

CAMPUS ECU UPDATE

March 2019



Pierson's Perceptions

"In like a lion, out like a lamb" may be true for March weather. However, for ECU the expression is "in like a tiger, out like a tiger." Activities on campus increase as we reach the mid-point of the semester and the momentum just keeps going. Throughout the month of March, we have hosted many activities with more on the way.

Among the many activities is recognition of our social work program, with March being celebrated nationally as social work month. The men and women in our program will become part of the largest group of mental health providers. Indeed, there is no shortage of positions for them.

ECU students across all of our programs are exceptional as you will see in the various stories we share with you in our monthly update. I hope to see you on campus at one of the many events we will host between now and spring commencement in May.



Dr. Katricia Pierson
President
East Central University

CITY OF ADA HONORED FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH ECU

The City of Ada, with its leadership and employees, has contributed greatly to advancing higher education in the region and supporting ECU. By virtue of that support, the City of Ada was recognized with the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The City of Ada-ECU partnership was one of 27 business and higher education partnerships throughout the state.



DR. ANDREWS DEAN OF COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES



Dr. Ken Andrews was permanently appointed dean of the College of Health Sciences at ECU. He joined the faculty of ECU in 2000 and had served as interim dean since July of 2018. Andrews received his bachelor of science degree in zoology and master of science in zoology from Southern Illinois University. He earned his doctor of philosophy in zoology at Michigan State University in 2000. Andrews had served as chair of the

Department of Biology since 2015 and had been active in promoting undergraduate research and taught numerous times in the Honors Program.



Evening of Honors & Recognition

Friday, May 10, 2019

Reception - 6 p.m.
Program - 6:30 p.m.

East Central University
Chickasaw Business & Conference Center
ECU Foundation Hall

Distinguished Alumni
Jim Hamby, 1973
Tony A. Scott, 1982

Distinguished Former Faculty
Lou Watkins, 1980-1991

Distinguished Service
Beth Vezina, 1979

Distinguished Family
The Horne Family

Tickets & tables available at: alumni.ecok.edu/event/2019EOH
alumni@ecok.edu or 580-559-5651

RSVP Deadline
April 30

580-332-8000

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ECU ALUM JESSE ALLEN HOLDS HIGH TRIBAL POSITION



ECU alumnus Jesse Allen was recently confirmed as Secretary of Interior Affairs for the Muscogee Creek Nation National Council. Allen is a 2009 graduate of ECU with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. He later re-

ceived his juris doctorate from the University of New Mexico Law in 2013. Originally from Ada, Allen has worked for the Muscogee Creek Nation for five years and currently serves as vice president of the ECU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL AT ECU



Thousands of high school stu-

dents were on campus for the Classes 2A-4A High School Concert Band Festival March 26-27 in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.

ECU HOSTS REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



ECU hosted the Regional Science and Engineering Fair in March

as hundreds of high school and junior high students came to campus to compete for prizes.

MARCH IS SOCIAL WORK AWARENESS MONTH

March was declared as Social Work Awareness Month at



ECU during a ceremony held on the second floor of Danley Hall. The ceremony featured a declaration with ECU social work faculty and students.

LAW DAY CELEBRATED WITH A PANEL ON “THE INNOCENT MAN”

ECU celebrated Law Day on March 27 with various activities, including a special panel discussion on “The Innocent Man,” a New York Times bestseller by John Grisham and the hit Netflix documentary series by the same name



which explores the murder convictions that occurred in Ada during the 1980s, one of which resulted in the exoneration of two individuals over a decade later based on DNA evidence. The panel included Christy Sheppard, Dawn Teal, Hon. Tom Landrith and Hon. George Butner. The panel members discussed their experiences concerning the legal issues and how they dealt with the media in these high-profile court cases. A packed audience was in attendance in the event held in ECU Foundation Hall.



ECU Summer & Fall Enrollment begins Monday, April 1, 2019

TWO FACULTY NAB DAVINCI AWARDS



Two ECU faculty members – John Dougherty and Robin Roberson – were announced as DaVinci Institute Award winners for 2019. Dougherty was named a 2019 Creativity in Education Fellow for his plan to develop an assessment for ECU’s new digital and electronic art curriculum. Dougherty is an assistant professor in art and a studio artist and graphic designer. Roberson was honored as 2019 DaVinci Fellow for her K12 Tiger Tutoring project that combines tutoring and service learning.



FOUNDERS’ DAY CELEBRATED



Founders’ Day was celebrated by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends March 27 on ECU’s Centennial Plaza. The event featured fun, food, music and presentations commemorating the creation of the East Central State Normal School, now ECU, on March 25, 1909.

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SIM LABS BRING STUDENTS TOGETHER



Students collaborate in a simulation lab conducted by ECU’s Social Work Program for its Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program. The lab brought together students from such fields as social work, criminal justice, legal studies and nursing to work in mock multi-disciplinary teams to deal with real-life issues.

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DIVERSITY AWARDS PRESENTED

Five ECU students were recently presented awards by the Human Diversity Committee at the Black History Month. Four MLK Spirit Awards were presented to Breanna Baker, Kay’Lee Maddox, Ratna Shrestha and Eberechi Soloman-Egwu. Soloman Mahlahini was the winner of the GLBT Scholarship.



SISTER UNIVERSITIES WELCOMED

Six exchange students from ECU’s sister universities in France and Germany were recently welcomed at a meet and greet event.



ACCOUNTING STUDENTS ATTEND CAREER NIGHT

ECU Tiger Accountants attended the 2019 Oklahoma Society of CPAs Career Night at Oklahoma City University’s Meinders School of Business on March 7. The students listened to keynote speaker Earl Stone, CPA – Deloitte’s Oklahoma Audit Leader.



FORTY INDUCTED INTO ALPA CHI

Forty new members were inducted into ECU’s Alpha Chi National Honor Society in March. Alpha Chi is comprised of the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors at ECU.



TALLEY, KING NAB AWARDS



ECU men's basketball players junior Camron Talley and senior Da'Rion King were named to 2018-2019 All- Great American Conference Teams. Talley was selected to the First Team while King was chosen for the Second Team. Talley averaged 20.5 points and 3.1 rebounds. King averaged 14.4 points and 5.1 rebounds.



TIGER PITCHER FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

ECU pitcher Paige Leschber was named Great American Conference Freshman of the Week on March 25 after she recorded two pitching victories, including her first career-shut-out, in the Tigers' four-game series split with Arkansas-Monticello. In 12 innings of work, Leschber allowed just one run off six hits while striking out six batters.



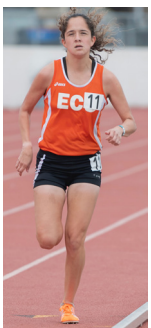
PREISNER, WILLIAMS HONORED



Tiger senior basketball players Lakin Preisner and Tia Williams were selected to the All-Great American Conference Second Team. Preisner averaged 13.3 points and 8.5 rebounds and was among the nation's best in free-throw percentage at 93.1. Williams averaged 12.9 points, 3.3 rebounds and shot 72 percent from the foul line.



THREE ECU TRACK ATHLETES TAKE FIRST



Three ECU track athletes posted first-place finishes in the recent University of Texas-Arlington Bobby Lane Invitational. On the men's side, Dilland Gardner won the shot put and Larry Filer topped the 3,000-meter steeplechase. On the women's side, Anna Mora won the 5,000 meters. In all, ECU had 19 top-10 finishes at the meet.

14th Annual
Scissortail Creative Writing Festival
 Featuring:

Tracy K. Smith
 April 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Ataloa Theatre

Brandon Hobson
 April 6 @ 4 p.m.
 Estep Multimedia Center

April 4-6, 2019
 Also featuring over 50 authors from Oklahoma and beyond and The Darryl Fisher High School Creative Writing Contest

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*On the campus of East Central University
 This event is free and open to the public.*

Our Hope, Our Present
 Scissortail Festival

GO ECU TIGERS!!!

ECU UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 1

All Day - Priority Enrollments Honors & Student Support Services

8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Greek Week Banners in UC

5:30 p.m. – Greek Week Chariot Races on Centennial Plaza

Tuesday, April 2

All Day – Priority Enrollment Graduates/Seniors

6 p.m. – Greek Week Trivia in Estep n UC

Wednesday, April 3

All Day – Priority Enrollment Juniors

8 a.m. – Transfer Enrollment Day

10 a.m. – Career Expo Spring 2019 in ECU Foundation Hall

7 p.m. – Greek Week Lip Sync in Ataloo Theatre, HBFFAC

Thursday, April 4

All Day – Priority Enrollment Sophomores

8 a.m.-10 p.m.- Scissortail Creative Writing Festival

6 p.m. – Greek Week Games on Centennial Plaza

Friday, April 5

All Day – Priority Enrollment Continuing Freshmen

8 a.m.-10 p.m. – Scissortail Creative Writing Festival

3 p.m. – Baseball vs. Ouachita Baptist (home)

7 p.m. – Greek Week Banquet in Stanley Wagner Ballroom

Saturday, April 6

8 a.m.-2 p.m. – Scissortail Creative Writing Festival

10:30 a.m. – Greek Discovery Day Memorial Student Union

1 p.m. – Baseball vs. Ouachita Baptist (home doubleheader)

Monday, April 8

All Day – First Time Freshmen Spring Advisement & Enrollment

Tuesday, April 9

All Day – Concurrent Student Enrollment Begins

11 a.m. – Make it Personal, UC

6:30 p.m. – Trivia in Estep

Wednesday, April 10

11 a.m.-7 p.m. – Stranger Things Escape RM, Linscheid Library

11:30 a.m. – George Nigh Awards Lunch, ECU Foundation Hal

April 11 - 13

7:30 p.m. – All the Great Books Abridged

Chalmers Herman Theatre of Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

Thursday, April 11

11 a.m.-7 p.m. – Stranger Things Escape RM, Linscheid Library

7:30p.m. – Pop & Jazz Standards Concert, Dorothy Summers

Friday, April 12

2 p.m. – Baseball vs. Northwestern Oklahoma (home)

Saturday, April 13

1 p.m. – Baseball vs. Northwestern (home doubleheader)

April 16 & 17

7:30p.m. –Showtime Spring Production, Dorothy Summers Theatre

Tuesday, April 16

2 p.m. – Baseball vs. University of Texas-Tyler (home)

7 p.m. – College of Health and Sciences Awards Ceremony, ECU Foundation Hall

Wednesday, April 17

8 a.m. – Tiger Transfer Showcase 2019

11 a.m. – McNair Scholars Program 2019 Poster Display, Chickasaw Business and Conference Center

3:30 p.m. – Originals Party Art & Creative Writing Presentations

Thursday, April 18

2 p.m. – Softball vs. Oklahoma Baptist (home doubleheader)

6 p.m.-8 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt all over campus

7:30 p.m. – Jazz Ensemble Concert

Friday, April 19

1 p.m. – Softball vs. Oklahoma Baptist (home doubleheader)

Monday, April 22

Orange Crush Week

11a.m.-1p.m. –Orange You Glad Its Monday, UC

Tuesday, April 23

3 p.m. – Baseball vs. Central Oklahoma (home)

3:30 p.m. – Honors Spring Showcase (site TBA)

5:30 p.m. – ECU Employee Recognition Banquet, ECU Foundation Hall

Wednesday, April 24

11 a.m. – Orange Crush Week – Goat Yoga

Thursday, April 25

5:30 p.m. – President's Club Meeting, UC

6 p.m. – School of Business Spring Awards Banquet

6 p.m. – Orange Tide on North Lawn

Friday, April 26

Noon – Freebie Friday

2 p.m. – Softball vs. Southwestern (home doubleheader)

3 p.m. – Baseball vs. Southeastern (home)

6:30 p.m. – ECU Screens Presents "Allelujah!", Estep

Saturday, April 27

Noon – Softball vs. Southwestern (home doubleheader)

1 p.m. – Baseball vs. Southeastern (home doubleheader)

Sunday, April 28

3 p.m. – ECU Bands Concert in the Ataloo Theatre

Monday, April 29

7:30 p.m. – Chamber Ensembles Concert, Ataloo Theatre

Tuesday, April 30

6 p.m. – Honors Banquet, Regents Room