



Campus Update

January 2014

SEN. PADDACK SPEAKS AT COMMENCEMENT



Oklahoma State Senator Susan Paddack was named ECU's Distinguished Alumnus and was the keynote speaker at commencement on Dec. 14. Paddack, who earned a

master's degree in secondary education from ECU and has been a champion for science programs

educational and in Oklahoma, spoke about technology. Two-hundred and twenty-five students earned their bachelor's degrees and 94 picked up master's degrees.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE VISITS ECU



Oklahoma Speaker of the House T.W. Shannon spoke at a meet and greet event in November on the ECU campus. Shannon talked

about the strides and successes made in the last state legislative session, including improvements to the workers' compensation system, tax reform and infrastructure. He also discussed what was coming up in the next legislative session.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT LEADERS MEET



Sen. Susan Paddack invited community leaders to meet with Oklahoma State Secretary of Energy & Environment Col.

Michael Teague. During the meet and greet Col. Teague discussed many upcoming initiatives and addressed questions from the group. Photographed above: Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, President Hargrave, Sen. Paddack, Amy Ford and Col. Teague.

SISTER ROSEMARY GIVES SEWING LESSONS

Hundreds traveled to Ada on Nov. 21 to watch the premiere screening of *Sewing Hope*. After the screening audience members heard from

Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe, who runs a school in Gulu, Uganda and Reggie Whitten, the documentary producer. *Sewing Hope*, narrated by

Forest Whitaker, is the story of young women formerly abducted and used as sex slaves and child soldiers by the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, Joseph Kony.



The screening was free and open to the public. Supporters were only asked to bring spools of thread to help Sister Rosemary help in her sewing efforts. Sister Rosemary returned to campus the following week and gave sewing lessons to students in ECU's Family and Consumer Sciences department.

TUSKEGEE AIRMAN TO SPEAK AT DIVERSITY LECTURE ON MARCH 11

Tuskegee Airmen Col. Charles McGee will be the featured speaker in the Louise Young Diversity Lecture Series on March 11 at the Ataloa Theatre in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts

Center. Col. McGee, who was a career officer in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years, held an Air Force record of 409 fighter combat missions flown in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The Tuskegee Airmen were an African American pursuit squadron.



SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! ON STAGE AT ECU



Schoolhouse Rock Live, based on an American programming series of animated musical educational short films (later videos) that aired on Saturday morning

children’s programming on ABC, will be brought to the stage, Feb. 14-15, 7:30 p.m.



A VERY CHORALE CHRISTMAS RESCHEDULED FOR JAN. 30

‘A Very Chorale

Christmas,’ scheduled for December but was postponed due to winter weather, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the ECU Foundation Hall of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The cost is \$50 per person and proceeds go toward travel expenses for the University Chorale’s tours and competitions. The University Chorale is under the direction of Dr. Steven Walker.



CHORALE PERFORMS IN D.C.

The ECU University Chorale, the campus’ touring ensemble group for the choral department, conducted three performances in Washington, D.C., in December at the 2013 National Christmas Tree Music Program on the ellipse of the

White House; at the National Basilica and Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton as part of the Gettysburg 150th Commemoration; and at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Upper Church.

RAMADAN SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED



The Second Annual Ramadan Symposium is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m. in the Estep Auditorium at

ECU’s Bill S. Cole University Center. The symposium will feature four speakers. The presentations will include: Advances in Magnetic Resonance Imaging to Help Diagnose Primary Brain Tumors: A Focus on Pre-Clinical Evaluations; Visceral Pain: It’s all in your Head; and Understanding Retinal Degeneration.

LIMES LECTURE AND TIGER TANK SUCCESS

Kevin Cantrell, co-owner of Patriot Ford, spoke at the annual Leonard Limes Endowed Lecture in November. The Limes Lectureship for Entrepreneurship was created by Leonard Limes, a known philanthropist.



Prior to the lecture Ada Jobs Foundation sponsored the first Tiger Tank Pitch Competition for ECU and high school students. First place teams were Stanford Mahlatini (middle), a finance major from Zimbabwe in the college division; and Latta High School.



Both received a \$250 scholarship award.

EFFECTS OF LIGHT POLLUTION LECTURE

Dr. Paul Bogard, of James Madison University, presented “Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light” at an event hosted by the ECU Honors Program. Bogard talked about his findings on the effects of light pollution and selections from his latest book, *The End of Night*. Following the presentation, ECU’s Dr. Carl Rutledge hosted a night sky viewing with telescopes.



FORMER MOUSEKETEER VISITS CAMPUS

Lindsey Alley, who was a Mouseketeer on the All-New Mickey Mouse Club’s five-year run from 1989-94, recently performed a music-comedy show at the Ataloo Theatre. Alley served as a Mouseketeer with the likes of Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears. During her visit to campus she also participated in and conducted master classes with ECU students.



SPOTLIGHT ON FRANCE

Spotlight on France,” an event hosted by the ECU Global Education Department, featured a presentation by representatives from ECU’s sister institution, the University of Limoges, in Limoges, France. Music and a poetry recitation were also featured at the event.





ECKLER SPEAKS AT NOYCE COLLOQUIUM

Chris Eckler, a Robert Noyce Teaching Scholarship winner at ECU in 2011, was the presenter at ECU's Fall 2013 Noyce Colloquium.

The topic of his discussion was "Five Things Every Teacher Needs to Know about Teaching Junior High Mathematics." Eckler obtained his bachelor's degree in mathematics with a teacher certification last spring and is a junior high math instructor at Ada Jr. High School.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB DONATES FUNDS



The Fortnightly Study Club of Ada disbanded its group, but brought their funds to the ECU Foundation for a scholarship to be named in honor of Hazel Linscheid, wife of former ECU

President Adolph Linscheid. Because of the group's generosity, the ECU Foundation purchased a chair with the club's name inscribed on it in the Ataloo Theatre inside the Hallie Brown Fine Arts Center.

AT&T DONATION TO BENEFIT LEADERS



A \$1,300 donation from AT&T will benefit the Vision Bank Presidential Leadership Program's Leaders are Readers Program. Funds from the donation will be

used to purchase leadership books for students in the Presidential Leadership Program.

HIGGINBOTHAM NAME LIVES ON THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS



Because Dorothy Higginbotham's name lives on, 30 ECU students are benefiting as \$1,000 scholarship

recipients for 2013-14. Sixteen of those students were recognized and 17 of Higginbotham's family members were in attendance and honored at the Higginbotham Family Luncheon, held on Nov. 12. Higginbotham left a \$1 million gift to the ECU Foundation to be applied toward scholarships. Dorothy Higginbotham, who came from a family of 10 children, was one of nine who attended and/or graduated from ECU.

WILL ROGERS PERFORMS AT LITERARY ARTS FESTIVAL

Hundreds of high school students were on campus in November for ECU's 18th Annual Oklahoma Literary Arts Festival. Dr. Doug Watson, professor emeritus at Oklahoma Baptist University, performed as Oklahoma native and legendary cowboy Will Rogers.



VETERANS MILITARY RESOURCE ROUNDUP

The Veterans Upward Bound Program at ECU hosted a Veterans and Military Resource Roundup. The roundup featured informational speed sharing and networking with service providers in the morning and an afternoon outreach session for veterans, military service members and their families.



HUNDREDS ATTEND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Women's Conference, *Empowering Women to Live, Laugh & Learn* was held on Nov. 7 at ECU. More than 350 attended the one-day event which included 15 breakout sessions.



ECU HOSTS CLASS 2A STATE FOOTBALL GAME

ECU played host to a Class 2A state semifinal football game between Millwood and Hartshorne in December at Norris



Field. Millwood claimed a 24-9 victory in that contest before dropping a 36-32 decision to Davis in the championship game a week later.

BASKETBALL CLASSIC HELD AT ECU

Hundreds of fans and players attended the 37th Annual Bertha Frank Teague Mid-America Girls' High School Basketball Classic, held at ECU's Kerr Activities Center for three days in December.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD BARRON

FIFTH GRADERS ATTEND TIGER FIELD TRIP



On the last day of school before the holiday break, more than 250 fifth graders watched the Tigers battle Southwestern Adventist. The event was sponsored by Patriot Ford as students from each of the schools competed for prizes in games during time outs and at halftime. The Tigers won the game, 122-62.

GAINES NAMED SECOND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN



ECU football senior defensive back Fred Gaines was named to the Beyond Sports Network All-American Second Team for 2013. He finished the season with 54.5 tackles, six tackles for lost yards, two interceptions and five pass breakups.

Gaines and Tiger teammate Qumain Black, a junior, were also selected to Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-Super Region 3 Third Team.

STUDENTS CONSTRUCT 'GREEN TREE'



ECU students, as part of a service learning project for an advertising/public relations campaign class under the direction of Bruce Hartley, formulated the idea for a "Green Tree" on display at Wintersmith Park during the holidays. The students' project was pitched to the Ada Recycling Coalition this fall. A smaller version of the tree, constructed by the ECU students, was on display at the Mabee Gereer Museum in Shawnee in November. The ARC loved the idea and had a larger version created at Wintersmith. The Ada Recycling Coalition plans to grow the idea next year in the community.

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DR. STAN NNOCHIRIONYE WELCOMED BACK

Dr. Stan Nnochirionye, a professor and director of ECU's Distance Education, was welcomed back to ECU

by students, former students, faculty and friends with a reception in November. Nnochirionye took a leave of absence to undergo a liver transplant.

RUTLEDGE TO RECEIVE TOP AWARD

ECU Physics Professor Dr. Carl Rutledge will receive the 2013 David and Molly Boren Mentor Award on Jan. 15, 2014 at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. The award, which is being presented in conjunction with National Mentoring Month, is sponsored by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence and its David and Molly Boren Initiative. The recognition ceremony will be held in the House Chambers on the fourth floor of the State Capitol Building.



ROBERTSON RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

ECU Professor of Human Resources Dr. Regina Robertson (center) was recognized with a plaque for her outstanding dedication to ECU students and her many years of tireless service to the Ada community during the Annual Ada Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 25. Robertson has been involved with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner since 1990 and has served as a co-sponsor or sponsor of ECU's Human Resources Club.



OBW RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL AWARD

Oklahoma Business Week Director Stacey Bolin and Community Education Program Charlee Lanis recently attended Association for Continuing Higher Education Annual Conference and Meeting in Lexington, Kent. They were able to share the OBW success story and accept the national ACHE's 2013 Distinguished Program: Non-Credit Award.



FORD NAMED COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR

ECU Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Ford was presented the prestigious Natalea Watkins Communicator of the Year Award for 2013 in November at the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association's Fall Workshop. Ford was nominated for the award by virtue of her leadership that has had a positive influence for ECU as well as for the state system of higher education. Ford was tenth recipient of the award.





SANTA VISITS ECU

More than 60 kids participated in the Fifth Annual Photos with Santa at ECU. Kids of all ages climbed in the sleigh and told Santa their Christmas wishes.

ALPHA CHI INDUCTS 123 NEW MEMBERS



ECU's chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society inducted 123 new members.

PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES EIGHT



The ECU chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society initiated eight members.

STUDENTS INTERN IN WASHINGTON D.C.



Ten students from ECU's Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society have been selected to travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the "D.C. Internship Experience," Feb. 12-16, 2014.

DEEPAWALI FESTIVAL CELEBRATED



More than 60 members of the ECU community came together to celebrate the Deepawali Festival in November. The Deepawali Festival, a Hindu tradition, is a festival of lights that marks the victory of good over evil.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 11

Women's Basketball vs SWOSU @ 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs SWOSU @ 4 p.m.

Jan. 13

Spring Semester Begins

Jan. 16

Women's Basketball vs Southern Nazarene @ 5:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs Southern Nazarene @ 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 20

MLK Day - Campus Closed

Jan. 25

Women's Basketball vs Harding @ 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs Harding @ 4 p.m.

Feb. 1 & 2

Baseball vs Cameron @ Noon

Feb. 6

Women's Basketball vs Southern Arkansas @ 5:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs Southern Arkansas @ 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 8

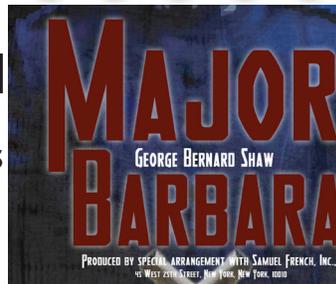
Women's Basketball vs Arkansas-Monticello @ 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs Arkansas-Monticello @ 4 p.m.
Baseball vs Newman @ noon
Women's Tennis vs UCO @ noon

2014

THEATRE SEASON

- CHICAGO TAP - Jan. 24
- SCHOOL HOUSE ROCKS - Feb 14-15
- EMILY PULLEY - Feb. 20
- BRAD RICHTER - Feb. 22
- FAHRENHEIT 451 - March 6
- MAJOR BARBARA - April 10-12

*All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.
For tickets, visit tickets.ecok.edu



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