



Campus Update

February 2018

ECU TAKES CENTERSTAGE AT THUNDER GAME



The East Central University Chorale performed the National Anthem prior



to the Oklahoma City-New Orleans Pelicans NBA game on Feb. 2 in Oklahoma City. A reception for alumni and friends was also held at "Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill" prior to the game. New ECU Head Football Coach Al Johnson and his staff were in

attendance to greet everyone.

ALUMNI GET TOGETHER FOR REUNIONS IN OKLAHOMA CITY AND DENVER



ECU Alumni Reunions were recently conducted in Oklahoma City and in Denver, Colorado. In the top photo is a group alums



at the event held at Toby Keith's in Oklahoma City and in the bottom photo is a group at the reunion in Denver.

Two more alumni gatherings are scheduled and both will be held in June. One is set for Tulsa on June 8 while another will be held in Oklahoma City on June 22.

TWENTY STUDENTS INVOLVED IN HIGHER ED DAY AT STATE CAPITOL

Twenty ECU students attended Higher Education Day on Feb. 13. The trip was supported by ECU President Katricia Pierson who joined the students for part of the day. The students took tours of the Oklahoma Judicial Center and met with members of the Court of Criminal Appeals and the the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Judge David Lewis, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, met with the students. They also went across the street to the Capitol and met with Representative Todd Thomsen and State Senator Greg McCortney, who represent the Ada area in the legislature.



STUDENT APPLICATIONS ARE UP AT ECU

The ECU Office of Admissions is pleased to announce that applications to ECU were up by a considerable count on Feb. 1, 2018 over the same time period of 2017. Applications are still being accepted. For information call 580-559-5276 or go online to fill out an application at ecok.edu/apply.



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EXCEPTIONAL EXCEL SCORE FOR ECU STUDENT BURTON



ECU student Corey Burton, of Beggs, received an exceptionally high score on his Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Excel 2016 Exam and has been declared Oklahoma's champion. He is now eligible to compete in Certiport's 2018 Microsoft

Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, June 13-15, 2018. His birthday is on June 14.

BENITEZ GETS NIGH PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



A son of immigrants and the first in his immediate family to attend college, sophomore Alexis Benitez, of Healdton, is pursuing

a degree in political science and legal studies and was recently named the winner of the 2018 George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship, an award presented to college students who are preparing for careers in public service.

MCCANE ACCEPTED TO VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM



ECU Veterans Upward Bound participant Jerry McCane, who has served in the Marines, was accepted into the Veterans Entrepreneurship Program at Oklahoma State University. This rigorous learning and development opportunity is for disabled veterans and those who distinguish themselves in their military service. Only 25 veterans from across the nation were accepted for the program.

TIGER BASKETBALL PLAYER HONORED BY HERO SPORTS

ECU's Camron Talley was named HERO Sports Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Week for Jan. 16-20 as he scored a combined 67 points, grabbed six rebounds, dished out eight assists and recorded eight steals in three games for the Tigers. In a win over arch-rival Southeastern, he tallied 44 points, three rebounds, four assists and seven steals while shooting 83.3 percent from the floor, 88.9 percent from 3-point range and nailed all six free shots.



ECU THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS CRIMES OF THE HEART

The ECU Theatre Department presented *Crimes of the Heart*, Jan. 25-27, in the Chalmers Herman Theatre of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. The production was directed by ECU student Margie Beck as a senior project. Shelby Davis (left) played Meg Magrath and Annabelle Elliot played Babe Magrath Botrelle.



ECU EMPLOYEES ATTEND CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE WEBINAR

ECU employees took part in a customer service/service excellence webinar in the Estep Multimedia Room on Feb. 15. The 45-minute webinar touched on the effects of recruitment and retention of students.



EDUCATION STUDENTS OUT IN THE FIELD



THIS SPRING
These ECU education students are honing their teaching skills out in the field at various area

schools this semester.

DR. SUKHOLUTSKAYA RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD



ECU's Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya received a prestigious national-level award for excellence in post-secondary teaching from the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European

Languages on Feb. 2 in Washington, D.C. Sukholutskaya, who has been a part of the AATSEEL since 2001, is director of Russian Studies and ECU's Global Education program.

CAREER EXPO BEING CONDUCTED ON



FEB. 28
A Career Expo, hosted by ECU's Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business, is being conducted

from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Feb. 28 in ECU Foundation Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The event is open to all ECU students and those in the community.

THREE MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERTS UPCOMING

The ECU Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will be holding their Midwinter Concert on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. in the Atalooa Theatre of the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. The ECU Music Department will also present the 12th Annual ECU Faculty, Students and Friends Composer Concert on Monday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Jazz Ensemble Concert is set for Sunday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Atalooa Theatre. All three concerts are free.



EIGHTH GRADE DISCOVERY DAY HELD

Area eighth graders learned about careers and ECU at Eighth Grade Career Discovery Day on Jan. 31 in the Chickasaw Business Conference Center.



DRUG FREE COALITION CONDUCTS GALA

The Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition hosted its Second Annual Red Ribbon Winter Wonderland Gala on Feb. 9 in ECU's Stanley Wagner Ballroom. The event featured a meal, silent auction, entertainment and community awards. The PCDFC was created as a substance abuse coalition in 2009 to address critical local concerns.



Mark Your Calendars for Founder's Day on Thursday, March 29

MARCH 1, 2018
@ 7:30 P.M.

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