



Campus Update

April 2017

It's Enrollment Time at ECU - Enroll Today!

DR. PIERSON TAKES OVER PRESIDENCY OF EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY



Dr. Katricia G. Pierson officially took over as ECU's ninth president on March 1. Pierson is the first woman to hold that office in the 108-year history of the institution.



Just a day after assuming the ECU presidency, Pierson is interviewed by two reporters – Kendra Germany and Tina Firquain - from the Choctaw Nation.

The interview was for the Biskinik Newspaper and a digital TV station. Pierson is a member of the Choctaw Nation.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION CONDUCTED



FOR JOHN R. HARGRAVE

Friends, family, dignitaries, employees and students were on hand for the retirement of ECU

President John R. Hargrave on Feb. 17. The event featured a dinner, dancing, laughs and reminiscing with ECU's eighth president.

TIGERS MAKE NCAA D2 TOURNEY FOR FIRST TIME

The ECU men's basketball team, under the direction of head coach Ja Havens and assistant Aaron



Hill, made its first appearance in the NCAA Division 2 Tournament at the Central Region in Maryville, Missouri. The Tigers won their opener, 115-106 in overtime, against Minnesota State-Moorhead, before falling to Southwest Minnesota State in the second round, 74-70. The Tigers finished the season with a 25-8 record. A crowd of ECU students, employees and fans encouraged and wished the Tigers well with a celebratory sendoff to the NCAA Division 2 Central Region on March 9.

ECU CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY

ECU celebrated Founder's Day on March 24 with various activities, snacks and fun. Included in the festivities was a performance by the ECU Pride of Tigerland Band. Attendees were able to get up close to exotic animals.



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NEW CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT WOMEN'S ATHLETICS



Billie Floyd, a longtime educator, state senator and civic leader, is serving as honorary chair of ECU's new "Campaign for

Excellence in Women's Athletics." The purpose of the campaign is to provide additional funding for ECU Women's Athletics as funds raised will be kept at the ECU Foundation, Inc.

ECU ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE AWARD



FOR HEALTHY CAMPUS

ECU received the highest certification level – excellence status – for a Certified Healthy Campus by the Oklahoma Turning

Point Council and the ECU Administration and Finance Office achieved a Certified Healthy Business Merit Certificate, it was recently announced.

GRANT FUNDS COLLABORATIVE SPACES AT LIBRARY



ECU's Linscheid Library showcased its new Collaborative Spaces project with an open house on March 24. The spaces, funded through a \$40,000 grant from the Sarkeys Foundation, are located on the northwest corner of



the second floor of the library.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SNEAK PEEK

High School juniors and seniors were on the ECU campus March 8 for ECU Tiger Sneak



Peek, a one-of-kind campus visit experience, which included tours of campus, meetings with campus and staff concerning scholarship and degree programs .

ECU ALUMNI, FRIENDS GATHER BEFORE THUNDER GAME

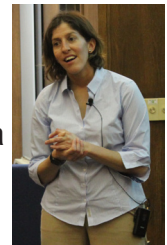
ECU alumni and friends gathered for a pregame celebration at the Colcord Hotel in Oklahoma



City, prior to the Oklahoma City Thunder's Feb. 3 NBA game against Memphis. The ECU Chorale performed the national anthem before the game.

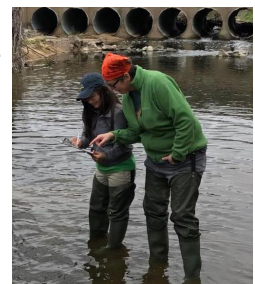
OKA' INSTITUTE HOSTS DARCY LECTURE

The 2017 National Ground Water Association's Darcy Lecture was delivered by Dr. Kamini Singha on Feb. 23, in ECU's Estep Multimedia Center. The lecture was presented by the Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Center Ground Water and Ecosystems Restoration Division Series and The Oka' Institute.



FACULTY, STUDENTS MONITOR CREEK

Water Resources Policy and Management faculty and students were trained by Blue Thumb to monitor creeks and streams. Sarita KC (left) and Dr. Christine Pappas are shown monitoring Sandy Creek.



REIFSNIDER RECEIVES ADA ARTS AWARD



For her years of service to Ada and ECU, Vickie Jo Reifsnider was recently selected as “The 2016 Outstanding Adan in the Arts” by the Ada Arts Council. Reifsnider, musical theatre director, accepted the award during the “Ada Arts Showcase.”

DR. SUKHOLUTSKAYA EARNS AWARD



ECU’s Dr. Mara Sukholuts-kaya recently received the Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award (Post-Secondary) at the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching in Oklahoma City. The recipient of the award goes to an educator, who

teaches languages other than English and has contributed significantly to the teaching of second languages and to the profession.

ECU MOCK TRIAL TEAM COMPETES AT REGIONAL FOR FIRST TIME



For the first time a mock trial team from ECU competed in the College Mock Trials Great Plains Regional Competition, Feb. 10-12, at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. Carly Heitland, a political science and English education major

from Sulphur, was recognized as one of the 10 Outstanding Witnesses for the competition.

ECU STUDENTS, FACULTY PRESENT POSTERS AT RESEARCH DAY

Fifty ECU students and faculty presented research posters at Research



Day at Northern Oklahoma College-Enid on March 3. The event was attended by 950 students statewide. Several ECU representatives posed for a group photo here.

SONGS OF THE FALL
 APRIL 12, 2017 @ 7:30 PM
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HARDAGE TO SERVE INTERNSHIP AT DUKE UNIVERSITY



ECU junior Josh Hardage, a biology/chemistry double major from Washington, Oklahoma, will serve an internship this summer at Duke University under ECU alumnus Dr. Courtney Karner, assistant professor and research faculty mem-

ber in the Department of Orthopaedics Research at the prestigious institution in Durham, North Carolina.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO ALPHA CHI



Sixty new members were inducted into

ECU's Chapter of Alpha Chi on March 6. Alpha Chi is comprised of the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors at ECU. Students must have at least a 3.5 grade-point average to be eligible to join.

GSA CONDUCTS BOOK-SIGNING EVENT



Students display their signed books from author Sharon Bishop-Baldwin during a Gay-Straight Alliance

Book Signing event. The book is entitled "Becoming Brave: Winning Marriage Equality in Oklahoma and Finding Our Voice" and it chronicles the legal path in which Sharon and her partner, Mary Bishop-Baldwin, took in the marriage equality battle. Mary is an ECU alum and former ECU faculty member.

AWARDS MOUNTING FOR BASKETBALL STANDOUT BRAXTON REEVES

ECU basketball star Braxton Reeves has achieved numerous postseason awards for his play during the 2016-17 season. Reeves was not only named 2017 Great American Conference Player of the Year and 2017 GAC Tournament Most Valuable Player, but was selected as Division II Conference Commissioners Central Region First Team, NABC Coaches' Division II All-Central District First Team, 2017 Reese's NABC Division II All-Star for the West, Basketball Times NCAA Division II All-American Second Team and Division II Conference Commissioners Association Honorable Mention All-American.



TWO TIGER BASKETBALL STARS NAB GAC AWARDS

Braxton Reeves and Ishmael Donzo were honored with postseason basketball awards from the GAC. Reeves was a First Team selection while Donzo was a Second Team pick.



THREE HONORED FROM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Three members of the ECU women's basketball team garnered post-season recognition. Devon Branch was named to the All-GAC Second Team while Jalyn Jackson and Whitney Stotler achieved honorable mention status.

