

CAMPUS ECU UPDATE



April 2018

Pierson's Perceptions

The past year has been a remarkable adventure. I have met many students, alumni and friends of East Central University as I have traveled throughout the region. We have many entrepreneurs, world travelers, artists, business owners and amazing professionals we call alumni. It is inspiring to hear their stories. In their stories, I kept hearing a similar message - the education they received while at ECU helped them attain a life well-lived.

As it is springtime, a time of renewal and hope, we look forward to our future and the possibilities it brings. Looking forward, the university has several initiatives underway, such as a major strategic plan, which will advance our ability to continue graduating remarkable individuals.

I'm happy to be East Central University's president and look forward to the future with you.



Thank You for Supporting ECU!

Dr. Katricia Pierson
President
East Central University

EVENING OF HONORS AND RECOGNITION SET FOR MAY 11

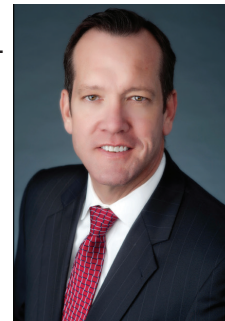
ECU's Evening of Honors and Recognition is set for Friday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in ECU Foundation Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. Distinguished alumni to be honored include: Michael Brown, Janice Gray and Craig Scheef. Dr. Bill Chapman will be presented with the Distinguished Former Faculty Award. Dr. Darryl Fisher will receive the Distinguished Service Award and the Floyd/Allen Family will be honored as the Distinguished Family.

The ECU Foundation, Inc. will also be recognizing 2016 and 2017 Centennial Endowments. They include the Charles and Lila Acker Centennial Computer Science Endowment, Cottingham/Ross Centennial Graduate Education Endowment, Jon Arrasmith Centennial Memorial Endowment, Colton Calaway Centennial Memorial Endowment, Wayne Cobb Centennial Endowment, Tina Hope Davis Centennial Endowment, Wes Watkins Water Resource Policy and Management Centennial Endowment and Leadership Murray County Class XII Centennial Endowment.

To register or for sponsorship information visit alumni.ecok.edu/event/EOH2018 or contact Kacy Clark at kclark@ecok.edu or 580-559-5587.



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ECU CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY



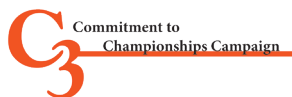
ECU celebrated Founder's Day on March 29 with free t-shirts and snacks along with performances by the band, cheerleaders and pom squad. Short speeches



were also delivered by ECU President Katricia Pierson, new head football coach Al Johnson and Gavin Burl, president of the ECU Student Government. ECU was

founded in 1909 as East Central State Normal School.

C3 GOLF TOURNEY SET FOR MAY 21



Entries are being accepted and sponsorships are available as the Commitment to Championships

Campaign (C3) Golf Tournament is set for Monday, May 21, at the WinStar Golf Club in Thackerville. The C3, created by the ECU Foundation, Inc., is a catalyst to transform ECU football into a dominant program in the Great American Conference. The format for the tournament is a four-person scramble with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. To register go online at www.alumni.ecok.edu or call 580-559-5655 more more information.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING FAIR AT ECU



Hundreds of junior High and high school students were on campus April 5-6 for the

Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair in Foundation Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center.

LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM RECOGNIZED TWICE

ECU's Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies Program has been named as the Best in the State of Oklahoma by paralegaledu.org and it has been ranked fourth nationally for Best Paralegal Studies Degrees by collegechoice.net. The program prepares students for their first job as a paralegal or to advance in their current paralegal role. The four-year course of study provides a strong, liberal arts foundation with a focus on analytical and communication skills applicable to a variety of legal environments, from law offices to corporate legal departments to government agencies to nonprofits and more.



PARKER ETHICS CENTER RECEIVES COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

ECU's Oscar L. Parker Center for the Advancement of Ethical Standards in Business and Society received the Community Impact Award in the Education Category at the 2018 Oklahoma Ethics Awards Consortium at the Petroleum Club in Oklahoma City. Founded in 1988, the Oscar L. Parker Center facilitates outreach to members of ECU and the community with the sole purpose of promoting ethics education and ethical behavior on campus and in the community. With a small budget, no staff and limited resources, the center promotes ethics through several channels including luncheons, lectures and workshops open to the community. Receiving the award was Dr. Michael Scott, director of the Parker Ethics Center.



SOCIAL WORK MONTH PROCLAIMED ON CAMPUS



ECU President Katricia G. Pierson proclaimed

March as “Social Work Month” on campus. The theme was entitled “Social Workers: Leaders, Advocates, Champions,” as the ECU social work program hosted a self-care training that same day to honor those hard-working social workers in the community by teaching them how to better take care of themselves.

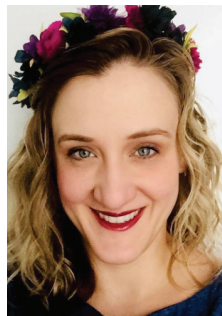
DR. HADA RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD



Dr. Ken Hada, professor of English and languages at ECU, was presented with the Glenda Carlile Distinguished Service Award at the 29th Annual Book Awards for his efforts in founding and directing the annual Scissortail

Creative Writing Festival. Hada is also a 2018 finalist in the 29th Annual Oklahoma Book Award Competition in the poetry category for *Bring an Extry Mule*.

NICHOLSON-WEIR CONTRIBUTES TO ONLINE EXHIBIT



Rebecca Nicholson-Weir, ECU assistant professor of English and languages, has contributed to “Making Modernism,” an online exhibit of archival materials from the Newberry Library, Chicago’s Independent Research Library since

1887. The exhibit was created by the National Endowment for the Humanities Institute participants, which includes Nicholson-Weir. Her exhibit involves two letters from March, 1937, written by anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston to writer, editor and literary critic Harry Hansen.

MOSELEY EARNS PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP

Through Princeton University, ECU student Elsa Moseley has been offered a highly-competitive fellowship to teach English and international relations at China Foreign Affairs University, one of the top diplomacy schools located in Beijing. Additionally, Moseley has been selected for a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in South Korea. The Fulbright Scholar Program is under the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.



ELLIS PICKED FOR UNIQUE FELLOWSHIP

ECU junior Melissa Ellis is one of only 10 college students from across the country to be selected for a Native American Journalism Fellowship. Ellis, who is pursuing a degree in accounting, will participate in the Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) year-long endeavor, which includes a conference in Miami, Florida in July.



STUDENTS GO TO D.C.; BURL DOES INTERNSHIP

ECU student Gavin Burl recently did a special internship with the President Barack Obama Foundation in Washington D.C. As a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science academic honor society, Burl recently traveled with 12 other ECU students and three faculty members to Washington D.C. to attend the Pi Sigma Alpha National Conference. To boot, he along with fellow ECU student Anna Wood were the only two students able to go to the U.S. Supreme Court to observe some oral arguments.



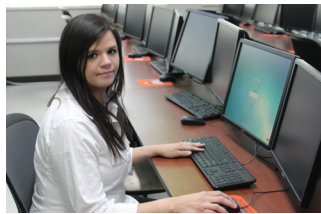
BENITEZ SPEAKS AT OSRHE MEETING



ECU student Alex Benitez shared the positive impact higher education has made in his life during a March meeting of the Oklahoma

State Regents for Higher Education. Pictured are: (left to right) ECU President Katricia G. Pierson, OSRHE Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Benitez and Regents Chair Dr. Ronald H. White.

ECU'S HARGIS PASSES CTP EXAM



ECU student Kendall Hargis recently learned that she passed the Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) examination, one of the

premier certifications in the fields of accounting and finance. The CTP certification requires those sitting for the exam to demonstrate mastery of knowledge domains pertinent to corporate treasury management.

TALLEY FIRST-TEAM ALL-GAC FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL



ECU men's basketball sophomore Camron Talley was named to the 2017-18 All-Great American

Conference First Team while teammates – junior Da'Rion King and senior Brett Cannon – were honorable mention selections. Talley averaged 16.2 points while shooting 40.5 percent from 3-point land for the Tigers. King and Cannon sported 12.4 and 9.4 scoring averages, respectively.

ECU DUO HONORED FOR GAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior Devon Branch and junior Lakin Preisner were All-Great American Conference honorable mention award winners for the 2017-18 season. Branch averaged 14.6 points for the season while Preisner averaged 13.6. Statistically, Preisner led the NCAA Division II ranks nationally in free-throw percentage at 95.6, converting 65-of-68 attempts.

FILER WINS 3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE AT UTA INVITATIONAL

Junior Larry Filer, of the ECU track and field team, won the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:51.79 at the 2018 Bobby Lane Invitational at the University of Texas-Arlington on March 24.



ECU STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH DAY AT STATE CAPITOL

Several ECU students participated in Research Day at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. The



event is designed to showcase the outstanding research being conducted at Oklahoma's colleges and universities in the areas of science (including social science), technology, engineering and mathematics. Students are nominated by their institutions' leadership to participate in the prestigious event. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is one of the sponsors.

NURSING STUDENTS TRAIN IN MOCK DISASTER



ECU nursing students participated in a mock disaster training at Mercy Hospital in Ada on March 15. The disaster was the aftermath of a damaging tornado. The nursing students worked alongside actual first-response professionals in learning the procedures in rescue and recovery efforts.

EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS AWARDS



Students from ECU's Department of Education and Psychology received awards at their 2018 Spring Awards Luncheon on March 30. Scholarship and achievement awards were presented at the event as 2017-18 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Finalist Dr. Laura Smith, of Byng Schools, was the keynote speaker.

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE LAW DAY ON ECU CAMPUS



Justice Noma Gurich, of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and Chickasaw Nation District Judge Dustin Rowe, an ECU alumnus, were the featured speakers as Law Day was conducted on campus last month in Foundation Hall. The event also included



a networking luncheon in which ECU students met with the speakers, local attorneys, judges and ECU faculty. Scholarship award winners were also recognized.

NEW BUSINESS SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

Fourteen ECU business students have been announced as Class of 2018 Scholar Leaders by the ECU Stonecifer School of Business. They are: Kamryn Akers, Brayden Battershell, Daniel Christensen, Cullen Edens, Chance Hogstad, Yashna Khadgi, Allison Maurer, Braden Prewett, Hunter Ross, Kacee Schier, Brooklin Schwabe, Heather Swan, Abbie Winchester and Chloe Tyler. The program is geared toward junior and senior business majors who demonstrate academic excellence and are looking for a way to better themselves through student engagement and cultural enrichment. In order to be a part of the Business Scholar Leaders program, students must have a minimum 3.5 grade-point average, be able to volunteer for special projects and participate in the Dean's Leadership Council.



STUDENTS INITIATED INTO ALPHA CHI

There were 71 ECU students initiated into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society during a ceremony in March. Alpha Chi which is comprised of the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors at ECU. Students must have at least a 3.5 grade-point average to join. The objective of Alpha Chi is to promote and recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character which make scholarship effective for service.



GREEK WEEK CELEBRATED WITH GAMES, ACTIVITIES



Greek Week was celebrated on campus, April 2-6, as fraternities and sororities participated in numerous

activities, including chariot races, Greek Family Feud, Greek Lip Sync and other Greek games. A banquet was also held.

FRESH CHECK DAY HELD AT ECU



A mental health check in with interactive booths, free food and prizes was conducted on the University Center Lawn on March

6. The event was sponsored by the Student Counseling Center, Housing and Residence Life, Student Government Association Executive Board and the ECU Active Minds Chapter. Research being conducted at Oklahoma's colleges and universities in the areas of science (including social science), technology, engineering and mathematics.

AUTHORS, READING ENTHUSIASTS ATTEND SCISSORTAIL FESTIVAL

Fifty-seven authors and hundreds of attendees converged on the ECU campus for the 13th Annual Scissortail Creative Writing Festival, April 5-7. Each author made a presentation during the three-day event. Awards were presented to high school students in the R. Darryl Fisher Creative Writing Contest.



SUMMER PELL GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

Enrollment for the summer 2018 semester is underway and ECU is excited to announce that Pell Grant eligible student can receive up to 150 percent their award. If ECU students qualified for Pell in the 2017 Fall and 2018 Spring semester and are enrolled in at least six hours for the summer, they may use Pell Grant to help fund summer enrollment. For more information, contact the ECU Financial Aid Office at 580-559-5243.

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