



# Campus Update

February 2012

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*



## HIGHER EDUCATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

ECU Administrators and students met with legislators on Feb. 21 at Higher Education Day at the State Capitol. A PowerPoint presentation highlighted ECU alum Bill Anotubby, governor of the Chickasaw Nation.



ECU junior Nikki Dickerson of Mustang spoke on the house floor about her educational journey.

## CONSTRUCTION ON ECU'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS TAKES SHAPE



Concrete walls are going up on the \$10.65 million, 62,000-square-foot facility that will house the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business and the ECU Conference Center.

## ECU ACCOUNTING STUDENTS PROVIDING FREE TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE

Students in ECU's School of Business are participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program again this year to provide free assistance to individuals with basic tax returns, particularly those with low and fixed incomes. The national program is supported by the Internal Revenue Service.



The VITA site opened Feb. 6 at a new location, 1001 N. Country Club Road, where the former Carl Albert Indian Health Facility was located. April 12 will be the last day the assistance will be available.

## ECU'S PI SIGMA ALPHA RECEIVES GRANT

Youth-Led project addresses childhood obesity, encourages healthy lifestyle in Ada as part of Global Youth Service Day

Lacie Law a senior Legal Studies major at ECU was awarded a \$500 UnitedHealth HEROES Grant from YSA (Youth Service America) and UnitedHealth Group. One of 282 grants awarded nationwide, Lawson's project "Dance Revolution" will encourage students at the Ada Boys and Girls Club to lead more active lifestyles by learning dance steps.



## CHOCOLATE IN THE AFTERNOON

Phi Delta Kappa continues the tradition and sponsored Chocolate in the Afternoon in honor of President's Day. Faculty, staff and students had a chance to taste-test all the wonderful chocolate delicacies and visit with the campus presidents.



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**FRANC D'AMBROSIO**  
Feb. 28  
7:30 p.m.  
Ataloo Theatre  
Hallie Brown Ford  
Fine Arts Center  
Admission - \$18

Franc D'Ambrosio in Concert  
FRANC D'AMBROSIO'S BROADWAY SONGS FROM THE GREAT WHITE WAY  
INCLUDING SONGS FROM PHANTOM OF THE OPERA  
February 28 • 7:30 p.m.  
Ataloo Theatre  
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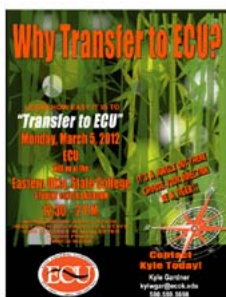


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**ECU HOSTS SEVERAL EVENTS FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**



Tiger Connection, Interscholastic Meet, Disability Services Transition Workshop, District Choral Contest, Pauls Valley High School Day, East Central Oklahoma District Honor Bands, ECOHBA and Regional OJAS have all taken place the past few weeks.



**TRANSFER OFFICE HITS THE ROAD**

ECU's Transfer Enrollment Office will be taking several faculty and staff members to Eastern Oklahoma State College's campus on Monday, March 5. The group will raise awareness about how easy it is to transfer to ECU.

**ECU STUDENTS TIE FOR FIRST IN 'TEXAS TWO STEP SWING'**

ECU's Business Policy & Strategy class recently competed in an online game business simulation. The game is part of the class experience and combines all the business skills into the game. Student teams in Dr. Peterson's class finished in the top 100 in several categories this past fall. Team "Amazing" finished in a first-place tie in the global rankings.

**DECKER PLACES THIRD IN 'TEXAS TWO STEP SWING'**

Congratulations to Stephen Decker, a member of the Tiger speech and debate team at ECU, placed third in After Dinner Speaking in the "Texas Two Step Swing" at Tarrant County College in Hurst, Texas. Decker, a sophomore legal studies major at ECU, earned his third trophy of the season in that event.



**ALUMNI REUNION**

The Political Science/ Legal Studies Alumni Reunion was held on Saturday, Feb. 18. ECU alums had the

opportunity to reminisce and share stories.

**FOSTERS MAKE A DONATION**

Kyle and Kendall Foster are the first alums to contribute to the "Circle of Annual Giving" scholarship campaign. Their donation will go toward the newly established Political Science Public Service Scholarship.



**2012-13 ECU ALUMNI BOARD:**

- Tiffany Grant '07 - President
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- Pat Fountain '80 - Secretary
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**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SUCCESS**

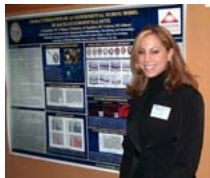
The ECU Alumni Association recently held a membership drive and as of mid-February it has received 229 new and renewing members - more than a 300 percent increase in annual membership. It's not too late to join. Contact the Alumni Office to join today - alumni@ecok.edu

**'BOOKS R US' SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This spring, in celebration of its 42nd anniversary, the ECU Foundation launched an internal campaign to start a scholarship fund to help students purchase books. Just \$42 from 100 employees will raise \$4,200 to help ECU students purchase books.



**NEW ECU SCHOLARSHIP HONORS DR. RANIYAH RAMADAN**



A scholarship honoring Dr. Raniyah Ramadan, a promising research scientist from Ada who passed away last July at age 34, has been established at ECU.

The scholarship was established at the ECU Foundation Inc. by the Ramadan family through the Dr. Raniyah Ramadan Foundation. Her father, Dr. Tawfik Ramadan, provides campus health services for ECU students, and her mother, Siham Ramadan, is an ECU graduate. Three of her five siblings also are ECU graduates.

**ECU GRADUATE WINS NATIONAL ACTE TEACHER OF YEAR AWARD**



ECU alum Cindy Adams of Sulphur, an instructor of business and information technology at the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center in Ardmore, has been named the 2012 National Teacher of the Year by the Association for Career and Technical Education.



**ECU CELEBRATING BLACK HERITAGE MONTH**

An Evening of Celebration Banquet, Comedy Show and Dance was held Feb. 17 at ECU as part of Black Heritage Month.



The banquet recognized the trail-blazing ECU students who were the first African-American athletes on ECU teams. Honorees include: retired Air Force Col. David Bass, a two-time All-American basketball player and member of the ECU

Athletics Hall of Fame; Rollins' roommate, Dr. Jimmie V. Scales; baseball player Dr. Donnie Nero, the retired president of Connors State College; bowling team member David Bush and varsity basketball player Dr. Teresa Washington. Pictured is Jackie "Tex" Rollins receiving an award from Rev. Walter Whitney. Pictured below that is Dr. Teresa Washingt-

**ECU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT THREE ON FEB. 25**

Three new members will be inducted into the East Central University Athletic Hall of Fame at halftime of the ECU men's home basketball game with Southeastern Oklahoma State on Saturday, Feb. 25. That trio includes former women's basketball star Stormy Griffith, ex-football standout Terry Summers and Ron Miller, former head softball and assistant football coach.

The ceremony will take place at halftime of the 7:30 p.m. men's game. The women's game will tip off prior to that at 5:30 p.m.

**JAY WILKINSON, SON OF LEGENDARY OU FOOTBALL COACH BUD WILKINSON, VISITS WITH THE ECU FOOTBALL TEAM**

Jay Wilkinson, in a roundabout way, carries on his late father's legacy as far as communication is concerned.



Jay was on the East Central University campus on recently, along with friend, former OU player under Bud Wilkinson, ECU supporter and Ada resident Charlie Mayhue. Jay articulated his speaking skills with the Tiger football team in a brief but effective meeting at the Pat O'Neal Strength and Conditioning Center. He outlined three major points in encouraging the ECU squad.

**LIFE OF AN ATHLETE**

ECU is taking a proactive approach to fighting addictions by implementing the Oklahoma Life of an Athlete program. The program was made available through the Brandon Whitten Institute, the Whitten-Newman Foundation and F.A.T.E.



ECU athletes began the semester with an interactive online training for athletes about the impact of alcohol and other drugs on athletic performance.

**ECU Mission**

East Central University's mission is to foster a learning environment in which students, faculty, staff, and community interact to educate students for life in a rapidly changing and culturally diverse society. Within its service area, East Central University provides leadership for economic development and cultural enhancement.



### PARKER ETHICS LECTURE

A former ECU professor spoke at the annual Parker Ethics Lecture. Dr. Thom Balmer discussed vulnerability and decision-making issues for elderly clients and customers in business environments. The Parker Ethics Lecture is sponsored by ECU's Oscar L. Parker Center for the Advancement of Ethical Standards in Business and Society and

the ECU Student Chapter of the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium.

### ECU PROFESSORS JUDGE MICROBIOLOGY PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCE

Dr. Terry Cluck and Dr. Charles Biles, professors of biology at East Central University, were among 52 active researcher-educators who judged student presentations in microbiology recently at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in St. Louis, Mo.



### ADDICTION, RECOVERY CONFERENCE HELD AT ECU

An Addiction and Recovery Conference, presented by ECU's Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction & Recovery, focused on current issues, trends and strategies in the

field of substance abuse and offered information on addiction recovery, treatment and prevention.

Reggie Whitten, pictured above, founder of the Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction & Recovery at ECU, discussed common conceptions and misconceptions of substance abuse and addiction before the first session, "Current Drug Trends."

**Black Violin**  
In Concert  
A hip-hop, classical fusion violin duo

March 16 • 8 p.m.  
Ataloa Theatre  
Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

Tickets - \$18

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2/25/2012 -3/16/2012**

Art Show - John Cox, Pogue Art Gallery, HBFFAC

**2/25/2012**

Women's Basketball vs. Southeastern  
5:30 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Men's Basketball vs. Southeastern  
7:30 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Understanding Israel Seminar  
8:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Dorothy Summers Theatre

**2/28/2012 & 2/29/2012**

ECU District Choral Contest, All Day, HBFFAC

**2/28/2012**

Franc D'Ambrosio  
7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC

Softball vs USAO, double-header  
2:00 p.m., Softball Field

**2/29/2012**

Veterans Town Hall Meeting  
4:00 p.m., Estep, UC

**3/1/2012**

University Choral CMS Concert  
7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC

**3/2/2012 & 3/3/2012**

College Music Society Regional Conference  
All Day, HBFFAC

**3/3/2012**

Softball vs SOSU double-header  
1:00 p.m., Softball Field

**3/4/2012**

Softball vs SOSU double-header  
1:00 p.m., Softball Field

**3/5/2012 & 3/6/2012**

Women's Golf, Oak Hills Country Club, Ada

**3/6/2012**

Softball vs Truman State double-header  
12:00 p.m., Softball Field

**3/8/2012 - 3/10/2012**

OK Junior Academy of Science &  
OK State Science and Engineering Fair

**3/8/2012**

University Chorale Concert  
11:45 a.m., First Baptist Church

Midwinter Band Concert  
7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre, HBFFAC