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FREE HONORS SEMINARS ON GLOBAL POWER BEGINS MARCH 25

Although nestled midst the mountains, meadows, woods and streams of the cloistered Potomac Highlands, students at Eastern WV Community and Technical College keep an eye on their windows to the world outside. And this spring, Eastern's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national academic honors society, will sponsor a free series of "satellite seminars," focused on the topic of global politics: How do gold, gods, and glory relate to the global dynamics of power?

The college will present the first of these one-hour seminars March 25, at 5:00 pm, in Eastern's Moorefield center at the HARCO Complex, and again on March 26, at noon. In "How To Win A Cosmic War," Reza Aslan will talk about the roots, sources and layers of the war on terror. A commentator for National Public Radio and CBS News, whose articles have appeared in the Washington Post, the New York Times and Slate, Aslan is active in pursuing resolutions of religious conflict around the world, and holds a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University.

For more information, and to reserve a seat, call 434-8000, or toll-free: 877-982-2322.

"We're inviting all students, their friends and guests, and members of the public in the six counties we serve, to enjoy this compelling and provocative seminar series presented by world-class thinkers, journalists and analysts," said Deb Backus, Eastern's Academic Program Director for General Education & Instruction and advisor to the honors group. The event will include complimentary snacks and beverages, she said.

The student honors chapter will sponsor three additional seminars at the college in April and May.

"The national Phi Theta Kappa organization aims to provide its members at two-year colleges all across the country opportunities for intellectual growth and challenge, and for the development of leadership and service skills," Backus noted. "And as a service to our community, we're making these exceptional presentations available to everyone."

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of Education That Works to the families, communities and employers of the Potomac Highlands.