

# *A Good Neighbor. A Great Resource.*

Celebrating our **60<sup>th</sup>** ANNIVERSARY  
in 2009

**Our communities created Elgin Community College in 1949, and we've spent six decades returning that investment. Here are just a few ways we improve our region.**

## **We Encourage Lifelong Learning: Tuition Waivers for Students Age 60-Plus**

If you're 60-years-old (or more!) and live in Community College District 509, your tuition is free when you take credit courses at ECC. No kidding. The state requires community colleges to waive tuition for citizens 65-plus who fall below a certain income level. We took it a step further by lowering the age for this benefit—no matter how much money you make.

## **We're Committed to Local High School Students: The Alliance for College Readiness**

Your high school students need to be prepared for college, so ECC helped form the Alliance for College Readiness, working with local school districts to align curricula, standards and expectations. We've seen progress already: Our summer bridge program was a huge success. Seventy percent of recent participants placed into higher-level college courses.

## **We Support Local Industry: Corporate Education for Area Businesses**

Local businesses are the cornerstone of our community, and when they invest in an educated workforce, we all profit. ECC provides topnotch corporate training and consulting services (on campus or at your business) to develop and retain high-quality local workers. These programs help drive our regional economy.

## **We Specialize in Health, Safety and Security: Training the Healthcare Workers and First Responders of Our Region**

ECC is at the forefront of health, safety and security preparation for our region. In your hour of need, chances are the first responders (police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians), nurses and other healthcare workers were trained and certified at ECC. Our graduates staff area hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, schools, labs and dentists' offices.

## **We're Open to Everyone: College Library Access**

We invite every resident of Community College District 509 to use Renner Learning Resources Center, the Elgin Community College library. Gain access to more than 70,000 titles, including books, periodicals, CDs, DVDs and more.

## **We Nurture the Spirit Through Art: Presenting Local and International Artists**

Our Visual and Performing Arts Center brings superstars to town, but also nurtures local cultural treasures like the Elgin Children's Chorus and Ballet Folklorico Huehucoyotl. Our art galleries inspire thousands. And our partnership with Arts Midwest sets up weeklong visits with musicians from around the world who share their art and culture at local schools and community centers.

## **We're a Good Steward: A Beautiful Campus, Affordable Facilities Rental**

In addition to the cultural activities, intellectual opportunities and vigor ECC brings to the communities we serve, our great spaces, handicapped accessibility and location in the virtual center of our district make the college a perfect meeting venue and first choice in facilities rental for hundreds of organizations each year. We're proud to welcome you to the campus you helped build.

## **We Inspire Success: Experts at Helping People Reach Their Goals**

ECC goes beyond helping students develop and identify their individual talents and abilities. We prepare them to contribute to the world. We show them how to blend their interests and values into a life that makes sense. Our students don't just learn to do something at ECC. They discover they can do anything.

## **We Provide a Safe Place to Grow: Develop into the Person You Want to Be**

College should be a place where you discover yourself, identify your motivations and prepare for life or fine-tune it. ECC welcomes everyone who can profit from education. You don't have to be at the top of your class or a recent student or a high school graduate. A sincere desire to learn is the most important ingredient for success. Whatever your situation.

*Supporting our community  
since 1949.*