2022 PANTHER CLUB ANNUAL FUND & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



BLUE BLU Put on the Uniform

TRUEBLUE for generations...

These long-time Panther Club members have been TRUEBLUE student-athlete champions for generations. Their contributions have helped thousands of young men and women live their dream of playing the sport they love and earn a degree. Thank you all for 'putting on the uniform', being a part of our team as captains, coaches and benefactors.

Dr. Larry and Maureen Ankenbrand (team leaders at 36 consecutive years)

Mr. and Mrs. Dave and Linda Riddle

Mr. Donald Starwalt and Dr. Richard Cavanaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Sandy Baker

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas and Joann Meyer

Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Jackie Schaefer

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Sharon Brinkmeyer

Mr. Todd Lindsey and Ms. Martha Cooper

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis and Mary Kay Hencken

Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Susie Hay

Mr. and Mrs. James and Karen Schnorf

Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Julie Nimmons

Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Linda Perry

Mr. Jerry Groniger and Ms. Marlene Brotherton

Mr. and Mrs. Don and Denice Yost Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Mary Drake

Thank you!

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I believe what's most important is that when we're looking at our student-athletes, it's knowing that we're doing everything we can as a department to give them the best education, and the best experience possible, while also being fiscally responsible with the resources we have available.



We understand the sacrifices that they make, from a personal, physical and emotional standpoint, and they do it every day, all so they can be a Panther and compete in the sport they love. No one will ever be able take that feeling away from them, of putting on the uniform, and being a part of a team - a Panther. This experience will prepare them for successes for the rest of their lives.

My hope is that our donors see it from that perspective too, that it's their program, their Athletics Department, and their University. When one of our teams is successful, they can take pride in the fact that success is taking place because they chose to be an integral part of the team by financially putting our student-athletes in a position to be successful. My hope is that this is a way donors can "put on the uniform" as **TRUEBLUE** members of our teams.

Throughout this donor quide, you'll read about the accolades of our many student-athletes and while you do, remember that their successes are greatly in part by your generosity and WE THANK YOU!

On this page you'll find a list of current Panther Club members and Friends of Athletics who have shown such generosity. who have put on the uniform, and been part of our team, some from its (Panther Club) inception - 36 years consecutively.

Thank you for being **TRUEBLUE**... for generations.

Tom Muchael

Director of Athletics

TRUEBLUE

TEAM GPAS SPRING '22 (TEAM GPA 3.00 & ABOVE ARE FEATURED ON THE COVER)

W-TENNIS W-CROSS COUNTRY	3.89 3.71	SOFTBALL R-VOLLEYRALL	3.61 3.59	M-CROSS COUNTRY W-SWIMMING	3.47 3.46	M-TRACK & FIELD M-GNI F	3.03 2.97
M-SOCCER	3.61	W-GOLF	3.57	W-TRACK & FIELD	3.46	M-BASKETBALL	2.81
W-SOCCER	3.61	W-BASKETBALL	3.57	M-SWIMMING	3.30	FOOTBALL	2.76
M-TENNIS	3.60	VOLLEYBALL	3.49	BASEBALL	3.28		



The mission of the Eastern Illinois University
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is to provide
an environment in which student-athletes complete
their undergraduate college education and achieve
athletics success at the highest possible level.

The Department is committed to offering a first-class competitive athletics program at the NCAA Division I (FCS) level that promotes the values of the Eastern Illinois University mission.

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, Panthers Football hosted its annual spring game.
Coach Wilkerson and his staff welcomed back to Charleston over 100 alumni and friends of the Panthers football program. His passion, pride and love for EIU brought about by his playing and coaching days, proves that the student-athlete experience provided by donor support has always been, and will always be, vital to the success of each student-athlete, sport program, and university overall.

Your TRUEBLUE GIFT AT WORK IN 2021



MEGAN BURTON and RILEY BAKER EARN PRESTIGIOUS OVC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

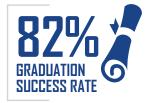
Honorees must have performed athletically with distinction, earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average and conducted themselves in a manner which has brought credit to the student-athlete, their institution, intercollegiate athletics and the OVC. The award is based on academic and athletic criteria/accomplishments achieved during the 2020-21 school year.



















5 TEAMS EARNED PERFECT ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE SCORES (1000) APR

3 TEAMS EARNED (990 & Above) APR

The APR, or Academic Progress Rate, holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each student-athlete for each academic term. The benchmark is 930.

TEAM ACADEMIC AWARDS



SUMMIT LEAGUE - MEN'S SOCCER



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE - BASEBALL



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE - W-BASKETBALL



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE - W-TENNIS

The Ohio Valley and Summit Team Academic Achievement Awards, which are presented annually in each Conference/League -sponsored sport to the member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its eligible student-athletes who achieved a 3.25 (3.30 Summit) grade point average or higher.



PHOEBE CROSTON

4.00 GPA



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

ATHLETES

of the

YEAR

DUSTIN HATFIELD

Dustin is the fifth EIU athlete to win OVC Male Athlete of the Year joining Henry Domercant, Kyle O'Brien, Erik Lora and Jimmy Garoppolo.

LINDSEY CARLSON

Lindsey is the third EIU athlete to win OVC Female
Athlete of the Year joining Erica Gerth and
Kandace Arnold.

This is the just the second time in conference history that a school has won both the Male and Female Athlete of the Year in the same season.



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2022-23 COST OF ATTENDANCE

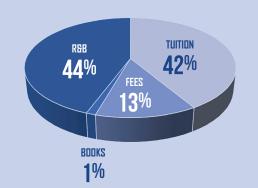
\$9,708 FEES \$3.319

TEXTBOOK RENTAL \$292

ROOM & BOARD \$10,394

TOTAL IN-STATE SCHOLARSHIP

\$23.714



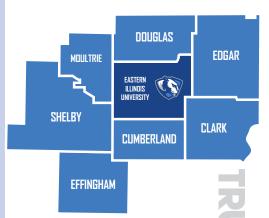
EIU Athletics is committed to offering a first-class competitive athletics program at the NCAA Division I level that promotes the values of the Eastern Illinois University mission. In order to ensure that 500+ EIU student-athletes receive a quality education and resources necessary to compete on a national level, EIU Athletics provided over \$3.5 million in athletically related student aid.

NON-BORDER SCHOLARSHIP: Tuition \$12,136 : Fees \$3,319 : Textbook Rental \$292 : R&B \$10,394 : TOTAL: \$26,141



Scholarships for Panthers student-athletes is the largest annual expense incurred by EIU Athletics. This past year, the Athletics Department provided over \$3.5 million in athletically related student aid and provided educational opportunities and assistance for approximately 500+ student-athletes, (SU21/FA21/SP22). A full in-state scholarship next academic year, on average, will be \$23,714.





POPULATION OF COLES AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES:

185,148

EIU ATHLETICS DONORS:

Know someone who should donate?

HELP US GROW OUR DONOR NUMBER TO:

1,500 Call Mike!

Mike Murray, EIU Director of Development: 217.246.5991



TRUEBLUE

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2015 State of Illinois budget impass, partnered with a decline in university enrollment (athletics student fees), the student-athlete scholarship budget was significantly impacted in an effort to balance the budget. Although the impass is over, budgets have been restored and enrollment is again on the upswing, there is still a daunting deficit.

EQUIVALENCIES (scholarships) AVAILABLE:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Eastern Illinois	183	171	168	168	156	143	148
All Division 1	180	174	179	180	177	180	N/A
FCS	166	166	167	171	171	171	N/A
DVC	164	172	167	169	163	168	N/A

The Division 1, FCS and OVC representative numbers are an average of all participants in each organization per year.

The Panther Club was established to help fund the student-athlete scholarship budget and with that, create the ability to recruit, and enhance the student-athlete experience at EIU.





Each year our student-athletes participate in the OVC Hoops for Heroes program which sends a military veteran to the OVC basketball tournament in Evansville, Indiana in March. The student-athletes hosted and performed in the Jock 'n Roll event which raised \$1,000 for the Hoops for Heroes program.

YOUR INVESTMENT HELPS TO PROVIDE:

EDUCATION

Above all, EIU is committed to providing a superior learning environment for all students and works with our studentathletes practice and game schedules to provide the best learning experience possible.

COACHING/SUPPORT STAFF

Our staff provides life skills and mentoring which complements the education received in the classroom.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

The Academic Center offers resources to enhance individual and educational goals to achieve academic excellence.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The Counseling Clinic helps to enhance psychological/ emotional health, as well as promote the overall wellness of the campus student community through education, outreach, consultation, and crisis services.

LIFE SKILLS

We are committed to the total development of studentathletes, preparing them with "life skills" that are useful throughout the college experience and after graduation.

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Our strength coaches work with student-athletes in the weight room to improve overall strength, endurance, speed, and agility to protect them from injury during competition.

EQUIPMENT/GEAR

Adidas outfits our teams. We utilize the best equipment possible to equip our student-athletes for competition ensuring their safety.



TRAVEL

Our teams travel across the country to compete at conference and national levels.

HEALTH CARE

Excellent health care is provided by our training staff and team doctors.

TRUEBLUE in the community

THE CARE GAME

Eastern Illinois Women's Basketball held its fifth annual CARE game on Saturday, February 12, 2022 vs UT Martin. The Panthers helped raise \$12,941 this year bringing their five year total to \$60,340 for local cancer survivors and their immediate needs through the Sarah Bush Lincoln Regional Care Center. A celebration luncheon reception was held prior to the game in honor of the participants attending.



New this season!

GAMEDAY TICKETS

When you purchase season tickets, you can donate your gameday tickets back to EIU if you're unable to attend. The ticket office will forward your tickets to the SBL Cancer Center for survivors to enjoy. Contact the ticket office at 217.581.2106 for more information.





6th IN THE NATION

Eastern Illinois women's basketball was among the top academic programs in the nation as the Panthers team posted the nation's sixth highest team GPA to rank in the 2020-21 WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll announced (July 2021) by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.



CAPITAL INITIATIVES

thank you

PROJECTS COMPLETED

- ✓ Women's Basketball Locker Room
- ✓ Baseball Renovated Playing Surface/Scoreboard

Panthers Athletics recognizes that the role and impact that facilites have is monumental and instrumental to the overall performance and recruitment of a student-athlete.

The department is continually identifying needs as well as opportunities to make improvements or initiate construction. Capital initiatives are funded primarily through donor support.





For more information regarding capital initiatives, please call **Mike Murray**. Director of Development at 217.246.5991.

ANNUAL GIVING

The LAIR Fund develops annual funding support that provides EIU's 500+ student-athletes with a quality education and resources necessary to compete at the NCAA Division I level.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are the largest annual expense utilized by EIU Athletics. A full scholarship next academic year, on average, will be \$22,889.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Endowments are gifts that can provide support on a yearly basis for the perpetual lifespan of the gift. These gifts can be used to establish named scholarships or provide program funding.

PLANNED GIVING

TRUE BLUE donors can create a gift that lasts forever by including the department in their overall tax, estate and financial plans. Planned gifts in trusts, insurance, stock, or real estate maximize tax savings while making a profound impact on student-athlete success.

GIFTS-IN-KIND

Individuals and businesses are able to contribute goods and services in order to help offset budget expenditures. Gifts-in-kind are valued at fair market value and must be approved by the Athletics Department.

PANTHERS WHEELS

Courtesy cars provide athletics' coaches and staff members the opportunity to recruit and travel while reducing the overall cost to the department. Partners receive various benefits, including tax benefits.

METHODS OF MAKING A GIFT

- One-time gifts
- Donation schedules Arrangements can be made for reoccuring donations via a credit card.
- Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or payroll deductions - Arrangements can be made for reoccuring donations via electronic fund transfers from a checking or savings account, monthly credit card or payroll deduction (for EIU employees only).
- Pledges Gifts to the Legacy Fund or other designated programs can be pledged over a multiple year term.
- Matching gifts Increase your gift with a company match. Check with your employer to see if they will match your gift.

Thank you!

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INAUGURAL SEASON OF BEACH VOLLEYBALL EARNED THE OVC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

...CAN MAKE A TRUEBLUE DIFFERENCE!

NEW BENEFITS Your donation in action!

No matter where your path may have taken you, from EIU to wherever you call home, this new Panther Club membership benefit will help you reconnect and stay close to EIU student-athletes and your favorite EIU Athletics teams

ESPN+ FREE for THREE MONTHS

New Panther Club members, or renewals +10%, at the Big Blue level and above, will receive three months of ESPN+ for free* with a paid donation. Over 65 EIU Athletics events are broadcast on **ESPN+** each academic year. So make a donation, put on the uniform, and be a part of the team as you watch your donation in action as your favorite EIU Panthers teams compete at the Division 1 level.

Put on the uniform.



PANTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT: BIG BLUE LEVEL 25% DISCOUNT on Panthers Football season tickets



25% DISCOUNT on Panthers Basketball season tickets





*An activation code will be sent to your email, and you can choose fall, winter or spring to activate. Once the free three months have been completed, you can continue your subscription at \$6.99 per month or cancel. There is no commitment to ESPN+, but we do appreciate your commitment to the EIU student-athlete experience by becoming a Panther Club member.

PANTHERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Illinnis 711 Michigan, 13 North Carolina, 4 Georgia, 7 Minnesota. 7 Florida, 17 Indiana. 26 Wisconsin, 29 Nevada, 2 Washington, 4 Colorado, 1 Massachusetts. 1 Arkansas, 1 Tennessee. 6

New York, 1

Virginia, 4 California, 9 Oklahoma. Nebraska, 4 Texas, II Arizona, 4 Alabama, 3 Kansas, 5 Pennsylvania, 4 Utah. 1 New Jersev, 1

Nhin 75

Iowa. 8

Missouri 18

South Carolina, 1

Top 10 MAJORS:

1. Šport Management (36)

Kentucky, 11

- 2. Biological Sciences (34)
- 3. Exercise Science (28)
- 4. Finance (26)
- 5. Management (23)
- 6. Criminology/Criminal Justice (23)
- 7. Marketing (22)
- 8. Ex. Science Pre-Physical Therapy (22)
- 9. Psychology (22)
- 10. Construction Management (11)

2022 PANTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS	PANTHER PRIDE UP TO \$99	BIG BLUE \$100- \$499	CAPTAINS -00 2 \$999	CHAMPIONS \$1,000- \$2,499	DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE \$2,500- \$4,999	HALL OF FAME \$5,000- \$9,999	LEGACY \$10,000+
Provide support to EIU Athletics and EIU student-athletes	&	ළු	&	ළු	&	ළු	&
Tax deduction (minus benefit premiums)	8	ළු	8	ළු	@	ළු	&
Benefits package - Membership card, email updates, discounts	8	ළු	(*)	ළු	&	ტ	&
ESPN+ 3 months subscription	PANTHER PRIDE	ළු	(*)	ළු	(*)	ළු	8
Under the Lights Fall Kickoff event invitation (benefit pickup - football)	UP TO	ළු	(*)	ළු	&	ტ	&
Winter sports event invitation (benefit pickup - basketball)	\$8.25	ළු	&	ළු	&	ලී	®
25% Discount on football season tickets (regular season)	per month*	ළු	@	ළු	&	ල	&
Preferred parking for football (blue J lot)		ළු	&	ළු	(*)	ළු	8
Season Access to the Ike Kennard Club Room (men's & women's basketball)		BIG BLUE	(*)	ළු	(*)	ළු	®
Premium Parking for football* (grey lot)		\$8.34-	@	ළු	@	ළු	®
Student Rec Center access (additional SRC membership purchase required)		41.58	@	ළු	&	ළු	&
Panther Patio season access pass for two		per month*	CAPTAINS	ළු	@	ළු	&
25% Discount on basketball season tickets (regular season)			\$41.67-	ළු	@	ළු	&
Premium parking for basketball* (grey lot)			83.25	ළු	8	8	8
Post-season Pride Tickets (four EIU FB or two EIU BB tickets, if EIU is a participant)			per month*	CHAMPIONS	&	ළු	8
Annual Coaches Dinner Invitation (select coaches)	TI		1	\$83.33-	&	8	8
Schnorf Family Victory Suite season pass for two	[han	k you		208.25		8	8
Team travel experience (team of your choice, if EIU is a participant)		0		per month*			(A)

PARKING BENEFITS:

THE 2022 ANNUAL FUND BENEFIT PERIOD IS JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.

FOOTBALL - SINGLE SEASON FOOTBALL PARKING PASS*

BIG BLUE LEVEL AND ABOVE: blue J lot - North side of O'Brien Field
CAPTAINS LEVEL AND ABOVE: grey lot - West side of O'Brien Field

MEN'S/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - SINGLE SEASON BASKETBALL PARKING PASS*

BIG BLUE LEVEL AND ABOVE: blue J lot - North side of Lantz Arena CHAMPIONS LEVEL AND ABOVE: grey lot - South side of Lantz Arena

*Donation in full must be received by 7.31.22, or have enrolled in auto deduct to receive parking benefits.



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DID YOU KNOW?

When you choose the EIU payroll or credit card monthly deduction plan, your pledge will be eligible for 2022 Panther Club benefits at the level pledged. The monthly commitment must be received, and first monthly withdrawal/payment must be made by July 31, 2022. Benefits, including parking passes and student rec center access, if eligible, will be issued after that date.

2022 PANTHER CLUB PLEDGE FORM

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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Name:					
upgrade. Donation to be paid in full or monthly deduction plan in place by July 31, 2022 to receive the activation code. □ Please check if new contact name, address, phone or email □ Publication Listing: (i.e. football program listing):	Thank you! DONATE ONLINE: WWW.EIUPANTHERS.COM/DONATE				
PAYMENT OPTIONS Check Enclosed: \$ one time / more time / mor	nthly plan (circle one) for a total donation of \$				
Amex Discover MasterCard Visa EFT BENEFIT Bank Name: (if electronic funds transfer) Account #: Routing #: Credit Card #:					
Expires:/ Code: Signature: Please make checks payable to EIU Foundation, memo: Panther Club. Mail to: EIU	<u> </u>				

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- □ PANTHER PRIDE \$1-\$99
 - **BIG BLUE** \$100-\$499
 - CAPTAINS \$500-\$999 \$1,000-\$2,499 CHAMPIONS
 - DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE \$2,500-\$4,999
 - HALL OF FAME
 - \$5,000-\$9,999
- □ LEGACY \$10,000 & ABOVE

PANTHER CLUB



DONATE

2022

SUMMER/FALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 1 Annual Fund begins

JUNE 15 Season football tickets available for sale



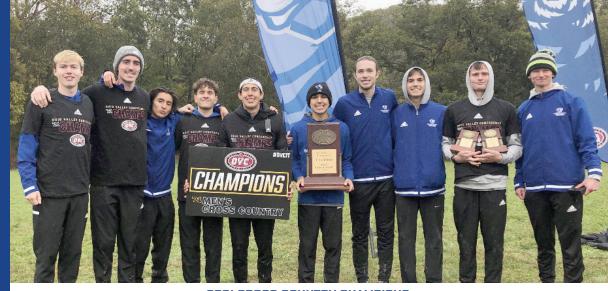
JULY 1 Panther Club Benefit Golf Outing Mattoon Golf & Country Club



AUG. 12 Panther Club Benefit Golf Outing Effingham Country Club

SEPT. 1 Season basketball tickets available for sale

SEPT. 10 Football Home Opener
Eastern Illlinois vs Chatanooga
O'Brien Field



2021 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Trevor Murphy, Josh Whitaker, Richie Jacobo, Will Bullock, Adam Swanson, Jaime Marcos, Andrew Pilat, Franky Romano, Dustin Hatfield and Robby Prescott
AWARDS: Athlete of the Year: Dustin Hatfield; Athlete of the Championship: Dustin Hatfield; Coach of the Year: Erin Howarth;
All-OVC First Team: Dustin Hatfield, Jaime Marcos; All-OVC Second Team: Trevor Murphy, Franky Romano, Richie Jacobo, and Adam Swanson

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IMPORTANT: Per NCAA rules, all contributors to any athletic program automatically become representatives of the department and remain so permanently. Representatives are prohibited from participating in any recruiting activities and from providing any benefits to student-athletes, unless expressly authorized by the department. Any violations of the basic rule may result in permanent loss of membership benefits and priorities. Since we value greatly the relationship between the department and its representatives, we strongly encourage guestions and inquiries be directed to the department's Compliance of the properties of Panther Club membership.