



# Campus Update

November 2016

## THOMSEN NABS LEGISLATIVE AWARD



State Rep. Todd Thomsen (second from right) is presented with the Legislative Distinguished Service

Award from Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen D. Johnson (third from right) during a recent ceremony in the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center.

## OKA' INSTITUTE HOSTS CONFERENCE



ECU and the new Oka' Institute hosted a Water Sustainability Conference, Oct. 26-27. Experts from a wide range of fields, including Dr. Sally Gutierrez,

director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Technology Innovation Cluster Development and Support Program, spoke about water sustainability issues in hopes of closing the gap between environmental concerns and economic development.

## ENROLLMENT TIME

Enrollment for the 2017 spring semester begins Monday, Nov. 7. Once students get clearance by their advisor they can go to the Academic Success Center (ADMIN 262) to pick up a free flash drive.

**GET CLEARED  
IN A FLASH**  
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT  
TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR!  
MONDAY NOV. 7 - HONORS AND  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
TUESDAY NOV. 8 - GRADS/SENIORS  
WEDNESDAY NOV. 9 - JUNIORS  
THURSDAY NOV. 10 - SOPHOMORES  
FRIDAY NOV. 11 - FRESHMAN

## ECU STUDENTS HANDLE PROTEST SITUATION WELL

What could have been an extremely volatile situation was handled well by ECU students and community Tuesday,



Photo by Carl Lewis of The Ada News

Nov. 1, as a pair of protestors displaying anti-Black Lives Matter signs came on campus to demonstrate against the BLM movement. Students countered with a peaceful protest of their own with props such as signs and the playing of music, particularly the fight song, by members of the ECU Pride of Tigerland Marching Band to drown out the protestors' message.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING RECEIVES GRANT FROM VALLEY VIEW FOUNDATION

The ECU School of Nursing recently received a \$51,943 grant to renovate part of the school



into a simulation lab, which will assist nursing students. The funds came from the Valley View Health and Wellness Foundation, which awards grants to organizations that promote area residents' health and well-being.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL NOV. 21

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by the ECU Human Resources Department, is set for Monday, Nov. 21, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada.

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**ECU, SSC ENTER INTO CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**



Seminole State College and ECU officially entered into a consortium agreement, making it possible for students to

pursue an Associate in Science in Elementary Education degree by enrolling in courses at both SSC and ECU. Picture are SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback and ECU President John R. Hargrave.

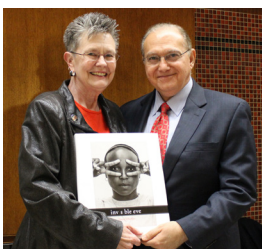
**DR. GERALD WILLIAMSON HONORED WITH HALL OF FAME INDUCTION**



Dr. Gerald Williamson was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society Hall of Fame on Monday, Oct. 24, in Oklahoma City. Williams, currently an advance-

ment officer for the ECU Foundation, Inc. has spent 38 years at ECU in several positions including business marketing instructor, assistant men's basketball coach and vice president for student services.

**KHANFAR LEADS PANEL DISCUSSION AT DIVERSITY LECTURE**



Yusef Khanfar, award-winning and Palestine-American writer, photographer and humanitarian, led a panel discussion at ECU's Louise Young Diversity Lec-

ture on Sept. 29. Khanfar's photography exhibit called "Invisible Eve" opened that same night in the Pogue Arts Gallery and he conducted a book signing.

**FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN WATKINS SIGNS BOOKS**



Former U.S. Congressman Wes Watkins spoke and signed the book "Making Things Better: Wes Watkins' Legacy of Leadership" on Oct. 11

in ECU's Foundation Hall. Also attending was current U.S. Congressman Tom Cole.

**ECU FOUNDATION BOARD MEETS**

The ECU Foundation, Inc. recently conducted its annual board of directors meeting on Oct. 25 in ECU's Foundation Hall.



**THOUSANDS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON CAMPUS**

Thousands of high school students were recently on campus for the Tigerpalooza Band Contest, Little Dixie Vocal Contest and the Chalk Drawing Contest on Centennial Plaza.



**WALLACE SPEAKS IN POETRY SERIES**

Ron Wallace, a three-time winner of the Best Poetry Book by the Oklahoma Writers Federation, spoke during ECU's September Poetry Series Sept. 20 in ECU's Estep Auditorium. Wallace has been a three-time finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award and has authored seven books.



**ALUMNUS KARNER TALKS TO CLASSES, McNAIR SCHOLARS**



ECU alumnus and Duke University Assistant Professor Dr. Courtney Karner spoke to two ECU

biology classes and a group from the McNair Scholars Program on Oct 24. Karner is a research faculty member in the Department of Orthopaedics Research at Duke in Durham, N.C. Karner earned an Academic All-American award in 2003 while playing football at ECU. Pictured with Karner is Dr. Gerald Williamson.

**DR. BEAN SPEAKS ABOUT HIS BOOK**



Dr. Chris Bean, author of "Too Great a Burden to Bear: The Struggle and Failure of the Freedmen's Bureau in Texas," spoke about the subjects in his book and signed books on Oct. 4 in the Linscheid Library. Bean is associate professor of

History and Native American Studies at ECU.

**NEW SALARY GUIDELINES FOR ECU EMPLOYEES DISCUSSED**



Lynn Lofton, ECU employment services director, discusses the U.S. Department of Labor's new salary guidelines for exempt and non-exempt employees during one of several meeting times in

the Estep Multimedia Center.

**STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH PROVIDED**



ECU staff enjoyed hot dogs, chips, ice cream and tea at a Staff Appreciation Lunch on campus Oct. 27.

**CAREER EXPO CONDUCTED ON ECU CAMPUS**

The ECU Career Center hosted the Fall 2016 Career Expo in Foundation Hall on Sept. 28. Students brought five resumes and dressed professionally while meeting with companies and graduate schools in hopes of latching onto a career opportunity.



**RUSSIAN PRESENCE IN GO GLOBAL STUDY PROGRAM**

Dr. Mara Sukholutska-ya, director of ECU's Go Global Study Abroad Program, poses with (from left) Dylan Sterling, a psychology major, Egor Stepanenko and Oksana Okhrimenko. Sterling is studying at the State University of Management in Moscow, Russia, while Stepanenko and Okhrimenko are from Russia and studying at ECU this fall.



**STUDENTS ATTEND GO GLOBAL STUDY ABROAD FAIR**

ECU students learned about studying abroad at ECU's Go Global Study Abroad Fair. The event featured booths and presentations from students who have journeyed abroad and those who are from abroad and studying at ECU this semester.



**HUDSON RECEIVES JELTZ SCHOLARSHIP**

ECU student McKenzie Hudson is the recipient of the Wyatt F. and Mattie M. Jeltz Scholarship, presented by James L. Mosley.



**NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO**

**PI SIGMA ALPHA**

New members were inducted into ECU's chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. To be eligible for induction, students must be a junior or senior and have at least a 3.0 grade-point average in all political science and legal studies classes.



**PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE WATCH PARTY**

**HELD IN ESTEP**

ECU students packed the Raymond J. Estep Multimedia Center to view the Hillary Clinton-Donald Trump Presidential Debate on Sept. 26. The event was hosted by the Politics Club made up of the College Republicans and Young Democrats.



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**ECU THEATRE PRESENTS "MEDEA"**

The ECU Theatre Department presented Medea, Oct. 6-8, in the Chalmers Herman Theatre of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.



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**ECU WOMEN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS**

The ECU women's cross country team captured the 2016 Great American Conference championship on Oct. 22 in Durant. The Tigers placed four runners in the top 10, led by a first-place effort from sophomore Anna Mora. Junior Michaela Lombardi took fifth, junior Marisa Meza ended up eighth and Abbie Winchester was 10th. Freshman Kelsey Horner finished 15th.



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**TIGERS WIN THIRD STRAIGHT GAC TITLE**

The ECU men's cross country squad won its third straight GAC title and fifth out of the last six years during the conference championship race on Oct. 22. ECU junior Kevin Matthews won the 8k event as three of his teammates – sophomore Cole Montgomery (fourth), senior Adrian Guevera (fifth), senior Richard Mora (seventh) each placed in the top 10. Teammate Larry Filler ended up 12th.



**ECU MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM IN PRESEASON NATIONAL RANKINGS**

The ECU men's basketball team is ranked No. 24 in the NCAA Division II Bulletin Top 25 Poll. Coach Ja Havens' Tigers are also picked No. 1 in the Great American Conference Preseason Rankings after going 22-8 last season and capturing the GAC regular season title.



**BASKETBALL COACHES CLINIC AT ECU**

The ECU men's basketball program hosted a coaches' clinic during homecoming festivities on Sept. 24 as former Tiger head coach Wayne Cobb and current head coach Ja Havens were among the featured speakers.



**ZETA TAU HOSTS BIG MAN ON CAMPUS**

ECU student Dalton Cordell was the winner of "Big Man on Campus," hosted by Zeta Tau Alpha. The event is designed to raise breast cancer awareness and is a parody of a beauty pageant for guys, but fundraiser oriented.



# A look back at Homecoming 2016



**Opening Act:  
Ada's  
Clint Austen!**



**"Small Town  
Saturday  
Night..."**

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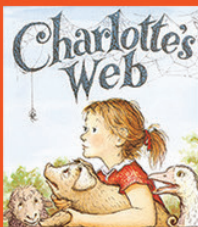
**Thursday, Nov. 10 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets on sale now! Just \$20!**

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## *Next Feature Performances:*



**THEATREWORKS USA  
JAN. 20**



**SONGS OF THE FALL  
APRIL 12  
OPENING WITH  
THE BAPTIST GENERALS**



**JOHN WATERS  
MAY 19  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT  
MOMENTUM ADA**