



Campus Update

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From the Office of President John R. Hargrave

ENROLLMENT IS UP

It is estimated that spring 2010 enrollment could be up by 7 percent as of Jan. 13! The enrollment numbers will be finalized by February.

HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



ECU reenacts the historic 1963 March on Washington, including the delivery of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech by ECU student Jomain McKenzie. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff and members of the community walked through the campus singing and remembering King's legacy. Many participants commented that this was the most moving experience they have had at ECU. The march was organized by ECU's Human Diversity Committee and the CREW, ECU's student programming board in connection with Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 18, the national holiday marking King's birth on Jan. 15.

DARE CHRONISTER NAMED GOV. HENRY SCHOLAR

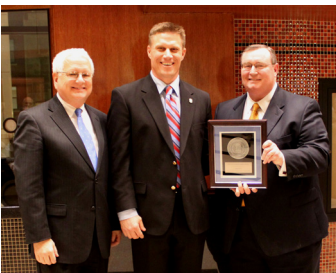
Lindsey Dare Chronister of ECU is one of seven students from Oklahoma's regional universities named a Brad Henry International Scholar. She and the other students will spend the spring 2010 semester participating in an international study and internship program at Swansea University in Wales.



The program was established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in June 2008. The State Regents provide a \$10,000 stipend for students selected to participate in semester-long study or research programs affiliated with Swansea University. Academic credit for these programs will be awarded by Oklahoma regional universities.

WHITTEN & PANEL REPEAT PRESENTATION

Reggie Whitten (right) presented to an overflow crowd at ECU last August about his son's drug addiction and death. He recently returned to campus to repeat this program with a discussion panel including Latricia Bryant, Jessica Hawkins and Sen. Susan Paddock.



REP. TODD THOMSEN RECEIVES AWARD

The Council of Presidents and the Oklahoma State Regents honored State Rep. Todd Thomsen of Ada at ECU for his service to Oklahoma Higher Education.

Chancellor Glen Johnson and ECU President John Hargrave presented the 2009 Distinguished Service Award to Thomsen for his consistency in strongly advocating for higher education and the students in the district.

FORMER GOV. GEORGE NIGH DELIVERS FALL 2009 ADDRESS

Former Gov. George Nigh, who was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives when he was a senior at ECU, delivered the Centennial Commencement address for ECU's December 2009 graduates.



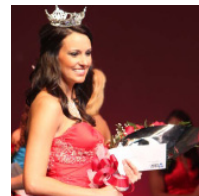
The ceremony recognized 239 candidates for bachelor's degrees and 93 candidates for master's degrees.



THREE STUDENTS GRADUATE THROUGH REACH HIGHER

Dr. Shirley Mixon (left), director of ECU's Degree Completion Program-Organizational Leadership, congratulates the

three graduates who received organizational leadership degrees in December, Rebekka Cox and Debbie Jewett of Ada, and Leasa Furr of Pauls Valley. The women participated in Oklahoma's flexible Reach Higher Program that allows working adults to finish a college degree they may have started years ago while they are working or raising a family.



ECU STUDENT NAMED MISS ADA

Jamie Drawbaugh was named Miss Ada 2010. She is a senior majoring in Biology.

ECU RECOGNIZES PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY



Ada Mayor Roger Cupps (left) and Public Works Director Cody Holcomb display signed drawings of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center that were presented to the City of Ada by East Central University.

The presentation was made at an Ada Public Works Appreciation Day lunch on the campus to recognize the city employees who worked in extreme conditions, including temperatures up to 140 degrees on the concrete last summer, to complete the Centennial Plaza adjacent to the fine arts center. The city originally planned to reconstruct that block of East Main Street. The Ada City Council approved ECU's request to close that block of the street and a block of Francis east of the fine arts center and construct the plaza at a much lower cost.

VETERANS DAY



In honor of Veterans, ECU Collegiate Veterans Association hosted two flag ceremonies and a military display.

HONORING UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT LEADERS

President Hargrave announced that Dr. CJ Vires has become ECU's associate vice president for research and advancement effective November 16.



He also expressed his appreciation for the leadership that Dr. Diane Berty provided as interim vice president for advancement.

ALUMNI BREAK WORLD RECORD

A group of ECU runners shattered a Guinness World Record in Ada New Year's Eve, despite inclement weather.

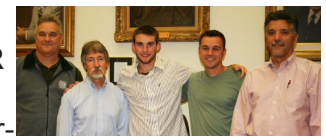


The group of two current and eight former East Central University cross country runners ran 100 miles in eight hours, 19 minutes and 53 seconds, beating the old record by 15 minutes and 12 seconds.

The group called the event "100 Miles For 100 Years" to celebrate ECU's centennial anniversary.

JACKSON, LSC ACADEMIC OF THE YEAR

ECU Senior Tyler Jackson was voted Lone Star Conference Cross Country Academic Runner of the Year.



Jackson, an environmental health science major from Lilburn, Ga., was one of five athletes named to the LSC All-Academic Team. To make the team, student-athletes must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.30.

ANOTHER SUCCESS

The Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner fed more than 3,000 people at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex. The dinner is organized annually by members of the Human Resources Club at ECU. They, along with numerous volunteers throughout the community, plan the dinner, raise the funds for the food and set up and serve the meal.





ECU PRESENTS HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

An ECU musical tradition was revived when the University Singers and community members performed selections from George Frideric Handel's "Messiah."

The community packed the HBFFAC for both performances. Dr. Steven Walker, ECU professor of music, conducted the "Messiah."



CHI OMEGA SORORITY GIVES TO HBFFAC

Alums from the Chi Omega Sorority recently made a unique contribution to the new Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center for the Holidays. The group donated their time and

money to help furnish decorations in the HBFFAC.

CHRISTMAS DONATION



Students in an East Central University political science class hold boxes of canned goods they donated to the Matthew 25 Mission at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The Christmas donation included almost 100 cans of Spam. Shown are the Rev. John

Norvell (from left) of St. Luke's; Aleisha Brewer, a political science major from Wister; and Dustin Parris, a legal studies major from Holdenville. The class was taught by Dr. Christine Pappas.

ECU SPEECH, DEBATE TEAM RANKS FIRST AMONG STATE SCHOOLS AT CONTEST



The Tiger speech and debate team from ECU ranked first among Oklahoma colleges and universities in

individual events competition at the Blue Dragon Invitational at Hutchinson (Kan.)

HARGRAVE TAKES STUDENTS TO THE CAPITOL

International students at ECU stand outside the Governor's Office at the Oklahoma State Capitol during a trip led by ECU President John Hargrave (fourth from left). Visiting the capitol and Oklahoma



History Center were Jomain McKenzie (from left) of Clarendon, Jamaica; Geoffery Fonga of Yaounde, Cameroon; Ekaterina Sazonova of Moscow, Russia; Hargrave; Dr. Mara Sukholutskaia, ECU professor of English and languages; and Valeriya Kazakevich of Moscow, Russia. Sazonova and Kazakevich returned home after a semester as ECU's first exchange students from Russia.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER AT ECU

International students at ECU prepared and served native dishes at the International Dinner.



Proceeds go to the International Connection Club to fund scholarships for international students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/21/2010 - 2/5/2010

Art Show - Frank Wick, Pogue Art Gallery

1/23/2010

Women's Basketball vs Northeastern State, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Northeastern State, 4 p.m.

1/30/2010

Women's Basketball vs Cameron, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Cameron, 4 p.m.

2/4/2010

Blackout Bonfire and Pep Rally

Norris Field Parking Lot, 7 p.m.

2/6/2010

Women's Basketball vs Southeastern Oklahoma, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Southeastern Oklahoma, 8 p.m.

2/8/2010 - 2/9/2010

Interscholastic Art Show, Pogue Art Gallery

Interscholastic Meet, 9:a.m. - noon, University Center