



Campus Update

April 2016

EDUCATION BUILDING NAMED FOR LANOYS



ECU's newly re-modeled Education Building is now called the Lanoy Education Building, named in honor of Mary Pauline Lanoy and her late husband Leon because of their passion for higher education and a love of the teaching profession.



TWO INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME



Ruth Ann Taylor and Steven Crawford were inducted into the Gene and Evelyn Keefer Educator's Hall of Fame on March 29. Taylor had a 38-year elementary school teaching career and Crawford is executive director of the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to the Keefers and other parents like them who could not afford to go to college but made it a



priority that their children have the opportunity.

RAM JACK PARTNERSHIP WITH ECU RECOGNIZED

Ram Jack Inc., was recognized for its partnership with ECU by receiving the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award. Steven D. Gregory, inventor and founder of the Ram Jack methods of foundation, has been engaged with the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business for years.



SCHOOL OF NURSING RECEIVES GRANT

ECU nursing students will now have the opportunity to practice true clinical skills thanks to a \$147,090 grant provided by the Valley View Health and Wellness Foundation to the ECU School of Nursing. The grant is being used to purchase high-fidelity mannequins, which are becoming a standard of quality training at medical schools.



Paul Sereno
Discoverer of Dinosaurs

Sunday, April 17
2-3:30 p.m.
ECU Foundation Hall

Event is Free.
Open to the Public.

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ECU CELEBRATES FOUNDERS' DAY



ECU conducted a celebration of its 107th birthday on March 25 on Centennial Plaza. The event featured the Pride of Tigerland Marching Band performing the Oklahoma State Song and Tiger Fight Song. The ECU Chorale joined the

band in a rendition of Happy Birthday.

LEADERS PREPARING FOR LAUNCH OF OKA' INSTITUTE



ECU is working collaboratively with local partners – the Chickasaw Nation and the U.S. EPA Robert S. Kerr Research Center

– to discuss the launch of the Oka' Institute, the new water science institute for water resource studies and programs. Oka' is the Chickasaw and Choctaw word for water. The Oka' Institute vision is to create practical water solutions, both locally and globally, driven by research and directed by data in long-term sustainable ecological management and economic development.

ECU HOSTS REGIONAL, STATE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIRS



ECU hosted both the Regional Science and Engineering Fair and the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair. Scholarships were presented at the

OSSEF, March 31-April 1 and more than 80 other awards were presented in 54 categories and several qualified for the 2016 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

HUNDREDS ATTEND INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET AT ECU

Hundreds of high school students converged on the ECU campus Feb. 23, for the 100th Annual Interscholastic Meet, which consisted of 63 schools. It was a throwback to years past with three separate testing sessions in the morning, followed by an awards ceremony in the Ataloo Theatre.



ECU CONDUCTS SPRING 2016 CAREER EXPO

Hundreds of ECU students, from all majors, flocked to Foundation Hall and explored their career options during the Spring 2016 Career Expo held March 23. The event was staged by the ECU Career Center, under the direction of Peggy Saunkeah.



ECU RECOGNIZED AS CERTIFIED HEALTHY CAMPUS

Making great efforts and achievements in actively creating a safe and healthy environment for students,

faculty, staff and visitors, ECU was recently recognized as a Certified Healthy Oklahoma Campus at the excellence level. ECU's Office of Administration and Finance received Certified Healthy Business Merit Status as well from the Oklahoma Turning Point Council.



MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM RECOGNIZED FOR CAPTURING TITLE



The ECU men's basketball team was recognized at the NABC-Hillyard Champions Luncheon during the Final Four in Houston. The Tigers achieved the award after gaining a share of the 2015-16 Great American

Conference regular season championship. In the photo are head coach Ja Havens (center) along with assistant coach Aaron Hill and graduate assistant Jared Jobe.

THOMAS GARNERS MORE AWARDS



ECU senior basketball star Stirling Thomas was named to the D2 Conference Commissioner's Men's Basketball All-Central Region Second Team after being selected to the eight-member Great American Conference All-Tournament Team. He was also a unanimous All-GAC First Team selection for the regular season and was joined on the first team by teammate Braxton Reeves. ECU's Ishmael Donzo was an honorable mention pick. Thomas led the Tigers and GAC with a 19.5 scoring average in 2015-16.

JACKSON, STOTLER NAB GAC HONORS



ECU junior basketball players Jalyn Jackson and Whitney Stotler were picked for the Great American Conference All-Tournament Team following their postseason efforts. Jackson earned All-GAC honorable mention accolades for the 2015-16 regular season. Jackson averaged a double-double in the two games at the GAC with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Stotler averaged 21.5 points.

EDMONDS PITCHER OF THE WEEK

ECU sophomore right-handed pitcher Shae Edmonds was named Great American Conference Pitcher of the Week on April 5 after helping the Tigers claim a 1-0 victory at Oklahoma Baptist on April 2. Edmonds allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out three as ECU won the three-game series, two games to one.



FOUR ECU STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO LAW SCHOOLS

Four ECU students - Kaylin Cullum, Logan Harrison, Lauren Crudup and Maecey McClain – were recently accepted to a total of 10 law schools. Since 2010, 86 percent of the students from ECU's Political Science and Legal Studies Department have been accepted to more than 40 law schools across the country, according to Dr. Christine Pappas, director of the Political Science and Legal Studies Department. McClain was not available for the photo.



BIOLOGY STUDENTS CAPTURE AWARDS AT TRI-BETA CONVENTION

Seven ECU biology students attended the Tri-Beta South Central Regional Convention in Cedar Hills, Texas as they presented four posters and made two oral presentations. Morgan Mackey won first place for her oral presentation. Kimberly Condry took second for her poster presentation. Melissa Penton was named region secretary for Tri-Beta.



ECU STUDENTS EARN CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS AT SCISSORTAIL



ECU students Lyndsey Key and Ashley Loper nabbed awards in the college division at the recent Scissortail Creative Writing Festival held on the ECU campus. Key took first place for a short story called *Beanstalk* and Loper finished second for her three poems entitled *Suite 1700: Bloody Doves and Pomegranate Juice*, *North* and *October Prairie Song*.

ALPHA CHI INITIATES 91 NEW STUDENTS



The ECU Chapter of Alpha Chi initiated 91 new students. Alpha Chi consists of the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors at ECU.

ECU HONORS SENIORS GO TO



SAN FRANCISCO
Thanks to a special grant from the ECU Foundation, Inc., nine ECU honors seniors and two honors faculty

traveled to San Francisco March 10-13. The contingent walked among the Redwoods of Muir Woods and took a catamaran cruise under the Golden Gate Bridge. A trip to Chinatown also took place as Dr. David Weir provided a lecture on Asian-American Immigration.

STUDENTS ENJOY FESTIVAL OF COLORS



The Asian Student Association sponsored the Holi Festival of Colors held recently 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.

BARBECUE LUNCH HELPS BENNETT FAMILY



ECU showed support for the family of IT Director Jeremy Bennett, holding a free barbecue lunch on March 11 in anticipation of receiving donations to help offset the medical expenses for Bennett's son, Jacoby, who was attacked by dogs. Just over \$1,200 was raised.

DR. BURKE RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Dr. James Burke, chairman of the ECU Human Resources Department, received the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers at the group's annual conference, March 3-5, in Norman. Burke, a licensed clinical social worker, was nominated for the award by fellow social worker Dr. Carol Bridges, a retired professor from ECU.

PENNY SALES TAX TOWN HALL MEETING CONDUCTED



In an effort to improve education funding in the state with a proposed penny sales tax, a town hall meeting was conducted on campus and attended by ECU President John R. Hargrave, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and University of Oklahoma President David Boren.