



# LANCER TRADITION

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**The EWC Men's Basketball tradition was established in 1968 with Coach Mike Varney directing the Lancers to an eight and six winning record. From that first season the Lancer schedule has developed into one of the most competitive in the NJCAA Region IX and the nation. The Lancers started their region IX championship run during the 1988-89 season and then captured the title again in the 1990-91 season. The best season for the Lancers without a Region IX championship was the 2001 - 2002 season in which the Lancers finished 29-6, ranking 20th in the nation. That year helped boost the Lancers to two straight championships in 2002-03 and then again in 2003-04 placing 8<sup>th</sup> at the national tournament. After the 8<sup>th</sup> place finish the program was ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the NJCAA preseason polls the following season. The program represented region IX again at the national tournament again during the 2007-08 season, posting a record of 23-11.**

**Since 1989 the Lancers have been in the region IX championship game eight times, winning five. Eastern Wyoming also belongs to the Wyoming Community College Athletic Conference in which it has been a dominant team winning the conference title eight times since 1990.**

**The past 20 years have been extremely bright, as the Lancers have won over 430 games during this time, averaging over 20 wins per season. The program has had numerous All-Conference, All-Region, All-American players, and Academic All-Americans. As impressive as the last 20 years have been statistically, it does not show the character, integrity, and leadership qualities of the coaches and young men associated with the Lancer program. The Lancers will continue to be committed to be focused in the classroom, a positive influence in the community, and maintaining a championship level on the court.**