



ECU Alums, Governor George Nigh and Calvin Prince have been chosen as keynote speakers for the Spring 2024 Commencement. Governor Nigh will deliver the commencement address at 10 a.m., while Calvin Prince will take the stage at 2 p.m. Their speeches will collectively inspire 438 ECU graduates as they embark on their new journeys.

April RUSO Meeting



ECU hosted presidents and regents from the Regional University Systems of Oklahoma last month.

George Nigh finalists announced



Five graduating seniors at East Central University have been selected as finalists for the George Nigh Award. They are Delanie Seals, Jayci Powell, Liberty Murray,

Logan Thompson and Megan Lewis. For full bios on the George Night finalists, visit ecok.edu/news.













City of Ada designates \$1.25M for School of Nursing Expansion



The Prop 2 economic development funds will go towards the support of the new ECU Nursing/STEM building on the ECU campus. For more information, visit ecok.edu/news.

Valley View Foundation awards \$2M grant to ECU School of Nursing



The grant will go towards the construction of the new Nursing/STEM building on the ECU campus. The new facility will house a simulation center and more than 25 handson learning labs and STEM classrooms equipped with the latest technology, among many more features For more information, visit ecok.edu/news.



ASAP Scholarship continues into 2024-25 school year



ECU and the City of Ada collaborate to continue the popular Ada Student Attraction Program (ASAP) Scholarship for new and returning ECU students.

This partnership originally launched in 2023. In response to the success of the program, the 2024 allotment has increased to \$150,000.

First time ECU students can receive up to \$3,500 towards room and tuitions. Applications are being accepted now at apply.ecok.edu/register/ASAP







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Roary's Athletic Awards Banquet





For more photos from Roary's Athletic Awards Banquet, visit ecok.edu/photo-galleries.



Softball earns series victory on Senior Day

The Tiger softball team ended their season positively by winning the series 2-1 and bidding farewell to their seven seniors in style on Tiger Field.



ECU Tiger Esports

Tiger Esports attended their first OAEA recruiting event in Norman. Students Zach Cole and Cole Geiser represented the ECU Esports team at the event.







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The Annual Duane C. Anderson Hedgehog + Fox lecture

The annual lecture returned to campus with Dr. Christine Pappas and Dr. Jacintha Webster presenting "Modern Sequoyah, based on the Sequoyah Movement of 1905, when tribes came together to petition the US government to become and all-tribal state that would have been known as the State of Sequoyah.



19th Annual Scissortail Creative Writing Festival

The annual festival saw more than 70 published authors converge on campus from across the nation. The festival included readings from local poets and authors, professors, teachers and one ECU student. Along with published authors and poets from New York, California and a number of other states.

Restoring the Blue River through Collaborative Conservation



The Oka' Institute at ECU, Chickasaw Nation, and the American Bird Conservancy have been awarded \$4.1 million to restore the habitat of the Blue River Watershed. The

project partners aim to implement extensive, community-based conservation initiatives to promote climate sustainability, enhance water quality and quantity, mitigate wildfire hazards, combat habitat fragmentation, and enhance cultural awareness and wildlife habitat across 15,000 acres.







Citizens Bank of Ada Scholarship established as permanent endowment

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Vision Bank Scholarship established as permanent

The Vision Bank Scholarship was established at the East Central University Foundation in 2014 as a pass-thru fund for Business Administration students and has now been established as a permanent endowment.

The Candy Lynn Hudson Education Scholarship announced



The family of Candy Lynn Hudson has established a scholarship endowment at East Central University in her memory. The scholarship will be awarded to an incoming first year student who is majoring in Education. It is intended for students from southeastern

Oklahoma, with first preference given to Coal County graduates.



