

East Central University Campus Updates



Higher Education Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol saw many ECU representatives and students emphasizing the importance of Higher Education in Oklahoma. OSRHE Chancellor Allison Garrett, Representative Ronny Johns, Senator Greg McCortney, RUSO Regent Connie Reilly and many others met with ECU representatives.

ECU officials visited with legislators at the RUSO Legislative Dinner.



Dr. Mautra Jones spoke at an event hosted by the ECU Black Alumni Association in celebration of Black History Month on Feb. 20. Dr. Jones is the first woman and the first person of color to serve as president of Oklahoma City Community College.

Liv Cummins, student athlete and ECU Political Science and Legal Studies double major, was admitted to the University of Oklahoma College of Law for the Fall 2023 semester. The Pontotoc County Bar Association sponsored the team's game Feb. 23. Many local attorneys attended the game including Pontotoc County Bar Association President Nick Thurman. Dean Kathleen Guzman of OU's College of Law attended to honor a future student. Executive director of Development at OU Foundation came as well.

Tiger Athletics



Basketball Tournament

March 2-5, 2023

**Firelake Arena,
Shawnee, OK**

Awards Banquet: 7 p.m.

March 1

Women: Noon, March 2

Men: 5:45 p.m., March 3

[GAC Bracket](#)

Basketball senior athletes honored

The ECU men's basketball team won its fifth straight win for seniors' last game in the Kerr Activities Center with a 87-76 win over Southwestern Oklahoma State University Thursday night.

The women's basketball won its senior night game with a 67-52 victory over SWOSU.

After the women's game, the women's team honored its three seniors – Emma Epperly, Gabby Cummins and Izzy Cummins. Before the men's game, the Tigers



honored five seniors – Leonard Dixon, Barron Tanner, Jr., Luke Harper, Romello Wilbert and Jakeem

Acres. Spirit squad senior, Derrick Stevens, was recognized as he has portrayed Roary.



Athletic Hall of Fame at ECU honored many well-deserving athletes, coaches and contributors to ECU's athletic successes. The 2011 Men's Cross Country Team, Emily Kennemer-Nine, Skip Griese, John O'Dell, and Dr. Gerald Williamson all received honors. For more details, visit ecutigers.com.



Around Campus



Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya received the annual 2022 American Council of Teachers of Russian Distinguished Service Award. ACTR promotes the study and teaching of the Russian language, literature and culture and represents Russian language teachers in all educational settings.



Dr. Ken Hada's essay is included in "Solastalgia: An Anthology Of Emotion In A Disappearing World" edited by Paul Bogard. The anthology contains personal essays responding to ecological concerns and the human emotion associated with loss.



Kateryna Tkalenko is attending ECU from Ukraine on a special scholarship. RUSO Universities announced a scholarship for a student from Ukraine that was severely impacted or displaced by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Kate, as she prefers to go by, found the scholarship by searching online. As of now, her major is undecided, but she is considering Biology or Business. While she worries about her family at home, Kate says her father is thankful she is safe. For more on Kate, visit ecok.edu.



ECU Percussion Ensemble performed at the 2023 Oklahoma Music Educators Association Conference at the Cox Convention Center in Tulsa. The ensemble was chosen as one of the Honor groups to perform at the event.



Alumni



ECU Foundation Night was held the last home basketball game night of the season on Feb. 23. The ECU Foundation reminded students they are with them "every step of the way" giving away more than 200 pairs of ECU socks. Drawings for ECU prizes (including a huge tiger) were held, along with people shooting basketballs for cash and bookstore gift certificates.



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June 13	10 am
Aug 1	10 am
Dec 12	10 am

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Homecoming

September 22-23



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