

December 2023



ECU CAMPUS UPDATES



The Chickasaw Nation and Governor Bill Anoatubby have announced a lead gift of \$5 million that will go towards the construction of a new building that will house ECU's Nursing and STEM programs, and allow ECU to expand the School of Nursing even further. Read more about this gift at ecok.edu/news.



Paula Kedy

More than 300 East Central University students are preparing for graduation with ECU's 2023 Distinguished Alumna, Paula Kedy, serving as the keynote speaker. Commencement will take place Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Kerr Activities Center.



AROUND CAMPUS

Upcoming Events

December 2

- Women's Basketball vs. Southern Nazarene, 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Southern Nazarene, 3 p.m.

December 7

- Ada Public Schools Exhibit Begins & Reception, 5 p.m.

December 8

- Fall Semester (FA23) Ends, 5 p.m.

December 9

- Honors Grad Ceremony, 8 a.m.
- Commencement Ceremony, 10 a.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma 5:30 p.m.

December 18

- Winter Break - Campus Closed
- Winter Intersession Begins
- Men's Basketball vs John Brown, 3 p.m.



The musical will be performed on Feb. 6 in Ataloo Theatre at East Central University. Two shows will take place - 10 a.m. for elementary students and 5:30 p.m. for the general public.

ECU and local institutions join forces to aid Michelin employees

Institutions of higher education and CareerTech in Southern Oklahoma are partnering to provide career pathways for Michelin employees. For more information, visit ecok.edu/news.



Rick McMurtrey named ECU Entrepreneur of the Year



Rick McMurtrey was recently named East Central University's 2023 Entrepreneur of the Year and presented the annual Limes Lecture to college and visiting high school students. For more information, visit ecok.edu/news.

Connor saves father's life

Reece Conner (pictured right), a junior Kinesiology major at ECU, saved his father's life earlier this year, due in large part to what he learned in a class from ECU instructor Matt McGaha (pictured left). For the full story, visit ecok.edu/news.



AROUND CAMPUS



Oka' Con 2023 brings distinguished guests to campus

The Oka' Institute at ECU hosted the annual Oka' Con in November, which was attended by several distinguished alumni, professionals and keynote speakers.

THE ECU FOUNDATION & DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP
SUMMER & FALL APPLICATION
OPEN - DECEMBER 1ST
CLOSED - FEBRUARY 1ST



SUMMER & FALL SCHOLARSHIPS
APPLY TODAY!

WWW.ECOK.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS
REMINDER FAFSA will open by December 31st and must be completed before any scholarships will be awarded.

To see all scholarship opportunities and apply, visit ecok.edu/scholarships.



ECU Seeks 2024 Distinguished Award Nominees

- Distinguished Alums • Distinguished Family
- Distinguished Former Faculty • Distinguished Service

Deadline is January 15, 2024

To submit a nomination for the 2024 ECU Distinguished Award, visit ecok.edu/2024Nominations

Winter Break

Campus closed December 18 - January 1

Spring Classes

begin Jan. 16, 2024





John Litrenta

John Litrenta named head football coach

East Central University President Wendell Godwin and Athletic Director Matt Cole announced today the removal of the interim tag from John Litrenta, naming him the 20th head coach in the history of the ECU football program. Read more at ecutigers.com.

ECU Cross Country team places 3rd in NCAA Championships

The No. 5 East Central University men's cross country team made history at the 2023 NCAA Division II Championships, placing third for the highest finish in program history.



Tiger Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 2 vs. Southern Nazarene
 - Dec. 9 vs. Southwestern
 - Dec. 16 at Oklahoma Baptist
 - Dec. 18 vs. John Brown (men only)
 - Jan. 4 at Arkansas Tech
 - Jan. 6 at Harding
 - Jan. 11 vs. Arkansas-Monticello
 - Jan. 13 vs. Southern Arkansas
 - Jan. 18 at Ouachita Baptist
 - Jan. 20 at Henderson State
 - Jan. 25 vs. Southeastern
 - Jan. 27 at Northwestern
 - Feb. 1 vs. Harding
 - Feb. 3 vs. Arkansas Tech
 - Feb. 18 at Southern Arkansas
 - Feb. 10 at Arkansas-Monticello
 - Feb. 15 at Southeastern
 - Feb. 17 at Southern Nazarene
 - Feb. 22 vs. Henderson State
 - Feb. 24 vs. Ouachita Baptist
 - Feb. 29 at Southwestern
 - March 2 vs. Oklahoma Baptist
- *Home games in orange

For full athletic schedules and game times, visit ecutigers.com

Devin Roush named Harlon Hill Trophy nominee

East Central University football standout Devon Roush has been selected as a nominee for the prestigious 2023 Harlon Hill Trophy, recognizing the top player in Division II football. Read more at ecutigers.com.

