



Campus Update

April 2014



TUSKEGEE AIRMAN COL. MCGEE DELIVERS YOUNG DIVERSITY LECTURE

Col. Charles McGee, one of the first African American aviators in the U.S. Armed Forces, delivered ECU's Sixth Annual Louise Young Diversity Lecture to approximately 900 attendees. McGee, the recipient of the Congressional Gold

Medal of Honor, was one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American pilots who fought in World War II.

ECU HOSTS ANNUAL REG. & STATE SCIENCE FAIRS



ECU once again played host to the Regional

Science Fair on Feb. 21-22 and the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair on March 6-7. State Sen. Susan Paddack was on hand for the awards ceremony. Paddack and State Rep. Todd Thomsen were heavily responsible for securing funding for the fairs. Paddack poses here with ECU President John R. Hargrave.



FCS CLASS MAKING DRESSES

Jan Long's intermediate construction (sewing) class is undertaking a project called "Dress a Girl Around the World" in which the Family and Consumer Sciences class (with

volunteers) are creating dresses for girls around the world, who are living in poverty. The mothers of the children say the dresses help protect their daughters from being taken and placed within the human trafficking trade. The class had a goal of making 85 dresses -- they proudly exceeded that goal!

PAYTON AND LANCE TO ADDRESS GRADUATES

ECU Spring Commencement is set for Saturday, May 10, 2014. More than 540 graduates are expected to earn their degrees this semester. Becky Gallup Payton, Regional Vice President, Human Resources, Mercy, Oklahoma Region will address the graduates at the 10 a.m. ceremony. Bill G. Lance, Jr. is the Secretary of Commerce for the Chickasaw Nation and will address the graduates at the 2 p.m. ceremony.



EVENING OF HONORS & RECOGNITION

Friday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m.

ECU Foundation Hall

Chickasaw Business & Conference Center

2014 DISTINGUISHED HONOREES

Distinguished Alumni

Bill G. Lance, Senator Susan G. Paddack, Becky Gallup Payton & William C. Thrash (posthumous)

Distinguished Former Faculty

Dr. Jack W. Paschall & Dr. James O. Danley (posthumous)

Distinguished Service

Bertha Frank Teague Mid-America Classic

Distinguished Family

Bonar/Martin Family

Distinguished Philanthropist

City of Ada/Ada Jobs Foundation

2013 CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENTS (11)

Dinner & Awards Ceremony is \$30 per person
RSVP by April 18, call 580-559-5611.

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KXII-12 RECOGNIZED FOR PARTNERSHIP



Television station KXII-12 was recently presented the Regents' Business Partnership Excellence Award to highlight a

successful partnership between ECU and KXII. The award is designed to highlight higher education institutions and businesses to further cultivate the higher learning environment through a State Regents' Economic Development Grant.



PRESIDENT HARGRAVE SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB

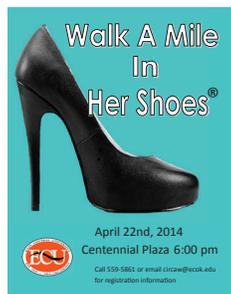
ECU President John R. Hargrave addresses the Kiwanis Club during a luncheon on March 7. Hargrave talked about the condition of ECU and its future.



FATHER OF SLAIN COLUMBINE STUDENT SPEAKS ABOUT BULLYING

The Chickasaw Nation bussed hundreds of local students to the ECU campus to hear Darrell Scott, father of slain Columbine teenager Rachel Joy Scott. Darrell talked about the April 20, 1999 tragedy in which he used writings and drawings from Rachel's dairy to illustrate

the need for a kinder, more compassionate nation.



'WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES' SET FOR APRIL 22

In conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a National Walk a Mile in her Shoes event is coming to ECU on April 22. Teams will be formed, both men and women, as they will share

a pair of high heels on a relay course across campus. EYES (Empowering You and Educating Students) will have stations at each point in the race to ensure that the high heels are passed. For more information, contact Cassie Holloway, program coordinator for ECU's Campus Initiative to Reduce Crime Against Women (CIRCAW) at 580-559-5861.

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STALKING RESOURCE CENTER CONDUCTS CONFERENCE ON ECU CAMPUS

Professionals from across the state attended the Stalking Resource Center Conference held on the ECU campus last



month. A program of the National Center for Victims of Crime, the conference trains professionals and provides technical assistance to communities seeking to enhance their response to stalking. The SRC is committed to promoting awareness, action and advocacy.

KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTS CHECK FOR IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Lisa Blevins (left), president of the Kiwanis Club of Ada, presents a check to Suzanne Simmons, coordinator of Smart Start South Central at ECU. The money, raised by the Kiwanis Club, goes toward the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which mails books to young children, age birth to five years. The purpose of the program is to encourage parents to read to their children.



ECU NIGHT HELD IN MCALESTER

Students, prospective students, alumni and friends gathered together for ECU Night in McAlester, held at Eastern Oklahoma State College's McAlester Campus.



CLASS CONDUCTS GAMES WITH DISABLED CHILDREN

Disabled students from the Ada and Stonewall Public Schools



were treated to a day of fun and games from Jillian McCarty's Adapted Physical Education Class on Feb. 21 in the McBride Gymnasium. The Fitness Fun Day was designed to help children with their motor skills, cardiovascular activities and fundamental movements.



TWO ECU PROFESSORS RECOGNIZED WITH DAVINCI FELLOWSHIPS

Two ECU professors – Dr. Christine Pappas and Skye Garcia - were recognized by the DaVinci Fellowship for

their creativity among Oklahoma’s higher education faculty on March 28. Pappas, professor of political science and legal studies, was honored for creating civic engagement in Ada and Garcia, professor of music, was recognized for his unique approach to composition.

HOLLINGSWORTH JOINS BAGPIPERS



Dr. Mark Hollingsworth (right), dean of the ECU College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and music professor, was part of the bagpipe brigade at

the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Oklahoma City on March 17.

ECU NAMED A CERTIFIED HEALTHY CAMPUS



ECU was recently recognized as an Oklahoma Certified Healthy Campus by the Oklahoma Turning Point Council. In order to

achieve certified healthy campus status, institutions of higher learning and career technology centers made outstanding efforts and achievements in actively creating a safe and healthy environment for faculty, staff, students and visitors.

ECU STUDENTS PI THEIR PROFESSORS



ECU students hurled pies at their professors during PI Day festivities on March 14. The event was sponsored by the ECU Math Club.

ECU, REDLANDS BASEBALL TEAMS CELEBRATE LIFE OF CHRIS LANE

The ECU and Redlands Community College baseball teams scrimmaged and celebrated the life of Chris Lane during a tribute on March 5 at ECU’s Tiger Field. Lane’s father, Peter, came all the way from Australia for the ceremony as Lane’s No. 7 jersey at ECU and No. 2 jersey at Redlands were retired.



ECU BASKETBALL PLAYERS HONORED

Three members of the ECU women’s basketball team garnered postseason awards for their efforts during the 2013-14 season. Alycea Price was named to the All-Great American Conference Second Team and Dilan Webster was named to the All-GAC honorable mention list. Ashley Robison (not pictured) was named to the all-tournament team. Three ECU men’s basketball players received GAC postseason recognition. Colby Carr was selected to the All-Great American Conference Second Team and Brandon Lucas was named an honorable mention. Henry Pwono (not pictured) was named to the all-tournament team.



ECU SENIOR HEADED TO FLORIDA FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAM

ECU senior Agostina Casamento Moran, who is set to graduate in May, is headed to the University of Florida where she will have an opportunity to achieve combined master’s and doctoral degrees. There the Cordoba, Argentina native will work at the Neuromuscular Physiology Lab with a five-year full fellowship for the doctoral program, with a tuition waiver and stipend for working in the lab.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH DAY



Several ECU students participated in Oklahoma Undergraduate Research Day on March 7 at the University of Central Oklahoma. The event is not only a celebration of research, creative and

scholarly activities, but also an opportunity for students and faculty from multiple institutions to interact with counterparts in their respective disciplines.

MAYHUE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Three ECU students – Lacy Phelps, Ahndria Duran-Ablett and Lauren Crudup - were the recipients of Mayhue Scholarships

during Law Day on April 1. The scholarships, valued at \$500 for each semester during the 2014-15 school year, are for political science and legal studies students who are planning to go to law school.

CULLUM EARNS BRAD HENRY SCHOLARSHIP



Kaylin Cullum, an ECU political science and legal studies student from Wetumka, was announced as the winner of the Brad Henry International Scholarship

for 2014-15 on April 1. Cullum will attend Swansea University in Wales next spring. She is also one of only 10 nationally to be selected for the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program at the University of California-Berkley this summer.

GROUP TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



ECU Political Science and Legal Studies students traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the first Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference. Two students

– Coty Dildine and Kaylin Cullum, presented research. The group visited the White House, Capitol and Library of Congress during the visit.

ECU COLLAGE MEMBERS ATTEND CHICAGO DANCE FESTIVAL

Members of the ECU Collage Dance Team pose at the Bean at Millennium Park in Chicago while attending the American College Dance Festival during Spring Break.



CONCERT SHOWCASES 11 COMPOSERS

Eleven composers, drawing inspirations from faraway lands, American music styles and the beginnings of spring, were showcased at the Eighth Annual East Central University Faculty, Students and Friends Composer Concert on Feb. 24 in the Ataloo Theatre.



HOLI FESTIVAL BRINGS COLOR TO CAMPUS

The Asian Student Association sponsored the Holi Festival of Colors on March 11 in front of the Horace Mann Building on the ECU campus. Holi is an ancient spring Hindu religious festival, also known as the festival of colors and the festival of love. Students celebrated with water and colors.



ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The International Student Connection Club hosted its Annual International Dinner on March 12 at the ECU Memorial Student Union Ballroom. The event included food from around the world, along with international dances and songs, along with live music.



NASA DEMONSTRATE STICK BALL

The Native American Student Association conducted a stick ball game demonstration and served hot dogs at a function on Feb. 26 on the University Center Green.



STUDENTS TAKE STAND AGAINST SLAVERY

'Shine a Light on Slavery Day' was observed on the ECU campus on Feb. 27. As part of the 'End It' movement, students wore a red 'X' on their hands.



By doing this they were telling the world that slavery still exists and they won't stand for. The event was conducted by Tigers Against Human Trafficking.

CHEF SPEAKS TO FCS GROUP

Robert McGehee shared his experiences as a chef and high school teacher at Ardmore during a Family and Consumer Science Department function on Feb. 28.



DISTRACTED DRIVING SIMULATORS ON CAMPUS

ECU students tested out on distracted driving simulators on March 13. Students learned what driving conditions were like whether they were impaired by alcohol or texting.



FOAM PARTY!!!!

The ECU Campus Activities Board hosted a Foam Party on March 13. Several students enjoyed playing in the pool full of suds as a pre-spring break activity.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUMMER & FALL ENROLLMENT TIME

April 11

Steamroller Printing @ 10 a.m., Centennial Plaza

Art Club Chili Bowl 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Southwestern @ 2 p.m.

Art Walk 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Greek Week Closing Ceremony @ 7 p.m., CBCC

Major Barbara @ 7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre

April 12

Beginning Freshman Advisement/Enrollment

ACT National Test

Tennis vs. Harding @ 9:00am

Baseball vs. SWOSU @ 1 p.m.

April 14 - April 17

Harry Potter Week: Quidditch Tournament

Major Barbara @ 7:30 p.m., Ataloa Theatre

April 15

Baseball vs. St. Gregory's

College of Health and Science Awards @ 7p.m.

April 16

Box City

April 17

Stonecipher School of Business Awards @ 6 p.m.

Spring Band Concert @ 7:30 p.m.