



# Campus Update

January 2016

## FOUNDATION GETS GIFT FROM SNRF



The ECU Foundation Inc. received a \$394,000 gift from the Sci-

ences and Natural Resources Foundation of Oklahoma during its annual board meeting on Jan. 12. By virtue of the gift, ECU will launch the Oklahoma Water Policy and Science Institute (OWPSI), a non-profit institute for water resource studies and programs. The institute will develop leaders, both students and citizens, in water policy and management.

## OWPSI GETS GIFT FROM FOUNDATION



On the heels of ECU Foundation Inc. receiving a gift from the Sciences and Natural Resources Foundation (SNRF) of Oklahoma, the ECU Foundation provided

an additional gift of \$149,077.75 to also be applied toward ECU's new Oklahoma Water Policy and Science Institute.

## STATE REP. GIVES WATKINS LECTURE



State Rep. Emily Virgin, representing District 44 in the State House of Representatives, delivered ECU's annual Lou Watkins Lecture on Jan. 26. The lecture honors Watkins, a former chair

of ECU's Political Science Department. Lou is the wife of former U.S. Rep. Wes Watkins.

## SISTER ROSEMARY SPEAKS AT ECU

Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe spoke on the ECU campus Jan. 25 on "Making a Difference in Your World." She talked about volunteerism and how it makes a difference, both at home and abroad.



Sister Rosemary was named to the Time Magazine List of 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2014. She presides over Saint Monica's Vocational School in Gulu, Uganda, where she provides vocational training to girls and young women, who were abducted and used as sex slaves by Joseph Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army which terrorized Northern Uganda for 25 years.

## ECU FOUNDATION RECEIVES 1916 YEARBOOK

A 1916 ECU yearbook was presented to ECU Foundation, Inc., by Agnes Lane, a member of the Crabtree family which has funded several scholarships through the Foundation. Lane's stepmother found the book and several old newspaper clippings which belonged to her grandmother in her attic and gave them to Lane. Also attending the presentation was Agnes' brother Tom Crabtree and Anne Riddle Jennings, a second cousin to Agnes and Tom.



## CAMPUS CELEBRATES MEMORY OF MLK



Various activities were conducted Jan. 18-19 in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. With the campus being closed on Jan. 18, a day of service

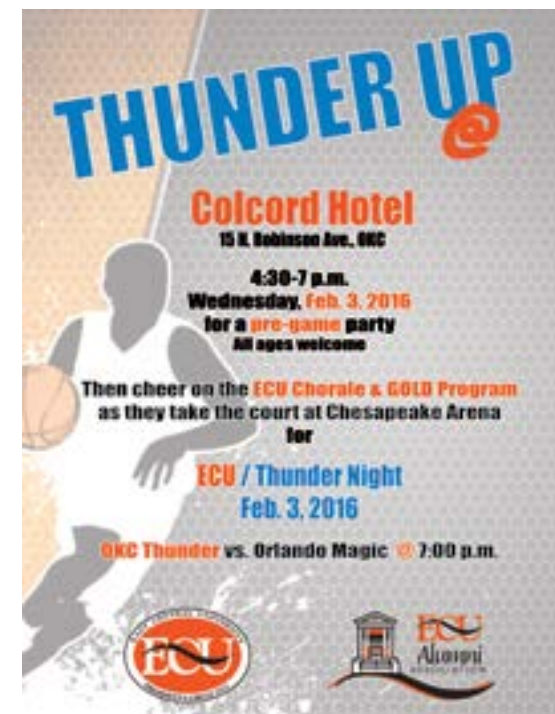
was conducted. Volunteers, many of which were ECU students, built a flower bed and raked nearly 100 bags of leaves at Wintersmith Park. There were 80 volunteers involved in the project which included volunteers from the Rotary Club and Girl Scouts.

## NUMEROUS VETERANS ATTEND FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



Numerous men and women who served our country through military service attended a ceremonial Veterans Day Flag Raising on Nov. 11 at the Honors Plaza on campus.

Plaza on campus.



## CARTOGRAPHY DAY HELD ON CAMPUS

ECU hosted Cartography Day on Nov. 18 in an event billed as "GIS Day - Geography Awareness Week Colloquia."



Presentations were made by ECU Cartography Society students and lectures were conducted by Dr. Charles Martin from Kansas State University and Mark Masoner, GIS director for the City of Ada.

## AREA STUDENTS PACK ATALOA THEATRE FOR THE HOBBIT

Students from area schools packed the Ataloa Theatre of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center for the ECU Theatre's matinee performance of The Hobbit in November.



## ALPHA CHI INDUCTS 95 NEW ECU STUDENTS

Ninety-five ECU students were inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society in a ceremony



held in Foundation Hall on Dec. 3. Alpha Chi, which promotes academic excellence and exemplary character, is for undergraduate juniors and seniors in all disciplines. A group photo of many of the inductees is below.



**ECU STUDENTS PROVIDING TAX ASSISTANCE**



ECU is once again participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The program is designed to provide free tax assistance to individuals with basic returns, particularly those with low and fixed incomes. Those students who have taken ECU's individual income tax course, and other volunteers will provide the service.

**ALBETT, SCOTT WIN MLK AWARDS**

Two ECU students were recognized at a ceremony honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Ahndri D. Albett won the Spirit of MLK Award and Ryan Scott won the MLK Essay Contest. Albett was nominated by a faculty member and then was voted for the award by a committee. Scott's winning essay was about MLK's triple evils.



**FIVE STUDENTS PRESENTED WITH HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS**



Anna Talkington, Marissa Hinton, Ashley Huhman, Erin Awtrey and Linzi Thompson

were the recipients of the Churchill Thomas and Melba Thomas King Honors Scholarships through the ECU Foundation, Inc.

**MOORE PICKED FOR TWO POSTSEASON GRID HONORS**

ECU junior receiver David Moore was picked for the 2015 Conference Commissioners Association Division II All-Super Region Football Second Team and Don Hansen's All-Super Region III First Team. Moore set Tiger records for yards in a season (1,097), touchdown receptions for a season (13) and TDs for a career (25). Teammate and senior offensive tackle Kevin Bowen was named to Don Hansen's All-Super Region III Second Team and Jameel Whitney was selected to the Third Team.



**MACKEY NABS AWARD FROM COLLEGIATE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**



ECU student Morgan Mackey, of Choctaw, recently received the Outstanding Undergraduate Paper in Biochemistry and Biophysics from the Oklahoma Collegiate Academy of Science.

**HARGUS ATTENDS COLLEGE IN CHINA**



Devin Hargus, as part of ECU's Study Abroad Program, attended Guilin University of Electronic Technology in China during the 2015 fall semester. Hargus received 15 hours of credit and a certificate while taking classes in Chinese listening, speaking, comprehension, reading and writing.

**STUDENTS PLAY BUBBLE SOCCER**

In an unusual campus event sponsored by the ECU Campus Activities Board, students competed in a Bubble Soccer game in November on the green in front of the Bill S. Cole University Center. The participating students were each wrapped in their own inflatable bubble for the fun.



**JACKSON CHOSEN GAC WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK**



ECU junior Jalyn Jackson was named Great American Conference Player of the Week on Jan. 26 as she averaged a double-double (13.0 points and 11.7 rebounds) in three straight victories for the Tigers between Jan.

18-23. She made 17-of-26 shots from the field during that span while hitting the game-winning shot and recording six steals against Northwestern Oklahoma State.

**REEVES NAMED GAC BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK**



ECU junior guard Braxton Reeves was named Great American Conference Player of the Week on Jan. 4 after a 28-point performance on 9-of-14 shooting (7-of-9 from 3-point range)

in a 91-87 win over Missouri-St. Louis Jan. 2. He also had five assists and two steals in the game.

**THOMAS SELECTED GAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR SECOND TIME**



Stirling Thomas, a senior ECU guard, was selected GAC Basketball Player of the Week for the second time this season on Dec. 7 after averaging 30 points in Tiger road wins at Henderson State and Ouachita Baptist. He scored 33 on 12-of-18 field-goal shooting

(4-of-6 from 3-point land) against HSU and tallied 27 with two treys against Ouachita Baptist.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursday, Feb. 4**

Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Henderson State 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. at Kerr Activities Center

ECU Production of Vagina Monologues 7:30 p.m. at Chalmers Herman Theatre

**Friday, Feb. 5**

ECU SCREENS presents Foreign Film Festival at 4 p.m. each Friday in February

ECU Production of Vagina Monologues 7:30 p.m. at Chalmers Herman Theatre

**Saturday, Feb. 6**

Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. at Kerr Activities Center

An evening with *Melba Ringwald*

April 7, 2016  
7:30 p.m.  
Atalaya Theatre

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