

From the office of President John R. Hargrave



Campus Update

June 2014

EVENING OF HONORS AND RECOGNITION



ECU recognized many alums and friends on May 2.

Recipients include four **Distinguished Alumni** - Bill G. Lance, Senator Susan G. Paddack, Becky Gallup Payton and William C. Thrash (posthumous); two **Distinguished Former Faculty** - Dr. Jack W. Pascall and Dr. James O. Danley (posthumous);

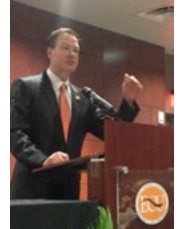


Distinguished Service is the Bertha Frank Teague Mid-America Basketball Classic; **Distinguished Family** is the Bonar/Martin family and **Distinguished Philanthropist** is the City of Ada/Ada Jobs Foundation.



ECU HOSTED RUSO MEETING

ECU hosted the April 2014 Regional University System of Oklahoma Board meeting. RUSO Regents and representatives from other institutions met in the new Chickasaw Business and Conference Center for the first time.



ECU COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 505 students and 183 more were granted master's degrees during ECU's two commencement ceremonies on May 10 in the Kerr Activities Center. Becky Gallup Payton and Bill Lance Jr., addressed the graduates as the keynote speakers.



GATEWAY FROM ECU TO WINTERSMITH OPENS

The City of Ada has enhanced the road from ECU to Wintersmith Park by widening the street and adding a bike lane. The new improvements allow for a brisk walk or bike ride to the nearby park for ECU residents.



SAVE THE DATE:
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Saturday, Oct. 25,
2014



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PRESTIGIOUS GEORGE NIGH AWARD



Former Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh, a 1950 ECU graduate, presented the prestigious George Nigh Award to Noelle Hurt-Bryan on April 25. Regent Connie Reilly was also on hand to visit with the former governor.

LEGISLATORS READ TO YOUTH



State Rep. Todd Thomsen and State Sen. Susan Paddock read to and interacted with children at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center on April 11.

The event was held in conjunction with ECU's Smart Start South Central Early Childhood Program.

TEXOMA HEALTH FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO ECU



Thanks to a valued partnership between two institutions and the Texoma Health Foundation, the ECU at Southeastern

Nursing Department in Durant is in the process of getting a face lift. The improvements made by the \$55,000 grant provided by the Texoma Health Foundation, will help accommodate 32 additional nursing students, totaling 95.

NIKKI STONECIPHER TOURNAMENT HELD



The 9th Annual Nikki Stonecipher Golf Tournament was held this month. The Stonecipher family, through this tournament, has assisted 11 ECU

students in accomplishing their academic goals.

MUNTZ CENTENNIAL MUSIC ENDOWMENT



Josie Allen, ECU sophomore, is the first recipient of the Jane Muntz Centennial Music Endowment. Muntz graduated from ECU in 1940 with a music

degree and is the oldest female "Golden Tiger." Allen, a Byng High School graduate, is a sacred music major with a vocal concentration.

ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

ReGina Germaine, ECU junior, is the recipient of the Jerry Anderson Scholarship. The Jerry Anderson Scholarship is named in honor of the late ECU head basketball coach, who passed away in 1982.



KING RECEIVES QUIETT SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica King, a counseling major from Ada, is the recipient of the Dr. Ray Quiett Centennial Gerlach Counseling Scholarship for 2014-15. Quiett is retired from ECU and is a Distinguished Former Faculty member.



SEEWALD EARNS CHI OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP

Rachel Seewald, ECU junior, is the recipient of the Phi Theta Chi Omega Scholarship. Seewald, who attended Norman High, is a mass communication major with an emphasis on public relations.



ECU OFFERING READING PROGRAM

Future teachers at ECU are working with students this summer. Dr. Regina Smith and David L. Smith, both certified literacy specialists, are overseeing the ECU students offering reading tutoring to local youth.



ECU HOSTS MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

ECU's Veterans Upward Bound Program hosted Military Appreciation Day on May 15. The event featured a patriotic celebration, speeches from those who have gone and are going through the VUB Program and information tables on services provided to veterans, military service members and their families.



VETERANS PROGRAM RECEIVES LAPTOPS



ECU's Veterans Upward Bound Program, through the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and the State of Oklahoma, received free laptop computers for use with veterans and military-related individuals.

FIRST PLAY HELD AT WINTERSMITH PARK AMPHITHEATRE SINCE 1982



ECU and the community of Ada came together to stage Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The production was the first production of any kind to be held at the Wintersmith

Park Amphitheatre since 1982. The play featured current ECU students, faculty and staff along with ECU alumni and Ada community members.

CREATIVE ETCHINGS HONOR MLK



ECU's U.S. Politics and Mass Media class had the opportunity to teach young students about the values of Martin Luther King Jr. Those values were displayed in the form of drawings, by area fifth graders and then the drawings were etched on black tiles and unveiled in a ceremony on May 2

on the ECU campus. A total of 28 student drawings were selected for the project which will be incorporated into a community memorial honoring Dr. King.

CAREER EXPO HELD IN APRIL



More than 50 companies and graduate schools were represented during ECU's Spring 2014 Career Expo, which was held for the first time in the ECU Foundation Hall in the new Chickasaw

Business and Conference Center.

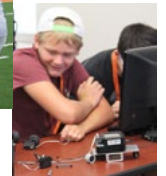
EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISES AT ECU

Hundreds of first responders attended an emergency response exercise at ECU. The training exercises prepare for potential incidents, build relationships and test communication tactics between various emergency response agencies.



SUMMER CAMPS PLANNED ON CAMPUS

ECU hosted several camps during June and is set to host more in July including: Cheerleading Camp, July 8-11; Boys Basketball Camp, July 14-16; Girls Basketball Camp, July 21-23; Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy July 14-26.



SCISSORTAIL FESTIVAL HELD AT ECU

ECU hosted the Ninth Annual Scissortail Creative Writing Festival on April 3-5. The event featured over 50 authors, including Nathan Brown, songwriter, photographer, award-winning poet and Poet Laureate for the State of Oklahoma.



STEAMROLLER/ART WALK CONDUCTED

Art students from an ECU printmaking class participated in the Steamroller/Art Walk on April 11. Works of art, too large for a printing press, were steamrolled for printing purposes. That evening an art walk was held on campus and included other venues located in the Arts District of Ada.





**TOUCH-A-TRUCK
EVENT HELD AT ECU**

Students, adults and children alike got up close and personal with a variety of vehicles, including a National Guard transport

truck, garbage truck, tractor, fire truck, ambulance and police car during Touch-A-Truck, held at ECU on April 18.

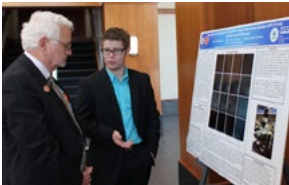
CULLUM EARNS THREE MAJOR HONORS



ECU student Kaylin Cullum, a senior political science major from Wetumka, obtained three major awards this past spring. She was accepted as only one of 10 students nationally for the University of California's Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship, was named a 2014 Brad

Henry Fellow which includes an \$11,000 scholarship and the opportunity to attend Swansea University in Wales next spring. She also received the Francisco-Hatchett Scholarship in Pre-Law.

**FORMER ECU STUDENT EARNS RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP**



Former ECU student Blake Scott has earned a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Award for 2014.

Scott is currently a graduate student in cellular and molecular medicine at the John Hopkins School of Medicine.

THOMPSON DOING INTERNSHIP IN CHINA



ECU junior Linzi Thompson, a double-major in environmental health science and chemistry, is currently in China participating in Alabama A&M's Research Experience for Undergraduates, funded by the National Science Foundation.

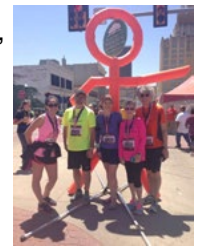
**ECU TEAM PLACES SECOND IN
GOVERNOR'S CUP**

ECU's "LockWall" team poses with their trophies after capturing second place in the Governor's Cup, a statewide entrepreneurship competition, held in Oklahoma City. From left to right are: Sara Folsom, of Wayne; Cameron King, of Ada; Stacey Bolin, director of ECU's Wilburn L. Smith Center for Entrepreneurship; Brandon Holt, of Ada and team leader; and Chase Sheffield, of Ada. Sheffield also won first place in the pitch competition.



ECU TEAM COMPETES IN OKC MARATHON

The School of Fine Arts Marathon Relay Team, the "ECU Easy Riders," placed 31st of 452 in the Corporate mixed category with a time of 4:09:03 in the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. Pictured left to right are: Katy Seals, Brad Jessop, Lark Powers, Janet Alexander and Skye Garcia.



FACULTY, STAFF RECEIVE AWARDS

Numerous ECU faculty and staff, along with retirees, were honored during the Annual Faculty and Staff Awards Recognition Banquet, including the five Teacher Excellence Award winners on April 24.

