

January 2025



# ECU CAMPUS UPDATES



## SE Oklahoma Legislative Tour

Representatives from ECU and other Southeast Oklahoma universities joined state legislators to discuss the future of higher education and its impact on Oklahoma's economy and workforce.

The event featured remarks from students and state officials, such as the current Speaker of the House of Representatives, Kyle Hilbert, and Representative Ronny Johns, as well as other senators and representatives.

For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).

## ECU Fall 2024 Commencement!



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## Congratulations graduates of Fall 2024!



**For more photos of Fall 2024 Commencement, visit [www.ecok.edu/photo-galleries](http://www.ecok.edu/photo-galleries)**





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## Upcoming Events

### Jan. 4

- Women's Basketball VS Southern Nazarene University, 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball VS Southern Nazarene University, 3 p.m.

### Jan. 10

- Winter Intersession Ends

### Dec. 16

- Women's Basketball VS Arkansas Tech University, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball VS Arkansas Tech University, 7:30 p.m.

### Jan. 18

- Women's Basketball VS Harding University, 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball VS Harding University, 3 p.m.

### Jan. 20

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Jan. 21

- Full semester (SP25) begins; SP 25 Term A begins

### Jan. 22

- NASA's Pow Wow Night 6 p.m.

### Jan. 23

- Women's Basketball VS SOSU, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball VS SOSU, 7:30 p.m.

## Professors save students \$140K in textbook costs



Faculty members at ECU are leading Oklahoma in providing no-cost instructional materials to students through Open Educational Resources, or OERs.

OERs are teaching, learning and research materials that are freely available to access, revise, and adapt under an open license.

For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



ECU receives grant from OH

ECU has been named the recipient of a \$3,615 grant from Oklahoma Humanities. The grant will be used to assist in funding a presentation of the Killing the Negative exhibit on the ECU campus in the spring.

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104th Interscholastic Meet

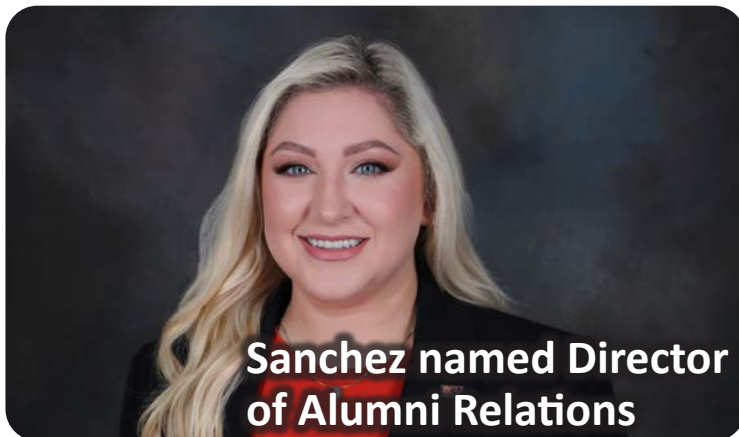
ECU recently hosted their 104th Interscholastic Meet. Students from 35 different high schools took part in more than 20 available test options, ranging from Shakespeare to Accounting.

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### Sanchez named Director of Alumni Relations

Jessica Sanchez has been named Director of Alumni Relations for ECU, a position that focuses on outreach, networking, communications and general support between alumni and graduates through a variety of events and fundraisers, among many other responsibilities. Sanchez begins her new role in January. For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



### History professor publishes first book

Dr. Elisabeth Davis has announced the publication of her first book, "Catholic Sisters, Narratives of Authority, and the Native American Boarding Schools, 1847-1918." Davis' book comes after a series of articles she published on the Native American Boarding Schools, both the Carlisle Indian Industrial School as well as schools run by Catholics. For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



### SoN Pinning Ceremony

ECU School of Nursing held their annual SoN Pinning Ceremony in Dec. with students, staff/faculty and families in attendance.

### Alpha Chi Induction

Alpha Chi Induction was held in Dec. to recognize students for their academic achievement and their induction into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society

### Honors Showcase

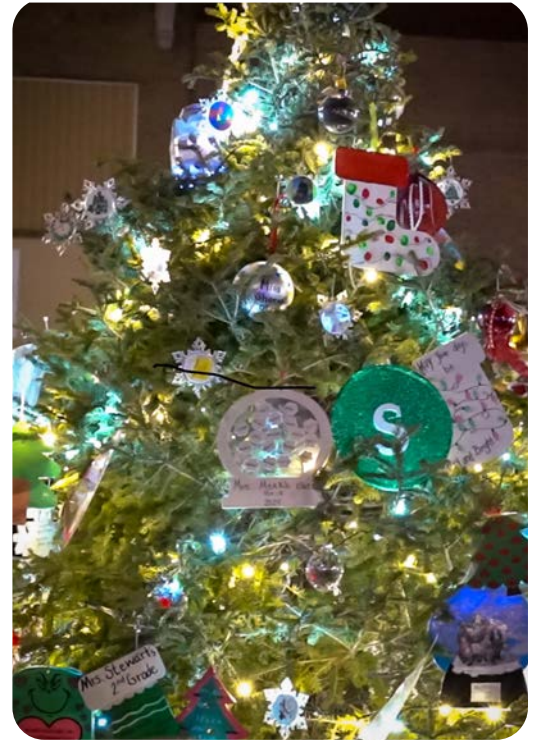
Members of ECU's Honor Society were given the opportunity to present their Honor's projects before an eager audience.

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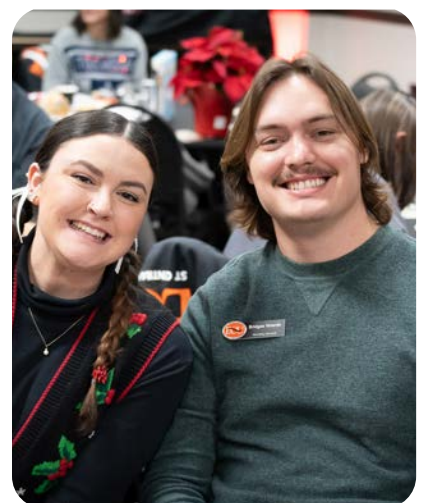




# Annual City of Ada tree lighting



# ECU Family Christmas party!







## Esports takes nationals

ECU Tiger Esports recently made history when their League of Legends team competed and won the National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC) Division 7 National Championship. ECU was represented by Chris Barker of Ada, Jesse Barker of Ada, Allie Mabry of Ada, Breckin Guevara of Tulsa and Dakota Cao of Pensacola, Fla. For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



## ECU hosts OSSAA playoffs

ECU recently served as the host site for an Oklahoma School Activities Association (OSSAA) football Class 4A semi-final. Elgin High School beat Wagoner High school to proceed to the state finals. The game took place in the Koi Ishto stadium, bringing hundreds of visitors to ECU and Ada.



## ECU ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

**BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

## 2025 ECU Athletics Hall of Fame

Tickets are available for the 2025 ECU Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet.

The 2025 Hall of Fame inductees include Erin Curry (Softball – Student-Athlete), Terry Babbitt (Football – Student-Athlete), Phil Johnson (Men's Basketball – Distinguished Coach), Chris Snowden (Distinguished Service), and Tyler Gillum (Baseball – Distinguished Athletic Alumni). In addition, ECU will honor the 1989 ECU Men's Basketball NAIA National Runner-Up team, who will be inducted as Tiger greats.



The formal induction ceremony will take place on Friday, January 24, at the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The evening will begin with a social beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at 6:00 p.m. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [ecutigers.com](http://ecutigers.com).

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