



ECU CAMPUS UPDATES



OKA' CON 2024



The Oka' Institute at East Central University recently held their annual three-day conference, Oka' Con. Hundreds of water professionals, policymakers, scientists, and community leaders came together to discuss solutions and collaborative efforts to protect and manage water resources for future generations.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation spoke, alongside an array of other professionals, to underscore the vital role that water plays in sustaining the environment and local economies.

The Oka' Institute also announced the renaming of the annual conference going forward to the John and Kay Hargrave Water Sustainability Conference.



ECU's inaugural Doctoral Program to address Rural Education needs



ECU has announced its first doctoral program, pending Higher Learning Commission accreditation approval.

The Doctor of Education in Rural Education at ECU is designed to focus on the needs unique to rural school leaders and working adults.

For more information, visit ecok.edu/news.



ECU Athletics is proud to announce Citizens Bank as the Official Ticketing Sponsor!

Citizens Bank's logos debuted on the 25-yard lines at Koi Ishto Stadium Sept. 21!



AROUND CAMPUS



Upcoming Events

Oct. 1

- Artists' Talk and Reception, 4 p.m.
- Paws and Relax!, 5:15 p.m.
- Party on the Lawn, 6 p.m.

Oct. 2

- Game Night at Foundation Hall, 6 p.m.

Oct. 3

- Intramural Softball, 5:30 p.m.
- Amy's Story, 6 p.m.
- Movie Night, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 4

- Homecoming Golf Tournament, 8 a.m.
- Sand Volleyball & Pickleball, 6 p.m.
- ECU Alumni Gala Dinner and Dance, 7 p.m.

Oct. 5

- Homecoming 5K, 7:30 a.m.
- 3rd Annual Homecoming Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- Golden Tigers Brunch, 10 a.m.
- Homecoming Parade, 12:30 p.m.
- Homecoming Tailgate, 1:30 p.m.
- ECU-BAA After-game Mixer and Special Tribute, 7 p.m.

Oct. 7

- Intramural Softball, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 8

- Stickball, 4 p.m.
- Intramural Softball, 5:30 p.m.



The Insanity of Mary Girard

The ECU production of *The Insanity of Mary Girard*, directed by Jamie Davis, was a sell-out success for three nights in the Chalmers-Herman Theatre on campus. Community members joined ECU students, staff and faculty to watch the all-student production that was met with resounding applause.

The 13th Annual Step Out of the Darkness event returned to Ada Main Street and the ECU Kerr Activities Center in Sept. Hundreds of students, community members and commuters came together for the event sponsored by the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition.



Step Out of the Darkness



Aero Day

Over 350 Oklahoma students attended Aero Day at ECU where they heard from legislators including Sen. John Haste, the Chair of the Senate Aeronautics and Transportation Committee and Rep. Ronny Johns, House Transportation Chair. Keynote speaker for the event was retired navy pilot, Captain John Keilty. The event was organized by Paula Kedy and ECU's Darcy Tessman and took place at multiple locations across Ada.

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For more photos, visit www.ecok.edu/photo-galleries



AROUND CAMPUS



Upcoming Events

Oct. 9

- ECU Majors Fair, 12:30 p.m.
- FA24 Term A Ends, 5 p.m.

Oct. 10-11

- Fall Break

Oct. 14

- 2nd 8-wk Classes Begin
- FA24 Term B Begins
- Intramural Volleyball Captain Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Faure 100 Year Anniversary Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 15

- Blood Cancer Swab Drive, 8 a.m.
- Go Global Fair, 9 a.m.
- ECU Benefit Fair, 9 a.m.
- FLY: FAFSA, 2 p.m.
- Intramural Volleyball, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 16

- Paws and Relax!, 2 p.m.
- Board Game Club, 6 p.m.

Oct. 17

- Everybody Say Love: An ECU PRIDE Charity Drag Show, 7 p.m.

Oct. 18

- Last Day to Drop 2nd 8-wk Classes w/ 100% Refund
- Last Day to Add 2nd 8-wk Classes
- Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center Presents Brian Duprey & Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.



**Honors
Convocation**

The ECU Honor Society has held a series of events, from Honors Convocation to the Honors Sorting Hat and more, throughout Aug. and Sept.



**Honors
Sorting Hat**



**Nursing White
Coat Ceremony**

Dozens of ECU Nursing students were recently honored at the Fall 2024 White Coat Ceremony in the Ataloo Theatre. Friends, family and ECU faculty and administration were in attendance.

Dr. Houston Mount of the ECU History Department delivered the Annual Rothbaum Lecture on Constitution Day, Sept. 17. His lecture, "Who Shall Rule? Foundations of the U.S. Constitution" was delivered in honor of Julian Rothbaum.



**Annual
Rothbaum Lecture**



New face for Originals

ECU's annual literary magazine continues its nearly eight decade run with a new faculty advisor. After almost three decades working on the journal, Dr. Mark Walling stepped down, appointing Dr. Joshua Grasso to the position.

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Bret D. Isenhower Scholarship

Lieutenant Charles J. Brooks recieved the annual Bret D. Isenhower Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to an ECU service member in honor of Sergeant Isenhower's memory.



Monarch Day

Dr. Jose Montalva, Rhonda Sellers of the Chickasaw Nation and two ECU students at the Monarch Day event held at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center.



Intramural Athletics

From coed softball to volleyball, basketball, capture the flag and more, dozens of staff/faculty and alumni have joined more than 100 students for this year's intramural activities.



Tigerpalooza

Tigerpalooza 2024 featured 13 high school bands from across Oklahoma competing at the Koi Ishto Stadium with a special performance by ECU's Pride of Tigerland band. There were more than three thousand spectators in attendance.



Student teachers for Fall 2024



Tiger Club

ECU Athletics has introduced a new way for ECU Tiger fans to support their favorite team with the ECU Tiger Club.

Tiger Club allows community members to receive a number of perks, based on their choice of tier packages. Depending on the chosen tier, benefits include Donor Recognition on Athletics website, Tiger Athletics decal, social event invitations, Tiger apparel, and much more! In addition to all other perks, Tiger Club members will have exclusive reserved seating at Tiger Athletics events as well as access to the TigerClub hospital area and two complimentary drinks. A cash bar will also be available to members.

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Farrell and Larry Large named the 2024 Milam Award honorees

The 2024 Milam Award winners have been announced ahead of the 2024 Alumni Gala Dinner and Dance, scheduled for Oct. 4. This year's recipients of the prestigious award are Farrell Large and Larry Large.

The Milam Award is traditionally presented by ECU to a former Tiger football player who not only excelled in the classroom and on the gridiron, but also distinguished themselves in their chosen career. The award is named in honor of Joe Milam, a former educator and coach for ECU.

The Milam Award will be presented at the Alumni Gala Dinner and Dance alongside the ECU Rising Tiger honorees and the ECU BAA Scholarships winners.



HOMECOMING

THROUGH THE DECADES

OCT. 4-5 2024

OCTOBER 4TH

GOLF TOURNAMENT - 8:00 AM OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Join us at Oak Hills Country Club this Homecoming! The tournament will tee-off at 8:00 AM on Friday, October 4th (registration to begin at 7:30 AM). Lunch will follow on the second floor around 1:00 PM. Grab some friends, or three, and join us!

ECU ALUMNI GALA DINNER & DANCE - 7:00 PM CHICKASAW BUSINESS & CONFERENCE CENTER

Enjoy dinner, drinks and dancing with old friends and new at the ECU Alumni Gala Dinner & Dance! We will recognize ECU Rising Award Honorees, Milam Honoree and ECU Black Alumni Association Scholarship winners. Then we will dance the night away. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 5TH

GOLDEN TIGERS BRUNCH - 10:00 AM CHICKASAW BUSINESS & CONFERENCE CENTER

A Golden Tiger is a person who graduated from ECU 50 or more years ago. This Homecoming, we invite all ECU alumni and friends to join us while we recognize the Class of 1974 at this annual brunch. All Golden Tigers will be presented a golden medallion and will receive free entry to the football game.

PARADE - 12:30 PM ADA MAIN STREET

Each year, ECU and the Ada community roar to life for the annual ECU Homecoming Parade. This year's parade will take place at 12:30 PM on Saturday, October 5th on Ada Main Street.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TAILGATE - 1:30 PM KOI ISHTO STADIUM

Following the conclusion of the ECU Homecoming Parade, join ECU alumni and friends at Koi Ishto stadium for tailgating before kickoff.

ECU-BAA AFTER-GAME MIXER AND SPECIAL TRIBUTE - 7:00 PM CHICKASAW BUSINESS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

After the game, please join us as we eat, drink, dance and mingle with fellow alums! We will start the night with a Special Tribute to the late Tommy J. Lewis, as we celebrate his contributions & dedications to ECU-BAA. We will then continue celebrating, mingling, dancing and play games! \$20/person (food & drink tickets are included).



OCTOBER 4 & 5



HOMECOMING

GOLF

Tournament



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OCT. 4TH, 2024
8:00 A.M.

OAK HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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www.ecok.edu/2024HC

or call

580-559-5651

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DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE
ALUMNI GALA
AWARD CEREMONY



CHICKASAW & BUSINESS CONFERENCE CENTER

OCTOBER 4TH | 7:00 PM DANCE
SINGLE - \$30 | COUPLE - \$50

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT ecok.edu/2024HC
WE WILL HAVE DINNER, DRINKS, RECOGNIZE THE ECU RISING AWARD HONOREES,
MILAM HONOREE AND ECU BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

**JOIN US AS WE RUN OR WALK
THROUGH THE DECADES
TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING 2024**



SATURDAY • OCTOBER 5TH
REGISTRATION BEGINS @7AM
INSIDE THE BILL S. COLE UNIVERSITY CENTER

THE FIRST 50 PARTICIPANTS WILL
RECEIVE A FREE HOMECOMING T-SHIRT

START TIME 7:30AM

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ATALOA THEATER
OCTOBER 18
7:30 p.m.

TICKETS
General admission: \$25
ECU Staff & Faculty: \$20
Student / Sr. Adult: \$15
ECU Students can get 1 free ticket the day of the
concert with their student ID at the HBFAC Boxoffice

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