

CAMPUS ECU UPDATE

September 2019

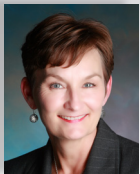
Pierson's Perceptions

There is something joyous and comfortable in the phrase "welcome home." We were able to say that to many alumni who returned to campus for homecoming.

For some it is an annual event and it was good to visit with them and catch up on what has been happening in their lives. For some it was the first time in 40, 50, even 60 years since they had been back on campus. They were astonished at the beauty of the campus, satisfied with the improvements we have made over the years and pleased with our family spirit.

In a juxtaposition, we had football recruits interacting with our alumni during tailgating before the football game. Those potential new students and their families also said they felt they were among family. Our alumni were sharing stories about the ways ECU set them on the professional path.

The ECU family stretches across the nation, indeed, around the globe. Our spirit as a family unites us in seeing that the university continues to thrive. Together, we are ECU.



Dr. Katricia Pierson
President
East Central University

HOMECOMING A ROARING SUCCESS

Capped off with an exciting 45-7 Tiger football victory over Southern Nazarene, ECU Homecoming 2019 was a roaring success, from a festive, spirited campus to alumni welcomed home. The parade also displayed aspects of the Pixar 3D theme to the delight of children and adults alike. The alumni band performed before the game with the current Pride of Tigerland. For more highlights of Homecoming 2019, see below and the photo collage on page 4.



"GOLDEN TIGERS" WELCOMED BACK WITH BRUNCH

ECU welcomed back its "Golden Tigers" for Homecoming 2019 with a brunch on Saturday, Sept. 21, in ECU Foundation Hall. "Golden Tigers" are those who graduated from or attended ECU 50 years ago or longer. This year's focus was particularly on the Class of 1969 with its 50th anniversary. It's one of the most popular events during homecoming weekend as "Golden Tigers" wear or receive medallions, commemorating their time at ECU.



SCALES PRESENTED WITH 2019 MILAM AWARD

Dr. Jimmy Scales was presented with the 2019 Milam Award at halftime of ECU's homecoming game with Southern Nazarene on Sept. 21. The award, presented at homecoming each year, goes to a former Tiger football player who has distinguished himself in his chosen profession. Scales is a nationally-recognized educator, social leader and a former superintendent of schools and was named as a 2016 Distinguished Alumni at ECU. He was one of the first two African-American football players for the Tigers.



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OKA' INSTITUTE CONFERENCE SET FOR OCT. 8-9



ECU's Oka' Institute is hosting the Fourth Annual Water Sustainability Conference, Oct. 8-9, in ECU Foundation

Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The conference brings together leaders in science, oil and gas, agriculture, public policy and more as they gain new strategies for sustainable water resources management and discover how strong scientific data and public perceptions influence policy decisions. Activities begin at 11 a.m. on Oct. 8 and 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 9.

ROTHBAUM LECTURE FEATURES HISTORY, POLITICAL VIDEOGRAPHER



The annual Rothbaum Lecture featured Richard Hall, who specializes in videos on history and politics and has produced content for C-SPAN. The lecture, held in the Estep Multimedia Center, was part of Constitution

Day. The Rothbaum Lecture is funded through an endowment established by the late Julian Rothbaum with a \$25,000 gift to the ECU Foundation, Inc., that was matched by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

SEPTEMBER POETRY SERIES HELD



Dr. Joey Brown and Paul Bowers were the featured poets as the annual September Poetry Series was held on Sept. 17 in the Estep

Multimedia Center. The annual event is presented by the ECU Department of English and Languages and sponsored by the ECU Foundation, Inc. and Vision Bank.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY COMES FACE-TO-FACE

In an effort to improve internal communications across campus,



ECU conducted its first Face-to-Face Campus Connections monthly event on Sept. 10 in the Estep Multimedia Center.



Rick Haight, Kim Rogers and Wendell Godwin were the first to present about their offices and departments. The next Face-to-Face meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m.

HONORS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SORTING HAT CEREMONY

Students from the ECU Honors Program participated in the annual Sorting Hat Ceremony on Sept. 9 in



the Stanley Wagner Ballroom. This annual ritual is where the magical Honors Sorting Hat determines Honors students' houses and their fates. Honors House Games followed.

DUNK A PROFESSOR

The Biology and Environmental Sciences (BES) Carnival was conducted on Sept. 4 in front of the Physical and Environmental Science Building.



The BES Carnival raised money and awareness about the new department and its clubs. There was also a scholarship fundraising booths in which students had the opportunity to dunk their professors in a water tank and throw pies in their faces.

ECU JAZZ BAND PERFORMS FIRST CONCERT OF THE SEASON



The ECU Jazz Band, under the direction of Kirk Palmer, rehearsed for its first concert of the 2019-2020 season. The band

performed selections by Sammy Nestico, Count Basie and Neil Hefti, during the performance held Sept. 23 in the Kennedy Band Hall of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.

RESEARCH TOOLS BEING PROVIDED IN PSYCHOLOGY LAB



ECU graduate student Meghan McManners works in ECU's new Psychological Training Clinic in the basement

of the Lanoy Education Building. The lab provides research tools for those who are pursuing doctorate degrees and ultimately being psychologists. The facility is home to Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and Teacher-Child Interaction Therapy (TCIT) Research Labs. The lab includes a large observation room, three therapy rooms and a state-of-the art video and sound system.

STUDENT GROUP HELPS HURRICANE



RELIEF EFFORTS
Members of the African Caribbean Student Association sold non-alcoholic daiquiris during ECU's first home

football game on Sept. 5. The group successfully raised \$712 in sales and \$333 more in donations to benefit the hurricane relief efforts in the Bahamas.

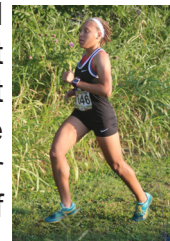
ECU'S DOUGLAS NAMED GAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tiger redshirt sophomore Ontario Douglas was named Great American Conference Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 23, after running for 192 yards on 21 carries and scoring four touchdowns in ECU's 45-7 homecoming victory over Southern Nazarene University. Douglas also caught two passes for 19 yards.



ECU RUNNERS SWEEP FIRST GAC AWARDS

Aaliyah Regg-Wajid and Emmanuel Bett swept the first Great American Conference Cross Country Runner of the Week awards of the season for ECU,



it was announced on Sept. 11. Redshirt junior Regg-Wajid took first place in the University of Central Oklahoma Land Run (18:54.25 time) in the women's race and Bett placed fourth (20:44.12) in the first collegiate race of his career on the men's side.

TIGER SOCCER PLAYERS NAB AWARDS

ECU soccer players Aubrey Levelling and Kariss Dunson were selected as Great American Confer-



ence Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week on Sept. 17. Levelling scored the lone goal in a 1-0 victory over Oklahoma Christian and had the first score in the Tigers' 4-3 double-overtime win at Missouri Southern. Dunson blocked five shots to help ECU secure the victories over Oklahoma Christian and Missouri Southern.

Scenes from 2019 ECU Homecoming

