

CAMPUS ECU UPDATE

May 2019

Pierson's Perceptions

We are saddened by the recent passing of Dr. Stanley Wagner, our fifth president. I am very grateful to have met Dr. Wagner. He made such an impact on this campus and I know he was excited and pleased with the progress ECU continues to make!

After an outstanding 2018-2019 school year, we are proud of what has been accomplished here at ECU and look forward to many more success stories. As a tradition at the end of the spring semester, the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff and friends of the university have been highlighted through banquets and ceremonies. One of those recent instances involves 12 of our accounting students receiving scholarships from the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants Foundation.

Our students continue to do amazing things, and I'm excited to see what more can be accomplished by our students and employees in the coming days, weeks, months and year.



Dr. Katricia Pierson
President
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ECU MOURNS PASSING OF FIFTH PRESIDENT DR. WAGNER

Dr. Stanley P. Wagner, who was ECU's fifth president from 1969-88, passed away peacefully in his home at the age of 96 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on May 8. Wagner was part of a renaissance at ECU, with featured the startup of new academic programs, the improvement of others and the opening of Kerr Activities Center. He was also responsible for navigating the university through tumultuous times of the Vietnam War and national unrest. Unlike many colleges and universities across the country, his leadership played a role in avoiding the scene of protests and counterprotests by way of taking a talking, listening and reasoning approach. A two-day colloquy was held with students and faculty to help maintain a calm, stable atmosphere. Wagner's leadership also helped break down some physical barriers for students, especially those with disabilities.



EVENING OF HONORS CELEBRATED

Awards were presented and endowments recognized during the 2019 Evening of Honors and Recognition on May 10. Three new Centennial Endowments were recognized. ECU student and George Nigh Award winner Tyler Whitney was the keynote speaker and awards were presented for Distinguished Alums - James R. Hamby and Tony A. Scott; Distinguished Former Faculty - Lou Watkins; Distinguished Service - Elizabeth A. Vezina and Distinguished Family - Lee Horne Family.



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NEW PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH LAB TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' LEARNING



A new Psychology Counseling Research Lab has been opened in the Lanoy Education Building, Room 131, as an open house was conducted on May 1. The new lab features

observation rooms and areas for data entry, interpretation and meetings as students can learn about Parent, Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and Teacher, Child Interaction Therapy (TCIT).

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS, MILITARY



Veterans and those currently in the military were celebrated May 16 during ECU's Veterans and Military Appreciation Day in ECU Foundation Hall. The event, which



was attended by more than 200, was conducted by ECU's Veterans Upward Bound Program. Brian Paul, president and founder of Veterans 4 Life USA,



delivered the keynote address about his own struggles with post-traumatic stress and addiction while forming Veterans 4 Life USA to help others who are undergoing the same issues.

Bart Culver, a V.A. education liaison for the State of Oklahoma, also provided information on recent benefits for veterans. An \$8,000 check was presented to the Folds of Honor Foundation by Gateway Mortgage and the Bret D. Isenhower Scholarship was presented to ECU student Olivia Robertson, of Ada.

GRAND WELCOME FOR NATIONAL GUARD

The 1245th Transportation Company of the National Guard was welcomed home on May 24 inside the Kerr Activities Center. The unit was returning from deployment in Kuwait. Collectively, the unit executed more than 667 missions, covering 400,371 miles and hauling 30,409 tons of supplies, ammunition and equipment through the Kuwait Area of Operations. Hundreds, including spouses, families and friends were on hand to greet the unit.



LOCKMILLER HONORED WITH BENCH

A bench dedication was held for former ECU professor Dr. Carlotta Lockmiller on May 9 at the bench plaza in front of ECU's Science Hall. Lockmiller was named Distinguished Former Faculty at ECU in 2012. She served as a professor in ECU's Department of Human Resources and was a director of institutional effectiveness during ECU's last accreditation process.



OKA' SELECTS FIVE SUMMER RESEARCH PROFESSORS

The Oka' Institute is pleased to announce it has selected five ECU professors – Dr. Randall Maples, Dr. Leah S. Dudley, Dr. Christine Pappas, Kevin W. Blackwood and Dr. Terrie Becerra — to lead summer research projects. For the third consecutive year, the Oka' Institute sponsors professor-led scientific research that gives undergrads the opportunity to assist in research. The summer research projects this summer will study groundwater connections and collect data to support surface and ground water interactions.



OKA' INSTITUTE REPRESENTED AT STATE CAPITOL EVENT



ECU's Oka' Institute was among the participating parties at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's Annual Water Appreciation Day held recently at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. Susan Paddack, executive director of the Oka' Institute, and Laura Brigger represented the Oka' Institute. The event was designed to celebrate the importance of the state's water resources and provide education to the public on how Oklahomans can protect, conserve and manage their water resources.

2019 FIRST UNITED AWARDS CEREMONY TAKES PLACE AT ECU



Hundreds of area high school students were on the ECU campus for the presentation of awards during the 2019 First United Recognition of Excellence Honors Ceremony on May 6 in

ECU Foundation Hall. Awards were presented for academics and leadership.

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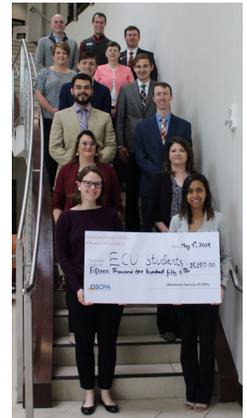


Dr. Shirley Mixon was honored for being the first Trailblazer Award winner by ECU's Black Alumni Association on May 10. Mixon, a long-time educator at ECU

and a professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, is director of the General Studies Program, which is designed to help students complete a degree within an online format. Since 2010, she has served on the executive board of the Oklahoma Women in Higher Education.

OSCPA PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ECU STUDENTS

The Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants Foundation recently awarded \$15,150 to ECU accounting students within the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business. Of the 32 total scholarships awarded state-wide, 12 were presented to ECU students and the dollar figure accounted for 47.12 % of all the scholarship money handed out. Five of the six named scholarships went to ECU students as well. Those receiving scholarships were Yashna Khadgi (Rick Kells Scholarship), Heather Swan (Ruthann Fairbairn Scholarship), Jennifer Davis (Retha Duggan Scholarship), Chloe Hull (Beale Family Scholarship), Jon Schwake (Thomas Fund Scholarship), Brandie Horton, Cullen Edens, Jessica Rue, Cejay Bonner, Landon Wheelock, Jose Chavez and Rachel Huff.



REUNIONS SET FOR OKC, TULSA

ECU Alumni Reunions are set for both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas in June. The Oklahoma City reunion is set for Friday, June 14, at the Jones Assembly T-Room at 901 W. Sheridan from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and the Tulsa reunion is set for the Elgin Park Brewery, 325 E. Matthew B. Brady Street, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Registration is available online by hitting the events button on the ECU Alumni Association website.



ECU SUMMER ENROLLMENT OPEN

ECU summer enrollment for four-week classes is open until Wednesday, June 5, and for eight-week classes Friday, June 7. Enroll today!

ECU BASKETBALL CAMPS HELD

More than 60 youth participated in ECU's Basketball Shooting Camp on May 21 and 23. The youth learned shooting skills from Tiger men's basketball coaches, players and former players during the two-day event. The Elite Basketball School was also held for boys entering the 9th-12th grades on May 22 and May 29. Other camps are planned this summer.

HANKINS RECIPIENT OF THREE SOFTBALL AWARDS

ECU third baseman and senior Sable Hankins was named to the 2019 D2CCA All-Central Region Second Team, 2019 All-Great American Conference Softball First Team and was also named GAC Newcomer of the Year. Hankins batted .408 with 15 homers, 12 doubles and 49 RBIs with a .769 slugging percentage. She was twice named GAC Player of the Week. Two other Tigers – sophomore Tarah Hilton and junior Kaytlyn Kizarr were honorable mentions.

TIGERS HONORED FOR ACADEMICS

Tiger softball seniors Breecia Crawford and Mariah Ewy were named GAC Elite Scholars. Both had 4.0 GPAs with Crawford earning the award for the third straight year and Ewy nabbing for the honor for the second straight year. Teammates Ellanee Allison, a senior, and Caitlin Knebluk, a junior, also received GAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete awards for high GPAs.

FILER, EWY SCHOLAR-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR FOR 2018-19

ECU senior cross country and track runner Larry Filer and senior softball player Mariah Ewy were named Scholar-Athletes of the Year for ECU while excelling both in the classroom and on the athletic field. They received recognition at the annual Roary Awards, presented by Vision Bank and conducted by the ECU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on April 29. Filer was a GAC Runner of the Year and All-GAC First Team honoree as well as being selected as a GAC Elite Scholar-Athlete. Additionally, Filer was named to the Google Cloud Academic All-District 7 Team. Ewy was a GAC Elite Scholar Athlete as well while earning CoSIDA Google Cloud Academic All-District 7 honors. It was the third straight year in which Ewy earned that particularly Academic All-District Award.

**MORA EARNS USTFCCCA ALL-CENTRAL REGION AWARD**

ECU redshirt junior Anna Mora claimed her second United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association All-Central Region honor for the 2018-19 season, earning a spot in the 10,000 meters. The El Paso, Texas, native claimed All-Central Region honors in cross country earlier this year after becoming the first Tiger female runner to compete in the NCAA Division II National Championships. Mora also had a runner-up finish in the 10,000 meters at the Great American Conference Championships.



Enrollment for Summer Classes Open Until June 7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Teaching Excellence Awards



New Professors



**Physical Plant Quarterly Awards;
Blaine Rose Employee of the Year**



New Assistant Professors



10 years of service to ECU



New Associate Professors



5 years of service to ECU



**Employees Recognized
for Securing External Funding**



Spring 2019 Commencement

