustees’ Medal. Hill’s work as associate professor of urban and regional planning makes a positive impact for students, while her research and advocacy is improving conditions for tribal communities and Indigenous women and people.

The EWU Nursing Program

accepted its first cohort of 40 students, chosen from a pool of 132 applicants, to start classes this fall. The program was recently approved for \$4.6M in funding by the state legislature and private donors have established nursing scholarship funds.

Dr. Robert H. Secrist Gallery at the JFK Library was recently dedicated. Secrist, who made a gift to construct the gallery, also donated hundreds of sculptures reflecting global cultures.

JOIN EWURA!

Fill out the enclosed membership form to join our group.

You will enjoy the friendly camaraderie and also make a positive impact for EWU students.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

When: The third Thursday of the month, September through May

Time: Social time with coffee and baked goods, 9:30-10 a.m. Guest speaker presentation, 10-11 a.m.

Where: 205 Monroe Hall, Cheney campus

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TREASURER'S REPORT

AS OF DEC. 31, 2022:

Current Market Value: \$151,024.83
Principal: \$116,007.38
Golden Eagle Endowment
Scholarship: \$31,509.18
STCU account: \$2,980.97

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DEAR RETIREES,



I would like to begin this last message of my official presidency tenure by thanking the EWURA Board for their work over the past year. Overall, it has been a good year for the EWURA.

We were treated to a series of interesting and informative monthly presentations, beginning last September. Wendy Repovich began the year with helpful suggestions on how we older folk can improve our immune systems. We also had a visit in February with President Shari McMahan, who outlined the many challenges facing EWU. It was an informal and relaxed discussion that allowed for a good deal of conversation with those in attendance.

As has become a cherished custom, our April meeting was hosted by the Music Department. Once again, we were impressed by the performances of the senior and master level students. Last, but not least, our final meeting for the term was the President's Breakfast and EWURA annual business meeting.

Once again, I would like to thank our members for their contributions through the lifetime membership of \$350 or annual \$25 annual fees. These funds support our endowed Golden Eagle Scholarship, which has provided two scholarships this year of \$3,105 each for students in need of support to complete their degrees. You can read about our scholarship award winners for the upcoming year in this newsletter.

In closing, I would like to emphasize once again the EWURA is not an organization for retired faculty only. **The EWURA was established to represent all retirees who worked across campus in any capacity, classified, exempt and faculty.** Our primary purpose in creating the organization is concern for the needs of our entire retiree community – and our EWU students.

So, if you have not joined the EWURA, please do! If you, a friend or acquaintance have not joined, please share the news that we would love to have them join us!

I hope to see you at future meetings on the third Thursday of each month, at 10 a.m. in Monroe Hall 205 (9:30 a.m. for coffee and visiting). Bring a friend and enjoy the coffee, treats and conversation.

Dick Donley

EWURA President

PRESIDENT SHARI MCMAHAN PAYS A VISIT TO THE EWURA

Thank you to EWU President Shari McMahan, PhD, for making the time to visit our EWURA group in February.

The President, who served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at California State University, San Bernardino, talked about how her background – especially as a first-generation college student – prepared her to take the helm at Eastern.

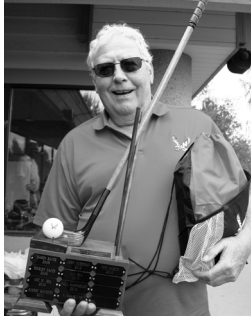
McMahan thanked retirees for our work on behalf of students and talked about the challenge of declining enrollment facing universities throughout the nation – including Eastern – and the ongoing Strategic Resource Allocation process.

Wendy Repovich, EWURA president elect, said some members in attendance offered to help the effort by sharing their collective historical knowledge.



GOLDEN LINKS COED GOLF UP AND RUNNING

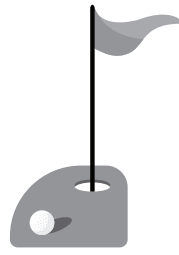
The EWURA Golden Links Coed Golf League is underway with fun for all. Golfers of all abilities are welcome to join the group, which includes university retirees, faculty and staff nearing retirement, spouses, and friends. Individuals can join a foursome or put together their own group.



The league plays Monday mornings, through September, at The Plains Golf Course (formerly Fairways). Members can choose between 18-hole divisions and 9-hole divisions (8 a.m. tee time for 18-holes and 10:30 a.m. for 9-holes). The season includes tournaments, special events and an end-of-season awards luncheon.

League dues cost \$35 for the 18-hole division and \$25 for the 9-hole division, with dues supporting the EWURA Golden Eagle Scholarship Fund. Plains' greens

fees and cart fees apply. Golfers with a season pass will only pay registration dues. For questions, or to request an application, please contact Kathy Sawtells at kathysawtells@centurytel.net.



IN MEMORIAM

We'd like to take a moment to reflect on these Eastern faculty and staff retirees, and their spouses, who passed away over the past few months. We extend our condolences to their loved ones and, also, our gratitude for the impact they made for EWU students and community.

Jack Benson, retired faculty in physical education, health and recreation, served the university for 34 years. Benson passed away on Dec. 29, 2022.

John Cogley, faculty emeritus, physical education, health and recreation, served the university for 33 years before retiring. He passed away on Dec. 31, 2022.

David L. Cornelius, faculty in communications studies, served for 21 years before retiring. He passed away on Sept. 21, 2022.

Joanne Craner (Charlton), staff in the bookstore, served for 24 years before retiring. She passed away on Oct. 10, 2022.

Michael Dietrich, who served the university for 27 years working in dining services, passed away on Dec. 19, 2022.

Michael Green, faculty emeritus in history who'd served the university for 33 years before retiring, passed away on Feb. 23, 2023.

Robert Herold, retired faculty in government, served for 31 years and passed away on Nov. 12, 2022.

Darlene McManus, spouse of retiree Patrick McManus, who is deceased, passed away on Oct. 25, 2022.

John Neace, director of interdisciplinary studies, served the university for 32 years before passing away on Oct. 28, 2022.

Walt Powers, faculty emeritus in applied psychology, served the university for 38 years before retiring. Powers who was also known for his philanthropy to the university, passed away on Sept. 19, 2022.

Robert Salsbury, faculty emeritus in education, served the university for 31 years before retiring and passed away on Feb. 5, 2023

Carol Sanders (Golden), who served EWU for 31 years and retired from the School of Social Work, passed away on March 21, 2023.

Beverly Siegel, who served for 17 years and retired from the bookstore, passed away on Dec. 26, 2022.

STUDENT PURSUES HER CAREER DREAM THANKS TO EWURA



Irie Browning, 27, is passionate about life's deeper meaning and how it is articulated in different cultures. With the help of the EWURA, she can continue pursuing that thirst for knowledge.

Browning, a junior, now plans to earn a doctorate degree and become a philosophy professor. The retirees' association recently awarded her a \$3,105 Golden Eagle Scholarship to help cover costs for the upcoming 2023-24 academic year.

The Spokane resident started college at Eastern with a plan to become an English as a second language teacher.

However, her plans quickly changed when a general education class that fit her schedule sparked another interest: philosophy.

"I took a philosophy class in my first quarter – and it was all over," Browning recalls. "I realized that philosophy was what I wanted to do all along."

With the world being so vast and filled with so many ideas and traditions, Browning recognizes that the knowledge of existence and purpose is limitless. "The world is an incredibly huge and diverse place," says Browning.

Browning was grateful to hear she was awarded the scholarship because "finances were one of the reasons I didn't go to college right away," she says.

Browning, who takes full-time classes and works part-time as an academic coach and office aid for the PLUS tutoring center, was thrilled when she got a call from EWURA's Ron Dalla, telling her she'd been selected for the scholarship award.

"That was really exciting and just the idea that they chose me and that all the work I put into my education is paying off," she says.

Browning loved meeting all the EWU retirees at the annual president's breakfast.

"They've had careers in higher education and academia and since that's the pathway I want to pursue, it was really great to see them all and get to chat with them and just be a part of that breakfast," says Browning.

She would like to thank everyone involved with the EWURA. She said, "It was so unexpected and exciting and so valuable in moving forward in my academic career, to be recognized like this."

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ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR EWURA MEMBERS



Thank you, members of the EWURA Board, for generously giving your time to make this past program year so successful. Your leadership and commitment keep this important group going strong!

The EWURA is a unique and vital group possessing an incredible breadth of institutional knowledge, community resource connections, and a special bond to Eastern Washington University.

Over the years, the work you've done through the EWURA Golden Eagle Scholarship Fund has provided dozens of students with opportunities to earn degrees from Eastern. I am proud to have been a part of the life-changing work your scholarship provides.

I have some news to share. In mid-July, I will be leaving my fundraising role at Eastern to take a newly created position of

director of major gifts, philanthropy and campaigns with Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington.

Getting to know you all has been among the many highlights of my time at Eastern. Few words can convey my deep respect for your dedication to students and the university.

Your support for Eastern is crucial to the success of our students. If you'd like to learn about additional ways to support students and programs, please reach out to Laura Thayer, associate vice president for philanthropy and campaign engagement at Eastern. Her contact information is listed below.

Thank you again for all that you do for students – and for the good times we've shared.

I wish you all the very best.

Ed Hoffman

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- Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA): You can fund a CGA that provides fixed payments for life, and possible income tax benefits with the remaining funds, to support Eastern.