



Campus Update

June 2011

From the Office of President John R. Hargrave



Leilani Munter

ECU TO TAKE PART IN OKLAHOMA GREEN EXPO

ECU's Dr. Doug Weirick and Dr. Guy Sewell will present workshops at the 2011 Oklahoma Green Expo which will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24 & 25, at the Pontotoc County Agripex.

NASCAR sensation Leilani Munter and State Secretary of Environment Gary Sherrer will be the keynote speakers Friday evening at ECU's Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.

The expo has five themes: Home and Garden, Business and Industry, Community, Lifestyle and Agriculture.

ECU STUDENTS CAN CARPOOL THIS SUMMER



ECU is kicking off a carpooling program to help cut transportation costs for students, staff and faculty who live outside Ada.

The Web-based carpooling program is open only to the ECU community. Participants can sign up for potential carpool partners with similar class schedules, work schedules and commuting preferences on ECU's website at www.ecok.edu/carpool.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



ECU administrators continue to work with architects Miles and Associates on the planning of the new Conference Center/School of Business. The

project is on target for a fall ground breaking.

TOM COLE ATTENDS VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY AT ECU

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole attended ECU's Veterans Appreciation Day in May. A number of displays and workshops



provided information to veterans, active duty military and National Guard and Reserve members and their families. Retired Maj. Gen. Rita Aragon spoke to a crowd in ECU's Estep Multimedia Center. She is now Oklahoma's secretary for veterans affairs.

Patriot Guard Riders also attended and displayed a military tribute bike. Its members volunteer, if invited, to attend funeral services of fallen military members to show their respect and shield families and friends from interruptions from protestors.

BETTY PARHAM RECEIVES ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM ECU



Betty Ely Parham was named the Entrepreneur of the Year at ECU's annual Leonard Limes Endowed Lecture in Entrepreneurship. A luncheon was held to celebrate her nearly 65 years in the credit profession.

Parham is the owner of the Credit Bureau of Ada. Thirteen years ago she also acquired the collection departments from credit bureaus in McAlester and Durant, and just this January she purchased the Credit Bureau of Ardmore, both its collections department and credit reporting brokerage.



Save the Date:

Ada Alumni Reunion - Aug. 12, 2011

ECU FINE ARTS SEASON TICKETS



ECU 2011-2012 Fine Arts season tickets are on sale now. The season features more than 25 events including all ECU theatre, dance, vocal & instrumental music performances; art shows, both ECU and noted artists; Andy Gross, comedian, magician and ventriloquist; Jim Peterik, singer and songwriter

whose hits include *The Eye of the Tiger* by Survivor and *Vehicle* by the Ides of March; Nobodies of Comedy, big name comedy without the price; Franc D'Ambrosio, *Phantom of the Opera's* Man in the Iron Mask; and Black Violin, a hip-hop/classical fusion violin duo.

Season tickets are \$111.12. Sponsorship packages are also available. For more information call 580-559-5353.

SUMMER CAMPS UNDERWAY



ECU hosts many camps during the summer. Students from all over the state find their way to Ada. Some upcoming camps include Cheerleading, Football Basketball, Volleyball, Upward Bound and the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

ONE BUSY SUMMER



Several renovation and construction projects are underway across campus this summer. The City of Ada's Main Street projects are adding a nice median and walkways

near the entrance to the campus.

From new windows to painting stripes on parking lots, from adding a new irrigation system to resurfacing floors, the ECU Physical Plant and some private contractors are working hard to bring updates to ECU's campus.



BWI OFFICIALLY OPENS

A ribbon cutting hosted by the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce officially opened the Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction & Recovery at East Central University. Pictured are Holli Witherington (from left), the institute's executive director; ECU President John Hargrave; Reggie Whitten, who established the BWI at ECU to educate students and others about substance abuse and addictions; and Jim Priest, executive director of Fighting Addiction Through Education (FATE), which also was established by Whitten. Reggie Whitten is the father of the late Brandon Whitten who fought addictions to prescription drugs and alcohol before dying in a motorcycle crash in 2002 at the age of 25.



EIGHT MORE YEARS!



The Commission on Accreditation (COA) of the Council on Social Work has voted to reaffirm ECU's social work program's accreditation for the next eight years, through June 2019. Dr. Carol J. Bridges, professor of human resources, Linscheid distinguished teaching professor and director of the social work program, coordinated the self study and site visit that preceded the reaccreditation.

EVENT HELD FOR NIKKI STONECIPHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

More than 120 golfers convened at Oak Hills Golf & Country Club for the sixth annual Nikki Stonecipher Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble.



Proceeds from the scramble go directly to a fund established at the ECU Foundation Inc. in Nikki Stonecipher's name. Nikki and her parents, Brent and Tina Stonecipher, were killed in a tragic plane accident on July 24, 2005. Pictured with President Hargrave and the foundation's executive director, Phyllis Danley, are Harland and Shirley Stonecipher, and both the past and current Nikki Stonecipher scholarship recipients.

DR. TIM GREEN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



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ECU FOOTBALL PLAYERS LEND-A-HAND

ECU Football players and coaches volunteer to help families in the Chickasha area clean up after the devastating tornados of May 24, 2011.



STUDY ABROAD



This summer several students experienced Russian and Ukrainian culture and history. The class toured two East Slavic countries and their three major cities.

They enjoyed the richness of Moscow, the capital of Russia, with its Kremlin treasures, churches and parks.

VVRH RECOGNIZED AS A GREAT PARTNER

Recognized for their successful collaboration to further the education of Oklahoma's workforce are representatives of ECU and Valley View Regional Hospital. Dr. Glen D. Johnson (from left), chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, is shown with ECU representatives Dr. Rick Wetherill, Dr. Steve Turner and ECU President John Hargrave; and Valley View representatives Todd Essary, Belinda Runnells and Gini Lewis; Dr. Shelley Ross



Hamby of ECU; and the Honorable Dave Lopez, state secretary of commerce and tourism.

INGRAM RECEIVES FIRST KROEKER AWARD

Susan Ingram of Ada accepts the Dr. Marvin Kroeker Annual Best Historical Research Paper Award from Kroeker, a retired ECU history professor. She is the first person to win the \$300 award which Kroeker established last year for the ECU student with the best paper in history and/or Native American studies. Ingram wrote her graduate thesis about Louise Hornbeak, who taught history at ECU from 1923 to 1967, and her two sisters, also long-time teachers.



ECU STUDENT RECEIVES NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW AWARD

Stefany Stewart of Paoli, a junior at ECU, is one of 135 students from 30 states honored as Newman Civic Fellows by Campus Compact. The award recognizes inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

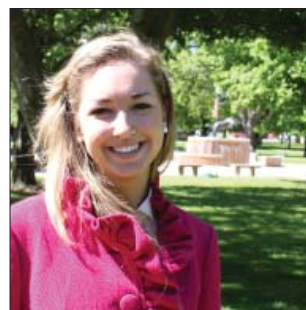


ECU STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL PROGRAM

Two junior political science majors, Joe Trail and Conner Alford, were chosen to participate in the 2011 Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of North Texas. The two were selected for 10 slots among 150 applicants nationwide. They are the first two ECU students to be selected for this program.



MEDCALF NAMED i2E FELLOW



Laura Medcalf of Ada, a senior at ECU, is one of six college students from across the state named i2E Fellows – and the only student selected from a regional university. She will do web marketing with a specialty pharmaceutical company for 10 weeks this summer.

ECU PRESIDENT MEETS WITH NEW PLC STUDENTS



President Hargrave recently met with some of the fall 2011 members of the President's Leadership Class.

ECU POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR CHOSEN TO ATTEND N.E.W.

Sarah Erwin, an ECU junior political science major, was selected to represent ECU at the National Education for Women conference. The 2011 N.E.W. Leadership program was held May 20 – 24 at OU.



The leadership program is part of the N.E.W. Leadership National Network at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

EDUCATION PROFESSOR RECEIVES AWARD



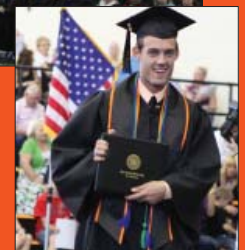
Dr. Marty Pennington (center), assistant professor of education at East Central University, receives the Outstanding Conference Award for 2011 from the Great Plains Region of the Association for Continuing Higher Education. The award was for "Best Conference" for the Kaleidoscope and Science Spectacular events presented by ECU's Education Department and Center of Continuing Education. Dr. Robin Plumb (left), chair of the awards committee, and Charlee Lanis, chair of the association and coordinator of ECU's Community Education Program, presented the award. The conference was held in Muskogee.

DR. WATSON-MAILE HONORED

Family and consumer sciences professor Dr. Diana Watson-Maile was awarded the FCCLA State Honorary Membership Award at the Oklahoma Future Career and Community Leaders of America State Conference in recognition of her service to Oklahoma FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences Education.



May Commencement



ECU Mission

East Central University's mission is to foster a learning environment in which students, faculty, staff, and community interact to educate students for life in a rapidly changing and culturally diverse society. Within its service area, East Central University provides leadership for economic development and cultural enhancement.