

# Ellsworth *Connect*

## ELLSWORTH COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Alumni pride. Webster's Dictionary tells us that "alumni" is a person who has attended or graduated from a particular school, college, or university. It also tells us that "pride" is the quality or state of being proud. Throughout my time as Ellsworth College Foundation Director, I've had the absolute privilege of meeting in-person 100's of alumni, and well over 2,000 email, phone, or mail interactions. Some face-to-face meetings are intentional; however, many have been by chance initiated by my ECC clothing. Any interactions with ECC alumni have confirmed the pride each one has for their time spent at Ellsworth. I've had many tell me "Ellsworth saved my life", "Ellsworth was the best time of my life", "Ellsworth gave me the time, support, and ability to mature before I stepped into a large university". "Ellsworth was the perfect stepping stone for me to succeed" and of course, the love stories of those who met their spouses at ECC. Each story continues to be very personal and very meaningful.

To kick off the 2023 year, we have started the alumni campaign "I'm one of ECC alum". This is an opportunity for us to reconnect with alumni. We are asking for support to our current and future students. A gift of \$100 or more given by an alumnus or a family member in memory of a loved one will be earmarked for our "Panther Preview" scholarships. Every cent is paid through an alumnus-sponsored scholarship to support our students academically. In return for this gift, we are creating a Wall of Fame in the Kruse Main building reception area. A plaque with the alumni's name and the years they attended ECC will be placed on the wall and an automobile window sticker with the campaign title will also be mailed to each donor. How great would it be to fill the wall, so as our students walk through Kruse Main, they see each name that has left an imprint in the history of ECC. For more information on how you can participate in this campaign, call 641-648-8576 or email [eccalum@iavalley.edu](mailto:eccalum@iavalley.edu).



**Gwen Groen, Director  
Ellsworth College Foundation**

*Alumni*



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(L-R) Kristie Nevenhoven-Office Associate, Gwen Groen-Foundation Director, Panther Preview Scholarship Winner, Sympri Gates

# Duane and Phyllis Lloyd Hall



We are IN! An open house and ribbon cutting were held for the public on December 4th and students moved in the following week. We are all so excited to have this brand-new dorm for our students and it wouldn't have been possible without the support of our communities. Lloyd Hall will be able to hold 126 students both female and male. Thompson Hall dormitory is currently under renovation as well which holds male students. Thompson will see upgrades in the HVAC system, bathrooms, flooring, doors, and common area upgrades. It is an exciting time to be on campus!



## E-Club



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The E-Club, which is made up of community members and employees of ECC, has a primary mission to support our student-athletes through scholarships. This year, they were able to reach their endowed scholarship goal of \$100,000.00. The club works closely with ECC Athletic Director, Nate Forsyth when awarding the E-Club Scholarships. Scholarships for our athletes make a tremendous impact on our student-athletes. While most students have time to work part-time (on or off campus), our athletes don't have the luxury of a lot of free time. Between practices, games, and community involvement their time is limited. This year our students have been dedicated in the classroom as well as their sport of choice. We recently published that 115 ECC Athletes obtained Academic All-Region Students (2.5 grade point average) and 67 of those student-athletes made the 1st team (3.5 and above grade point average). The athletic scholarships make a difference.

The E-Club has 2 fundraisers during the year. The Wild Game Feed and the July 4th Golf Tournament. This year's Wild Game Feed will be held on March 29th at The Elks Club. The committee has done this event for 59 years, it runs like a well-oiled machine. There are auction items, raffles, a variety of foods, and many people in attendance to support the event. The annual Golf Tournament will be held at Highland Golf Club on or around the 4th of July. More details will be provided as it gets closer.

The E-Club offers different levels of support: Panther Club \$50, Century Club \$100 (1 Paw Pass into athletic games), Purple Club \$250 (2 Paw Passes), Silver Club \$500 (3 passes), Gold Club \$1,000 (4 passes) and Platinum \$2,500 (6 passes). They sell Gym Banners with your business name & logo or family name - \$200 1st year and \$100 annual renewal. All proceeds are invested in the E-Club Athletic Endowment Scholarship. Thank you to all that are a part of the E-Club and the impact you are providing to our student-athletes.

# Pat Clark Art Collection

The week of February 27 - March 3rd the Friends of the Pat Clark Art Collection hosted our annual visiting artist. This year was a fused glass artist from Clear Lake, Iowa, Chris White. She spoke to area schools about her craft and displayed her work at the Carnegie Ellsworth building with an opening reception on March 3rd. Also on display were Ellsworth Community College's design students' artwork and our area youth works of art.

Art Fest will be held in the fall so watch our social media pages for more information!

The Art and Music Gala will be held on August 16th at Highland Golf Club with Kris Karr being our entertainment. We always have a great time and most importantly raise funds for the Pat Clark Art Collection.

Have you renewed your membership yet? Or would like to become a member of the PCAC? Supporting the art collection is tax-deductible, funds art scholarships, and helps maintain the artwork. Scan the QR code



### Upcoming PCAC Events:

#### **April**

Spring/Summer Exhibit Opening

#### **August 16**

Art and Music Gala at Highland Golf Club

#### **September**

Fall/Winter Exhibit Opening



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**PAT CLARK ART COLLECTION**



friends of  
**CALKINS NATURE AREA**

# Calkins Nature Center

Calkins Nature Center is always a hub of excitement and events! And this year is no different! We have a new friend on the Calkins campus named Flora, the resident striped skunk enjoys playtime, giving chase, and making her spray behavior is still well and intact (even though she cannot spray). They held their annual youth fishing derby on February 11 with over 300 people attending! We had many great donations given to us from Bass Pro Shops, Theisens, Hardin County Conservation, Otter, Mills Fleet and Farm, and Delta Waterfowl. Calkins campus continues to offer access to the trails for cross-country skiing throughout the winter. We also were the recipients of a large collection of native artifacts from Hardin County.

Make sure to follow our social media pages for events and updates!

### **Upcoming Calkins Nature Center Events:**

#### **March 22-24, 2023**

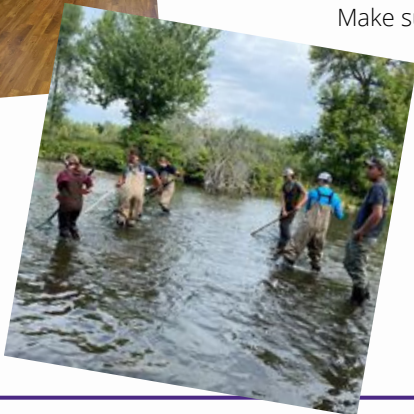
Mini Spring Break Science Camp

#### **April-May**

Field Trips from area schools

#### **June/July**

Youth Summer Camps



# Ellsworth College Foundation Upcoming Events

**April 8**

Greg Warren Comedian

**April 26**

Administrative Professional Day

**July 1**

Firecracker 5K

**August**

Back to School



Order  
Comedian  
Tickets



*Leaving a Legacy*

Our primary focus of the Ellsworth College Foundation is to provide scholarship support to students at Ellsworth Community College. We currently have 145 endowed scholarships and provide over \$200,000 in support.

Endowed scholarships are a great way to leave your legacy and help today's students and in the future. Our students will be able to read about your story through every biography given to them.



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