

THE GOLDEN EAGLE CALL

EWU RETIREES ASSOCIATION FALL 2023

PRESIDENTIAL CONVOCATION HIGHLIGHTS PROGRESS AND WORK AHEAD



President Shari McMahan delivered a convocation address to a crowded Showalter Hall on Sept. 19, thanking the campus community and highlighting a commitment to expand support for students and employees and eliminate equity gaps.

“The principles of justice, equity, diversity and belonging will be at the forefront of each strategy and goal – because it has to be to ensure Eastern is a welcoming space for all,” she said.

Much of the president’s speech focused on gratitude as McMahan thanked EWU employees from the School of Social

Work, Dining Services and the EWU University Police for making a difference for evacuees and victims of the recent Gray Fire, saying “it was overwhelming and inspiring to see how quickly the Eagle spirit of community and service rose to the occasion.”

She also noted EWU was recently awarded as one of the Best Colleges in America by Money Magazine and Nursing, Engineering, Education, Business and Career Development received Colleges of Distinction awards.

Legislative successes highlighted by the president included earning approval for state funds for the Nursing Program, the completion of the renovation of the Science Building and funding to begin predesign for Martin and Williamson halls.

In addition, fundraising teams secured \$7.5 million for the EWU Foundation and a total of \$16 million in grants overall to support student and university needs.



EWU BENEFITS FAIR: A WEALTH OF INFORMATION

Learn how to make the most of your benefits at EWU’s **Benefits Fair, to be held 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2**, in the Walter and Myrtle Powers Reading Room in Hargreaves Hall.

Representatives from Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) are piggybacking with School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB), along with numerous EWU participants under the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB), to provide a wide range of information to help you make choices that are ideal for your life.

HCA will also be doing two sessions specifically for retirees at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Tawanka 215. HR staff

will be available to answer questions specifically for PEBB/SEBB retirees from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Open enrollment runs from Nov. 1-30, with changes going into effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

JOIN EWURA!

Fill out the enclosed membership form to join our group.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m. and the presentation begins at 10 a.m. at 205 Monroe Hall, on the Cheney campus

UPCOMING PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 2023

Margo Hill, MURP, JD., Eastern Washington University associate professor of urban planning, expert in federal Indian law. Hill has spent years advocating for solutions to crimes targeting Native persons, particularly those involving missing and murdered Indigenous women.