



# ECU CAMPUS UPDATES



## Dan Hays Stem Center

ECU President Wendell Godwin officially announced that ECU's new STEM Center, which will house the ECU School of Nursing upon its completion, will be named in honor of Chickasaw Citizen, Dan Hays.

Hays, who possessed an allotment of 320 acres of premiere land across what is now Ada, Okla., donated the original 16-acre allotment to the East Central State Normal School, which remains the center of ECU's campus today.

The Dan Hays STEM Center will allow ECU to recruit a number of new staff and faculty as well as more than 200 new nursing students to the university and community. This facility will serve to reaffirm ECU's commitment to educating students and to transforming students' lives for generations to come.

## ECU implements I-DREAM Grant for First American students pursuing careers in Education



The ECU College of Education and Psychology announced the implementation of a new 3.1M grant intended to increase representation of First American and other minority students in Oklahoma's teacher pipeline.

For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).

## ECU recognized and ranked by Research.com

The ECU Nursing Program was ranked No. 3 in Oklahoma for affordability.

The ECU Master of Business Administration (MBA) was ranked No. 6 in Oklahoma for affordability.

The ECU Fine Arts Program, as well as the ECU MBA Program, were also both recognized as 2024 Most Affordable Programs nationally.



# AROUND CAMPUS



## Upcoming Events

### Dec. 3

- Paws for Thought, 3 p.m.
- Capstone Showcase for English & Languages, 3:30 p.m.

### Dec. 4

- Board Game Club, 6 p.m.
- ECU Bands Concert, 7:30 p.m.

### Dec. 5

- Honors Showcase, 3:30 p.m.
- School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 6 p.m.
- Business Leaders Association Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Honors Laude Dinner, 6 p.m.
- ECU Chamber Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.

### Dec. 11

- Honors Program Interviews, 5 p.m.

### Dec.13

- FA24 ends
- FA24 Term B ends

### Dec. 14

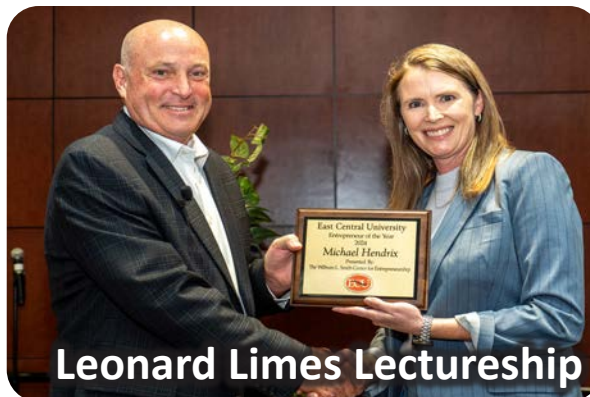
- Honors Graduation Ceremony, 8 a.m.
- Commencement Ceremony, 10 a.m.

### Dec. 16

- Winter Intersession Begins
- Ada Public Schools Student Exhibit

### Dec. 17-18

- Ada Public Schools Student Exhibit



**Leonard Limes Lectureship**

Michael Hendrix was named the 2024 Smith Center for Entrepreneurship Entrepreneur of the Year at ECU. Hendrix delivered the annual Leonard Limes Lecture.

For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



**Dog Days Book Talk**

Dr. Steven Pedersen, Assistant Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, held a Book Talk for the release and launch of his first book publication in the Linscheid Library.

For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



**Joseph Harris Honored**

The Oka Institute announced that Community Coordinator, Joseph Harris, has been awarded the prestigious Fire and Light Award by the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



**Walter Echo-Hawk Lecture**

Walter Echo-Hawk, a former attorney for NARF and the author of *In the Courts of the Conqueror*, who made a career litigating Indigenous rights on a wide array of topics, spoke to students and community members via Zoom.

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### Tiger Tank Competition

Annual Tiger Tank, Tiger Promote and Tiger Trak events took place inside the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center before the annual Limes Lectureship. Students from the ECU School of Business, as well as local high schools, were given the opportunity to compete for a number of prizes. For more information and the names of the winners, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



### National Recycling Week

The Oka' Institute invited local communities to participate in the growing initiative to recycle glass, thanks to a \$20,000 grant awarded by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). The project is managed by Mason Martinez, a Water Resource Policy and Management Master of Science student, with support from team members Suraj Khatri and Nischal Chaudhary. For more information, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



### ECU Showtime presents Tom 'N Huck

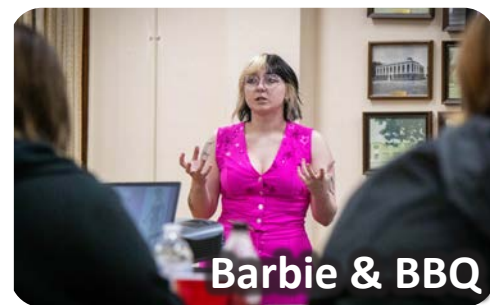


### ECU Band and Music events fill up November calendar

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**GOLD Program Veteran's Day Celebration**



**Barbie & BBQ**

ECU Screens, ECU Rotoract and ECU SGA hosted Barbie & BBQ in Nov. with a costume contest, BBQ fundraiser, viewing of Barbie on campus and film discussion hosted by Trinity Whitehead.



**Diwali Night**

ECU's Asian Student Association hosted their annual Diwali Night with cultural dance, music, catered Nepalese food and an open dance floor inside the Stanley Wagner Ball Room.



**Brad Henry Scholarship**

Carson Dill is the recipient of the 2025 Brad Henry International Scholar Program, which allows a student from ECU to travel abroad and spend a full semester studying in Wales.



**France Spotlight**

International students from ECU's sister-school in France currently enrolled at ECU presented information about their home university to a crowd of current students interested in experiencing Study Abroad.



**International Student Trip**

President Godwin and Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya recently attended an OKC Thunder game with ECU's visiting students from France, offering the students a first-time experience during their stay in Oklahoma.



**Networking Event**

The Stonecipher School of Business held their Scholarship Networking Event in Nov. Students who have received scholarships in the program were given the opportunity to network with local businesses and community leaders.



**Preview Day**

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment has continued their series of Preview Days on campus, allowing high school students the chance to visit the university and experience a full day at ECU with informational panels and campus tours.

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### Esports achieves milestone

The ECU Tiger Esports team secured a victory over the UAM Boll Weevils to secure a place in the first-ever Great American Conference for Esports.



### Volleyball reaches GAC Semi-Finals

The ECU Tiger Volleyball team defeated rival Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the Great American Conference in the quarter-finals before narrowly falling out of the conference in the semi-finals against Harding.

### Tiger Football claims GAC Trophy

The ECU Tiger Football team took on rival Southeastern Oklahoma State University and claimed a 20-13 victory, securing the coveted Great American Conference trophy.



### ECU Cross Country show-out in regionals

The ECU Cross Country teams dominated the NCAA Division II Regional Championships, hosted by Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo. The men's team finished first place with the women's team taking 13th out of 31.



### Men's Cross Country goes National

The ECU Men's Cross Country team travelled to Sacramento, Calif. for the 2024 NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championship. Despite a hard competition in the cold wind and rain, the Tigers finished 8th place out of 34.

# ECU BANDS CONCERT

Location: Ataloa Theatre

December 4th

7:30 PM



# ECU CHAMBER ENSEMBLE CONCERT

DECEMBER 5TH

7:30 PM

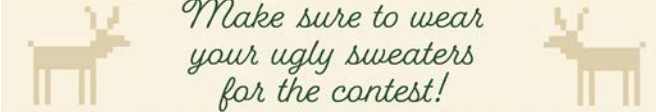
FAUST AUDITORIUM



ECU EMPLOYEE

## HOLIDAY PARTY

*Make sure to wear  
your ugly sweaters  
for the contest!*



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

FOOD . ENTERTAINMENT  
CRAFTS . GIVEAWAYS

Starts @ 2pm

CHICKASAW BUSINESS & CONFERENCE CENTER  
FOUNDATION HALL



## YOUR Summer & Fall 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWAITS!

### HOW TO APPLY

Visit [www.ecok.edu/scholarships](http://www.ecok.edu/scholarships) for application.

Don't Miss This Opportunity to Fund Your Education!



#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Application Open - December 1st
- Priority Deadline - February 1st

#### TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ECU Foundation Scholarships
- Departmental Scholarships



APPLY  
NOW!

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