

ECC CONNECT

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

GWEN GROEN, DIRECTOR

Ellsworth Historical Museum

Hours:

Mon-Thur 7:30 AM - 7 PM

Friday 7:30-4:30 PM

On August 20th, 2022 we officially opened the Ellsworth Historical Museum. It was 15 months ago that we were able to confirm the space for the museum and begin our fundraising efforts. I never entertained the thought that we would have the fundraising 100% complete, construction done, designing, and opening the “door” in less than 2 years. But here we are, proudly offering it to our students, staff, and community members.

There are so many people that played a role in making this all come together. I can’t list them all, but need to recognize some. Dr. Martin Reimer, Former ECC Provost for offering the space to place the museum, Dr. Barb Klein, ECC Provost for taking the baton and supporting us in every effort to make this project possible, the Ellsworth Board of Trustees for their financial support and dedication to the project, and the

Ellsworth College Foundation Board for their encouragement, personal financial support, and trust that we were making good, sound decisions. To all that have given financial gifts, articles of clothing, photos, and so many other remarkable items donated to be shown in the museum, thank you. Smith & Gehrls for their expert craft in constructing the project and ECC Plant Services, especially Rich Fehrmann and Corey Nevenhoven for their extra attention added to those little details. The one that doesn’t get enough credit, but makes all things possible in our office, is Kristie Nevenhoven, Executive Assistant for Ellsworth College Foundation. I give her my ideas and she works tirelessly to make them a success. Her humble dedication to all things ECC is impressive, to say the least.

Adjacent to the museum, we were also able to achieve funds to create a student reading room, that is equipped for our students, but also provides space for community members to sit and enjoy the literature we have in the museum. The “S.H. Raza Rizvi Reading Room” provides a modern yet functional study area for our students. We need to give a shout-out to Osgood Library Supervisor, Sandra Gruefe for her excellent choice of furnishings! The students are enjoying the new space and a place to comfortably hang out with one another. The museum is currently open during normal Library hours: Monday – Thursday 730am – 700pm and Friday 730am – 430pm. If you would like to see the museum on a Saturday or Sunday, please call our office at 641-648-8576 and we will be happy to open it for you to visit.

Now, as we begin to see the transition of the seasons, we also transition into preparation for our annual gala, on November 6th. If you wish to join us at the gala this year, you may call 641-648-8576 to reserve your seat. Tickets are \$50 each. We are excited to be offering an incredible array of auction items that will be available to bid online at <https://www.32auctions.com/2022eccgala>, a raffle for Tiffany & Co. bracelet and Tiffany & Co. gift basket plus a great evening of inspiration from our speakers. We hope you will make plans to join us. We will also be holding a New Year’s Eve celebration at Highland Golf Club from 8 pm – Midnight. We will have the Kris Karr Band entertaining us that evening. A great night of food, music, fun, and friends. And maybe a surprise at midnight!

Here’s to a great ending to 2022 and a positive start to 2023!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
LORI STIELOW-1978 ALUMNI

While playing softball for the Panthers, Stielow was the pitcher for the 1977 National Championship team. That season, ECC went 23-3-1. She was selected to the All-Tournament team from the first-ever National Junior College Softball Tournament and was named an All-American following her sophomore season. In, 1995, Stielow was inducted into the Ellsworth Community College Hall of Fame individually and in 2019 was inducted with her teammates. Recently, Stielow was named to the NJCAA Softball Coach's Hall of Fame and is one of only two ECC athletes to hold the honor of being enshrined by the NJCAA. The other is football player, Andre Tippett. Following graduation from ECC, Stielow went on to play softball for the University of Northern Iowa, where she received her BA in Physical Education. An Alden native, Stielow was also honored by the Iowa Girl's High School Athletic Union, being inducted into the Pitcher's Hall of Fame following her high school graduation. She currently lives in Minneapolis with her three furry friends. Stielow worked for 28 years as a Health Unit Coordinator and is now employed at ACE Hardware where she plans to finish her working years.

"Two of the best, most memorable years of my life were attending ECC. I have many wonderful, life-long friends from those two years. Winning the National Tournament was definitely a highlight!"

MARTIN DITTMER PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX RENOVATIONS

Thanks to the community support in the November 2019 Iowa Valley Board Referendum, enhancements were made to locker rooms and the former pool area. Open House was held on September 14th for the public to see the beautiful transformation. This is just one of the projects to be completed on the ECC campus. Stay tuned to the Ellsworth Community College Facebook page for more updates!




FOUNDATION ENTITIES




SCAN TO DONATE TO THE PCAC

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pat Clark Art Collection this past year! Whether it was thru memberships, gala donations, or coming to our events we APPRECIATE it! Having this international art in our community is a privilege that Pat Clark bestowed on us and we do not take that for granted. Funds raised at our annual gala go towards maintaining the collection and offering two art scholarships to students at Ellsworth Community College. We host schools in the gallery, bus tours, and visiting artists. We love collaborating with the Iowa Falls Alden Schools and Ellsworth Community College.



This is an exciting time to be a Panther as we have many new changes around our campus and in the athletic department. We have seven new coaches on staff and they are busy preparing for a successful year both in and out of the classroom. We are all excited to have these new coaches on campus and in our community and to continue to build on the tradition of ECC Athletics. Make sure to check out our website at www.eccathletics.com for schedules and follow us on social media! Catch our Livestream events on our YouTube channel.



DONATE TO E-CLUB




SCAN TO DONATE TO CALKINS NATURE CENTER

Things have been busy the last few months out at Calkins Nature Center! In June/July they held the annual kid's summer camps for grades Kindergarten - 8th grade. Campers enjoyed some fun being outside and learning about conservation. Calkins also celebrated Hardin County being designed as a Bird Friendly County by Bird Friendly Iowa. They also hosted an Owl Prowl aboard the Scenic City Empress and Archaeology Day that included Flint Knapping Demonstrations, Public Artifact Identification with the State Archaeologist, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Ulch Collection. Calkins Nature Center is open every day except Sunday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Make sure to check out their new merchandise in the gift shop!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



The Ellsworth College Foundation was excited to be a part of the Back to School Bash held on the courtyard. Fun activities were held for all students, faculty, staff and their families. It was a BLAST for all involved and a great way to welcome students to campus!



HOMECOMING 2022

Homecoming for Ellsworth Community College was held on October 1st with a lot of great events! Hall of Fame Inductees were honored on Friday night with a banquet and ceremony. On Saturday the campus was open to alumni with tours of the campus, Ellsworth Historical Museum was open, alumni took a ride on the Scenic City Boat, E-Club hosted a tailgate, and the Hall of Fame Inductees were recognized at halftime. And of course, we cheered on our Panthers! Thanks to all the alumni for coming and having such a great time!



If you are interested in the history of Ellsworth Community College you now can look at our Digital Archives in person or on our website! Archives are located in the Osgood Library.

<https://ellsworthcc.advantage-preservation.com/>

2022 FOUNDATION GALA



SCAN TO VIEW
OUR AUCTION

We are hosting our 11th Annual Gala, "Together-We Make the Change on Sunday, November 6th. This event helps raise funds so we, the Ellsworth College Foundation, can provide fundraising events and continue to raise awareness of our mission to Support Ellsworth Community College through scholarships. Since the event's inception in 2012, we've raised over \$142,000.00, and this year we have set an admirable goal of \$28,000.00! We would be honored if you would help us reach our goal by purchasing a ticket, sponsoring a table, buying a raffle ticket, or bidding on our auction items! Our auction website is www.32auctions.com/2022eccgala. You can view both our silent and live auction

To purchase event tickets or raffle tickets you can go to our website at www.ellsworthalum.org!

ELLSWORTH COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD



Thirty-Nine and Counting.....

To describe Roger Nissly as dedicated would be an understatement. He first and foremost is a Husband, Father, and Grandfather but also devotes his time and energy to many committees and clubs in Iowa Falls. We, the Ellsworth College Foundation are honored that Roger has chosen to spend 39 years as a member of the Foundation Board. In 1983 Roger was asked and accepted to be a part of the ECF Board and since, has held the office of Treasurer, President, and now Vice President. As the Director of the Foundation, I've made numerous calls, visits, and texts to Roger asking for his guidance, feedback, and professional opinion on many areas. Roger brings a level of understanding, methodically processing options, and an overwhelming amount of support to the Foundation and its Board.

Roger, from our office to you, THANK YOU for your superior dedication. We look forward to the next 39 years!

Thank
You

FOUNDATION UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6, 2022	Foundation Gala--Together We Make The Change
December 31, 2022	Celebrate the New Year with the Foundation--Highland Golf Club
February 14, 2023	Valentine's Day Fundraiser
March 3, 2022	2023 PCAC Visiting Artist Opening Reception
May 2023	PCAC Art Fest--Ellsworth Community College Campus Courtyard

UPCOMING
EVENTS



Online Giving

DONATE TO ELLSWORTH COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Ellsworth College Foundation raises funds for scholarships, equipment purchases, and campus improvements. The foundation maintains over 145 endowed scholarships which are awarded annually and provide over \$300,000 in assistance to ECC and its students. By donating to the Foundation we can continue that mission of serving our students at Ellsworth. You can donate to any of our entities whether it is E-Club (Athletics), Pat Clark Art Collection, or Calkins. Donations are accepted to go towards any of our student organizations as well. THANK YOU for supporting our students!

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