

East Central UNIVERSITY

Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, and Dream for the Future

East Central University was one of three normal schools established in eastern Oklahoma in 1909. Three similar institutions had been established earlier in the western half of the new state; each provided preparatory education including two years of college leading to teacher certification.

In 1919 the six normal schools became teachers' colleges and began to confer bachelors degrees. In 1939 they added degree programs in Arts and Sciences and were designated as state colleges. In 1954 the six colleges were authorized to offer their first graduate work in a fifth-year program for teachers. Other master's degrees have since been added.

(The information provided above was written by Alvin O. Turner, ECU Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Emeritus.)

The College of Education and Psychology has matured from a fledgling two-year teacher preparation college to the current configuration that encompasses the departments of Education, Psychology, and Kinesiology. The College provides degrees in eight undergraduate, fourteen graduate and three certificate programs.

From a small campus in 1909 of a few education students to the current university configuration including a College of Education and Psychology which enrolls over 800 undergraduates and nearly 500 graduate students as majors (not including secondary content teacher education majors), we've come a long way. The future looks bright and it is a wonderful time to look back and honor the past, recognize and celebrate the present, and dream for the future.



East Central University is a special place for alumni, faculty and staff. I have been blessed to both attend and now work at ECU. One of the greatest strengths of this university is its people. I have included on this page one of my favorite quotes from Walt Disney regarding the value of "people" and I hope it is as meaningful to you as it is to me.

"Once a Tiger, always a Tiger."

Dr. Bill Osborne
Dean, College of Education and Psychology

The Second Century

Your experiences at East Central University helped prepare you for the life and profession you now enjoy. As ECU begins its' second century of operation I ask that you consider the positive impact that your education has afforded you and ask you to think of how a little extra financial support during your educational experience would have helped you during those tough times. You are familiar with the base of students that ECU serves. Many of our students are first generation university students; many are from families who are able to provide minimal financial support.

ECU students enjoy the benefits of a small university that focuses on student success. Small classes with faculty who care are the norm, not the exception. A majority of our students receive financial aid and as you well know, those dollars simply do not go far enough. As we move toward our Centennial celebration and prepare to move into our second century of service we must find ways to enhance the support we provide to our students, stakeholders and faculty. Our university no longer receives a majority of funding from the state. More funding has to be made available though tuition,

fees, donations, grants and other sources of revenue. In order to be successful in the next century we must find additional resources to support the mission of ECU and specifically the College of Education and Psychology. To help plan for the future the College has established an Advisory Council consisting of alumni who provide assistance to the College and the Departments of Education, Kinesiology, and Psychology as they work to prepare students to be successful in a world that changes rapidly. In order to be successful in the next century we seek your assistance.

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**"You can dream, create,
design and build the
most wonderful place in
the world but it takes
people to make a dream
a reality."**
Walt Disney





ECU College of Education and Psychology Leadership 2007-08

East Central University Mission Statement

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.

Mission of the College of Education and Psychology

The Mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide quality programs that prepare students to enter careers in the fields of Education, Psychology, and Kinesiology.

Undergraduate Programs

Education

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Special Education

Kinesiology

- Athletic Training
- Exercise Science
- Recreation
- Physical Education– Teacher Cert

Psychology

- Psychology

Graduate Programs

M.Ed. Programs

- Elementary Education
- Elementary Principal
- Elementary Counselor
- Library Media (K-12)
- Reading (K-12)
- Secondary Education
- Secondary Ed– Ed Tech
- Secondary Ed– Sports Admin
- Secondary Principal
- Secondary Counselor
- Special Education (K-12)

MSPS Programs

- Community Track
- Education Track

Certification Only

- School Psychometrist
- School Psychologist
- School Superintendent

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Dr. Richard Rafes
 President, ECU

How Can I Help?

The first century at ECU has brought many changes to our university and to the newly formed College of Education and Psychology. From its' inception as a Normal School established to prepare teachers, to our current structure as a university with three academic colleges, a graduate and an honors college, and, an academic Business school, ECU has stood the test of time. As we move into our second century, the College of Education and Psychology, consisting of the Education Department, the Psychology Department, and the Kinesiology Department, desires to be more proactive in responding to needs. We can no longer count on the funds we need through existing state revenue. We realize that we must increase our external bases of financial support to help us carry out our mission and provide the support we need to remain strong.

I am asking for your financial support to help us improve our services and support to our students. To this end we are establishing a College of Education and Psychology Legacy Fund. Gifts to this fund will provide annual support for educational priorities.

- Your gift of \$50 can help provide support for the department you designate to carry out its mission.
- Your gift of \$100 can help cover the cost of professional development for our students and faculty.
- Your gift of \$500 can help cover the cost of books for a student for a semester.
- Your gift of \$1,000 can provide travel support for students and faculty to support research.

- Your gift of \$10,000 or more can help fund a scholarship with your name recognition noted.

Your gift can be a one-time gift, a quarterly gift, or a monthly gift. Your funds can be designated for a specific department or for the college.

Your gift can be to memorialize a family member, a friend, or a colleague who has made a difference in your life.

Your gift can and will make a difference in the life of an ECU student or faculty member.

Your gift will be tax-deductible as a contribution to the East Central University Foundation.

College of Education and Psychology Advisory Council Members: Dr. Pam Deering, Mr. Kevin Flowers, Ms Billie Floyd, Dr. Marty Lewis, and Dr. Clarence Oliver.



Three Alumni to be Inducted into the ECU Educators Hall of Fame



Thanks to a generous donation in 2006 by Ms Janice Diamond and Mr. Paul Keefer, an ECU Educators Hall of Fame was established in the Education Building at East Central University. The hall was established to honor the donors' parents, Gene and Evelyn Keefer, who recognized the importance of an education and who thus made it a priority to see that their children be afforded an opportunity to attend college. The purpose of the ECU Educators Hall of Fame is to recognize ECU prepared educators at any level who have made a significant contribution to the field of education as a support staff member, teacher educator, or administrator. Those elected must have completed a program of preparation at the initial or advanced level or have taken significant course-work toward completion of an education program degree or certification program at East Central University.

Last year Dr. Clarence Oliver of Broken Arrow, Dr. Bill Cole of Ada, and Mr. Marvin Stokes of Byng, were inducted as the first members of the ECU Educators Hall of Fame. As ECU enters its centennial year, it is only fitting that the College of Education and Psychology return to its roots as a Normal School and Teachers College and recognize this year, three outstanding ECU educators who have been honored by being named Oklahoma's Teacher of the Year.

On Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 2:30pm, Ms Pat Roller, Oklahoma Teacher of the Year for 1978, Mr. George Abshire, Oklahoma Teacher of the Year for 1997, and Ms Stephanie Canada, Oklahoma Teacher of the Year for 2008, will be inducted as members of the ECU Keefer Educators Hall of Fame. These three respected individuals are wonderful representatives of the many outstanding educators that have graduated or participated in initial or advanced teacher education programs at East Central University. The induction ceremony will be held in the Danley Hall Atrium and is open to the public.

If you would like to continue to receive this publication please notify one of the leaders of the College of Education and Psychology. (See previous page for contact information)

Future editions of the College Newsletter will contain highlights and updates from each department in the college.

A Centennial Legacy Campaign

The purpose of this inaugural fundraising campaign by the College of Education and Psychology is to begin to build a supplemental foundation of funds in support of the College's mission. A Centennial Legacy donation program will provide a venue for increasing financial support to ECU College of Education and Psychology programs and students. The campaign seeks to secure funds through several avenues including a solicitation campaign, a Dean's Circle of Friendship and quest to secure funds for Endowed Chairs for each of the departments which comprise the college. This campaign will also serve as a mechanism to celebrate the centennial of ECU and will serve as a large step forward to improve communications with alumni.

Current plans in this effort include the future development of a Centennial Legacy Walkway, possibly tied to Horace Mann Lab School

Memorial.

ECU College of Education and Psychology graduates often receive little recognition, yet, their work profoundly affects thousands of other individuals on a regular basis. A proposed walkway and Horace Mann Lab School memorial will provide an avenue for graduates, parents, or friends to become a part of the future history of ECU. The project will provide a way to celebrate or honor a family member or loved one through an artifact designed to last into the next century.

Our alumni know that many of our students continue to be first generation college students from low-income families. It is not uncommon for our students to have desperate needs and not have any place to turn for a small amount of emergency financial support. Often just a few dollars of assistance can make or break a college ca-

reer. Think back, how many students did you know when you attended ECU who had a flat tire and didn't have the funds to fix it or buy a replacement? How many students did you know that needed a book and couldn't afford it? How many had a special need that a few dollars would have help meet? Our students need support systems to enhance their chances for success in the university setting.

To assist the College in achieving its mission, a Dean's Circle of Friendship will be established. The Dean's circle should provide a base of unrestricted funds to support the needs of the educational unit. The Dean's Circle of Friendship will provide a funding stream to provide support toward the mission of the college.

The Centennial Legacy Campaign includes requests for financial support from donors to establish a base of restricted and unrestricted funds to support needs of the College of Education and Psychology. Funds received through this annual campaign will be used for scholarships, student and faculty needs and other needs that enhance and support the mission of the college.

The Campaign will also seek funds to secure Endowed Chairs for the College Departments. Through this effort, it is hoped that a funding stream to support teaching excellence in the specific disciplines that comprise the College can be established. At this time, the College of Education has no Endowed Chairs. As funds are donated, for this leg of the campaign, the college will be able to use the additional financial resources to secure matching funds from state sources and be in a position to recruit and reward outstanding faculty in the disciplines represented in the departments comprising the college.



DONATION FORM
College of Education and Psychology

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STREET ADDRESS: _____

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AMOUNT OF DONATION (Please check)	DESIGNATE FOR (Please check)
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\$ 100 _____	Psychology Dept. _____
\$ 50 _____	Legacy Walkway _____
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Other (please explain) _____



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION. YOUR CHECK WILL SERVE AS A RECEIPT OF YOUR TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATION TO THE ECU FOUNDATION, INC.

The ECU Foundation will also send written confirmation of your generous donation.

The fall 2008 edition of the College of Education and Psychology Newsletter will contain sections for each department comprising the college. The Newsletter will be place on-line and may be accessed from the ECU website www.ecok.edu by following the links "Faculty Staff-Academics-College of Education and Psychology". If you would like to be placed on an email list to receive a pdf version of this document please contact any member of the leadership team.

Please return this form with your comments, requests for information or donations to:

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