



East Central University Campus Updates



Tom Darter

Honors & Recognition



Paula Kedy



Randy Nail



Steve Williamson



W.B. Buster and Leona Bea Barrick Family



Dr. Rahmona Thompson



Vicky Petete

ECU's Evening of Honors and Recognition will celebrate Distinguished Alumni Tom Darter (1973), Paula Kedy (1976), Randy Nail (1984), and Steve Williamson (1982). The W.B. Buster and Leona Bea Barrick Family will be recognized as the 2023 Distinguished Family. Distinguished Former Faculty Dr. Rahmona Thompson will be honored as well as Vicky Petete as Distinguished Service Award recipient. The event will be Friday, May 5, with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 6 p.m. For more details on sponsorships or tickets, please visit ecok.edu/2023EOH.

Honorary Degree

The Oka' Institute Executive Director Duane Smith received an honorary degree from Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology Charter in Bondo, Kenya. Smith traveled to the JOUST graduation ceremony March 3 for the honorary doctorate of science.



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby presented the 2023 Boswell Lecture on March 31. Gov. Anoatubby, an ECU alumni, discussed his journey from Tishomingo High School, to ECU, then to serving in government for the Chickasaw Nation. He is the longest serving governor in Chickasaw Nation history, from 1987 to present.



Founders Day

The celebration marked ECU's 114th birthday on March 24. Employees gathered for fun and games while First United Bank of Ada provided hotdogs to celebrate. Students gathered for a Jungle Boogie dance in the Pesagi Residence Hall Lobby.

Around Campus

Enrollment begins at ECU

New ECU students have already begun signing up for group enrollment events to plan their fall classes. The events – dubbed “Tiger Enrollment Days” – give new students a chance to get to know ECU before arriving on campus in August.

Those dates are as follows:

- Saturday, April 15
- Friday, April 28
- Friday, May 19
- Thursday, June 1
- Thursday, June 8
- Thursday, June 22
- Thursday, July 27

New Tigers can sign up for group enrollment at www.ecok.edu/asc or contact the Academic Success Center at 580-559-5696 with any questions.



ECU Recruitment hosted hundreds of future Tigers on campus in March through group and individual tours. Visit ecok.edu/take-a-tour to schedule a visit to campus for your future Tiger!



Alpha Chi Induction

Nineteen ECU students were inducted into the Oklahoma Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society at ECU on March 9. Alpha Chi is comprised of the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors at ECU across all academic disciplines.



High School Junior Day

Junior Day at ECU was an event for high school juniors. Future Tigers had an opportunity to interact with ECU faculty, staff and current students.



Military Dining Out

The GOLD Program at ECU hosted a Military Dining Out event in the Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom on March 24. The formal event honored those who have made outstanding contributions to the service.



'Almost, Maine'

ECU Theatre students brought to life "Almost, Maine." The play is about a remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine, where all is not quite what it seems. Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways.



Around Campus

Upcoming Events

April 4



Perussion Ensemble
in concert

Ataloa Theatre
APRIL 4
7:30PM



"Covid and Relationships"

A reading of "Covid and Relationships" capped off ECU Theatre student Jessica Zwermann's senior project. The play was originally submitted as a thesis for the Honors Program. ECU Theatre students read the play which explores relationships during the time of Covid.

April 6-8



Scissortail Creative Writing Festival 18th Annual

On campus at East Central University - Ada, Oklahoma
This event is free and open to the public.

Featured Authors
APRIL 6th - 8th 2023

Also presenting 90 plus authors from Oklahoma and beyond, and The David Fisher High School Creative Writing Contest

Major Jackson, Octavio Quintanilla, Allison Amend

www.ecusscisortail.blogspot.com
www.ecok.edu/scisortail - 588-559-5557



ASA Hosts Festival

The Holi Festival was hosted by the ECU International Student Connection Club and the Asian Student Association. The Festival of Colors included a color war, dancing and snacks.

April 20-22



Kickin' Up Country

A Musical Tribute to HEE HAW

Featuring ECU Showtime
Directed by Vickie Reifender
Musical Direction of Rudy Lapsinski

Live band featuring: Susanne Woolley-fiddle, Rozzie Purdy-bass, Lewis Miles-guitar, Ronnie Pearce-guitar, Jacob Williams-drums

General Admission - \$10 April 20, 21, 22
ECU Faculty & Staff - Free 7:30pm
ECU Students - Free Ataloa Theatre

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets, or visit our Box Office page at



ECU Health Fair

Kinesiology students and faculty held the ECU Health Fair in March. Activities included information, fitness testing and door prizes.



Greek Week

ECU's Greek organizations – Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Gamma Rho, Phi Kappa Tau, and Pi Kappa Alpha – took part in many activities for Greek Week including kickball, chariot racing, lip sync battles and more!

Tiger Athletics

News from Track and Field



ECU's Michael Iyali was named the Great American Conference Men's Track & Field Athlete of the Week for track on March 15. Iyali led the Tigers in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the Hendrix College Alumni Invite, claiming first place with a time of 9:37.86. His time ranks as the seventh fastest in the country.



ECU Senior Jaelyn Robertson competed in the triple jump at the Oklahoma Baptist University Invitational in Shawnee. She placed 10th with 9.71m. For full results on the OBU Invitational, visit ecutigers.com.



ECU Tiger baseball and softball are in full swing this spring season. For full schedules, visit ecutigers.com.



Intramural sports basketball concluded while the football teams kicked off.

