



Campus Update

January 2012

From the Office of President John R. Hargrave



REPS THOMSEN AND HILLIARD HONORED BY OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS

Dr. Glen Johnson, OSRHE Chancellor, presents the 2011 Distinguished Service Award to Rep. Todd Thomsen (top left) and Rep. Wes Hilliard (bottom left) in recognition of the legislators' continued support of higher education. Also pictured is ECU President John Hargrave.



TERRY W. WEST ADDRESSES ECU'S FALL GRADUATES

Shawnee attorney Terry W. West, a graduate of Francis High School who attended ECU in 1956 and 1957, addressed 217 candidates for bachelor's degrees and 92 candidates for master's degrees during the fall commencement ceremony. RUSO Regent Connie Reilly also addressed the graduates on behalf of RUSO.



CAREER DISCOVERY DAY

State Sen. Susan Paddack, ECU, the Pontotoc Technology Center and the Ada Jobs Foundation hosted a Career Discovery Day at ECU – My Future, My Career, My Responsibility - for all eighth grade students in Pontotoc County. This pilot program exposed hundreds of students to jobs in the area and to the skills required for a career. The idea for the program was sparked by a visit to the state capitol.



ECU #2 IN THE STATE

StateUniversity.com has ranked East Central University No. 2 in Oklahoma for campus safety. The website ranks colleges and universities for campus safety on a scale that accounts for severity of a crime as well as frequency of crime.



LT. GOV. JEFFERSON KEEL TO DELIVER WATKINS LECTURE
Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel will deliver the Watkins Lecture in the Estep Room in the University Center on Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

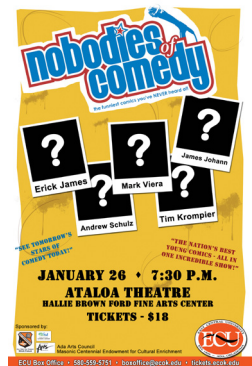
He will discuss the National Congress of American Indians, which he serves as the national

president. Keel is a 1978 graduate of ECU and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 2008.

NOBODIES OF COMEDY

Described as "the funniest comics you've never heard of," a touring talent showcase of young comedians will perform at 7:30 p.m on Jan. 26 in the Ataloo Theatre.

Tickets are on sale now for \$18. In addition 150 student tickets are available for \$5.75 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets may be purchased online at tickets.ecok.edu or reserved by calling the theatre's box office at 580-559-5751.



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HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



On Jan. 17 ECU celebrated Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day by hosting a dinner in his honor. Winners of the MLK Essay Contest and the Spirit of MLK Service and Leadership Award were announced.

JOHNSON RETURNS TO ECU



Raymond Johnson returns to ECU as the interim vice president of administration and finance. Johnson served as vice president of fiscal affairs at ECU from April 2000 until his retirement in June 2003. He worked part-time from Oct. through Dec. 2005. He then served full-time from Jan. 2006 - March 2007.

CLEET RECEIVES NEW CAR



Dr. Steve Turner (second from right), former vice president for finance and administration at ECU, hands over the keys to a 2011 Dodge Charger to Steve Emmons, executive director of CLEET.

Also shown are Jeff Coble (far left) and Bill Bullard, CLEET law enforcement driver training instructors, and Cassie Holloway (far right), administrative assistant for ECU's Tribal Police Training Program and the Campus Law Enforcement Technical Assistance Program. The vehicle was funded through a grant awarded to ECU by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and will be used for law enforcement driver training at CLEET. The grant proposal was written by Turner and ECU faculty member Sonya Hensley as part of a partnership agreement with the BIA, CLEET and ECU.

ADDICTION, RECOVERY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JAN. 19-20 AT ECU

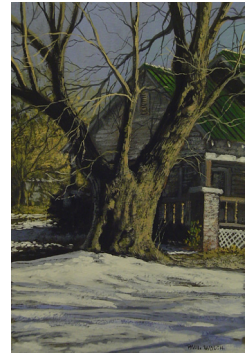


An Addiction and Recovery Conference to be held Jan. 19 and 20 at ECU will focus on current issues, trends and strategies in the field of substance abuse and offer information on addiction recovery, treatment and prevention.

The workshop will be presented by ECU's Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction & Recovery.

STATE ARTISTS' '24 WORKS ON PAPER' EXHIBITION

A traveling exhibition of works by living Oklahoma artists will be open to the public through Jan. 31 in ECU's Pogue Art Gallery.



The exhibition, "24 Works on Paper," is a collaboration between Individual Artists of Oklahoma (IAO) and the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC). It is traveling the state for a full year, bringing original, contemporary Oklahoma artwork to viewers in communities large and small.

ECU alumni Scott Johnson of Holdenville and Paul Walsh of Roff are two of the 24 artists from eight Oklahoma cities selected for the exhibit by Dr. Louise Siddons, the 2011 guest juror and an assistant professor of American, modern and contemporary art at Oklahoma State University.

ECU PROFESSOR RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AWARD

The Oklahoma Society of Environmental Health Professionals (OSEHP) presented the Environmental Health Professional of the Year Award to ECU associate professor Dr. Patrick Bohan during its annual meeting in Oklahoma City.



SAVE THE DATE:

February 16-18
7:30 p.m.
Ataloo Theatre
Hattie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

Tickets:

- \$10 Adult, \$9 Senior Citizens & non-ECU Students
- ECU Alumni receive \$1 discount
- Admission is free for all ECU Students, Faculty & Staff with ECU ID

CABARET

Book by Joe Masteroff. Based on the play by John Van Druten and Stories by Christopher Isherwood. Music by John Kander. Lyrics by Fred Ebb. Broadway production directed by Harold Prince. Produced for the Broadway Stage by Harold Prince.

May not be appropriate for audience members under the age of 15.
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MOLLY SHI BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulating Andy Roller (center) of Tecumseh, ECU's first recipient of the Molly Shi Boren Centennial Scholarship, are Dr. Christine Pappas (left), coordinator of ECU's Department of Political Science and Legal Studies, and Phyllis Danley, executive director of the ECU Foundation Inc. The scholarship honoring Boren, an ECU graduate, is designed to be awarded to a freshman and continue until the recipient graduates if certain qualifications are met. Roller, a 2003 graduate of Collinsville High School, plans to earn a degree in political science at ECU then go to law school at the University of Oklahoma to study environmental law.

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R. BURL HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulating Tamra Albritton (second from right), ECU's first recipient of the R. Burl Harris Legal Studies Centennial Scholarship is Dr. Christine Pappas, Phyllis Danley and Jan Harris, widow of the late Burl Harris. The scholarship honoring Harris, an ECU graduate, attorney and one of the founders of the ECU Foundation was designed to assist a student pursuing the field of legal studies.

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STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Area Teachers of the Year pose with the 2012 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, Kristin Shelby of Hollis (front row, center) at the Marvin Stokes Endowed Lectureship at East Central University. Recognized at the lectureship were Cherina Brown (front row, from left), Moss Schools; Debra Blackwood, Stratford Schools; Shelby; Tisha Martin, Latta Schools; Shawna Harrison, Ada Schools; and (back row, from left) Spencer Cody, Allen Schools; ECU President John Hargrave; Dr. Brenda Walling, dean of the ECU College of Education & Psychology; and Chris Elliott, Byng Schools.

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ECU PERFORMS AT NEW QUARTER LAUNCH

Performing at the official launch ceremony in November of the new quarter honoring the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur was the ECU Clarinet Ensemble. The ensemble performed "Chickasaw Fanfare," a piece director Michael Whitworth composed for the ceremony, as well other ceremonial music and pieces from its fall concert. The quarter is the 10th coin in the U.S. Mint's America the Beautiful Quarters Program. Its reverse side depicts the area's scenic Lincoln Bridge which was dedicated in 1909.



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VETERANS DAY DOOR WINNER

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STUDENTS VISIT LEXINGTON CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Inside Out "Outside" students from ECU and "inside" students, inmates at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center, gather to discuss topics related to the criminal justice system. ECU is the only university in Oklahoma offering the Inside Out Prison Exchange program in which offenders begin to see themselves and their previous actions through the eyes of the public, and the students gain a new perspective about the inmates who participated in the class.



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ECU Mission

East Central University's mission is to foster a learning environment in which students, faculty, staff, and community interact to educate students for life in a rapidly changing and culturally diverse society.

Within its service area, East Central University provides leadership for economic development and cultural enhancement.

BREAK YOUR BAND OUT OF THE GARAGE

A class on how to be in a band, start your own band or improve your band's performance will begin Jan. 23 at ECU.

The class, part of ECU's Community Education Program, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6. The cost is \$40. An informal jam session will follow each class.

Congratulations to the ECU Fall Sports Teams!

The Learfield Sports Director's Cup recently announced that ECU currently ranks 22nd in the nation - highest of any university in the Great American Conference



**Cross Country
#11 Nationally**



**Women's Soccer
#1 Great American Conference**



**Football
#3 Great American Conference**



SAVE THE DATE:

FRANC D'AMBROSIO
Feb. 28
7:30 p.m.
Ataloa Theatre
Hallie Brown Ford
Fine Arts Center
Admission - \$18

UPCOMING EVENTS

All month

1/19/2012 – 1/31/2012

Art Show - 24 Works on Paper
Pogue Art Gallery, HBFFAC

1/19/2012 & 1/20/2012

BWI Addiction & Recovery Conference, 8 a.m.

1/26/2012

Nobodies of Comedy, 7:30 p.m.
Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC

2/2/2012 -2/10/2012

Art Show - Selections from the Permanent Selection
Pogue Art Gallery, HBFFAC

2/2/2012

Women's Basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist
5:30 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Watkins Lecture, 7 p.m., Estep, UC

Men's Basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist
7:30 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

2/4/2012

Women's Basketball vs. Henderson State
2 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Men's Basketball vs. Henderson State
4 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Baseball vs St. Gregory's, double-header
1 p.m., baseball field

2/14/2012 -2/16/2012

Art Show - Interscholastic Show
Pogue Art Gallery, HBFFAC

2/14/2012

Interscholastic Meet

Chocolate in the Afternoon
2-4 p.m., 2nd floor, Danley Hall

2/16/2012-2/19/2012

Cabaret, 7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC

2/16/2012

Women's Basketball vs. Southern Arkansas
5:30 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Men's Basketball vs. Southern Arkansas
7:30 p.m., Kerr Activities Center