

# CAMPUS UPDATE



November/December 2019

## Pierson's Perceptions

As I reflect back on this past calendar year, it really makes me proud. East Central University has had so many successes in 2019. I cannot wait to see what heights we will reach in 2020!

It is not just one person or even a couple of people that make this success possible. We have some of the top faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends in the state who are dedicated to seeing ECU succeed.

I am truly grateful to work at such a wonderful institution and be supported by those who want to give back to make a real, tangible difference.

Together we will continue the rewarding work to Educate and Empower Students to Understand and Transform Our World.

Thank you for helping ECU be so successful this year. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!



Dr. Katricia Pierson  
President  
East Central University

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ECU!

### Scott to address Fall 2019 degree candidates

Tony A. Scott, East Central University's 2019 Distinguished Alumnus, will deliver the Fall 2019 Commencement address at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 14, in the Kerr Activities Center.

One-hundred ninety-six (196) ECU students are candidates for bachelor's degrees and 89 ECU students are candidates for master's degrees.



TONY A. SCOTT

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING TUESDAY!

ECU raised on GivingTuesday  
**\$33,763**



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# TIGER TALES

### Dr. Ananga honored

Dr. Erick Ananga, assistant professor of political science at East Central University, has been named 2019 Teacher of the Year by the Oklahoma Political Science Association. Ananga was presented with the award at the organization's annual meeting on November 7 in Oklahoma City. Dr. Ananga teaches master's level classes in political science and water resource policy and management at ECU.

### Dr. Pappas leads voter drive

For the sixth consecutive year, Dr. Christine Pappas and her students have registered the largest percentage of students on campus to vote than any other Oklahoma colleges or universities of similar size. In the past six years alone, Pappas estimates her classes have registered more than 2,000 ECU students to vote. With 9.4% of the student body newly registered this year, ECU easily placed first among state institutions of higher learning with enrollment between 3,001 and 7,000.

### ECU opens food bank

The Fall 2019 semester saw the soft opening of ECU's Food Bank, which is intended to assist students, faculty and staff (ECU I.D. required) who might need it. The ECU Food Bank will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Room 255 of the Administration Building. The bank will be stocked with non-perishables. Food donations are always welcome.



### Entrepreneur of Year

Mike Cantrell, East Central University's 2019 Entrepreneur of the Year, delivers the annual Limes Lecture to hundreds of visiting high school students on November 21. Cantrell is a 1972 ECU graduate.



### Dicus Scholarship Donation

Ann and Jim Dicus present ECU Accounting instructor Joe Dougherty with a check for proceeds for the Mike and Leslie Dicus Memorial Accounting Scholarship in the amount of \$19,086.92. Pictured, from left, are Wendell Godwin, dean of the Stonecipher School of Business; Brenda Sherbourne, acting vice president of Academic Affairs; Buffy Lovelis, COO of the ECU Foundation; Dougherty; Mrs. and Mr. Dicus; and Dr. John Hargrave, president and CEO of the ECU Foundation.

### Great American Classic



The ECU football team finished the 2019 season with a 42-38 win over heated rival Southeastern on November 16 in Durant. Go Tigers!



Stay up-to-date on campus news at [www.ecok.edu](http://www.ecok.edu)!

### Dr. Williams named to NCAA management council

Twenty years into his career at East Central University, Dr. Jeff Williams continues to ascend in the athletics field.

Williams, ECU's director of athletics, has just been appointed as a conference representative to the NCAA Division II Management Council. His term of service on the council begins at the conclusion of the 2020 NCAA Convention and will continue through January 31, 2024.

The management council is

one of 13 D-II committees. It reports directly to the president's council and is charged with recommending administrative policy and regulations that govern the division.

The management council reviews and acts on recommendations from other D-II committees. As a member of the management council, Williams will participate in meetings and conference calls, as well as serve as an advocate for the NCAA.



DR. JEFF WILLIAMS



### Stage presence

East Central University students Summer Pearce of Glenpool, foreground, and Malik Sharp of Shawnee perform in Larry Shue's 1980 farce "The Nerd" in the Chalmers Herman Theatre inside the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. ECU's Communication and Performance Studies program is very active across campus, bringing all types of dramas, comedies, and musicals to life.

### ECU launches new online facilities rental process

With a wealth of world-class facilities on campus and plenty of demand, it has been a challenge at times to reserve places for special events. Not anymore! ECU now has a new online process for reserving facilities. You may now check availability and secure facilities online. This new process will streamline the reservation process and help make sure ALL events have a home. To start the reservation process, visit [www.ecok.edu/reserve](http://www.ecok.edu/reserve).



Give back at [www.ecok.edu/donate](http://www.ecok.edu/donate)!



### HOOPS IS BACK!

ECU Tiger basketball has tipped off the 2019-2020 season! While the men's and women's teams don't always play the same opponent on the same date, there are "back-to-back" games that feature both Tiger teams. During these games, the ECU women tip first followed by the men. Here are the next HOME dates to catch both!

**JAN. 9 vs. SOUTHERN ARKANSAS**  
Women tip off at 5:30 p.m.

**JAN. 11 vs. ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO**  
Women tip off at 1 p.m.



### ECU Cross Country runner competes in Nationals

For the second straight year, ECU Cross Country runner Anna Mora qualified for the NCAA National Championships. Mora, a senior, finished 52nd out of 260 runners at nationals on November 23 at Sacramento State University in California. She qualified by finishing fourth at the NCAA Division II Central Regional meet.

"It's been a long journey," Mora told her hometown newspaper the *El Paso Times*. "I've been grateful that I have lots of support here in college."

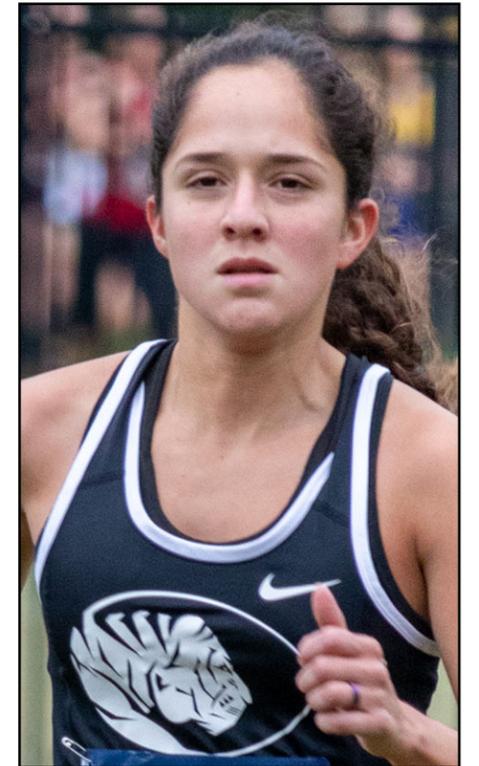
When Mora qualified for the national meet last year, she was the first female runner from ECU to qualify for the national championships. During her career at ECU, she has also helped the

program to the Great American Conference Championship in 2016 and was the GAC Runner of the Year in 2016.

"Running has helped me so much and it's helped me mature," Mora said. "I've grown so much as a person and I've really enjoyed my time here."

ECU coach Steve Sawyer has been impressed with what Mora's done in her college career.

"Anna has been a great representative for our program and getting to the nationals is tough as an individual," Sawyer told the *Times*. "Anna's success is helping our women's program grow. When she got here, she had specific goals and she's accomplished those goals."



ANNA MORA

The ECU campus is closed from December 23 to January 6. Spring 2020 semester classes begin on January 13!

Follow all sports at [www.ecutigers.com](http://www.ecutigers.com)!

**December 9-13**  
Final Exams

**December 14**  
Honors Graduation Ceremony  
8 a.m., *Ataloe Theatre*  
Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony  
10 a.m., *Kerr Activities Center*

**December 16**  
Intersession Begins

**December 18**  
Fall 2019 Grades Posted on myECU

**December 19**  
Men's Basketball vs. Randall University  
(Kids' Game & Teddy Bear Toss)  
Noon, *Kerr Activities Center*

**December 22**  
All ECU Offices Close at 5 p.m.

**January 2**  
Basketball at Harding University  
Women Tip at 5:30 p.m., Men Tip at 7:30 p.m.  
*Searcy, Arkansas*

**January 4**  
Basketball at Arkansas Tech  
Women Tip at 1 p.m., Men Tip at 3 p.m.  
*Russellville, Arkansas*

**January 6**  
All ECU Offices Open at 8 a.m.

**January 9**  
Basketball vs. Southern Arkansas  
Women Tip at 5:30 p.m., Men Tip at 7:30 p.m.  
*Kerr Activities Center*

**January 10**  
Intersession Ends

**January 11**  
Basketball vs. Arkansas-Monticello  
Women Tip at 1 p.m., Men Tip at 3 p.m.  
*Kerr Activities Center*

**January 13**  
Spring 2020 Classes Begin

**January 16**  
Basketball at Southeastern  
Women Tip at 5:30 p.m., Men Tip at 7:30 p.m.  
*Durant, Oklahoma*

**January 17**  
ECU SCREENS presents:  
"King Richard the II"  
6:30 p.m., *Estep Multimedia Center*

**January 18**  
Basketball at Southern Nazarene  
Women Tip at 1 p.m., Men Tip at 3 p.m.  
*Bethany, Oklahoma*

**January 20**  
Martin Luther King Holiday  
No Classes & Offices Closes

**January 23**  
Basketball at Henderson State  
Women Tip at 5:30 p.m., Men Tip at 7:30 p.m.  
*Arkadelphia, Arkansas*

**January 25**  
Basketball at Ouachita Baptist  
Women Tip at 1 p.m., Men Tip at 3 p.m.  
*Arkadelphia, Arkansas*

**January 27**  
Last Day to Apply for Graduation Spring 2020

**January 30**  
Penny Prom for P.A.W.S.  
8 p.m., *Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom*



The ECU School of Nursing conducted its first-ever White Coat Ceremony on November 14. The ceremony is a rite of passage for junior Nursing students moving from the lecture halls to clinical, real-life settings.



Suyanka Pokharel of Biratnagar, Nepal, lights a candle during her induction into the Alpha Chi Honor Society on November 21 as Jaylea Harpole looks on.



Micah Hoskins of Shawnee plays his trombone during an ECU Jazz concert on December 2.



ECU President Katricia Pierson addresses hundreds of potential Tigers during the University's "Senior Day" November 8. Visiting high school seniors had the opportunity to tour the campus, meet faculty and staff, and ask questions to help them decide if ECU is their next stop.



Aubrey Leveling of Forth Worth, Texas, Kay Woodring of Moore, and Alexis Castillo of Irving, Texas, celebrate after a goal against Harding University on November 9.