

CAMPUS ECU UPDATE

September 2018

Pierson's Perceptions

It's always an exciting and busy time at the start of fall classes each year. We are pleased with the opening of our new residence building on campus, Chokka-Chaffa' Hall, named in honor of the Chickasaw Nation and our Native American heritage on campus. It is filled to capacity and we look forward to many years of amazing and top-notch living arrangements for our students.

My calendar has been wonderfully busy with a variety of activities. I have had the pleasure of speaking with numerous groups of students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors and civic and community members. I'm extremely pleased with the feedback we receive from all these groups. It's something we can receive, apply and build on in making ECU an even better student-centered university.

As we roll along, we're excited about the many activities in weeks and months to come, especially Homecoming on Oct. 26-27. As always, we look forward to catching up with our alumni and friends. We look forward to a great school year and see the mounting successes and achievements of our students and employees.

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Dr. Katricia Pierson
President
East Central University

NEW RESIDENCE FACILITY CALLED CHOKKA-CHAFFA' HALL

In honor of the partnership with the Chickasaw Nation, ECU's new residence facility is now called Chokka-Chaffa' Hall. Chokka-Chaffa' is the Chickasaw word for family. Literally translated 'house-one,' the term is a metaphor for the Chickasaw concept of family which includes all of those that live under one roof being of one family – whether they are blood kin or not. The 40,000-square foot building opened in August and has been filled to capacity.



DR. CAROL LINDER NEW PROVOST/VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Carol Linder joined the administration at ECU on July 2 as provost and vice president for academic affairs. "I believe in the mission of regional universities and the opportunities for all students to succeed. Students attending ECU can get an exceptional education that is affordable and often closer to home," Linder said. "With our small class size and numerous support services, students develop close relationships with faculty and staff that benefit them during their college career and prepare them for the future."



ROCKIN' ROARY IS HOMECOMING THEME FOR 2018

Mark your calendars for Oct. 26-27 as ECU celebrates homecoming. The theme for this year is Rockin' Roary. The homecoming parade is set for Saturday, Oct. 27 at noon and the football game is at 4 p.m. A longer list of special events will be announced soon.



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OKA' INSTITUTE CONFERENCE SET FOR OCT. 2-3

The 2018 Oka' Institute Sustainability Conference will take place on ECU's campus Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 2-3, in ECU Foundation Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The conference brings together leaders in science, agriculture, oil and gas, economics, public policy and more as they gain new strategies for sustainable water resource management. For more information call 580-559-5968.



"STEP OUT OF THE DARKNESS" EVENT HELD AT ECU

A day of prevention and recovery was the focus as "Step Out of the Darkness" took place on Sept. 8. The event was sponsored by ECU's Brandon

Whitten Institute for Addiction and Recovery and the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition. A prayer march was conducted from the Pontotoc County Courthouse to the Centennial Plaza on the ECU campus. A rally with information, music, food and other activities was held at the Kerr Activities Center.



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE DINNER HELD

The ECU President's Circle conducted a progressive dinner. The President's Circle is a group of individuals and businesses who provide targeted support for the advancement of ECU. This important group provides the university and president with access to non-designated funds that can be used to enhance educational experiences.



2018 ALUMNAE MOSELEY ESTABLISHES INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FUND

Elsa Moseley, a 2018 graduate, is appreciative of the education she received at ECU and has immediately shown it with the establishment of an International Studies Fund through the ECU Foundation, Inc. Moseley achieved her degree from ECU this past spring and recently left for China to participate in the "Princeton in Asia Fellowship" program in which she is set to teach English and international relations at China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing.



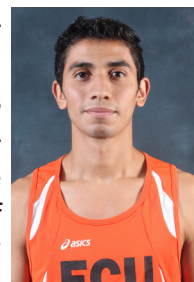
ECU ALUMNUS WINS EMMY AWARD

ECU alumnus Brent Snider, a photojournalist with KOKI-TV FOX23 News in Tulsa, was recently presented an Emmy Award by the Heartland Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Snider was honored for his work concerning Oklahoma's response to relief efforts from Hurricane Harvey in South Texas last year. A native of McAlester, Snider studied mass media at ECU.



ECU ALUMNUS WINS HALF-MARATHON

Former ECU cross country runner Juan Pacheco, of Mexico, won the 41st Annual America's Finest City Half Marathon recently in San Diego, California. He posted his personal-best time of one hour, five minutes and 37 seconds in the 13.1-mile race. Pacheco earned all-region honors and was second individually in the Great American Conference Meet as a senior for the Tigers in 2015.



NEW FACULTY FOR 2018-2019



New ECU faculty for the 2018-2019 posed for a group photo on Aug. 16 in front of the Sterling L. Williams Center prior to the start of fall classes.

The new faculty members include: Dr. Nicholas Meyers, Dr. Sanjiv Jha, Megan Donelson, Dr. Zhaohui Su, Tonnie Scott, Dr. Jace Vickers, Eric Howard, Misty Gray, Sarah Engel, Amanda Kashwer, Dr. Mark Felts, Waynette Nell, Deborah Kifer, Mike Maxwell, Dr. David Thornton and Jason Diduch.

ECU'S PI SIGMA ALPHA CHAPTER



RECOGNIZED

ECU's Pi Sigma Alpha is the recipient of the One of the Best Chapter Awards in the country for 2017-2018. Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science

Honor Society. The award recognizes chapters which are particularly active in their departments and exhibit high levels of energy and creativity in furthering the goals of the honor society. Ryleigh Cooper, ECU chapter president, is pictured here with U.S. Representative Tom Cole.

SIX ECU STUDENTS GO TO RUSSIA



Six ECU students - Tanner Sheffield, Hannah Barnes, Kate Carlin, Danielle Brecheen, Leonard Feeney and Joshua Jordan - went to Russia this summer and attended the 20th Central Association of Russian

Teachers of America Conference. Sheffield delivered a paper entitled "A Comparison to Solaris (1972) by Andrei Tarkovsky and the 2002 American Remake."

NEW CHEMISTRY HONOR SOCIETY ESTABLISHED



A Nu Gamma Chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, a Chemistry Honor Society, has been launched at ECU. Dr. Charles Crittell, professor of chemistry at ECU, called the first meeting to order on May 11 with the installation of the new chapter, including the granting of its charter and presentation of the society's coat of arms, induction of the charter members of the chapter and the installation of the first officers. Initiated as ECU's first 10 members were: Stephanie Crawford, Rabeka Jae Lashbrook, Abigail Linares, Michaela Lombardi, Madison McNeil, Haley Perez, Aljan Ranjit, Cassie Richardson, Destiny Schlicher and Ryan Scott.

ECU STUDENT SERVES AS LEGISLATIVE INTERN IN D.C.



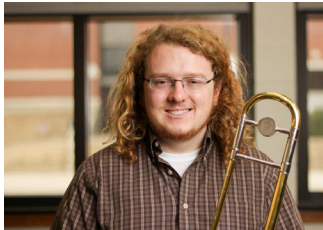
ECU student Diego Cifuentes, a native of Miami, Florida and resident of Pauls Valley, spent the 2018 spring semester as a legislative intern for U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Florida, representing the 28th District which encompasses most of Miami and Coral Gables). Pictured with Cifuentes is Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and actor/entertainer Richard Gere.

STUDENT TEACHERS FOR FALL 2018

ECU student teachers for the 2018 fall semester pose for a group photo prior to getting out in the field.



BURTON TAKES NINTH ON NATIONAL EXCEL EXAM



ECU student Corey Burton took ninth place on the Excel 2016 Exam at the Certiport 2018 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) United States

National Championships in Atlanta, Georgia this summer. Burton qualified for the national competition by virtue of an exceptionally high score on his Excel 2016 Exam and was declared Oklahoma's champion earlier this year. Burton is a double major in business administration management and instrumental music performance.

SOCIAL WORK STUDENT ON STATE BOARD



ECU Social Work Student of the Year and double-scholarship winner Rebekah Byrd has achieved a position to represent undergraduate students of Oklahoma. A native of Tulsa, Byrd is serving as BSW Student Representative for the Oklahoma Chapter of the 2018 National Association of Social Workers Board of Directors. Byrd, who is in her final semester at ECU, is a social work major and a services to the deaf minor. Byrd is pictured with Shelley Bailey, Amy Ward and Destany Schafer-Morgan.

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MAURER WINS HENRY SCHOLARSHIP



ECU student Allison Maurer, of Goldsby, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Brad Henry International Scholarship as selected by the State

Board of the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education. By virtue of being named a Brad Henry International Scholar, Maurer will spend the 2019 spring semester studying at Swansea University in Wales, United Kingdom.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM RECEIVES GAC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



The ECU women's basketball team received the 2017-18 Sportsmanship Award from the Great American Conference. The

winner of the GAC Team Sportsmanship Award is chosen by league officials and coaches based on a point system. The honor is the fifth for an ECU athletic squad since the program started in 2012.

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM NABS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD



The ECU men's basketball squad was one of 188 teams from NCAA,

NAIA and NJCAA to earn a National Association of Basketball Coaches' 2017-18 Academic Excellence Award. The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement by a team with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better for the 2017-18 season. The Tigers have been honored with the Team Academic Excellence award for the past two seasons.

TIM GREEN ALL-SPORTS GOLF CLASSIC A SUCCESS



The Tim Green All-Sports Golf Classic was held on Aug. 27 at the Oak Hills Golf and Country Club. The tournament is a fundraiser for the ECU Department of Athletics. The tournament is named in honor of the late Dr. Tim Green, former ECU director of athletics and teacher of undergraduate and graduate courses in reading methods at ECU.

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TIGERS CLAIM FIRST FOOTBALL VICTORY OF THE SEASON



The ECU Tigers claimed their first football victory under new head coach Al Johnson with a 29-27 home decision over Arkansas-Monticello on Sept. 15. ECU

forced UAM into six turnovers, including a 30-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jamil Young in the fourth quarter. Dilland Gardner caught the TD pass in this photo.

FILER NAMED GAC RUNNER OF THE WEEK



ECU senior Larry Filer was named Great American Conference Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week on Sept. 19 after a seventh-place finish at the 8k Missouri Southern Stampede on Sept. 15. Filer clocked in at 25:16.3. The finish was the best by a GAC runner at the meet as the Tigers finished

10th out of 27 as a team.

ECU'S ANNA MORA HONORED BY GAC AS RUNNER OF THE WEEK



ECU junior Anna Mora was voted Great American Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week after finishing sixth individually at the 5k Missouri Southern Stampede on Sept. 15 with a time of 17:47.1. It was the best finish at the meet by a runner from the GAC. ECU claimed eighth place in the team standings. There were 34 teams competing. Mora also registered a seventh-place finish at the University of Central Oklahoma Land Run earlier this season.

HULL NAMED GAC GOALKEEPER OF THE WEEK



ECU senior Chloe Hull was named Great American Conference Goalkeeper of the Week for Sept. 18 after the Tigers registered a 2-0 victory at Eastern New Mexico on Sept. 13. Hull made four saves in that match

for the shutout victory. It lifted her season record to 2-2 with a 1.05 goals-against average.

DUNSON SELECTED AS GAC DEFENDER OF THE WEEK



ECU junior Kariss Dunson was named Great American Conference Soccer Defender of the Week for Sept. 18 after helping the Tigers earn a 2-0 win at Eastern New Mexico. Dunson was part of a defensive unit which limited ENMU to seven total shots, four on goal. Dunson also fired off three shots of her own in a 2-1 overtime loss to Angelo State.

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Opening Week Activities for 2018 Fall Semester

