



# Campus Update

## February 2013

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*

### ECU'S NEWEST FACILITY TO BE NAMED



ECU is pleased to announce that its newest facility on campus will be named the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. Chickasaw Nation Gov. Anoatubby said that having the Chickasaw name on the business center is a tribute to centuries of Chickasaw history.



### WORLD WAR II NAVAJO CODE TALKER SPEAKING AT ECU

A significant glimpse into World War II and Native American history can be experienced as Navajo Code Talker Bill Toledo will be in attendance to share his story during the Fifth Annual Louise Young Diversity Lecture on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Ataloa Theatre of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.



### AT&T AWARDS \$10,000 GRANT TO ECU

The Vision Bank Presidential Leadership Program at ECU was awarded a \$10,000 grant from AT&T.

The \$10,000 grant will provide more opportunities for student leaders to engage and enhance leadership skills and opportunities and will specifically facilitate the planning and hosting of the inaugural Oklahoma Presidential Leadership Collegiate Conference.

### ECU REPRESENTS WELL AT HIGHER ED DAY



ECU students and administration pose with Chancellor Glen Johnson during the 2013 Higher Education Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol this month.

### ECU TO INSTALL NEW TURF

ECU's Norris Field is receiving a makeover in its truest sense. For the first time in the 80-year-plus history of the venerable football stadium, it will receive an artificial playing surface in time for the 2013 season. The sod from the former field will be on campus for years to come, as it was used in various places around ECU.



A majority of the \$880,300 project came from private donations from the Chickasaw Nation, Victor Pryor, Randall and Shirley Pogue, Wink and Rachel Kopczynski and Craig Scheef.

### RIVAL WITH SOUTHEASTERN TIED

In college athletics every school has a rival and for ECU it's Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ. This series that dates back to 1909 stands at **44 wins each** and 6 ties. The men's basketball teams joined in the fight back in 1927-28 and after the 164 meetings the teams have **82 wins each**. The Tigers and the Savage Storm have taken that fight to new heights.



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**ECU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTS THREE**



The ECU Hall of Fame inducted three new members on Feb. 2. Christy Burdon (Jones), first women's soccer player; Gerome Castleberry, football player; and Jason Wilkerson, basketball alum, are added as the Class of 2013.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE**



In honor of the holiday, a city-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service was held

on Monday, Jan. 21. Members of King's family had urged that his service to our country be honored by considering it 'A Day On, Not a Day Off.' Pictured with City of Ada Mayor Greg McCortney are members of ECU's Pi Sigma Alpha, Ada's Multiculturalism Committee and Ada Sunrise Rotary Club.



**DISTINGUISHED ALUM DR. DONNIE L. NERO SR.**

Dr. Donnie L. Nero, Sr., a Distinguished ECU Alum, spoke on Feb. 18 as ECU celebrates Black History Month. His speech, entitled "Walk a Mile 'N' My Shoes" was well attended.

Several other events have been scheduled this month.

**LOCAL EIGHTH GRADERS VISIT ECU**



ECU President addresses Pontotoc County eighth graders during Career Discovery Day at ECU – My Future, My Career, My Responsibility. This program introduced hundreds of students to jobs in the area and to the skills required for a career.



**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GET CONNECTED** High school juniors and seniors had the opportunity to learn what it's like to be a college student at ECU during the Spring 2013 Tiger Connection Day.

**CHANGE A STUDENT'S LIFE** The ECU Foundation, Inc. announced a plan to raise money for the Books R Us Scholarship which provides much needed book scholarships to the students of ECU. "Change an ECU Student's Life" campaign has placed a "change jar" in each building and encourages all to donate spare change.



**KROEKER WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Congratulations to Porsha Courtney from Blanchard and Brandy Baldwin from Wynnewood winners of the Dr. Marvin Kroeker Best Historical Paper Award.



**STAFFORD'S SELECT RECIPIENT**

Congratulations to Chase McMichael, recipient of the Donald G. Stafford Centennial Scholarship.



**ECU ENTERS PARTNERSHIP WITH CHINESE INSTITUTION**

ECU and Hunan University in China are continuing a partnership.



The agreement encourages global learning and understanding. The signed agreement of cooperation enables ECU students to learn at Hunan University and vice versa.

Fourteen students from Hunan University are attending ECU this semester as part of a partnership and agreement of cooperation between the two institutions of higher learning.





**THOUSANDS OF STUDENT VISIT CAMPUS**



Interscholastic Meet, District Choral Contest and Regional OJAS have all taken place over

the past few weeks introducing thousands of junior high and high school students to campus.

**ECU STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN VOLUNTEER TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



ECU's School of Business is participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program this year.

VITA is a national program, supported by the Internal Revenue Service, which is designed to provide free tax assistance to individuals with basic tax returns, particularly those with low and fixed incomes.



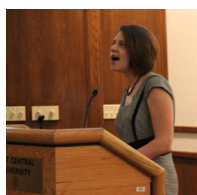
**BAIRD NAMED ECU ENTREPRENEUR OF YEAR**

Jeff Baird, who has crafted inventions for the energy, oil and gas and plumbing industries, was honored as ECU's 2013

Entrepreneur of the Year and delivered the 2013 Leonard Limes Endowed Lecture.

Among Baird's inventions is the no-clog, self-cleaning drain p-trap, called PermaFlow, in the plumbing industry and electromagnetic generator for the energy industry.

**HEDGEHOG & FOX FACULTY LECTURE**



Taryn Chubb, assistant professor of art, gave the 17th Annual Annual Hedgehog & Fox Faculty Lecture this month.

Her lecture "Power Play: The Book of Games of Alfonso X" also known as the *Book of Chess, Checkers and Dice*.

**DR. RANIYAH RAMADAN SYMPOSIUM HELD**

Four researchers presented to a full house at the first Dr. Raniyah Ramadan Symposium on Jan. 31.



Among the topics presented were: *Central Mechanisms Regulating Visceral Pain, Molecular Pathogenesis of Severe Bacterial Endophthalmitis, Exploring the Role of Caveolin-1 in Retinal Physiology and Pathophysiology and Cerium Oxide Nanoparticles Inhibit Retinoblastoma.*

**STUDENTS VISIT WITH LEADERS OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES**

Legal Study and President's Leadership Students had



the opportunity to visit with Continental Resources leaders Harold G. Hamm and Mike Cantrell ('72 ECU Alum).

Hamm has served as chief executive officer and a director since the company's inception in 1967, and currently serves as chairman of the board of directors. Cantrell is vice president of government and regulatory affairs.

Continental Resources is a Top 10 petroleum liquids producer in the United States and the largest leaseholder in the nation's premier oil industry.

**ECU STUDENT TEACHERS PREPARE**

Student teachers hit the schools. More than 50 ECU students are in local elementary, junior and high schools which will help them prepare for their future roles at educators -- Best of Luck!



**WELLINGTON NAMED ECU ALUMNI DIRECTOR**



East Central University stayed within the family to hire its new alumni director. Katie Wellington, who had served as a counselor in ECU's Educational Talent Search Program, recently assumed the new duties as alumni director at ECU.

**MUSICAL ONCE UPON A MATTRESS ENDS THE PERFORMANCE WITH A SURPRISE**



The Princess, ECU Senior Lacey Elliott, from ECU's production of the *Once Upon a Mattress* was

pleasantly surprised at the end of her performance Friday night as her now fiance', Coby Beatley, brought her flowers and an engagement ring and popped the big question.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 26

Softball vs OBU, 1 p.m. double header, ECU Softball Field

Harlem Ambassadors, 7 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

February 27

Lockmiller Lecture in Art History, 4 p.m., Estep, UC

February 28

Louise Young Diversity Lecture, 7 p.m., Ataloe Theatre

March 1

Baseball vs Arkansas Tech, 2 p.m., ECU Baseball Field

March 2

Baseball vs Arkansas Tech, 1 p.m., double header  
ECU Baseball Field

March 3

Stuart Deaver Piano Concert, 3 p.m., Ataloe Theatre

March 5

Aaron Steinman Senior Recital, 7:30 p.m.  
Ada Arts & Heritage Center

March 7

Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair

ECU Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band  
Midwinter Concert, 7:30 p.m., Ataloe Theatre

March 8

Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair  
Softball vs Arkansas-Monticello, 1 p.m. double header  
ECU Softball Field

March 9

Softball vs Arkansas-Monticello, 11 a.m. double header  
ECU Softball Field

March 11

ECU Faculty Recital, 7:30 p.m., Ataloe Theatre

March 13

Jeri Sager in "Broadway by Jeri", 7:30 p.m.  
Ataloe Theatre, HBFFAC

Kirill Gliadkovsky Concert Pianist, 7:30 p.m.  
Ada Arts & Heritage

March 14

Only Mozart, 7:30 p.m. Ada Arts & Heritage

Residence Life Presents "Spring Luau"  
7:30 p.m., ECU Volley Ball Court

**Tickets available now!**