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From Our President

Happy November!

We had an amazing October at [Colvin Elementary's Reading Rally](#)! Nearly 100 third-grade students participated, and it was a joy to see their enthusiasm for reading. A special thank-you to Aubrey Collignon from the Wichita Figure Skating Company for joining us and reading a delightful book about figure skating.

The kids were absolutely captivated—one even said, "I want to be like you when I grow up," which truly warmed my heart. Moments like these remind us why we do what we do.

Once again, a huge thank-you to all our sponsors. Your support makes events like this possible!

As we continue through November and into December, please pay attention to our upcoming chapter meetings and our annual food drive. Our December meeting will be full of fun as we taste flavors from 31 different oils and 45 different balsamic vinegars! We will also hear briefly from some of our non-profit firms. [Register here](#). We hope to see you there.

Also, EWI Wichita will no longer be charging a fee if you forget to RSVP "No". Charges still do apply to anyone attending the meetings to help cover our meeting expenses. If you would like to host a meeting this year, please let me know and we will find a month.

If you have social media, don't forget to follow our pages to stay up on all EWI Wichita news and be sure to like and share with colleagues and friends. We would like to encourage our firms to spread the word about EWI and

reach out with referrals. We need your help to make sure our chapter grows.

As always, feel free to reach out with questions, comments or concerns. I hope you enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Thank you,

Jessica Buettgenbach, EWI Wichita President & Program Chair



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From Our President-Elect

Dear EWI,

Happy early Thanksgiving! We have so much to be grateful for this time of year. I am excited that EWI is once again supporting the families of Colvin Elementary school through our annual food drive. Please see the flyer for more information on how to participate by sponsoring a box of food.



 \$100 will provide a box full food

 We accept cash, check, or Venmo payable to EWI of Wichita

 Deadline: November 27



Fundraising Director Hayley Hobbs
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From Our Fundraising Director

Hello from Fundraising!

I'm Hayley Hobbs, the Director of Donor Relations at Butler Community College Foundation, and I am delighted to be your Fundraising Director for EWI of Wichita this year!

EWI's fundraising efforts focus on the two scholarships we give away in the spring, EWISP (Executive Women International Scholarship Program) for high school seniors and the ASIST (Adult Students in Scholastic Transition) for non-traditional students. You can read more about the [scholarship criteria and opportunities here](#).

We also raise funds for the Reading Rally and the Food Drive, both of which impact Colvin Elementary School in Wichita. These projects make a huge difference in the lives of the students at that school.

Here are our fundraising efforts for the year and how you and your firm can help!

- Raise Right – Buy gift cards through the Raise Right platform and EWI of Wichita receives cash back! There's an attached flyer in the newsletter with all of the instructions. Share with friends, family, and coworkers to spread the impact!
- 50/50 Drawing – We are doing a year-long 50/50 cash drawing! Each month, donate the dollar amount that corresponds to the date of the chapter meeting (i.e. November 13 = \$13) and in June we will draw one lucky winner! Cash, check, and the chapter Venmo are welcome.

- Firesides – Firesides are annual meetings held in March, hosted by member firms, where our representatives can choose which firm they go to and learn all about what they do there! We are looking for four Fireside locations this year. Lee Media Group has already volunteered to be one, and we need three more! Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in hosting a Fireside in March.
- June Fundraiser – Our annual fundraising meeting is held in June. The Board is still solidifying this year’s plan so stay tuned! We will need different levels of support for that event as well so start thinking of ways you can make the event great whether it’s a sponsorship, amazing silent auction item, or a great group of people to attend with you!

I look forward to the different ways our fundraising efforts can make a difference for our communities. Please reach out with any questions! My email is hhobbs@butlercc.edu and my cell phone is 785.210.5970. Let’s make this year a great one!

Hayley Hobbs



Membership Director Jessica Emrick Davies

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Membership Corner

EWI is a great opportunity for someone to develop business relationships and valuable community connections, to develop leadership experiences, to have a forum to share ideas and promote your firm, and to participate in philanthropic initiatives that make a big difference in the lives of many people in our city.

I challenge you to:

- Attend one more meeting than last year.
- Let us know how we can engage you further.
- Talk up EWI and seek out new member prospects. I stand ready to help engage new member prospects.
- Invite guests to join you at a meeting, even if you don't think they are a prospective member. You never know who might be looking for a networking group like ours, with a larger purpose (Philanthropic, Literacy and Scholarships).



Secretary Kathya Hernandez

Kathya Hernandez is a 2nd representative for HealthCore Clinic, Inc. and is serving as Secretary to the EWI of Wichita Board of Directors.



Guest Laurie Spence
Tanganyika

Laurie Spence with Tanganyika Wildlife Park will join us in November to see if EWI will be a good fit for her to grow personally and professionally. If you see us walking around, come help promote our chapter!

Let's give a warm welcome to Laurie!



Guest Samantha Verheeke
Home2 Suites in Delano

Samantha Verheeke of Home2 Suites in Delano is coming to the December meeting, to see if EWI will be a good fit for her to grow personally and professionally. Come say Hi, during the social! She is being recommended by Mia Lee with Lee Media.

Let's give a warm welcome to Samantha!



Communications Director Mia Lee
Lee Media Group

Communications Message

We are trying to grow our social media and would love for you to follow EWI, interact and share our posts!

[Facebook](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Instagram](#)



Treasurer Randi Gooding

Supervisor, Commercial Banking
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Treasurer's Report

Commerce Operating Account:

10/01/24 Opening Balance: \$,12,981.10

10/30/24 Reconciled Balance: \$12,100.51

Deposits:

1. Regular Meeting Dues: \$2,290.79
2. Annual Firm Chapter Dues: N/A

Expenses:

1. LCAM Flights and Registration: N/A
2. Regular Meeting Expense: \$3,021.43
3. Software Fees: \$19.95
4. Website Fees: \$130.00

Commerce BCDP Account:

10/01/24 Opening Balance: \$638.71

10/30/24 Reconciled Balance: \$638.71

Deposits: N/A

Expenses: N/A

Meritrust Savings Account:

10/01/24 Opening Balance: \$23,700.09

10/30/24 Reconciled Balance: \$23,701.09

Deposits:

1. Interest: 1.00

Expenses: N/A

Ameriprise BCDP Account (Korol Financial):

10/01/2024 Starting Value: \$82,420.32

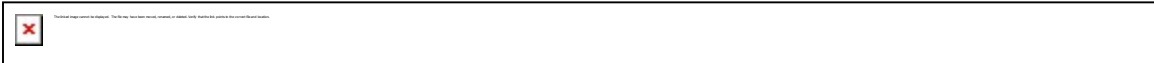
Respectfully submitted,

Randi Gooding

Treasurer 2024-2026

MEETING RECAP

- We had a great [November meeting](#) at the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce. EWI Members enjoyed a delicious baked potato bar catered by Chartwells Catering at Wichita State University. The meeting featured an insightful EWI 101 session along with a recap of the Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) held in September in Tucson, AZ.
- Our EWI Wichita Chapter's annual Reading Rally in October with [Colvin Elementary](#) [Usd259](#) was a blast!
- At our October monthly EWI Wichita meeting, we had the opportunity to learn from Mandy Fouse of WSU Tech about [Incorporating AI into everyday life](#). She shared insightful tips, tools, and fun exercises on how to use ChatGPT for both work and play.
- Exciting times ahead! Your new EWI board members went on retreat in October, brainstorming, and planning for an incredible year! Pictured left to right: Mia, Emma, Randi, Jessica B., Kathya, Jessica D., and Hayley. This team is ready to make things happen! 🎉



SAVE THE DATE

- December Chapter Meeting at Viva La Olive - [Register Here](#)
- December Board Meeting, December 10 - 3:00 – 4:30pm
- Annual Food Drive deadline to donate: November 27

All events can be found at ewiwichita.org

Acronyms

- EWI - Executive Women International
- LCAM - Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting
- EWISP - Executive Women International Scholarship Program
- ASIST - Adult Students in Scholastic Transition
- AOL - Academy of Leadership

Mission

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

Core Values

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration

Vision

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

Contact us!

Below you'll find information to contact your
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