

CAMPUS ECU UPDATE

October 2019

Pierson's Perceptions

Remarkable people and strong core values are highlighted this month in our Campus Update. As you look at the articles in the update you will see students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and friends who are kind and generous, working to provide an exceptional experience to one another and those we serve.

Our people are forward-thinking and look for ways to solve problems. Dr. Anderson served 25 years with distinction, creating new programs and starting successful initiatives. Jan Long organized ECU's first AgFest to help us understand how our food gets to us. John Sisco, like many veterans with their discipline and honor, serves in multiple roles across campus. And our students generously give of their time and resources to help those who are in need.

With Thanksgiving arriving in a few weeks, we are grateful for the people who are committed to making ECU the first choice among many options!



Dr. Katricia Pierson
President
East Central University

DR. DUANE ANDERSON INDUCTED INTO HIGHER EDUCATION HALL OF FAME

Dr. Duane C. Anderson, who served in multiple administrative roles at ECU, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame on Nov. 4 in the Nigh Center on the University of Central Oklahoma campus. Dr. Anderson served at ECU for 25 years and retired from ECU in 2015 as provost emeritus.



CHICKASAW APPRECIATION DAY

The Oct. 26 home football game served as "Chickasaw Appreciation Day". Above left, Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, accepts a framed, personalized football jersey from ECU President Katricia Pierson. Also pictured is Athletics Director Jeff Williams. Above right, Gov. Anoatubby, who performed the ceremonial coin toss before the game, shakes hands with ECU players as Dr. Pierson looks on.



KEEPING SCORE

ECU President Katricia Pierson and Athletics Director Jeff Williams, far right, honored the Crabtree family during the 2019 Homecoming game for their contribution to the new video scoreboard at Koi Ishto Stadium. Accepting are Tom and Adam Crabtree.

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ECU COACH EARNS NATIONAL VETERANS UPWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

ECU football coach John Sisco, center, has been awarded a \$1,000 national Veterans Upward Bound scholarship. Mary Meeks, left, and John Engel, right, of the ECU Veterans Upward Bound program nominated Sisco for the award. Sisco, 31, is the tight ends coach for the football team and plans to pursue his Master of Sports Administration degree.



AG-CITING EVENT

ECU instructor Eric Howard demonstrates a Geographical Information System to ECU instructor Jan Long at the University's first-ever AgFest event Oct. 23. Long's Human Development, Hospitality and Food Service students organized, promoted, and staged the entire event.



MEDIATION TRAINING

ECU's Early Settlement Mediation staff members had their basic training in Shawnee, Oklahoma, at the Avedis Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Phil Johnson, (state director), Pattie Braun, Ann Borba, Sandra Johnson, Jennifer White, Ahndria Ablett, Rosemary Taylor (ECU student), Jorjia Cash (ECU director), Rain Rehbein (ECU student), Elaine Rhynes, and Judge Emily Mueller.



BAHAMIAN RELIEF EFFORT TOPS \$1,000
 Shreskar Karki, left, and Suresh Thakur, right, of the Asian Student Association donated money to the Bahamas Hurricane Relief Fund. Kamden Ferguson received the money on behalf of the African Caribbean Association. The Human Diversity Committee donated \$461 from the Sky Juice Kings fundraiser and the ASA donated \$670 from the momo fundraiser.



STUDENTS ENJOY CULTURAL FAIR
 The ECU Global Education Committee presented a "Go Global"/Study Abroad Fair in October. Pictured, from left, are ECU students Chance Van Sandt, Allyson Sing, and Josh Morris.

A graphic for Senior Day 2020. The text "Congrats Seniors 2020" is written in a white, handwritten-style font on a black background. Below this, the text "MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND SENIOR DAY NOV. 8" is written in orange, all-caps font. To the right is the "We Are ECU" logo, which features the text "We Are" in a white script font above the "ECU" logo in a white circle.

BIG DAY ON CAMPUS!
 November 8 is a big day on campus as visiting high school seniors and on-campus "undecided" majors can begin mapping out their futures!

A graphic for Majors Fair 2019. The background is a collage of red and white puzzle pieces. The text "Find your fit." is written in white at the top. Below it is a red puzzle piece icon. The text "MAJORS FAIR 2019" is written in white, with "ECU" in a black circle between "MAJORS" and "FAIR". At the bottom, the text "Friday, Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom" is written in white.



JAZZIN' IT UP
 Dalaan Bassett plays trombone during a recent concert in the Ataloa Theatre on Oct. 14. The Oklahoma Jazz Educators' Fall Workshop is at ECU on Nov. 4-5.

FIRST ECU HOME BASKETBALL GAME IS NOVEMBER 23!

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TIGER ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Following are highlights from ECU Tiger Athletics for the 2018-2019 academic year. **About 79% of ECU's 257 student athletes earned academic recognition!**

- The men's Cross Country team won its sixth Great American Conference (GAC) title in eight years (both teams qualified for NCAA Regionals and both had top-10 finishes).



- **Anna Mora** is the first ECU women's Cross Country participant in the NCAA Championships.

- The women's Basketball team broke seven team records and had the first 20-win season in ECU's NCAA era.

- Softball qualified for its eighth consecutive GAC Tournament.

- **Trinity Benson** signed an NFL Free Agency contract (Denver Broncos).

- Seven Tiger teams made post-season appearances.

- ECU had 14 GAC Players of the Week.

- 48 ECU athletes earned All-GAC Honors (27 named to a 1st Team).

- One ECU athlete was named GAC Player of the Year (**Larry Filer**, men's Cross Country).

- One ECU athlete was named GAC Newcomer of the Year (**Sable Hankins**, Softball).

- One ECU athlete was named GAC Freshman of the Year (**Jakaveon Shaw**, men's Cross Country).

- One ECU coach was named GAC Coach of the Year (**Steve Sawyer**, Cross Country; he has won this honor for the sixth time in eight years).

- ECU athletes earned four regional or national recognitions and one All-America recognition.

- ECU athletes earned two CoSIDA Academic All-America honors (sixth and seventh in ECU history).



EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY TIGERS.

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- WE GIVE BECAUSE WE CARE -

GRAFFITI ARTIST MAKES HIS MARK

ECU has a new look along Main Street thanks to Ada resident Sarah Miracle, who sponsored Chicago street artist "Zeb". His mural, located on the west end of Horace Mann Hall, welcomes visitors to campus.

Students from ECU painting classes assisted him in the project. Main Street, from Mississippi Avenue east to the threshold of campus, is known locally as the "Arts District of Ada" and the new mural adds an eye-catching splash of color to the landscape. ECU students will have opportunities to add finishing touches to Zeb's creation.