

Our Past

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Our Present

UNIVERSITY

ECU's Future



ECU Foundation, Inc.
ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

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Foundation History

Modest Beginnings

LEAD TO OVER \$26 MILLION IN ASSETS

The East Central University Foundation, Inc., was established in February of 1970 with a total contribution of \$2,000 from five alumni and one University President.

Did they have any idea of the dynamic, positive impact that their actions would have on the future of ECU, its faculty, staff and students? Probably not, but from that modest beginning, the support given to ECU programs has grown to include an asset level of over \$26 million with yearly scholarships being awarded to over 400 students, and many worthwhile activities from faculty positions to new facilities being funded through investment earnings as well as through special fundraising appeals.

The five alumni (*R. Burl Harris, W. Harvey Faust, James A. Thomas Sr., Hugh Warren, and Oscar L. Parker*) shared a dream with Dr. Stanley Wagner, who was the President of ECU in 1970, to establish a Foundation which would help attract to the University and the Ada community a group of students who exceeded the academic ability of their peers, and who were deserving and in need of assistance while attending ECU. Dr. Wagner, a lover of the fine arts, also hoped that the Foundation would provide a means of assistance to bring certain cultural activities to the community and the University that were unique and stimulating.

For the first 20 years, the Foundation experienced slow and steady growth. By 1990, the endowment level had grown to approximately \$2 million, and the income from investments was used almost exclusively to fund scholarships to incoming freshmen at ECU. There have been fundraising campaigns and an increase in benevolent donors throughout the years that have aided the Foundation in reaching its current asset level of over \$26 million.

The ECU Foundation has certainly fulfilled and exceeded Dr. Wagner's and his colleagues' dream by attracting quality students, and also by bringing outstanding cultural programs to the campus. In addition, several new facilities have been built with Foundation assistance, and the number of benefactors and their contributions is growing with each passing day.



How Can I Give?

Donors Give to the Foundation **FOR MANY DIFFERENT REASONS**



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ECU's Future*

Some want to repay the investment that others made in them. Some want to give a gift that adds value to the University, and that also brings deeper meaning to their lives. Some simply want to support the ECU family and make a positive impact on faculty, staff and students of the future. Whatever the reason, donor gifts are important to the Foundation and to the University, and we want to make sure that you are aware of all of the different ways that you can donate.

The Foundation will accept any level of gift, and in all cases, the wishes of the donor will be the guiding principal as to how the funds are used. Donors frequently specify an endowed scholarship, academic department fund, endowed lectureship/professorship/chair or capital improvement project as the target of their benevolence.

The Foundation encourages you to discuss the various methods of giving with your accountant and/or attorney in order to select the giving mechanism which best fits your circumstances. Flexible options allow you to demonstrate your commitment and maximize your support of the University's mission. The most common types of gifts are:

GIFTS OF CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD

These gifts are always welcome because they are available immediately to strengthen the Foundation and the University or begin earning income for the future.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

These gifts include stocks, bonds, mutual funds and IRAs, and are also available immediately to impact the work of the Foundation.

GIFTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property can include coin collections, antique cars, gun collections, artwork, musical instruments, etc.

GIFTS OF REAL PROPERTY

Real estate, homes, business property and farmland that have grown in value can result in capital gains taxes if sold, or tax advantages are available through a charitable gift to the Foundation. When the Foundation acquires your gift of appreciated stock or property, you receive a tax deduction equal to its fair market value and also avoid costly capital gains tax on the increase in value.

GIFTS-IN-KIND

Donations of software, licenses, services, vendor products, and other property also support the mission and programs of ECU. These gifts-in-kind allow the Foundation to use our resources for other needs while you get credit for your support.

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GIFTS OF TRUSTS

This can include charitable remainder trusts, unitrusts, lead trusts, family trusts, annuity trusts, etc., that can avoid capital gains taxes and provide an annual income for life.

GIFTS OF INSURANCE

Naming the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of your life insurance policy is also an option, especially when your policy has a face amount that is much greater than the amount you could afford to give in cash. By assigning ownership to the Foundation and making the Foundation the beneficiary of an old policy that is no longer needed for its original purpose, such as sheltering children's education, you can make a substantial gift at a low cost and take an immediate income tax deduction for the cash value of the policy. You can then contribute an amount equal to the policy's premiums to the Foundation and deduct that gift as a charitable contribution. Proceeds of the policy will pass to the Foundation free of estate taxes. New policies may also be obtained listing the Foundation as the owner and/or beneficiary as a part of financial or estate planning.

DO YOU WORK FOR A MATCHING ORGANIZATION?

Many organizations will match your donation, some up to 150%! Thanks to the following business and organizations for encouraging their employees to show a benevolent spirit:

**OG&E
APACHE CORPORATION
TIAA-CREF
AT&T
LPL FINANCIAL
DELOITTE
JP MORGAN CHASE
KPMG FOUNDATION
EXELON FOUNDATION
YOURCAUSE/ELECTRONIC ARTS
DEVON ENERGY
MICROSOFT
NETAPP
MUSTANG FUEL
NOBLE FOUNDATION
WELLS FARGO
NETWORK FOR GOOD
RAYTHEON**

Dear ECU Foundation:

I would like to thank you for the Dr. Palmer H. Boeger History Scholarship which I have received. This is the first scholarship I have been awarded in my three years here at East Central University as a double major in History and Sociology. I can honestly tell you I jumped out of my seat after reading the e-mail. This scholarship will undoubtedly help me through my final year perusing my bachelors. I am also going to peruse my masters in education here at East Central University in the years following my graduation. I would like to thank the East Central University Foundation and the family of Dr. Boeger once again for this generous scholarship.

Sincerely,

Teddy Joe Boles Jr
Teddy Joe Boles Jr

580-559-5655

Welcome Letters



ECU President

JOHN R. HARGRAVE

The ECU Foundation, through the leadership of the Foundation Board, continues to make a major impact on the East Central University campus. Whether it is to benefit our students through scholarships or helping with building and renovation projects on campus, the ECU Foundation is at the forefront of providing support to the university.

The ECU Foundation has helped with numerous projects this past year, including the renovation and naming of the Lanoy Education Building. Additionally, the Chickasaw Plaza at Norris Field and Koi Ishto Stadium opened just in time for ECU's first home football game. The inviting entry gate features a new concession stand and restrooms.

On the horizon is a new residence hall opening next year. We are also excited about the new Oka' Institute, which will bridge the gap between sustainable water management and economic development.

Once again, we thank everyone for their support and working hand-in-hand with the ECU Foundation in providing ways to help our students and campus.

Foundation Director

PHYLLIS DANLEY

retired in March 2016

For the past several years, I have been privileged to work with excellent staff members, great volunteers, and an energetic University president. However, the highlight of my time at the Foundation was working with alumni and donors who love ECU, and who were willing to provide resources so that ECU students could obtain the best education possible. Thank you for allowing me to share your lives, and I hope the very best for ECU, the ECU Foundation, and especially for ECU students.



Foundation Chair



JAY HORNE

It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the East Central University Foundation. I look forward to the continued partnership with this outstanding group. I've been involved in many activities of the Foundation and the University over the past few years and have viewed firsthand the synergistic relationship that exists between these two groups. The Foundation is charting new territory to help enhance the ECU experience for all students, alumni, and friends.

The ECU Foundation remains the largest foundation of the six regional universities, and has stayed true to its purpose. The Foundation exists for the benefit of ECU, and that will always be our priority. Thank you to the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee for going above and beyond for this university that we love, and a very special thank you to YOU, the donor who gives time and resources to the Foundation for the enrichment of ECU!

Board of Trustees

OCT. 2015 - OCT. 2019

Duane Anderson - 1st
Yancy Spivey - 2nd

OCT. 2014 - OCT. 2018

Glen Bawcum - 2nd
Alan Marcum - 2nd

Victor Pryor - 3rd
Chris Anoatubby - 1st

OCT. 2013 - OCT. 2017

Russ Allen - 1st
Frank Crawford - 3rd
Jimmy Eppler - 3rd
Alan Holloway - 1st

John Martin - 3rd
Craig Scheef - 3rd
Brad Thompson - 1st

OCT. 2012 - OCT. 2016

Richard Craig - 2nd
Linda Zenker Drumm - 2nd
Randy Harp - 1st
Jay Horne - 1st

Robert Langland - 2nd
Clayton Lodes - 2nd
Vicky Petete - 1st
Rick Simpson - 2nd

Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jay Horne, Chair
Craig Scheef, Past Chair
Randy Harp, Vice Chair
Vicky Petete, Secretary/Treasurer
Chris Anoatubby, Scholarship Committee Chair
Clayton Lodes, Nominating Committee Chair

AUDIT / FINANCE COMMITTEE

Vicky Petete, Chair
Alan Holloway
Russ Allen

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Randy Harp, Chair
Robert Langland
Brad Thompson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Clayton Lodes, Chair
Jay Horne
Buffy Lovelis

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chris Anoatubby, Chair
Vicky Petete
Buffy Lovelis

Trustees shall be elected to serve a four year term. Trustees shall serve no more than three successive terms and shall be off the Board of Trustees for at least two years before they may be elected to the Board of Trustees for another term or terms.

Board of Trustees

A Special Thank You TO THE BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank you for your time, knowledge and valuable service to the ECU Foundation, Inc.

The responsibilities of a nonprofit board range from establishing the organization's mission to approving its programs and services. The board is primarily charged with oversight and strategy, and also with helping the organization move forward while providing guidance and direction. In addition, the board oversees all of the actions and decisions required for financial security.



Russ
Allen



Duane
Anderson



Chris
Anoatubby



Glen
Bawcum



Richard
Craig



Frank
Crawford



Linda Zenker
Drumm



Jimmy
Eppler



Randy
Harp



Alan
Holloway



Jay
Horne



Robert
Langland



Clayton
Lodes



Alan
Marcum



John
Martin



Vicky
Petete



Victor
Pryor



Craig
Scheef



Rick
Simpson



Yancy
Spivey



Brad
Thompson



Balance Sheet

Statement of Financial Position

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<i>June 30</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,194,431	1,583,532
Pledges receivable, as restated	1,933,880	1,706,300
Interest receivable	41,905	40,552
Investments, at fair value	25,182,719	24,823,487
Real estate held as investments	17,500	105,000
Artwork	329,686	305,491
Furniture and equipment, net	6,895	12,140
Other assets	110,430	117,802
Total assets	<u>\$ 28,817,446</u>	<u>28,694,304</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,378	-
Accrued payroll	9,100	10,283
Total liabilities	<u>13,478</u>	<u>10,283</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	615,025	1,577,802
Temporarily restricted, as restated	8,998,441	8,487,032
Permanently restricted, as restated	19,190,502	18,619,187
Total net assets	<u>28,803,968</u>	<u>28,684,021</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 28,817,446</u>	<u>28,694,304</u>

Statement of Activities

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Contributions:				
Private gifts and grants	\$ 92,558	2,740,238	328,665	3,161,461
Total contributions	92,558	2,740,238	328,665	3,161,461
Investment income:				
Interest and dividends	145,680	433,305	-	578,985
Net investment losses	(108,988)	(326,965)	-	(435,953)
Total investment income	36,692	106,340	-	143,032
Other revenues:				
Gain on sale of land	-	-	61,578	61,578
Other	-	62	7,692	7,754
Total other revenues	-	62	69,270	69,332
Net assets released from restrictions	2,316,264	(2,316,264)	-	-
Total revenues	2,445,514	530,376	397,935	3,373,825
Expenses:				
Programs for the University				
Scholarship awards	553,267	-	-	553,267
General university educational assistance	2,112,638	-	-	2,112,638
Salary supplements	184,063	-	-	184,063
Management and Operating				
Operating expenses	398,665	-	-	398,665
Depreciation	5,245	-	-	5,245
Total expenses	3,253,878	-	-	3,253,878
Transfer (to) from other net assets	(154,413)	(18,967)	173,380	-
(Decrease) increase in net assets	(962,777)	511,409	571,315	119,947
Net assets at beginning of year, as restated	1,577,802	8,487,032	18,619,187	28,684,021
Net assets at end of year	\$ 615,025	8,998,441	19,190,502	28,803,968

Balance Sheet

Statement of Activities, continued

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Contributions:				
Private gifts and grants, as restated	\$ 10,647	2,570,286	1,325,943	3,906,876
Total contributions, as restated	10,647	2,570,286	1,325,943	3,906,876
Investment income:				
Interest and dividends	136,262	409,132	-	545,394
Net investment losses	(48,181)	(144,542)	-	(192,723)
Total investment income	88,081	264,590	-	352,671
Other revenues	-	4,680	688	5,368
Net assets released from restrictions	1,641,760	(1,641,760)	-	-
Total revenues, as restated	1,740,488	1,197,796	1,326,631	4,264,915
Expenses:				
<u>Programs for the University</u>				
Scholarship awards	524,495	-	-	524,495
General university educational assistance	883,974	-	-	883,974
Salary supplements	185,653	-	-	185,653
<u>Management and Operating</u>				
Operating expenses	400,766	-	-	400,766
Depreciation	5,621	-	-	5,621
Total expenses	2,000,509	-	-	2,000,509
Transfer (to) from other net assets	(499,702)	(967,471)	1,467,173	-
(Decrease) increase in net assets, as restated	(759,723)	230,325	2,793,804	2,264,406
Net assets at beginning of year, as restated	2,337,525	8,256,707	15,825,383	26,419,615
Net assets at end of year, as restated	\$ 1,577,802	8,487,032	18,619,187	28,684,021

Dear ELL Foundation,
 I would like to thank you
 for everything you do for ELL
 & myself personally. This fall
 semester I received both the
 Dr. "Barney" James Scholarship &
 the Bales Scholarship. As a
 single mother in my late
 20s going back to school
 would not be possible if
 it weren't for the scholarships
 I receive, I graduate in
 December, and I couldn't have
 done it without the foundation.
 Sincerely, Kayla Payne

My name is Angel Watson.
 I received the Georgia Howell
 Limes Scholarship.
 I just want to thank you
 for your generosity.

Thank You!
 Thank you for helping me
 reach my goal of becoming
 a doctor.

I have always had a
 love for learning and I
 plan to pass the love
 for learning on to my
 students.
 Thanks again!
 - Angel Watson



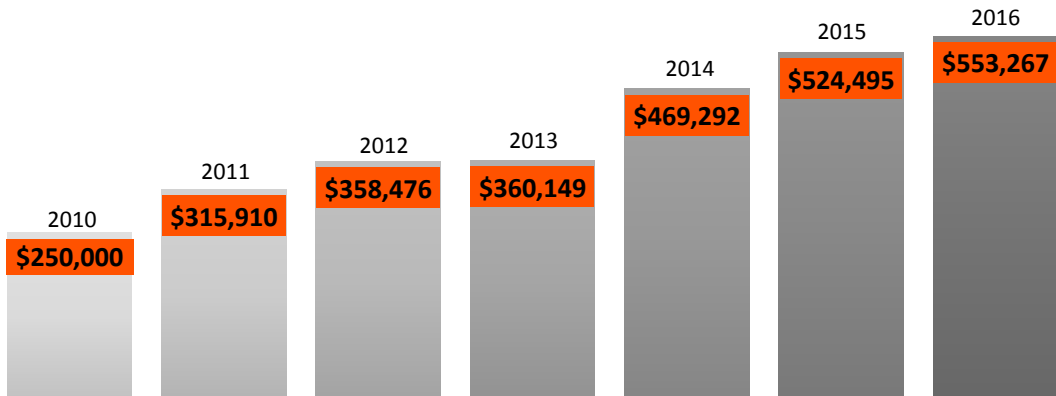
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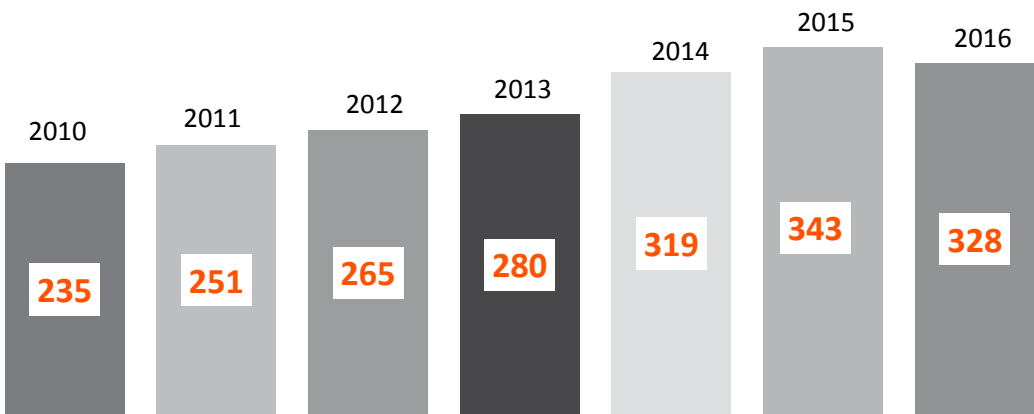
INVESTMENT EARNINGS

Scholarships

TOTAL \$ AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



2016 decrease due to combining smaller scholarships together for sustainability

The Ultimate Gift



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Wills & Living Trusts

THE MOST POPULAR METHOD OF PLANNED GIVING

The will is the most widely used estate-planning tool in America today. A simple document that is easily drafted and updated, it remains the most popular method of planned giving, for almost every charity, including the ECU Foundation. There are five types of charitable bequests you can make when directing all or part of your estate to the Foundation:

- ▶ **General Bequest:** an agreed-upon dollar amount.
- ▶ **Specific Bequest:** a specific, identified property or security, including real estate, stocks, or bonds.
- ▶ **Residuary Bequest:** all or a portion of an estate's property after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been made.
- ▶ **Contingent Bequest:** the Foundation serves as an alternate beneficiary in case a beneficiary dies or disclaims a bequest.
- ▶ **Restricted Bequest:** any of the above bequests with a specific purpose for the property, such as establishing a scholarship or endowment.

While a will can be a simple and effective option for many, a living trust might allow assets to be distributed to heirs without the delays or costs of probate. Be sure to consult with a qualified professional before you draft your will or trust, and review it often.

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If you would like to extend your support of the East Central University Foundation to make a lasting impact, there are several gift arrangements to choose from. Whether you would like to put your donation to work today or after your lifetime, you can find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family and support both the Foundation and East Central University.

Get Started Today!

Scholarships Awarded

Leadership Murray County Class XII

CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT



Leadership Murray County Class XII developed a new scholarship for Murray County students coming to ECU. This scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshmen from Davis High School, Sulphur High School, or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, in Murray County. The recipient must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or above, and attend ECU as a fulltime student the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation.



Dear East Central Foundation,
Thank you so much for honoring me with the Eugene A. Hensley scholarship! The financial assistance is much appreciated!
Go Tigers!
Kendal Wilson

Cody Johnson Memorial

CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW



Left: Jesse LeFever (center) is awarded the 2016-17 scholarship by Katie Ackerman and Andrew Scribner, Five80 member.

Right: Andrew Scribner (far right) awards Nathan Dial Best of Show Award.



STARS Scholarship

AWARDED



This scholarship is available to members of ECU's premier student alumni association, STARs (Student Tiger Alumni Representatives), who are classified as sophomores, juniors, or seniors, and who have maintained a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

Above: STARs Scholarship recipient, Lexi Sanchez, is congratulated by Katie Wellington, ECU Alumni Director.

Isenhower Scholarship

FOR VETERANS & MILITARY



ECU student Eric Rawls (left), of Earlsboro, was presented with the Bret D. Isenhower Scholarship by Major Kevin Roland during the recent Veterans and Military Appreciation Day at ECU. Also photographed is Krysten Isenhower (center), sister of the late Bret D. Isenhower

Churchill Thomas & Melba Thomas King

HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of the Churchill Thomas and Melba Thomas King Honors Scholarships were (from left) Anna Talkington, Marissa Hinton, Ashley Huhman, Erin Awtrey and Linzi Thompson. They are pictured with Dr. Steve Benton, director of the University Honors Program and Phyllis Danley.



ECU Homecoming

Golden Tigers

ALUMNI GATHER FOR ECU'S HOMECOMING

Golden Tigers (alumni who attended and/or graduated 50 years ago or longer!) meet each year at Homecoming for a time of fellowship and fun! President Hargrave presents medallions to each new "Golden Tiger," and a great time is had by all!



Guy Langston and Vicky Langston



Buddy Murrell



Richard Ely and Betty Bingamon Ely Parham

Once Upon A Time in Tigerland

2015 ECU HOMECOMING



Silver Tigers

Future Silver Tiger & Silver Tiger Medallions



Medallions Awarded

TO ECU'S SILVER TIGERS & FUTURE SILVER TIGERS

Not old enough to become a Golden Tiger? Become a Silver Tiger and give back to ECU and show Tiger Pride by proudly wearing your Silver Tiger Medallion!

A 25-year association with ECU as an alumnus, faculty or staff member, administrator, or friend of the University qualifies you to become a Silver Tiger. Less than 25 years? Then you can be a Future Silver Tiger!

Silver Tigers

25+ YEARS

Angela Ables, 1972
David Alexander, 1974
Janet Alexander, 1983
Duane Anderson, 1990
Nicholas Cheper, 1980
Mickey Cowan, 1974
Phyllis Danley, 1973
Angela Eppler, 1987
Jimmy Eppler, 1986
Leslie Fisher, 1984
Deborah Flowers
Pat Fountain, 1979
Walter "Buddy" Gaster, 1970
Wendell Godwin, 1984
John Hargrave, 1977
Kay Hargrave, 1978
Yvette Harjo, 1969
Claudia Hisle, 1975
Edward Hobbs, 1988
Mark Hollingsworth, 1986
John Hudson, 1982
Karen Hudson, 1985

Willie Hughes, 1986
Pamela Jackson
Brad Jessop
Charlie Jones, 1986
Mary Ann Lockhart, 1970
Alan Marcum, 1990
Betty Ely Parham
Jack Paschall
Hardy Patton, 1990
Vicky Petete, 1985
Rodney Phillips, 1973
Carl Rutledge, 1981
Betty Smith, 1974
Eric Steger, 1970
Thomas Volturo, 1989
Bruce Weems, 1972
Marcus Whitt II, 1974
Jimmy Williams, 1987
Karen Williams, 1988
Gerald Williamson, 1978
Richard Williamson, 1986

Future Silver Tigers

LESS THAN 25 YEARS

Morgan Bond, 2013
Alan Dennis, 2016
Jerris Dee Egge, 2013
Nick Flowers, 2013
John Fritz, 2013
Caleb Fulton, 2013

Julie Lee, 1999
Todd Moon, 2000
Dakota Phillips, 2013
Emilia Smith, 2013
Danielle Tate, 2013

Contact Us Today!

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Evening of Honors &

ECU Foundation

HOSTS ANNUAL EVENT OF HONORS

The East Central University Foundation, Inc. conducted "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" on May 6.

Distinguished Alum

DR. JIMMY SCALES



Dr. Jimmy Scales (center) received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Scales is a nationally-recognized educator, civic and social leader and former superintendent of schools. He served as a teacher, coach and principal at Millwood High School in Oklahoma City and McLain High School in Tulsa before becoming superintendent of the College Station (Texas) Independent School District and later became deputy superintendent for the Dallas Independent School District. Scales most recently served as superintendent of Hamilton County Schools in Chattanooga, Tenn., from 2006-2011, before his retirement. Scales received his bachelor of science degree in history and physical education from ECU in 1966, master of education from ECU in 1969 and a doctorate of philosophy in education and research from the University of Tulsa in 1991.

Distinguished Alum

FRANK W. DAVIS



Frank W. Davis (center) received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Davis served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for District 31, where he spent 26 years. During his tenure, he authored over 100 pieces of legislation which became law. He also served as an assistant minority floor leader and floor leader from 1982-86. After graduating from ECU with a bachelor of arts degree in history and government in 1958, Davis attended law school at the University of Illinois and the University of Oklahoma where he obtained a bachelor of laws degree. He served as postmaster in Ada and was later appointed county attorney in Guthrie and opened a law practice there. He served as part-time Guthrie municipal judge. Davis also became a Republican County chairman for Pontotoc and Logan Counties and was twice an Oklahoma delegate to the National Republican Conventions in 1984 and 1996.

Distinguished Alum

JIM SPENCER



Jim Spencer (center) received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Spencer is the chief weathercaster at KXAN-TV in Austin, Texas, where he has been forecasting Central Texas weather for more than 25 years. He graduated with honors from ECU in 1985, receiving his bachelor's degree in mass communication with a radio/TV concentration and speech minor. Spencer grew up in Lindsay, in the heart of tornado alley, which he credits his life-long fascination with weather. His broadcasting career began the same month he started college at ECU as he spent two years at KADA-AM radio and moved into television at Ada's KTEN-TV in 1983. He remained with KTEN before joining KXAN.

Also pictured are ECU President John R. Hargrave (left) and Jay Horne, chair of the ECU Foundation Inc., Executive Board (right).

Recognition

Distinguished Service

KAREN HUDSON



Karen Hudson (center) received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award. Hudson, who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees at ECU, is currently the president and CEO of the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce and formerly served as alumni relations director at ECU, interim vice president for institutional advancement at ECU and director of public relations at People's Electric Cooperative. She is also the owner of a consulting company she began in 2011, Hudson Advancement Strategies.

Distinguished Former Faculty

DR. CAROL BRIDGES



Dr. Carol Bridges (center) received the 2016 Distinguished Former Faculty Award. Bridges served as a professor of social work for 35 years, including 16 years as director of the Social Work program and led in reaffirmation of the national accreditation of the program in 2002 and 2010 before retiring in 2013 and gaining the title of professor emeritus.

Distinguished Service

CRAIG SCHEEF



Craig Scheef (center) received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award. Scheef is founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Texas Security Bank, rated No. 5 among the healthiest banks in America in 2015 by DepositAccounts.com, after serving as a community bank president for the Bank of Texas – a subsidiary of BOK Financial. Scheef played football at ECU and was named an Academic All-American his junior and senior seasons. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration-marketing from ECU in 1985. In 2005, he received the Milam Award at ECU for being an ECU football alumnus who excelled in his chosen vocation.

Distinguished Former Faculty

DR. TIM GREEN



Paula Green (center) accepted the 2016 Distinguished Former Faculty Award on behalf of her late husband, Dr. Tim Green. Green taught undergraduate and graduate courses in reading methods, served on many committees and was athletic director 25 years until his retirement in 2006.

Distinguished Family

GRINNELL FAMILY

The Grinnell family was recognized with the 2016 Distinguished Family Award. Earl and JoAnn Grinnell moved to Shawnee in 1968, where their five children – Rebecca, Randy, Richie, Roxann and Ron – graduated from Shawnee High School. Four of the five children attended and graduated from ECU and the second generation of the Grinnell family – Zac, Riley and Josh – graduated from ECU in 2006 and 2007. In all, nine have graduated from ECU. Pictured left to right on the front row are: Randy Grinnell (bachelor of science in environmental science in 1976), Roxann Grinnell, Rebecca Grinnell Loving (bachelor of science in nursing in 1975), Richie K. Grinnell (bachelor of science in environmental science in 1978) and Ron Grinnell (bachelor of science in accounting in 1984). On the back row are: (left to right) Gary Loving (bachelor of science in nursing in 1975), Josh Liles (bachelor of science in environmental science) and Zac Grinnell (bachelor of science in environmental science).



Centennial Endowments



What is a Centennial Endowment

This term was developed in 2009 which was ECU's Centennial year. Dr. Duane C. Anderson, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was serving as interim president that year. He challenged the University and the departments to raise five \$15,000 scholarships which would be called "Centennial Endowments" in honor of ECU's 100th birthday. A total of 21 centennial endowments were established that year for a total of \$455,000!

2009 . 21 Endowments **TOTALING \$455,000**

Centennial Athletics Endowment
Margaret Nims Centennial Writing Endowment
Wanita Danley Centennial Honors Endowment
Dr. John Bulman Centennial Endowment
Ivan & Mary Jo Keatley Centennial Endowment
Watson Family Centennial Family & Consumer Sciences Endowment
Dr. Tom Cowger Centennial Native American Studies Endowment
1950's Science Fund Centennial Endowment
Geraldine Kerr Centennial Music Endowment
Louise Young Centennial Diversity Endowment
Dr. William C. Chapman Centennial Accounting Endowment
GLBT Centennial Diversity Endowment
Dr. Barbara A. McKinzie Centennial Accounting Endowment
Dr. Ronald D. and Estelle E. Evans Centennial Education Endowment
Horace Mann Society Centennial Endowment
Carl Bardin Centennial Accounting Endowment
Ladonne Latimer Centennial Endowment
Lee Home Centennial Endowment
Grant Thorp Centennial Endowment
Young Family Centennial Endowment
Jack Paschall Centennial Graduate Endowment

2010 . 12 Endowments **TOTALING \$295,000**

Donald G. Stafford Centennial Endowment
Dennis Boe Centennial Music Endowment
Gil & Jeanine Morgan Centennial Endowment
Mary Demke Girls' State Centennial Endowment
Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma Centennial Endowment
Ada High School Class of 1970 Centennial Endowment
Stringfield Centennial Physics Endowment
Vinita June (Shirley) Oliver Centennial Endowment
Ada Artists' Association Loretta Yin Centennial Endowment
Treas Layton Centennial Family & Consumer Science Endowment
Physics Centennial Endowment
Bron Warren Centennial Memorial Endowment

2011 . 10 Endowments **TOTALING \$250,000**

Glenn Watson Centennial Graduate Accounting Endowment
Molly Shi Boren Centennial Endowment
Bob Bennett Centennial Fine Arts Endowment
Mick Cowan Centennial Accounting Endowment
Dr. Tim Green Centennial Education Endowment
Bill & Betty Parham Centennial Business Administration Endowment
President Emeritus Bill & Sondra Cole Centennial Biology Endowment
R. Burl Harris Centennial Legal Studies Endowment
Duane Godwin Centennial Memorial Endowment
Weber/Raper Centennial Athletic Endowment

2012 . 11 Endowments **TOTALING \$260,000**

Gary & Linda Ainsworth Centennial Russia Travel Endowment
John & Mary Ross Centennial SHARE Endowment
Judy Crabtree Centennial Psychology Endowment
Citizens' Bank Centennial Business Endowment
Virgil Taylor Centennial Rehabilitation Endowment
Dr. Gerald Williamson Centennial Endowment
Once a Tiger/Always a Tiger Centennial Endowment
Linda Murray Centennial Flute Endowment
Ruth Walker Landrum Centennial Sculpture Endowment
Millsap Centennial Endowment for Health Professionals
Dr. James Harris Centennial CLASS Endowment

2013 · 12 Endowments
TOTALING \$225,000

Frank & Ruth Kennon Centennial Athletic Endowment
 Dr. Duane & Marian Anderson Centennial Endowment
 Randall & Shirley Pogue Centennial Math Endowment
 Francis G. Mayhue Centennial Legal Studies Endowment - *Soph. Level*
 Francis G. Mayhue Centennial Legal Studies Endowment - *Junior Level*
 Francis G. Mayhue Centennial Legal Studies Endowment - *Senior Level*
 Judy Carroll Centennial Memorial English Endowment
 Dr. Ray Quiett Centennial Gerlach Counseling Endowment
 Morgan Family Foundation Centennial Music Endowment
 Madeline Hargrave Centennial Education Endowment
 Jane Muntz Centennial Music Endowment
 Paula Rutledge Centennial Secondary Math Education Endowment

2014 · 14 Endowments
TOTALING \$360,340

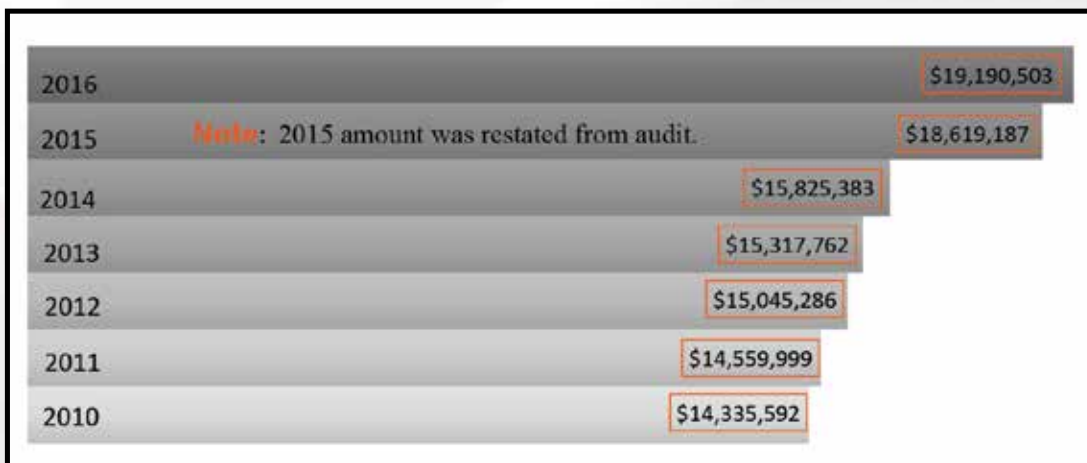
Charles & Lila Acker Centennial Math Endowment
 Jerry Anderson Centennial Memorial Athletic Endowment
 Leon & Wanda Biddy Centennial Memorial Endowment
 Robert D. Coleman Centennial Memorial Endowment
 Commitment to Championships Centennial Endowment
 Justice Rudolph Hargrave Centennial Legal Studies Endowment
 Alan & Anita Holloway Centennial Accounting Endowment
 Chris Lane Centennial Athletic Endowment
 W.E. & Minnie Martin Centennial Book Endowment
 Martha Eubank/Wallace Rhynes Centennial Endowment
 Diana Shannon Centennial Memorial Education Endowment
 Joe & June Sims Centennial Cartography/Geography Endowment
 Ken Turner Centennial Athletic Endowment
 Judith Whomble Centennial International Student Endowment

2015 · 20 Endowments
TOTALING \$825,700

Ruben & Karla Elizarde Centennial Athletic Endowment
 Leon & Pauline Lanoy Centennial Graduate Education Endowment
 Daniel Minnich Centennial Memorial Student Teaching Endowment
 Essie Roark Centennial Memorial Music Endowment
 Delta Dental of OK Oral Health Foundation Centennial
 Pre-Dental Endowment
 Bridges-Burke Centennial Social Work Endowment
 Ray Farmer Centennial Memorial Endowment
 DCT College of Health and Sciences Centennial Endowment
 DCT CLASS Centennial Endowment
 DCT College of Education & Psychology Centennial Endowment
 DCT Stonecipher School of Business Centennial Endowment
 Essie Roark College of Health and Sciences Centennial Endowment
 Essie Roark CLASS Centennial Endowment
 Essie Roark College of Education & Psychology Centennial Endowment
 Essie Roark Stonecipher School of Business Centennial Endowment
 Joe M. Turner Centennial Business Administration Endowment
 Janie Howell Centennial Memorial Endowment
 Chickasaw Nation Centennial Technology Professionals Endowment
 Dr. John Densford Centennial Award for Excellence Endowment
 Dr. Wendell Altmiller Centennial Education Endowment

2009-2015
Centennial Endowment Total

100 Total Endowments
\$2,671,040



ENDOWMENT BALANCE



Athletics

Chickasaw Plaza Groundbreaking

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 2015



“Chickasaw Appreciation Day” began with the groundbreaking of the new Chickasaw Plaza at East Central University’s Koi Ishto Stadium. The groundbreaking, at the northwest corner of the football stadium, was held one hour before the kickoff of the Tigers’ home football game against Southern Nazarene University.

The Chickasaw Plaza will feature amenities including an inviting new entry gate at the northwest part of the stadium along with larger concession stand and restroom areas. That particular gate will serve as the primary entrance into the stadium and will include a ticket booth and storefront for the fan shop. Also included in the project, in which funds were provided by the Chickasaw Nation, will be resurfacing of the parking lot, along with a new layout of the lot, which will feature reserved parking.

Above (left to right): Jeff Williams, ECU director of athletics; Pat O’Neal, former ECU head football coach; ECU President John R. Hargrave; Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby; Tim McCarty, current ECU head football coach; Wade Standley, Ada High School head football coach; Hank Walbrick, former ECU head football coach; Craig Scheef, former chair of the ECU Foundation Board of Trustees; Beth Vezina, former president of the ECU Alumni Association Board.

Ruben & Karla Elizarde

CENTENNIAL ATHLETIC ENDOWMENT

Ruben and Karla Elizarde (center) pose with Jay Horne (left), chair of the East Central University Foundation, Inc. Executive Board and ECU President John R. Hargrave during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. The Ruben and Karla Elizarde Centennial Athletic Endowment Centennial Endowment reached centennial status. This scholarship is awarded to a student of Hispanic heritage who has completed their athletic eligibility, but still needs hours to obtain a bachelor's degree. This scholarship may also be awarded to a student-athlete working toward a master's degree.



CEA Cheerleader Scholarship

CHEERLEADING ELITE ALL-STARS

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has been a CEA cheerleader for at least one full calendar year and is in good standing. The student must be on the cheer team for CEA during his/her senior year of high school and must be accepted to ECU for the fall semester in which the scholarship is awarded. The student must try-out for and be selected for the ECU Cheerleading squad per their regulations and maintain a 3.5 GPA or above. The recipient will be selected by the CEA Scholarship Committee or their official designee.



The first recipient of the CEA Cheerleader Scholarship is Lauren Williamson (center). She is pictured with Kim Giffin, ECU Cheerleading coach and Chris Hutson, co-owner of CEA.

Hello!
I'd just like to say thanks
and tell you a bit about our
trip. We all had a wonderful
time and learned so much. It was
many students' first time to visit
the city and we saw so much!
Thank you again, and have a wonderful
day.
-Marissa Hinton



Fundraising

\$40,000+ Raised **DURING ECU TIGER ALL-SPORTS KICKOFF AUCTION**

Numerous items were up for bid at the Second Annual ECU Tiger All-Sports Kickoff Auction on Aug. 18. The auction helped raise more than \$40,000 for all 15 of ECU's varsity sports



2015 Milam Award Winner

TOM DARTER IS RECOGNIZED

Former East Central University football player Tom Darter has been named the recipient of the 2015 Milam Award. The Milam Award is presented annually at ECU's homecoming football game to a former Tiger football player who not only excelled in the classroom and on the gridiron, but also distinguished himself in his chosen career. The award is named in honor of Joe Milam, a former educator and coach in the states of Oklahoma and Texas.



Pictured above (from left): Dr. Gerald Williamson, advancement officer; Coach Pat O'Neal; Bob Tweady; Cathy Darter; Tom Darter, 2015 Milam Award Winner; and ECU President John Hargrave.

C3 Campaign

COMMITMENT TO CHAMPIONSHIPS CAMPAIGN

The Commitment to Championships Campaign, spearheaded by Foundation Past Chair Craig Scheef, is working toward the \$5,000,000 goal, to assist ECU football in becoming a dominant participant in NCAA Division II Football.



C3 Champions

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN TIGER FOOTBALL

Jay Allbaugh
Todd Alpers
Tommy Anderson
Vera Archambeau
Kenny & Julie Bare
Daniel Beam
Derick & Sandra Bowers
Kent and Liesl Bowles
Bl Bridgwater
C.T. Bronaugh
Justin Brown
Bryant Calip
Cheo Cavil
Jerry Compton
Ron Cox
Mike Cranford
Don Crownover
Shay Curry
J. Glenn Custar
Tom Darter
ECU Alumni Association
Jimmy and Angela Eppler

Ruben and Karla Elizarde
Thomas Erwin
Tom & Joyce Erwin
H. O. Estes
Ron Evans
James Fikes
Jerry and Gina Fine
Shawn Blake Foster
Jimmy Franklin
Wendell & Susie Godwin
Todd Graham
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Shawn Hime
Don Hood
Jay Home
Judy Home
William Hunt
John Ingram
Kevin Kammerlocher
Wink & Rachel Kopczynski
Bill Lance
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Louis Larose
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John & Angela Long
Tom Luttrell
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Coach Pat O'Neal
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Community Involvement

Sciences & Natural Resources Foundation **DONATES MONEY TO NEW INSTITUTE**



The ECU Foundation Inc. received a \$394,000 gift from the Sciences and Natural Resources Foundation of Oklahoma during its annual board meeting on Jan. 12. By virtue of the gift, ECU will launch the Oka' Institute, a non-profit institute for water resource studies and programs. The institute will develop leaders, both students and citizens, in water policy and management. The ECU Foundation provided an additional gift of \$149,077.75 to also be applied toward ECU's new Oka' Institute. Oka' means water in Chickasaw and Choctaw.

AdaFest 2015 **IN ARTS DISTRICT**

Music, art, food and fun were part of rejuvenated AdaFest held in the Ada Arts District and ECU's Centennial Plaza on Aug. 29. The once-popular festival, which brought more than 4,500 people to Ada, was revitalized with support from ECU, the Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts and the ECU Foundation.



Chorale Performs **AT OKC THUNDER GAME**



ECU alumni and friends gathered at a reception at the Colcord Hotel in Oklahoma City, prior to the Thunder game on Feb. 3. For the second straight year, the ECU Chorale performed the National Anthem and the ECU Gold Program presented the colors at an Oklahoma City Thunder home basketball game against the Orlando Magic.

Dear ECU Foundation,
I would like to thank you for everything you do for ECU & myself personally. This fall semester I received both the Dr. "Barney" James Scholarship & the Briles Scholarship. As a single mother in my late 20's going back to school would not be possible if it weren't for the scholarships I received. I graduate in December, and I couldn't have done it without the Foundation.

Sincerely, Kayla Payne

Tigerpalooza

BRINGS MARCHING BANDS TO ECU

Tigerpalooza was organized in 2010 in memory of Bron Warren. The proceeds from the marching band contest are used to provide scholarships to outstanding students in instrumental music.



Scissortail Creative Writing Festival **DRAWS HUNDREDS TO CAMPUS**



The 11th Annual Scissortail Creative Writing Festival drew creative writers and fans alike to ECU this spring. Authors Naomi Shihab Nye and Dr. Ben Myers were featured in addition to more than 50 authors from Oklahoma and beyond.



Stonecipher

Oklahoma Business Week RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION FROM AT&T



ECU's award-winning summer camp, Oklahoma Business Week, recently received a \$20,000 contribution from AT&T. OBW is a unique five-day camp for high school students, who form a "company" to learn about business practices and compete in a simulated business challenge.

Pictured (from left): ECU President John R. Hargrave; Dr. Stacey Bolin, director of Oklahoma Business Week; Jason Constable, director-regulatory and external affairs for AT&T; Jan Moran, area manager-external affairs for AT&T; State Senator Susan Paddack and State Representative Todd Thomsen.

Essie Roark Stonecipher School of Business CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT



Wendell Godwin (center), dean of East Central University's Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business, poses with ECU President John R. Hargrave (left) and Jay Horne, chair of the East Central University Foundation, Inc. Executive Board during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. Godwin accepted the Essie Roark Stonecipher School of Business Centennial Endowment Award in recognition of the endowment reaching centennial status. This scholarship is awarded to students who serve in the Stonecipher School of Business student organization as an officer in the Business Leaders Association (BLA).

School of Business

BKD & Cowan Accounting Scholarships AWARDED TO ARDMORE STUDENT



East Central University student Jaime Williams (left), of Ardmore, was presented the BKD Accounting Education Fund Scholarship as well as the Mick Cowan Centennial Accounting Scholarship at ECU's Stonecipher School of Business Scholarships and Awards Banquet on April 21.

Business Scholars Program GRADUATES FIRST STUDENT

Trevor Sutton is the first graduate in ECU's Business Scholars Program. The program was established by Kellogg & Sovereign Consulting, Inc. of Ada, for business majors and helps develop tomorrow's business leaders.



Buffy ~

7-6-16

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO TO HELP THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS!
WE ARE WRAPPING UP ANOTHER GREAT YEAR ~ SO MUCH OF OUR
SUCCESS STARTS WITH THE ECU FOUNDATION. YOU GUYS
FOUND THE PAVEMENT FOR DONORS ~ KEEP UP WITH ALL THE
FINANCES ~ AND ARE A BLESSING TO WORK WITH. PLEASE
LET YOUR BOARD AND STAFF KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE
EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR US.

OUR SCHOLARS TRIP AND OBW WERE BIG SUCCESSSES AGAIN!
I HAVE INCLUDED A SHORT WRITE UP AND SOME PHOTOS!
BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR NEW POSITION ~ LOOKING FORWARD
TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR.

REGARDS, WENDELL

Dear Mrs. Lovelis,

My name is Kane Kinsure and I am a senior Entrepreneurship major at ECU. As a member of the Kellogg and Sovereign Scholar Leader Program, I would like to thank you for your support. I really appreciate it. Our recent scholar trip to Chicago was an awesome experience. I'm very grateful and glad I had the opportunity to be a part of it. Thanks again

Sincerely,

Justice Kane Kinsure



College of

School of Nursing RECEIVES GRANT FOR NEW MEDICAL MANNEQUINS



Pictured (from left): ECU's Dr. Carl Gilbert, Leah Lyon, Dr. Katricia Pierson, President John Hargrave; ECU Foundation Chair, Jay Home; Valley View Foundation's Chair Tom Bolitho, Syndee Trowbridge and Director Bill Chapman.

East Central University nursing students will have the opportunity to practice true clinical skills thanks to a \$147,090 grant provided by the Valley View Health and Wellness Foundation to the ECU School of Nursing. The grant was used to purchase high-fidelity mannequins, which are becoming a standard of quality training at medical schools and schools of nursing across the country. The mannequins, or simulators, replicate many functions of the human body. The simulators breathe, emit heart tones and have palpable pulses. The devices have a monitor that can display an EKG, pulse oximeter, blood pressure, arterial wave forms, anesthetic gases and more. "We are very pleased to fund this grant to ECU," said VVHWF Chairman Tom Bolitho. "The funds for these mannequins are critical to the quality training, both academic and clinical, in which ECU nursing students will receive."

Health & Sciences

5 Centennial Scholarships Named IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & SCIENCES

Dr. Carl Gilbert (second from right), dean of the East Central University College of Health and Sciences, poses (from left) with Buffy Lovelis, chief operating officer for the ECU



Foundation, Inc., ECU President John R. Hargrave and Jay Horne, chair of the ECU Foundation, Inc. Executive Board during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. Gilbert was accepting the awards for the DCT College of Health and Sciences Centennial Endowment, Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation Centennial Pre-Dental Endowment, Essie Roark College of Health and Sciences Centennial Endowment, Chickasaw Nation Centennial Nursing Doctoral Endowment and the Chickasaw Nation Centennial Technology Professional Endowment. The DCT and Roark scholarships are awarded to graduate students, who have been unconditionally admitted to their program of education, psychology or kinesiology.

ECU Foundation,
I am so grateful for receiving the Briles Scholarship. I am in the nursing program, so it is advised not to have a job during school. Due to this, my dad has been paying for my school entirely. I was accepted into a nurse extern position at Mercy Hospital over summer, which will help a lot. This scholarship not only helps me, but it mainly takes a burden off of my dad. I have been trying my hardest to be successful throughout this program and be the best that I can, and it has been paid off.

It is an honor to accept this scholarship, as I know several others were just as deserving as I am. On behalf of all students who have received these scholarships at ECU, I thank you so much for making this possible and helping all of us to attain our goals.

Thank you,
Rebekah Atterson

East Central University Foundation,

Thank you for choosing me as one of the ECU foundation scholarship recipients. You are allowing me to pursue my education at a higher level. I can't wait to attend East Central University in the fall to play soccer and pursue a degree in Biology. Without this scholarship college would not be financially possible for myself. I can now start the path towards my degree and eventually my career. One day when I am a Physician's Assistant for an Orthopedic Surgeon I will look back and remember y'all and everyone else that pushed me to follow my dreams. I can't wait to be apart of the ECU family and give back in the way that y'all have given to others. I'm proud to be officially be a student and I can not thank y'all enough for this opportunity. I will not let y'all down!

Thanks again,

Aubrey Loveling

Dr. Terry Cluck Centennial Tri-Beta Biology CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT

Dr. Terry Cluck (center) poses with Jay Horne, chair of the East Central University Foundation Inc. Executive Board and ECU President John R. Hargrave (left) during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. Cluck was accepting the Dr. Terry Cluck Centennial Tri-Beta Biology Endowment Award in recognition of the endowment reaching centennial status. This scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in biology who has maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. The recipient must also be an active member or officer of Tri-Beta.





College of Liberal

Bridges-Burke Social Work

CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT



Dr. Carol Bridges and Dr. Jim Burke pose with Jay Horne (far left), chair of the East Central University Foundation, Inc. Executive Board, and ECU President John R. Hargrave (far right) during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. The Bridges-Burke Social Work Endowment was recognized for reaching centennial status. The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior student in the social work program who has maintained a minimum 3.0 grade-point average.

Farmer, Howell, Turner

CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENTS

Dear East Central University Foundation,

I am greatly honored to have been chosen as a recipient for the Professional Writing Scholarship from the English and Languages Department. I am currently a freshman pursuing English degree with a concentration in Creative Writing. Receiving this scholarship meant so much to me because it was confirmation that I am on the right track and that even at a young age in her early years of college, I was able to see the potential I had.

I am greatly thankful for this and it is my intention to do my absolute best in staying above the requirements to keep this scholarship. This has been such a blessing in my life. It's a privilege to say that I am and will always be an ECU Tiger.

Sincerely,

Hailey Elaine Gurule

Hailey Gurule

Dear Foundation,

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to receive the Cleo Summer Scholarship! This scholarship will be very helpful! Receiving this scholarship will allow me to worry less about my financial situation and focus more on my studies. I've always wanted to pursue music, and these scholarships allow me to do what I've wanted to do since I was young. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Kargan E. Thomas



Dr. Gerald Williamson (center), advancement officer poses with ECU President John R. Hargrave (left) and Jay Horne, chair of the East Central University Foundation, Inc. Executive Board during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. Williamson was accepting the awards for the Ray Farmer Centennial Criminal Justice Endowment, Janie Howell Centennial Memorial Endowment and the Joe M. Turner Centennial Business Administration Endowment.

Arts & Social Sciences

3 Additional Scholarships

REACH CENTENNIAL STATUS



Dr. Jim Burke (center) poses with ECU President John R. Hargrave (left) and Jay Horne, chair of the East Central University Foundation, Inc. Executive Board, during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. Burke was accepting awards for the DCT Class Centennial Endowment, Essie Roark Centennial Memorial Music Endowment and the Essie Roark CLASS Centennial Endowment.

Brad LeMarr Memorial

HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior History major who has maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above, is a member of Phi Alpha Theta (History honor society), and has presented a paper or poster at one of the following: Phi Alpha Theta Research Day, the Great Plains Honors Conference, or Alpha Chi. This scholarship was established by Dr. Jody Tacker, sister of Brad LeMarr, after his tragic death in January 2015. Both Jody and Brad were outstanding History students at ECU, and Dr. Tacker wanted to keep the memory of her brother alive with the establishment of this scholarship.

Rudy Lupinski Act II

HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to a student who has been involved in both ACT II and ECU musical theatre within the past year (including summer productions). The recipient can be an actor/actress, stage manager, musician, set designer, camp counselor, or involved with sound and lighting. The recipient must be a current ECU student maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA, and someone who represents both ECU and ACT II in a professional manner.



College of Education

Lanoy Education Building DEDICATED MARCH 29, 2016



Mary Pauline Lanoy, of Coalgate, has a passion for higher education and a love of the teaching profession.

It's only fitting that the Lanoy name - to honor Pauline (who is known as Polly by family and friends) and her late husband Leon - now adorns the Education Building on the East Central University campus. The naming ceremony and ribbon-cutting for the facility was conducted on Tuesday, March 29.

The day also included inductions for the Gene and Evelyn Keefer Educators' Hall of Fame as well as the Education Department's Scholarship Luncheon that was held in the Stanley Wagner Ballroom of the Memorial Student Union. The day ended with the Education Career Day hosted in the Foundation Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center.

Pauline and Leon, both alumni of ECU, dedicated more than 40 years of their lives to the education of young people in Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Pauline attended Horace Mann Training School while at ECU and spent most of her career as kindergarten through eighth grade classroom teacher in Wyoming. In later years, she taught home economics and library skills classes. In 2000, she was awarded the Wyoming Alpha Xi State Achievement Award.

Leon was a World War II veteran, 8th United States Army Airforce, 389th Bomb Group. He majored in mathematics and spent 37 years as an educator in Wyoming, serving as a bus driver, classroom teacher, volunteer coach, principal and

& Psychology

superintendent. He passed away July 2, 2015, at the age of 93.

Both Leon and Pauline were inducted into the Keefer Educators' Hall of Fame in 2009 and were recognized as ECU's Distinguished Philanthropists in 2008.

The Lanoy family has been generous with donations to the university and the ECU Foundation, Inc. The Leon and Pauline Lanoy Centennial Graduate Education Endowment is awarded to an ECU student each year.

Their belief has been "Once a person's attitude is right, mapping out the step-by-step process to attain a goal can lead to success and can be attained no matter what the obstacles."

The Lanoy Education Building was remodeled and opened at the start of the 2015 fall semester. An innovative teaching



Above: Family and friends of Leon and Pauline Lanoy gather with Mrs. Lanoy during the dedication on March 29, 2016.

center, installed with the latest technology, as well as tablets and robotics equipment for professional development for area teachers, education faculty and education students were added to the updated, state-of-the-art facility.

Other amenities include 13 classrooms with new technology, with short-throw projectors (which makes every whiteboard a smartboard), new speakers and new podiums. The

building also features new seating in the computer lab, along with new faculty desks and office furniture. Additionally, three classrooms had additional monitors installed on the walls for better visibility of projected images and all classrooms have WiFi capabilities for use of mobile devices in the classroom.

Lanoy Centennial Graduate EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

Pauline Lanoy (second from left) accepts the Leon and Pauline Lanoy Centennial Graduate Education Endowment Award from ECU President John R. Hargrave during "An Evening of Honors and Recognition" this past spring. Also pictured are Jay Horne, chair of the ECU Foundation, Inc., Executive Board and Dr. Brenda Sherbourne, dean of the College of Education and Psychology. The Leon and Pauline Lanoy Centennial Graduation Education Endowment was recognized for reaching centennial status. The scholarship was established to assist master's degree students because of the Lanoy's strong belief in the value of higher education and the teaching profession.





Scholarships

Daniel Keith Minnich Centennial Memorial

STUDENT TEACHING ENDOWMENT



Below: The Minnich Family poses for a photograph during the 2016 Golf Tournament. From left are: Preston, Rick, Michelle, Jo Ann and Andrew Minnich.



The Daniel Minnich Centennial Memorial Student Teaching Endowment achieved centennial status, it was announced at “An Evening of Honors and Recognition” at East Central University this past spring. Pictured left to right are: ECU President John R. Hargrave; Andrew Minnich, brother of Daniel; Rick Minnich, Daniel’s father; Jo Ann Minnich, Daniel’s mother; Michelle Minnich, Daniel’s sister and Jay Horne, chair of the ECU Foundation, Inc., Executive Board. The scholarship is awarded to an education student during his/her semester of student teaching. Daniel was an ECU student who passed away during his student teaching semester. The scholarship has been established by his family and friends in his memory. Yearly funding is provided by a golf tournament in Daniel’s name.

DCT & Essie Roark

CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENTS



Dr. Brenda Sherbourne (center), dean of East Central University’s College of Education and Psychology, poses with ECU President John R. Hargrave (left) and Jay Horne, chair of the ECU Foundation, Inc. Executive Board. Sherbourne was accepting the awards for the DCT College of Education and Psychology Endowment and the Essie Roark College of Education and Psychology Centennial Endowment in recognition of the endowment reaching centennial status. The DCT and Roark scholarships are awarded to graduate students, who have been unconditionally admitted to their program of education, psychology or kinesiology.

Lanoy Centennial Graduate Scholarship AWARDED TO ECU STUDENT



ECU student Tyler Blount (left), of Lawton, was presented the Leon and Pauline Lanoy Centennial Graduate Education Endowment Scholarship by Pauline Lanoy at ECU's Spring 2016 Department of Education Awards Luncheon. The scholarship is awarded to an education student working on his/her master's degree. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. The scholarship was established to assist master's degree students.



DCT Graduate Scholarship AWARDED TO ECU STUDENT

ECU student Sierra McAfee (right), of McAlester and Calvin High School, was presented the DCT Graduate Scholarship by Dr. Phyllis Isaacs at ECU's Spring 2016 Department of Education Awards Luncheon. The scholarship was set up by an anonymous donor for the College of Education and Psychology, to be awarded to a graduate student with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and enrolled in three hours or more.





Employee Honors

Employees Recognized FOR 600+ YEARS OF SERVICE



Twenty-seven faculty and staff members have announced their retirement after investing over a combined 600 years of service to East Central University. They were recognized at “An Evening of Employee Recognition” on April 26 in Foundation Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center.

Clay B. Carley III, MS (1/8/99—6/1/2016)
*Assistant Professor,
Mathematics and Computer Science*

Linda C. Massey, EdD (1/8/99—8/1/2016)
*Professor, Human Resources and
Adolph Linscheid Distinguished Teaching Professor*

Kelley Alig, EdD (8/15/1997—7/1/2016)
Associate Professor

Larry L. Choate, PhD (8/16/1995—1/1/2016)
*Professor, Biology and
Adolph Linscheid Distinguished Teaching Professor*

Stanley I. Nnochirionye, PhD (8/1/1992—7/1/2016)
*Coordinator, Distance Education ITV Services
and Assistant Professor, Communication*

Tommy Cordray (2/6/1992—4/1/2016)
Groundskeeper, Physical Plant

Sherry Darbison, BS (9/27/1990—7/1/2016)
Accountant, Controller's Office

Terry Cluck, PhD (8/20/1990—6/1/2016)
Professor, Biology

Betty “Sandy” Nichols (10/31/1988—6/1/2016)
Cook, Child Development Center

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Lanis who lost her battle with cancer recently. The ECU Staff Council requested nominations from employees who were considered to be always positive, punctual, loyal, outgoing, willing to give 100% at all times and who made others around them better - just as Charlee did.

The first recipient of the award was Betty Smith. She is pictured above with Dr. Tom Lanis, associate professor and Gene A. Nelson Endowed Chair of the Stonecipher School of Business.

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Thank you!
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I just want to take a short moment to thank you for this generous scholarship & apologize for the belated thank you. As a member of the Business Scholars Program + BIA, I consider myself an active student of the Stoneham School of Business. In the last couple weeks I have been blessed with a new job opportunity because of my involvement in Oklahoma Business Week 2016. This scholarship will help meet my financial needs in the following year. I am greatly appreciative of all you do.

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I wanted to say a word of thanks to all who have contributed to the Thomas/Kiss Scholarship for the fall of 2016. As called I am an honored recipient. I am a nursing student at East Central, I live just outside of Ada, and I'll be a senior in the fall semester. Once I graduate in the spring of 2017, I plan to work as an RN in Mercy Ada's emergency department, and once I gain some experience there, I would love nothing more than to work in Oklahoma Children's Hospital in the pediatric oncology department. That is an area that is close to my heart, and receiving this scholarship will help me in pursuing that dream, for which I am most thankful. My hope is that it will help me achieve my goal of graduating debt-free. Again, thank you to all who made this scholarship possible. It is truly an honor to have received it.

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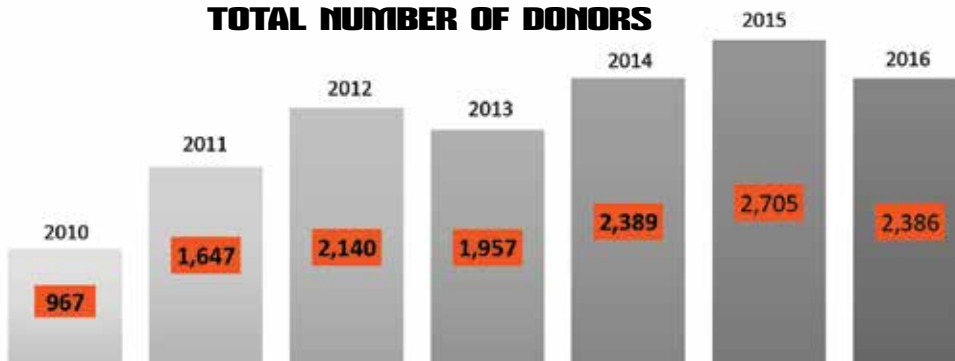
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