



ECU CAMPUS UPDATES



New Dean signals new era for CLASS

Following an extensive search, Dr. Mark Walling has been named the new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) at East Central University. With 38 years of dedicated service to ECU, Walling brings a wealth of experience in education and a long-standing commitment to both ECU students and alumni to his new position.

Walling received his B.A. in English with Teacher Certification in 1985 from ECU before going on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Oklahoma State University. He returned to ECU in 1987 as a member of the faculty, steadily advancing through the ranks to become a tenured professor and a respected, irreplaceable member of the Tiger community. He assumed his new role on March 1. For more information, visit ecok.edu/news.



Tiger Tangles: Part Deux triumphs with new record

The beloved student talent show returned for the second year in a row, after a multi-decade hiatus, to thunderous applause and an ever-growing attendance.

With nearly 1,000 students and alumni in attendance, Kim Bethune took the prize for overall winner for Tiger Tangles: Part Deux, securing the \$500 award.

For a full list of winners and for more information, visit ecok.edu/news.





AROUND CAMPUS



Upcoming Events

March 3

- Vive 18, 6 p.m.
- ECU Bands Competition, 7:30 p.m.

March 4

- Paws and Relax, 2 p.m.
- Softball vs. Arlington Baptist, 5:30 p.m.
- Esports vs. SAU, 7 p.m.
- Softball vs. Arlington Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

March 5

- ECU Junior Day, 9 a.m.
- Lockmiller Art History Lecture, 3 p.m.

March 7

- Softball vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 3 p.m.

March 8

- Softball vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 12 p.m.
- Softball vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 2 p.m.

March 10

- Esports vs. SE, 7 p.m.

March 11

- Health Fair, 11 a.m.
- Baseball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State, 2 p.m.
- Originals Showcase, 3:30 p.m.
- Stickball, 4 p.m.

March 12

- Mental Health Fair, 11 a.m.
- Killing the Negative, 4 p.m.



ECU BAA Dinner & Program

In celebration of Black History Month, the ECU Black Alumni Association hosted a dinner and program with Marilyn Luper-Hildreth, daughter of famed Civil Rights activist Clara Luper, presenting, "African Americans in Labor: Continuing to Uplift and Build Others."



8th Annual PCDFC Gala

The Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition held their annual Gala on the ECU campus with members of the community and ECU administration in attendance. PCDFC is a local group of volunteer community members collaborating in an effort to prevent substance abuse and promote recovery.



Journey of Hope

ECU students, Oklahoma legislatures and community members heard from individuals directly impacted by the Oklahoma City bombing share their personal stories. The program focused on the theme, "A Day of Darkness - Years of Light."



Artrageous

The spectacular fusion of music, dance, theatre and live painting known as Artrageous came to the Ataloo Theatre. Community members came together to participate in activities, enjoy the show and give the nationally recognized cast of Artrageous an exciting ECU and Ada welcome.



ECU Preview Day



All Majors Career Fair



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Upcoming Events

March 13

- Paws and Relax, 5:10 p.m.

March 14

- SP25 Term A Ends
- Softball vs. Harding, 2 p.m.
- Softball vs. Harding, 4 p.m.

March 15

- Softball vs. Harding, 12 p.m.

March 17

- Spring Break

March 18

- Spring Break
- Baseball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 2 p.m.
- Esports vs. HSU, 7 p.m.

March 19-20

- Spring Break

March 21

- Spring Break
- Baseball vs. Arkansas Tech, 2 p.m.

March 22

- Baseball vs. Arkansas Tech, 12 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Arkansas Tech, 3 p.m.

March 24

- SP25 Term B Begins

March 25

- Business Leaders Association Meeting, 6 p.m.

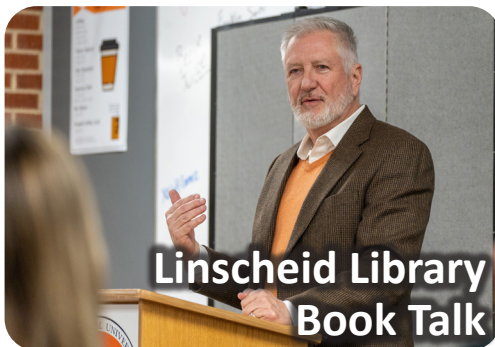
March 26

- Paws and Relax, 5:10 p.m.



Linscheid Library
Author Talk

Seven authors from different departments across campus participated in a panel to discuss their writing styles, perspectives, viewpoints and publication history. Dr. Elisabeth Davis, Dr. Ken Hada, Dr. Randall Maples, Jose Montalva, Dr. Steven Pedersen, Kerry Rhone and Dr. Mark Walling made up the panel.



Linscheid Library
Book Talk

Dr. Mark Walling discussed his book, "I Can Hear Everything from Here," during a recent Book Talk, including his writing process, history as an author and the long road to publication. Walling offered advice to students and answered a variety of questions on the topics of writing and publishing.



From Oklahoma to
Istanbul

ECU professor, Narciso Arguelles, recently traveled across the globe to visit the American Robert College of Istanbul, Turkey, to lecture, take part in critiques for the school's AP Art Class and work on a mural project with students. The mural now hangs in the hallway of the Robert College Music Department.



Kayla Ohlmer
Reception

Artist Kayla Ohlmer, who currently serves as the Program Director at Tulsa Glassblowing School in Okla., hosted an Artist Talk and Reception where she discussed her exhibit to a crowd of students, employees and community members.



Honors Olympics



Lucky Tiger Bingo



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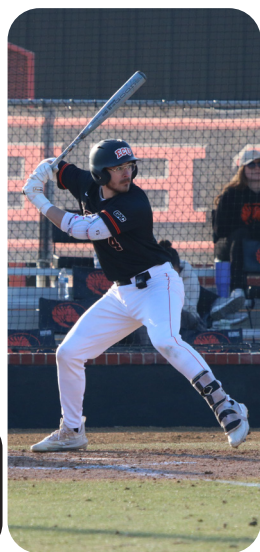
ECU Alumnus, Dustin Rowe, named State Supreme Court Justice.

At the age of 18, while still a senior in high school, Rowe won election to the Tishomingo city council where he served two terms as the youngest mayor in the state.

He later attended ECU and received his B.A., with honors, in 1998 before going on to receive his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Rowe practiced law in Tishomingo from 2001 to 2019, where he served as Tishomingo city attorney for 18 years. He served as special judge of the Chickasaw Nation District Court from 2005-2011 and as district judge of the Chickasaw Nation District Court from 2011-2019. Rowe was appointed to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma by Governor J. Kevin Stitt on November 20, 2019. He assumed office on December 20, 2019.

Justice Rowe was retained by voters on November 8, 2022 and served as Vice-Chief Justice for 2023-2024. Rowe was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chief Justice for a two year term beginning January 1, 2025.



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