Dear Alumni:

*It's time for the 55th reunion of the Willimantic State College Class of 1961!*  This year’s reunion will be held on Saturday, May 14 as part of the activities leading up to Eastern’s 126th Commencement.

We’ve planned what we hope will be another terrific afternoon for your class, beginning with a special alumni luncheon and reception in our brand new Fine Arts Instructional Center.  The day will conclude with the grand Alumni March to the “Big Tent BBQ” where we will join with parents, faculty and staff to welcome the newest members of the Eastern family of alumni – *the Class of 2016*!

**Please join us for this special day!**  RSVP by completing the reunion reservation form and returning it in the reply envelope that is enclosed. Keep in mind that you are welcome to bring a family member or friend to the reunion.

Have you made your class gift yet?  Please make a gift today and return it with your reunion reservation.  If you have already made your gift to Eastern this year, *thank you*!

If you have any transportation issues, special needs, or questions please call Michael, Ryan or Sheila in the Office of Alumni Affairs at (860) 465-5302.

We look forward to seeing you on May 14!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Stenko
Director of Alumni Affairs

Enclosures
The ECSU Alumni Association cordially invites you to celebrate this important milestone by participating in the following events designed especially for you! To park, follow the Reunion signs to the designated parking lot between the Fine Arts Instructional Center and the Student Center. Assistance with getting from the parking lot to the Fine Arts Instructional Center will be available for those who need it.

11:30 a.m.  
*Welcome and Check-In*  
Fine Arts Instructional Center, Lower Level Foyer

12:00 p.m.  
*Reunion Luncheon and Class Photo*  
Fine Arts Instructional Center, Instrumental Music Rehearsal Hall

Renew your friendships and relive your fondest memories of W.S.C. over a delicious catered lunch. We will take your official class photo following the luncheon.

2:00 p.m.  
*Alumni Reception*  
Fine Arts Instructional Center, The Susan Sukman McCray Foyer

Join all reunion classes for a relaxing afternoon in the spacious Susan Sukman McCray Foyer of the new Fine Arts Instructional Center. We will honor the Class of 1966 as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation! Guided tours of the Fine Arts Instructional Center will also be available during the afternoon.

5:00 p.m.  
*Alumni March*  
Fine Arts Instructional Center, Upper Patio

The Alumni March has become a grand tradition at Eastern, as the cheers of hundreds of new Eastern graduates and their families welcome you and your fellow alumni into the Big Tent!

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
*“Big Tent Barbeque” ~* Gelsi-Young Parking Lot

Complete your day on campus by enjoying a mouth-watering barbeque menu and lively entertainment that will round out your reunion with your classmates.

There is no charge for any of the reunion events, courtesy of the ECSU Foundation, Inc. and the ECSU Alumni Association.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU HOME TO EASTERN!**
WILLIMANTIC STATE COLLEGE
CLASS OF 1961 – 55th REUNION

REUNION RESERVATIONS

Please complete and return this form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope by May 9, 2016. For special needs, information on accommodations, or other questions, contact the Alumni Affairs office at (860) 465-5302. If it is easier for you, please email any concerns or questions to alumni@easternct.edu.

Name ______________________________________________________________________________________
Name While at Eastern ______________________________________________________________________
Name of Guest _______________________________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________________________
City/Town_____________________________________ State _____________________   Zip Code ___________
Daytime Phone______________ Evening Phone ________________ Email __________________________________

_______ Yes, I/we will attend the Class of 1961 55th Reunion on Saturday, May 14, 2016!
_______ No, I/we will be unable to attend the Class of 1961 55th Reunion on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Please indicate for the following events the number of persons attending, including yourself and your guest. Note: These events are provided on a complimentary basis. There is no charge for any of the Reunion activities!

_______ Reunion Luncheon
_______ Alumni Reception
_______ Fine Arts Instructional Center Tour
_______ Big Tent Barbeque

Please share any information for “Class Notes” in an upcoming edition of Eastern Magazine:

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Please share your favorite memories of your years at W.S.C. (feel free to attach additional pages):

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Return your Reunion Reservation by Monday, May 9, 2016 to:

55th Reunion
Office of Alumni Affairs
Eastern Connecticut State University
Gelsi-Young Hall, Room 128
83 Windham Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
The Dr. Robert N. Horrocks, Dr. Daniel B. Switchenko and Dr. Neil Williams are the Founders of the Ossen Family Foundation Endowed Fund. This fund was established in 2002 to support department needs as well as scholarships. The scholarship will be awarded to a student with financial need majoring in Kinesiology and Physical Education or Sport and Leisure Management.

The J. Donald McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship was established in 2014 by Dr. Robert J. Jett, Eastern's Director of Health Services, to honor Dr. McLaughlin, Eastern's first physician. It is intended to support deserving students with financial need who are planning to serve others as health professionals, to teach others as medical educators, or to engage in biomedical research.

The Student Research Scholarship was recently launched by Dr. Marc R. Freeman '93, a nationally recognized medical researcher and Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Department of Neurology at the UMass Medical School, and his wife, Amy Sheehan '93. This fund will support Eastern students for research work or research internships in the sciences — including room and board, research materials and stipends.
I/We wish to contribute to the:

- Dr. Horrocks, Dr. Switchenko and Dr. Williams
  Founders of Kinesiology and Physical Education
  Endowed Fund
- J. Donald McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship
- Student Research Scholarship

With a pledge of:

- $500 annually for two years for a total of $1000
- $300 annually for two years for a total of $600
- $100 annually for two years for a total of $200
- $_____ annually/semiannually/quarterly for _____ years for a total of $______.
- My one-time donation of $_____ is enclosed.
- My/my spouse's employer will match my gift (form enclosed)
- I/We have made a provision for Eastern in my/our will

Method of Payment: □ Check enclosed
Please make checks payable to The ECSU Foundation, Inc.
Account #: ______________________ CSC_____
Amount to be Charged: ______________
Exp. Date _______ Signature _____________________________
Print Name: ____________________________

If you have already sent in your gift, please accept our thanks.

See reverse for Scholarship descriptions. If you have already sent in your gift, please accept our thanks.