



# Campus Update

September 2011

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*



### STONECIPHERS MAKE GENEROUS DONATION

A \$2 million gift to the ECU Foundation Inc. from entrepreneurs Harland and Shirley Stonecipher (center) will provide the major boost to construct a new business school and conference center at East Central University.

The 62,000 square-foot building – which will house the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business – will be located due west of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center and is estimated to cost \$10-12 million.



### HIGHEST SCORES EVER!

ECU keeps getting better and better. Cumulatively, ECU new fall 2011 students have the highest ACT composite scores in the university's history.



### ECU HAS HIGHEST MED SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE IN THE STATE

OSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine reports that 86% of ECU applicants are accepted into its medical school. That's higher than any other university in the state.



### BEST BOSS IN ADA!!

ECU President John Hargrave was caught off guard when the university threw a surprise party for him. President Hargrave was voted the "2011 Best Boss" in the Ada News' Readers Choice Awards.

### IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!

ECU's first home game is Saturday. Tailgating and entertainment will start two hours prior to the 6 p.m. kickoff.



**The first 300 fans will receive t-shirts – don't be late.**

### MASCOTS WELCOME STUDENTS

ECU President Hargrave, Tiger Mascot Roary and OKC Thunder Mascot Rumble welcomed students during the OKC Thunder basketball camp.



## 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.

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**DAY SET FOR COMMUNITY TO 'STEP OUT OF THE DARKNESS'**

Ada Mayor Dick Scalf signs a declaration for the "Step Out of the Darkness" on Saturday, Sept. 17, a day devoted to prevention and recovery

from the disease of addiction. The event is sponsored by The Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction and Recovery, ECU and the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition.

PCDFC will kick off events at 10 a.m. with a prayer march from Glenwood Park to the Centennial Plaza at ECU. The first 500 marchers will receive free t-shirts. The march symbolizes the journey young people make from kindergarten to college. Stops will be made along the march for prayer and to focus attention on the importance of communities being united in spirit against substance abuse.

**BWI ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



Serving on the Advisory Committee of the Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction & Recovery are Holli Witherington (front row, from left), executive director of the BWI; Vicki Orsburn, executive director of the Ada Area Chemical Dependency Center; Terri White,

commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services; Dr. Jim Burke, chair of ECU's Human Resources Department; and (second row) student coordinator Donita Whitehead; Bronson Warren, ECU dean of students; Jim Priest, executive director of Fighting Addiction Through Education (FATE); Reggie Whitten, co-founder of the Whitten-Newman Foundation and founder of the BWI; and ECU President John Hargrave. Not shown are Latricia Bryant, Ada Regional United Way; ECU faculty members Janet Flowers and Dr. Brenda Walling; and Brandi Johnson, president of FATE's ECU student organization.



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Hundreds of visitors were on campus as ECU hosted the Chickasaw Nation National Night Out in August.

*Congressman Tom Cole ♦ September 1, 2011*

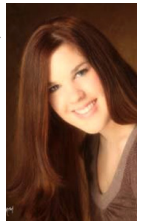


**PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

President's Leadership Program Students recently visited with Congressman Tom Cole.

**YORK WINS SCHOLARSHIP FROM NATIONAL COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETY**

Melissa York of Ada, a senior at ECU majoring in psychology with a legal studies minor, has been awarded a \$1,500 Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship from Alpha Chi national college honor society. She is one of only 10 winners nationwide.



**NASA FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED TO ECU STUDENTS**

Seventeen ECU students have been awarded funding under the NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program for the 2011-12 academic year. Recipients are ECU students Noelle Hurt (front row, from left), Rosa Denton, Tina Martin, Alison Siweckyj, Hilary Sanchez, Bethany Beachel and (back row) Morgan Dickerson, Bobby Trail, Lindsay Polk, Amber Cannon, Felicia Goure, Justin Gates, Courtney Beachel, Jeff LaCroix, Brent Bidy, Glenn Ronning and Stewart Welch.



**KEEPING KIDS SAFE**

Smart Start South Central partnered with the Chickasaw Nation to provide a free car seat safety check at the Ada Regional United Way's Family Fun Night.





**SANTA FE STEAKHOUSE SPONSORING DINNER FOR ECU'S GOLD PROGRAM**

An Ada restaurant will sponsor a dinner Sept. 20 for the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program at ECU. Santa Fe Cattle Company will provide a steak/chicken dinner with

sides, salads and drinks at 6:30 p.m. at the Pontotoc County Agriplex. Cost for the dinner is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids under 12. Several area businesses have contributed items for a silent auction to be held during the dinner.



**ECU NEW FACULTY AND STAFF**

Twenty-four faculty members have begun teaching full time this fall at ECU. Six new staff members also have been added in the last few months to academic departments. New faculty and staff members shown with ECU President John Hargrave (front row, left) are Jan Long, Jessica Hyatt, Kevin Lynch, Sonya Hensley, Tanya Roland and Dr. Santa Velez; Dr. Yolanda Forero-Villegas (second row), Donna Urbassik, Edward Smith, Dr. Dane Scott, Dr. Susan Brigman, Dr. Katricia Pierson and Philip A.S. Todd; Chelsea Baker (third row), Ruth Richardson, Regina Smith, Mary Harper, Sharon Bryant, Dr. Thomas Parr, Cody Weaver and Brian Lorange; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Duane Anderson, Dr. Kurt Edwards, Mac McConnell, Chris Browning, Jeff Jordan and Stacey Bolin. Not shown are Dr. Jason Murray, Shari Kindrick, Daniel Welch and Holli Witherington.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

All month

Art Show - Paul Heaston, Pogue Art Gallery

9/17/2011

Step Out of the Darkness, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Volleyball vs Harding University, 2 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Football vs Northeastern, 6 p.m., Norris Field

9/19/2011

Constitution Day Lecture, 6:30 p.m., Estep, UC

9/20/2011

GOLD Program Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m., Agriplex

National Addiction Professionals Day Awards Reception, 7 p.m., ECU Ballroom

Volleyball vs Southwestern, 7 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

9/21/2011

Residual ACT, 8 a.m.

9/22/2011

Box City, 6:30 p.m., Horace Mann Lawn

9/23/2011

Soccer vs Austin College, 4 p.m., Soccer Field

9/24/2011

Football vs Southeastern, 6 p.m., Norris Field

9/25/2011

Soccer vs Central Oklahoma, 1 p.m., Soccer Field

9/28/2011

Life of an Athlete sponsored by BWI, 7 p.m., Ataloo Theatre, HBFFAC

Timothy Long Senior Recital, 7:30 p.m., Ada Arts & Heritage Center

9/30/2011

Volleyball vs Henderson State, 6 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

10/1/2011

Volleyball vs Ouachita Baptist, 1 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

10/3/2011

Art Show - David Phelps, Pogue Art Gallery,

10/6/2011 - 10/8/2011

Blithe Spirit, 7:30pm, Chalmers Herman Theatre, HBFFAC

# Welcome Back, ECU Students

