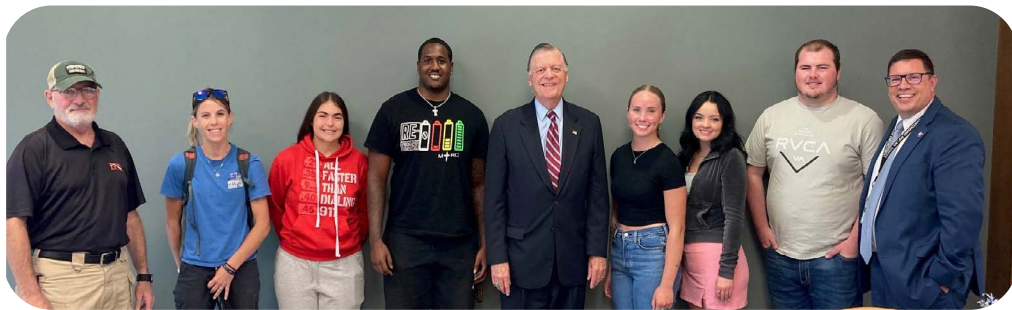




# ECU CAMPUS UPDATES



## U.S. Rep Tom Cole visits Ada



Director of ECU's Collegiate Officer Program Thom Parr, left, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, center, and Preston Draper, right, alongside ECU students from the Introduction to Law Enforcement class recently at a town hall event sponsored by Ada Chamber of Commerce.

## East Central University is now offering a Pathway for LPNs

ECU now offers a pathway for LPN's to become an RN through an agreement with five reputable technology centers. Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne, Southern Technology Center in Ardmore, Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada, Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee, and Wes Watkins Technology Center in Wetumka To learn more, visit [ecok.edu/lpnpathways](http://ecok.edu/lpnpathways).



## ECU Sports Administration master's degree ranked as a top program in the nation

The Master of Education in Sports Administration at East Central University has been recognized nationally as one of the top online master's programs in the country. The program's popularity continues to grow, producing highly successful graduates, while tailoring to students all over the world. The program was featured on several top lists. Those rankings include Best Online Master's Degrees in Sports Management (#19) by [onlinemastersdegrees.org](http://onlinemastersdegrees.org), Best Online Master's in Sports Management (#24) by [academicinfluence.com](http://academicinfluence.com), Best Online Master's in Sports Management (#8) by [zdnet.com](http://zdnet.com), and Most Affordable Top-Ranked Schools for Masters in Sports Management Degree Programs (#2) by [sports-management-degrees.com](http://sports-management-degrees.com)





# AROUND CAMPUS

## Upcoming Events

**September 5** - Volleyball vs. Langston, 7 p.m. - HOME

**September 7** - Football vs. Southern Arkansas, 6 p.m. HOME

**September 9** - Step out of Darkness, 9:30 a.m.

**Come join Pontotoc County on Saturday, September 9th from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for a day of prevention & recovery from addiction!**

**Step Out of the Darkness Saturday Sept. 9, 2023**

- 9:30-10am** **Catch a ride!** Park near Kerr Activities Center and hop on the bus to be transported to the courthouse for the march. Buses are one way only since the march ends back at the ECU campus.
- 10:30am** **Prayer March!** March starts at the Pontotoc County Courthouse and continues down Main Street toward ECU's Centennial Plaza. Register before 10:30am and pick up your free t-shirt provided by Crosspointe Church. Bottled water & donuts provided. Stops will be made along the march for prayer. March hosted by the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition. No motorized vehicles allowed.
- 11:30am** **Prevention & Recovery Rally!** Come to ECU's Kerr Activities Center to hear our great guest speakers. Show your support, promote awareness of prevention & recovery, and be part of a community stand admitting we are all affected by addiction.
- 12pm** **Food, Fun, & Facts Rally!** Continuing the fun at ECU's Kerr Activities Center, there will be giveaways, food, games, events for family fun, plus information booths providing facts about substance abuse, prevention, treatment and recovery. Rally hosted by the ECU Brandon Winters Institute, with food provided by local partners. Sign up for the annual talent show, Step Up to the Mic, at 12:00pm.
- 1:30pm** **Grand prize & talent show winners!** Event concludes with the talent show winners and the grand prize cash drawing. Must participate in the march to be eligible for the Grand Prize Cash Giveaway.

If special accommodations are needed, please contact BWI at (580) 559-5815 at least 2 weeks prior to event. Thank you!!!

## ECU awards \$10,000 scholarship to one lucky student

Recently, an Ada High School graduate, Gentry Brown, was the winner of a \$10,000 scholarship to ECU. Brown, pictured with President Godwin, entered a contest where she posted a video and explained why she wanted the scholarship.



## ECU sends historic class to Law School

East Central University recently announced that nine outstanding Political Science and Legal Studies majors will enter law school this fall. This remarkable group of students represents the largest and most diverse class to date produced by the Department of Politics, Law and Society. To learn more, visit [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).

## PACT Act Resource Fair Coming to ECU

East Central University will be hosting the upcoming PACT Act Resource Fair with 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 and encourages all veterans from Ada and surrounding communities to participate.

For any questions about the event or services, contact Katrina Yocum, Congressional Liaison Officer, at 405-456-5605

Soccer vs. UT-Tyler, 1 p.m. HOME

**September 11** - Area Wide College Fair, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Chickasaw Business & Conference Center

**September 12** - Volleyball vs. Southern Nazarene, 7 p.m. HOME

**September 13**  
 - ECU Tiger Esports Open House  
 - Blood Drive, 10 a.m. Regents Room  
 - Paint and Pawsitive Action, 2 p.m. Regents Room

**September 14** - Gathering Place, OU MFA Student Exhibit, Artists' Talk and Reception, 4 p.m. Pogue Art Gallery

## Belcher to lead the Oklahoma Library Association



As of July 1, Dana Belcher (ECU Alum and Lincheid Library Director) is now the president of the OLA. East Central University hosted the annual OLA leadership retreat for state-wide librarians.

## WELCOME TO ECU!



ECU welcomes new faculty to campus!



# AROUND CAMPUS

## Upcoming Events

**September 15** - Volleyball vs. USAO, 2 p.m., vs. Huston-Tillotson, 6 p.m. HOME

**September 18** - The Marriage of Figaro, 7 p.m., Atloa Theatre

**September 19** - Volleyball vs. SWOSU, 6 p.m.

**September 20** - Rothbaum Lecture: The Articles of Confederation, 7 p.m., University Center

**September 22**  
- Alumni Golf Tourn, 7:30 a.m.  
- Alumni Gala, 6:30 p.m. CBCC

**September 23 HOMECOMING**  
- Pancake Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Perfect Blend  
- Soccer vs. Harding, 11 a.m. HOME  
- Parade, noon on Main Street  
- Activities on Main, 1-4 p.m.  
- Football vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 6 p.m. HOME  
- Black Alumni Assoc Mixer, 9 p.m. Football Parking Lot



## Bret D. Eisenhower Scholarship

ECU student Kanon Springer (left), of Durant, was presented with the Bret D. Eisenhower Scholarship by President Wendell Godwin. The scholarship is awarded each year to those who, by virtue of their commitments and actions, live up to Bret's example.

## ECU set to host College Fair

Future college students are encouraged to attend the Ada Area Wide College Fair on Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. This will be an opportunity for future students to explore colleges and universities from all over our state. For more information call 580-559-5628.

## ECU student interns at Mt. Vernon

East Central University student and Ada resident Cas Northcutt was selected for the 10-week Historic Trades Internship at Mount Vernon – George Washington's home in Virginia. Northcutt is a history and political science major, so this opportunity was the perfect fit. Read more at [ecok.edu/news](http://ecok.edu/news).



## ECU students provide grant support

Students in ECU's Department of Biological and Environmental Services partnered with Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services to support a grant which included a stream bioassessment at a site on the Blue River as part of their water quality monitoring efforts throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

**Summer Time at ECU** PLC Retreat, Alumni Reunions, Sports Camps, Robotics Camp and more made campus feel ALIVE this summer.





SEP - Homecoming - 2023

# ALL ROADS LEAD HOME

## 2023

### HOMECOMING WEEKEND

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

\*ECU ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT 7:30 A.M.  
 ADA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME: 7:00 P.M. (KOI ISHTO STADIUM)  
 \*ECU GALA DINNER & DANCE: 6:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

\*ECU GOLDEN TIGER BRUNCH 10:00 A.M.  
 MAIN STREET HOMECOMING PARADE: 12:00 P.M.  
 \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED IF WANTING TO BE IN PARADE.  
 ACTIVITIES ON MAIN STREET: 1-4 P.M.  
 - KIDS ACTIVITIES, MINI CARNIVAL RIDES, FOOD TRUCKS AND TOUCH-A-TRUCK (MAIN & RENNIE)  
 TAILGATE: 4-6 P.M. (KOI ISHTO STADIUM)  
 ECU FOOTBALL GAME 6:00 P.M. (KOI ISHTO STADIUM)  
 \*ECU BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AFTER GAME MIXER 9:00 P.M.  
 \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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## East Central University Alumni Association

# 2023 HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT




Proceeds from Homecoming events sponsored by the East Central University Alumni Association benefit the ECU Student Alumni Grant program and the Legacy Scholarship.

- SEPT. 22, 2023 AT THE OAK HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
- 7 AM - REGISTRATION
- 8 AM - 18-HOLE SHOTGUN START, 4-MAN SCRAMBLE



\$125 Individual Player  
 \$125 Hole Sponsorships  
 Register online at  
[www.ecok.edu/HCGolf2023](http://www.ecok.edu/HCGolf2023)  
 580-559-5651 / alumni@ecok.edu




GARVIN COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY & SINFONietta PRESENTS

# THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

## ON THE RANCH

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART'S  
 COMEDY SUNG IN ENGLISH


Monday, September 18 - 7:00 pm  
 Ataloo Theater, Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center  
 East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma



ECU Students and employees can enter for free with ID  
 In collaboration with East Central University

Soloists and singers from area  
 and Oklahoma universities  
 Garvin County Chorale  
 Garvin County Sinfonietta  
 Western Attire Optional

Jack Bowman, Artistic Director  
 Alan Marshall, Stage Director



GET TICKETS HERE

## ECU ALUMNI Gala Dinner & Dance 2023

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
 RECEPTION 6:30 PM • DINNER 7:00 PM  
 CHICKASAW BUSINESS & CONFERENCE CENTER

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
 ECU ALUMNI

2023 MILAM HONOREES:  
 GLENN CUSTER AND JESSE PARKER

BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$30 \ COUPLE \$50  
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For complete list of  
 Homecoming 2023 Events  
 visit [www.ecok.edu/2023HC](http://www.ecok.edu/2023HC)