So Long For Now, But Not Goodbye

The Department of Psychology would like to thank both Dr.’s Rich Putnam and Sterling Lynd for their combined 57 years of service to ECU and the Department of Psychology. Both men were a staple to the College of Education & Psychology and their departure will leave us finding it difficult to replace their many years of knowledge and experience.

**Dr. Putnam** came to ECU in 1992 and received his Ph.D. from Texas A & M in 1985 and has been an integral part of the School Psychology program ever since. **Dr. Lynd** came to us from the University of North Texas and has been an active member of the department since 1977. Serving in many roles throughout their tenure Dr.’s Lynd & Putnam were always willing to help their students and fellow colleagues be the best that they could be and all us owe them a debt of gratitude for their service.

On a personal note, it was conversations with Rich and Sterling that made the struggles of being a new faculty member seem doable. Always available for an encouraging word, needed advise, or heartfelt humor, both of these individuals made the enormity of my task seem that much more plausible.

We will miss you in the halls and in the classrooms, and you will forever be part of the lore of ECU. In the words of Douglas Adams and the Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, So Long and Thanks for All the Fish, or in this case Knowledge.

Two New Psychology Scholarships Announced

The Psychology Department is pleased to announce the creation of two more scholarships, bringing the total number offered by the department to three.

In addition to the **Judy Crabtree Memorial Scholarship**, the department announces the creation of both the **Higginbothom Family Scholarship** (for Graduate Students) and the **E. H. Nelson Psychology Textbook Stipend** (for Graduate or Undergraduate Students).

The application for all three scholarships can be obtained from the Psychology Department and are awarded yearly. This year’s recipients can be found in the awards section on Page 2.
The Spring & Summer semester brought the annual Psi Chi Bake Sale in support of the annual Oklahoma Psychology Society conference. Attendance at the conference was good with over 18 undergraduate and 16 graduate students attending. Psi Chi raised money, and with support from our Dean Walling and the Alumni Grant, we were able to pay for all student registrations and the annual Psi Chi Lunch.

Psi Chi would also thank to Dr. Joanna Harris-Young for her twenty years of service as Psi Chi Advisor. In honor of her years of service, the International Honor Society provided us with a certificate of thanks which was presented to Dr. Harris-Young at the last Psi Chi meeting (see picture on the right). While I have officially taken over the role of Psi Chi Advisor, Dr. Harris-Young will always be an active advisor for this organization, and I, along with the students, will look to her as always for guidance.

Presidential Elections occurred on the last meeting of the semester and Jordan Pletcher will be our next Psi Chi president. Officer elections will occur on the first meeting of the Fall Semester.

See you in the Fall!
Dr. Marc Klippenstine

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind."

William James

Psi Chi Advisor Award – 20 Years of Service (above): Dr. Joanna Harris-Young

Above: Attendees at the OPS conference Dr. Harris-Young; Jessica Johnston, Laurie Dawkins, Jonathon Mason. Laurie & Jonathon received first place in the graduate poster competition.

Below: Kris George receives second place in the graduate poster competition.

The mission of the Department of Psychology is to generate, disseminate, and apply knowledge in the field of psychology. We foster an atmosphere in which scholarship, learning, and service to the community are supported and carried out by students and faculty.
Undergraduate Research:
Dabney, T., Cox, J., Brunner, K., & Torres, B. (2013). Religion and contraceptive use. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 8.
Simpson, A., Baca, L., Jackson, K., & Keith, J. Social perceptions: Projecting characteristics onto literature. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 8.

Graduate Student Research
*Dawkins, L., Mason, J. (2013). Pre-task deployment interruptions: AVU and reaction times. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 8. (Note: won 1st place in the Graduate Poster Competition)
*George, K., Wilson, M. (2013). Responses to grade dilemma scenario compared to trust and big 5 personality factors. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 8. (Note: won 2nd place in the Graduate Poster Competition)
Willis, C., Ebberts, A. The relationship between temperament and methods of communication across social media. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 8.