



Campus Update

January 2017

GOV. ANOATUBBY ADDRESSES



ECU GRADUATES
Gov. Bill Anoatubby, of the Chickasaw Nation, delivered the Fall 2016 Commencement Address at ECU on Dec. 10. At the ceremony, 210 candidates received their bachelor's

degrees while 99 more obtained master's degrees.

LANOY GIFT HELPS ESTABLISH MATH-SCIENCE INSTITUTE



Thanks to a donation of \$350,000 from Pauline Lanoy, the Institute for Math and Science Education has

been established at ECU. The new institute is geared toward enhancing the educational experience of prospective teachers in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields. This was the latest of large gifts made to ECU by Lanoy and her late husband Leon. Their family adorns the recently remodeled Education Building.

CHORALE CAPTURES TOP PRIZE AT INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Competing against choir professionals and more experienced singers, the ECU Chorale claimed the top prize in



the Mixed Choir: Level of Difficulty I category at the Golden State Choral Trophy 2016, an international competition conducted in Monterey, California, Nov. 24-25. The ECU Chorale vied for the trophy in the finals with four other choirs, two from the United States and two from Poland. Eighteen choirs in all were selected to take part in the festival, representing the Philippines, Croatia, Afghanistan, the Netherlands, Poland and the U.S. In addition to the capturing the Golden State Choral Trophy, the ECU Chorale also impressed famous composer Dr. Morten Lauridsen. The Chorale performed one of Lauridsen's most difficult pieces of music – *Chanson Eloignee* – and Lauridsen offered a glowing critique, admitting how stunned he was that director Dr. Steven Walker and the Chorale performed the piece so well in bringing it to life.

SAVE THE DATE: President John R. Hargrave Retirement Party
Friday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.
ECU Foundation Hall
Chickasaw Business and Conference Center
ecok.edu/Hargrave2017

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ECU WELCOMES SUSAN PADDACK



ECU officially welcomed Susan Paddack to campus on Nov. 11 with a “Goodbye Senate and Hello ECU” reception. Paddack, who

is serving as executive director of ECU’s new Oka’ Institute, spent 12 years as State Senator for District 13, which includes Pontotoc and Hughes Counties, along with portions of Garvin and Coal Counties in Oklahoma. Paddack also delivered the Women’s Club Lecture on Nov. 4.

VETERAN’S DAY CELEBRATED AT ECU



ECU honored veterans and military service members during a Veteran’s Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at the flagpole near the Centennial Plaza.

NINTH GRADE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT BUSINESS PRACTICES



Ninth grade students from Pontotoc County learned about business practices on Nov. 16 by creating a packaging and shipping company

at ECU’s Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business. Along the way they learned about brand marketing to create a logo for their company and pitched their product to volunteers from local businesses. Using resource allocation, they purchased items to build their packaging crate and then tested the results by doing an egg drop.

AREA STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT SCIENCE AND RESEARCH



Area junior high and high school students learned about science and research as they listened to speakers and toured lab facilities on the ECU campus.

WOMEN’S CONFERENCE HOSTED BY ECU

“Empowering Women to Bee Present, Passionate and Positive” was the name of a women’s conference held Nov.



17 at ECU. The day-long event, with a bee theme, included speeches, breakout sessions and vendor booths. Topics included leadership, customer service, time management, finance, health, work, life, balance and more.

SCHOOL OF NURSING CONDUCTS WORKSHOP

The ECU School of Nursing conducted a workshop on Nov. 30 as



representatives from the program and various other medical facilities were in attendance.

THANKSGIVING DINNER HELD

The ECU Human Resources Department, along with the Human Resources Club and Silent Friends Club, hosted its Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 21 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex.



TIGER CONNECTION EXPERIENCED BY PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS



High School seniors and transfer students experienced a preview day at ECU called "Tiger Connection." The event is designed for prospective students to check out what ECU has to offer. The next Tiger Connection is set for March 8.

DR. NICHOLSON-WEIR AWARDED PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER



Dr. Rebecca Nicholson-Weir, ECU assistant professor of English and Languages, was recently awarded the 2016 South Central Modern Language Association Prize for Best Paper in Historical, Literary and/or Cultural Studies. Her paper was entitled "Time and Place Will Have Their Say: Experimental Narration in Zora Neale Hurston's Dust Tracks on a Road."

THREE OSD GRADUATES EARN MASTER'S DEGREES



Three Oklahoma School for the Deaf graduates walked across the ECU stage to receive their master's degrees on Dec. 10. The trio is currently employed by OSD, which is a division of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. Sisters Trudy Lynn Fox Mitchell and Donna Fox Saaty, who reside in Ada, earned their master's degrees in human resources administration and human services counseling respectively. Amanda Bowerman Chebultz, from Sulphur, received a master's degree in educational leadership.

DR. SEWELL BOARD CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST



Dr. Guy Sewell, professor in East Central University's Environmental Health Science Department, was recently honored as a board certified environmental scientist by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists Certification Board. Sewell was granted certification to the academy in the specialty of groundwater and the subsurface environment. He is a Robert S. Kerr Endowed Chair and is executive director of the Institute for Environmental Science Education and Research at ECU.

ECU'S SOEA PROVIDES GIFTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ECU's chapter of the Student Oklahoma Education Association (SOEA) helped provide Christmas gifts for students at Ada High School. Members of ECU's SOEA chapter, along with faculty and staff members of the Education and Athletic Departments not only collected t-shirts and clothing for the students, they also planned fundraisers and donated money so the Ada High counselors would be able to purchase gifts for the students.



ECU WINS VOTER REGISTRATION AWARD AGAIN

ECU students hold up three fingers after the university won the Oklahoma Campus Compact Voter Registration Contest for the third straight time.



CODY CAPTURES FIRST PLACE IN



TIGER TANK
Christian Cody, a senior business finance major, was the winner of ECU's 2016 Tiger Tank Pitch Competition. The competition is similar to network television's "Shark Tank" in which participants pitch a business idea in hopes of securing an investment deal. Cody's app idea was linking those seeking a healthier lifestyle with local fitness partners and fitness facilities.

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MACKEY STUDYING ABROAD IN WALES



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STUDENT TEACHERS FOR SPRING 2017



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EIGHTY-FIVE INITIATED INTO ALPA CHI

The ECU Chapter of Alpha Chi initiated 85 new students



in a ceremony held on Nov. 15. Alpha Chi is comprised of the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors at ECU. Students must have at least a 3.5 grade-point average to be eligible to join.

STUDENTS DIRECT ONE-ACT PLAYS

ECU students directed a series of One-Act Plays, Nov. 17-19, at the Chalmers Herman Theatre. The student directors chose their



respective plays at the beginning of the semester. Each held their own auditions for the roles in each play and had rehearsals with limited help from their professors.

ECU BASKETBALL STARS HONORED

ECU basketball player Braxton Reeves was named United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Player of the Week on Dec. 21 after averaging 42.5 points in a pair of Tiger back-to-back victories. He tallied 40 points against Texas A&M-Commerce along with an ECU and Great American Conference record 45 against Cameron. Teammate Ishmael Donzo was named Great American Conference Co-Player of the Week on Jan. 9, following the Tigers' road wins at Harding and Arkansas Tech. Donzo averaged a double-double for the week (18.5 points and 11.0 rebounds). He tallied 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds against Harding and collected 15 points and nine boards against Arkansas Tech.





Feb. 16, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18, 2017, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Ataloa Theatre
Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

Legally Blonde is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

Music and Lyrics by
Laurence O'Keefe and Nel Benjamin
Book by Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown
and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture



Tickets:

- \$10 Adults, \$9 Senior Citizens & Non-ECU Students
- ECU Alumni receive \$1 discount
- Admission is free for all ECU Students, Faculty & Staff with ECU ID

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