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East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) was braced for crowds at registration this fall, but reality surpassed expectations as EMCC posted an enrollment increase of nearly 26 percent over last year.

EMCC president Dr. Rick Young attributes the response to two factors — the struggling economy and the college’s new district-wide tuition guarantee program.

“It may seem like a strange time for our college to offer tuition guarantee. EMCC is in the same economic fix as many of the people we serve. While many households are looking for ways to cut back on expenses, EMCC is adjusting to a 5 percent state budget cut, the second in as many years,” Young said.

“But this is no time for EMCC to do less, because it’s during bad times that people need affordable education options the most.”

Last year, EMCC’s fall enrollment was 4,176. Preliminary numbers for fall of this year show an enrollment of 5,257. A record-breaking number of students, more than 3,800, enrolled for fall classes at EMCC’s commuter campus in Mayhew. The story was the same at EMCC’s residential campus in Scooba, where enrollment exceeded 1,000 students for the first time.

EMCC’s district is made up of Lowndes, Clay, Oktibbeha, Noxubee, Kemper and Lauderdale counties. The college serves students at two main campuses — Golden Triangle/Mayhew and Scooba — and four branch locations: Columbus Air Force Base, the West Point-Clay County Center, Macon and Naval Air Station Meridian.

East Mississippi Community College’s strengths also include:

- **Academics:** When you ask students why they chose EMCC, they mention the low student-teacher ratio and individual attention from instructors — and two years at EMCC boost their academic success as they make the transition to four-year colleges or universities. EMCC also offers more than 20 two-year associate degree programs — from forestry and funeral services technology at the Scooba campus to automotive services technology and hotel/restaurant management at the Golden Triangle campus.

- **Associate degree nursing:** The newest addition to EMCC’s curriculum is the associ-



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Athletics is a large part of college life at East Mississippi Community College.

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Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,257 (unaudited)

Annual Tuition and Fees: \$2,000, tuition and registration

Annual on-campus room and board: \$3,350

Freshman applicants accepted: 2,729

Freshman applicants accepted: 55

percent

Average ACT: 16.99

Financial Aid: 4,350

Percentage of Students with Financial Aid: 84 percent

Faculty-to-Student Ratio: 1 to 19.93

Popular Majors: Liberal arts, nursing, elementary education, business and physical therapy

President: Dr. Rick Young

Director of Admissions: Faye Morgan, Golden Triangle Campus; Karen Briggs, Scooba Campus

ate degree nursing program at the Golden Triangle campus. EMCC is scheduled to accept its first ADN students in Jan. 2010. Other healthcare programs include licensed practical nursing, emergency medical technician and healthcare assistant.

- **Sports:** Athletic competition is part of the collegiate experience at the Scooba campus — and talented coaches are leading the EMCC Lions to winning seasons. The Lady Lions basketball team won the Regional 23 championship last season. On the gridiron, EMCC is the defending North Division football champion.

- **More options:** EMCC also offers a wide range of online courses, as well as adult basic education, GED classes and other support services. The college’s Workforce Services Division is a state leader, working with more than 70 businesses and industries to create customized programs that help both employer and employee.

EMCC’s philosophy is simple: Meet students where they are, knock down the barriers that stand between people and opportunity and put them on the road to a better future.

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