

# Eastern International College's Official Newsletter Holiday Edition December 2023



# Eastern International College



## **The American Dental Hygiene Association Student Chapter**

The Eastern International College Dental Hygiene Department welcomes the American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) Student Chapter. The ADHA Student Chapter is an officially recognized organization that operates within the Dental Hygiene Program. By connecting with the nationwide ADHA, opportunities for networking, leadership, educational, and scholarship become more accessible for the students.

## **Executive Board and Founding Members**

Chapter Advisor: Professor Evelyn Garcia  
Co-Presidents: Jenah Russo and Aimee Ulep  
Treasurer: Ciara Savistky  
Secretary: Ariana Abbruzesse  
Corresponding Secretary: Olivia Morelli  
Historian: Adriana Navarro

## **A Holiday Message from the College President**



Dear Eastern International College Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my holiday greetings and to thank our EIC team for a very fruitful year.

This year has been a blessing to the Eastern International College Community. As a team, we were able to accomplish milestones for the College.

Eastern International College's petition to change its programmatic mission from an associate degree granting institution to a baccalaureate degree granting institution was approved by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE)- New Jersey in October 2023.

The approval by OSHE of EIC's fifth bachelor's degree program in May 2023 after a successful site visit in February 2023 led to EIC's petition to exceed its programmatic mission.

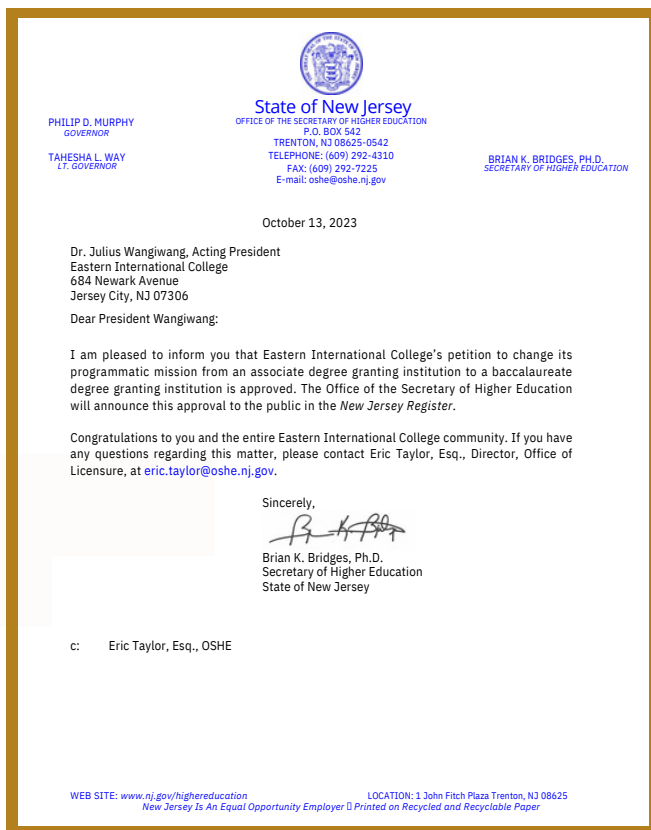
We successfully hurdled two programmatic accreditation site visits last Spring semester 2023. The Nursing (Associate) and Dental Hygiene (Bachelor) have been granted continuing accreditation by ACEN and CODA, respectively.

We successfully hosted a preliminary visit by the Team Leader of the MSCHE peer evaluation team last November 2023.

As we look forward to the new year, I wish you a season full of wonderful things and may the beauty of the holidays warm your spirit.

Happy Holidays!

Julius B. Wangiwang, EdD.



## Exceeding Programmatic Mission

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) New Jersey approved EIC's petition to change its programmatic mission from an associate degree granting institution to a baccalaureate degree granting institution on October 13, 2023. EIC has complied with the five (5) bachelor's degree offerings requirement of the OSHE. EIC now offers Bachelor of Science degrees majoring in Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Leadership, and will soon start the Health Informatics Program.



## Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Annual Conference

As Eastern International College prepares for the accreditation visit by the Middle States Commission in Higher Education (MSCHE) in Spring 2024, Dr. Julius Wangiwang (Acting President), Dr. Marissa Halum (Dental Hygiene), Dr. Suzanne Mullings (Dean, Nursing) and Dr. Hany Zaky (Director, OAIE) attended the 2023 MSCHE Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA. This year's conference was attended by over 1,400 higher education professionals from across the MSCHE membership and community. The theme of this year's conference was Setting the Standard: Transformation through Accreditation. This three-day event offered plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, presentations, networking opportunities with presidents, provosts, accreditation liaison officers (ALOs) and more, including student poster sessions. The conference covered a range of topics related to higher education accreditation, institutional improvement, and best practices in higher education. The featured keynote speakers, workshops, and discussions addressed current challenges and opportunities in the field of higher education.

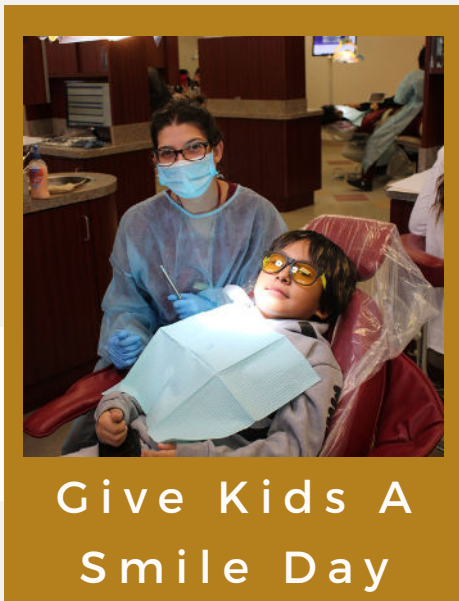
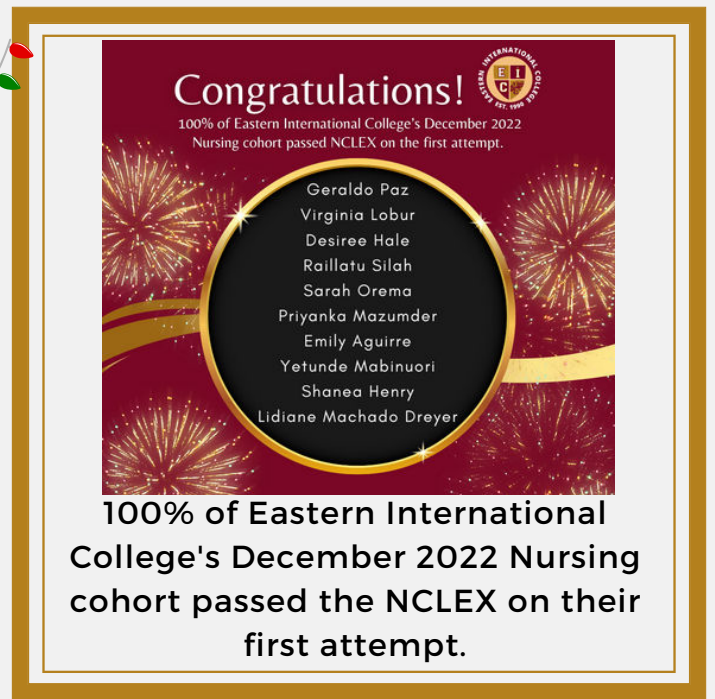


## Fellowship and Food



Our faculty and staff had a successful Thanksgiving potluck fellowship to celebrate our diverse backgrounds and express our cultural identity through food. Trying cuisines, we aren't familiar with, is one way to experience, understand, and celebrate different traditions. Dining together fosters connections and enhances the College's community spirit.









## Volunteer at the Montclair African American Heritage Festival



## Exceptional Graduation Volunteers 2023



## Eastern International College held a graduation ceremony at William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey.



Quintella Cuffy, BSN student, attended the International Council of Nurses Congress ( ICNC ) in Montreal, Canada during the Summer 2023 semester.

## Annual Nursing Curriculum Development Seminar August 25, 2023





**Community Health  
Care at Lincoln Park  
August 8, 2023**



**Pinning Ceremony for the  
Nursing Department  
September 8, 2023**



**Participated in the Kearny  
Board of Health  
Community Services fair  
October 14, 2023**



**Sonography Scanning Drive  
December 7, 2023**



**College Fair Event  
November 4, 2023**

