



Campus Update

January 2018

VINTAGE VIOLINS SHOWCASED AT ECU



Music lovers were treated to an up-close and personal experience at ECU with two priceless and museum-quality violins, thanks to Oklahoma Heri-

tage Bank and Dr. Darryl Fisher, chairman for the Board for OHB. The event, "The Legendary Violins of Stradivarius and Guarnerius" on Dec. 1, featured two violins from Cremona, Italy – the Lenora Jackson Stradivarius (1714) and the 'Sloan' Guarnerius del Gesu (1742), played by Dr. William Sloan and Susanne Woolley. Professor Judy Sloan accompanied on the piano with John Emery on the violincello.

DR. PIERSON SPEAKS AT TWO WOMEN'S EVENTS



ECU President Katricia Pierson, the university's first female president, spoke during the Women's Club Lecture on Nov. 14. She

also spoke at the Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Fall 2017 Luncheon, along with other women presidents from universities and colleges from across the state.

JOHNSON NAMED NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AT ECU

Al Johnson, an assistant offensive line coach for the recent Orange Bowl champion Wisconsin Badgers, has been



named the new head football coach of the Tigers. Johnson will be the 19th head coach in ECU history and just the fourth since the Tigers joined the NCAA ranks in 1997. Johnson (middle) poses with ECU Director of Athletics Dr. Jeff Williams (left) and former All-American Tyler Jack at a meet-and-greet event at J.D.'s Cafe in Ada. Johnson will appear at another public event on Friday, Feb. 2 at Toby Keith's Bar and Grill in Oklahoma City prior to ECU Night at the Oklahoma City Thunder game.

FORD NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Amy T. (Garcia) Ford, a 1996 ECU alum who has spent almost 11 years as ECU's assistant vice president and director of communications and marketing, has been called upon to restore ECU's Office of



Institutional Advancement. Ford will oversee the offices of Advancement, Alumni Relations and Communications & Marketing, all with the underlying mission to increase awareness and enhance external relations to advance ECU.

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PICKENS DELIVERS LOU WATKINS LECTURE



Rusty Pickens, an ECU computer science graduate and Chickasaw Nation citizen, presented the Lou Watkins Lecture on Nov. 10. He spoke on using technology in political campaigns and government. Pickens served at the U.S. Department of State as the senior advisor for digital platforms where he implemented cloud computing solutions which empower a 21st-century public diplomacy strategy. The lecture was held in conjunction with the Oklahoma Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting.

SHOWTIME PERFORMS NIGHT AT THE WAX MUSEUM



ECU Showtime performed Night at the Wax Museum on Nov. 9-10 in the Dorothy I. Summers Theatre. The story focused on wax figures bringing history to life, literally.

MEMORY OF ECU ALUM HONORED



The memory of early childhood educator Tina Hope Davis was recognized as Donna Cox and LaDona Hill, of Tina’s Legacy Committee, presented a \$21,000 check to Buffy Lovelis, of the ECU Foundation, Inc.. The donation establishes a Centennial Endowment Scholarship. Davis, who passed away in 2015, attended ECU and earned her bachelor’s degree in education in 1984 and later earned her master’s degree in special education.

ECU STUDENTS PRESENT AT NATIVE AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM



Two ECU English majors – Sidney Lewis and Daniel Bonar – presented insightful papers at the recent 12th Native American Symposium, a professional academic conference held at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. Lewis presented “Steady as a Beating Drum,” and Bonar presented “Accidental Preservation,” which discussed indigenous language phonetics.

ECU TEAMS UP WITH PAWS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE



ECU and the Pontotoc Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) announced its receipt of a new \$1,553.89 grant from PetSmart Charities, the leading funder of animal welfare in North America. The new grant will support the daily operations of PAWS so they can continue their efforts to help local shelter pets thrive as they continued their journey to finding forever homes and families.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH, WELLNESS FAIR

Approximately 250 ECU students, along with faculty and staff, took part in the ECU Kinesiology Department’s Health, Wellness and Safety Fair. The fair included fitness tests and was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, Seminole Nation and U.S. Mental Health Counseling Services.



MOCK TRIAL TEAM PLACES THIRD AT OU



ECU's College Mock Trial Team took third place during the University of Oklahoma's Sooner Invitational

held recently at the OU College of Law. The competition featured 10 teams from various universities in the region. The ECU team was fourth and advanced to the semifinals in which it competed with the University of Arkansas.

CIFUENTES TO INTERN FOR FLORIDA CONGRESSWOMAN



ECU double-major Diego Cifuentes is going to do an internship for U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Florida, representing the 27th District which encompasses most of Miami and Coral Gables)

in Washington D.C., while earning 15 hours of college credit. Cifuentes is a native of Miami and a current resident of Pauls Valley. Cifuentes is pictured here with Ros-Lehtinen, the first Latina elected to Congress and who will retire later in 2018.

SARITA KC AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP



Sarita KC, a master's student in ECU's Water Resource Policy and Management degree program, has been awarded a scholarship from the Oklahoma State Environmental Health Professionals.

ALPHA CHI, PI SIGMA ALPHA CONDUCT INDUCTION CEREMONIES

ECU's chapter of Alpha Chi, a College National Honor Society, conducted its induction ceremony on Nov. 14. New members were inducted into ECU's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, a Political Science Honor Society, on Nov. 15.



CRIMES OF THE HEART
BY BETH HENLEY

7:30 P.M. JAN. 25-27
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- Admission is free for all ECU Students, Faculty & Staff with ECU ID

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ECU STUDENTS PRESENT PAPERS AT LANGUAGES, LINGUISTICS CONFERENCE



ECU English majors Avery Stevens, of Ada, and Karina Tarpey, of Seminole, presented papers at the University of Central Oklahoma's Undergraduate Language and Linguistics

Conference on Nov. 11. Stevens' paper was entitled "The Rhetoric of Reason in Religious Context: Forgiveness as a Necessary Limit on God." Tarpey's essay was entitled "The Advantages of Reading Thirteen Reasons Why Through a Transaction Lens."

KEENAN PLACES FOURTH IN INFORMATIVE SPEAKING



Ashley Keenan, a sophomore computer science major at ECU, recently took fourth place in Informative Speaking at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Keenan is president of the ECU Tiger Speech and Debate team. The tournament,

which included debate and other individual events, was attended by representatives from 25 other universities.

CLYMER CAPTURES SCIENCE AWARDS

Maranda Robin Clymer, an ECU physics major from Ada, won Best Undergraduate Paper and the Outstanding Undergraduate Oral Presentation Award for Physical Sciences at the 106th Technical Meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science Collegiate Academy Awards for 2017. Gunner Parent, Josh Hardage, Billy Andrew and a group of ECU students each won awards in their respective categories.



ECU SOCCER PLAYERS EARN AWARDS

Five Tiger soccer players received Great American Conference recognition for the 2017 season.



Sophomore defender Alyssa Butler was named to the All-GAC First Team and earned United States Soccer Coaches All-Central Region Third Team accolades. Other ECU honorees included junior Chloe Hull (GAC Second Team and GAC Elite Scholar-Student Athlete), sophomore Alexis Castillo (Second Team), sophomore defender Lizette Carreon (Honorable Mention) and senior Deanna Rudasill (GAC Elite Scholar-Student Athlete).

BRAY REPRESENTS ECU, GAC AT NATIONAL FORUM

Charles Bray recently represented ECU and the Great American Conference at the NCAA National Leadership Forum, Nov. 16-19, in Washington D.C. A member of the Tiger football team, Bray was one of few student-athletes from across the country to attend the forum.



TIGER FOOTBALL PLAYERS HONORED

Five ECU football players picked up Great American Conference postseason awards led by running back Ontario Douglas, who was named GAC Freshman of the Year. Junior Trinity Benson was named to the All-GAC Second Team as a receiver. Gathering honorable mention accolades were sophomore tight end Dilland Gardner, senior offensive lineman Spencer Damm and junior safety Justin Hayden. Douglas was also named to the D2CCA All-Region Second Team.



BRANCH GAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK



ECU senior Devon Branch was named Great American Conference Player of the Week on Dec. 4 after averaging 25 points and 10 rebounds in the Tigers' two road wins at Southern

Arkansas and Arkansas-Monticello. She shot 42.9 percent from 3-point range for the two games and was 13-of-16 from the free-throw line.

CANNON HONORED BY GAC



ECU senior men's basketball player Brett Cannon was named Great American Conference Player of the Week on Dec. 18.

He registered only the second triple-double (13 points, 12 rebounds and 13 assists) in GAC history in the Tigers' 118-79 home victory over Southwest Adventist on Dec. 15. He also had 14 points, five rebounds and nine assists a day later against Dallas Christian.

CHORALE RANKED 25TH WORLDWIDE



The ECU Chorale was recently ranked in a tie for 25th place in the Mixed Chorus

Division by Interkultur, the largest organizer of amateur choir contests in the world. Annually, Interkultur ranks the top 1,000 choirs in the world that compete in various categories. The ECU Chorale tied with a choir from Latvia. Only four other choirs from the U.S. were ranked higher than ECU.

STEVENS STUDYING ABROAD IN FRANCE

ECU junior English major Avery Stevens is studying abroad this spring at the University of Limoges, a sister institution of ECU, in Limoges, France through ECU's Go Global...



Study Abroad program. Stevens is planning to study the French culture and language.

ECU PLACES FIRST IN VOTING REGISTRATION

For the fourth year in a row, ECU was honored for its civic engagement after tying for first place in the Oklahoma Campus Compact 2017 Voter Registration Contest. ECU tied with Southwestern Oklahoma State University for first place in the Equality Division (institutions with enrollment of 3,001-7000 students) at 6.8 percent. Pictured in the photo are: (from left to right) Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen D. Johnson; Dr. Christine Pappas, professor and chair of ECU's Department of Political Science and Legal Studies; ECU President Dr. Katricia Pierson and OSRHE Board Chair Ronald H. White.



RAMADAN SYMPOSIUM CONDUCTED

Outstanding professionals from the neuroscience field were on hand for the Sixth Annual Raniyah T. Ramadan Symposium on Jan. 24. The symposium featured presentations from Dr. Holly Van Remmen, Dr. Michael Stout, Dr. Hibah Awwad and ECU student Hannah Taff. The symposium is held in honor of the late Raniyah T. Ramadan, a neuroscientist.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS VISIT CAMPUS



More than 300 high school seniors from the area on campus for Senior Day on Nov. 7, as they received a preview of ECU.

Participants were able to explore the campus degree options, financial aid and organizations.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATED AT ECU



ECU celebrated Veterans Day with a ceremony on campus, Nov. 10. The event included a flag-raising ceremony and short presentation by Dr. Richard Putnam, a

Vietnam veteran and former ECU professor.

MEEKS PRESIDENT OF NAVUB PROGRAMS



ECU's Veteran Upward Bound Director Mary Meeks was recently named president of the National

Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) programs. ECU's VUB Program was recently approved for \$1,452,450 grant for five years (\$290,490 per year). The Veterans' Upward Bound is a federally funded grant program designed to provide supportive services to military service members and veterans in an effort to ensure successful entry or re-entry and completion of a post-secondary program of study.

GARCIA RECEIVES AWARD FROM OPSA



Sarah Garcia, dean's secretary in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, received the Sandra Mace Service Award from the Oklahoma

Political Science Association.

DR. RUTLEDGE RECOGNIZED AS AAPT FELLOW

Dr. Carl Rutledge has been recognized as a Fellow in the American Association of Physics Teachers. It was one of many awards achieved by



Rutledge at ECU. He was named Adolph Linscheid Distinguished Teaching Professor in 2004 and received ECU's Teaching Excellence Award for 1998-99.

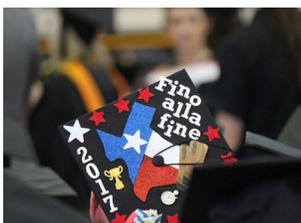
PHYSICAL PLANT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE QUARTERLY AWARDS

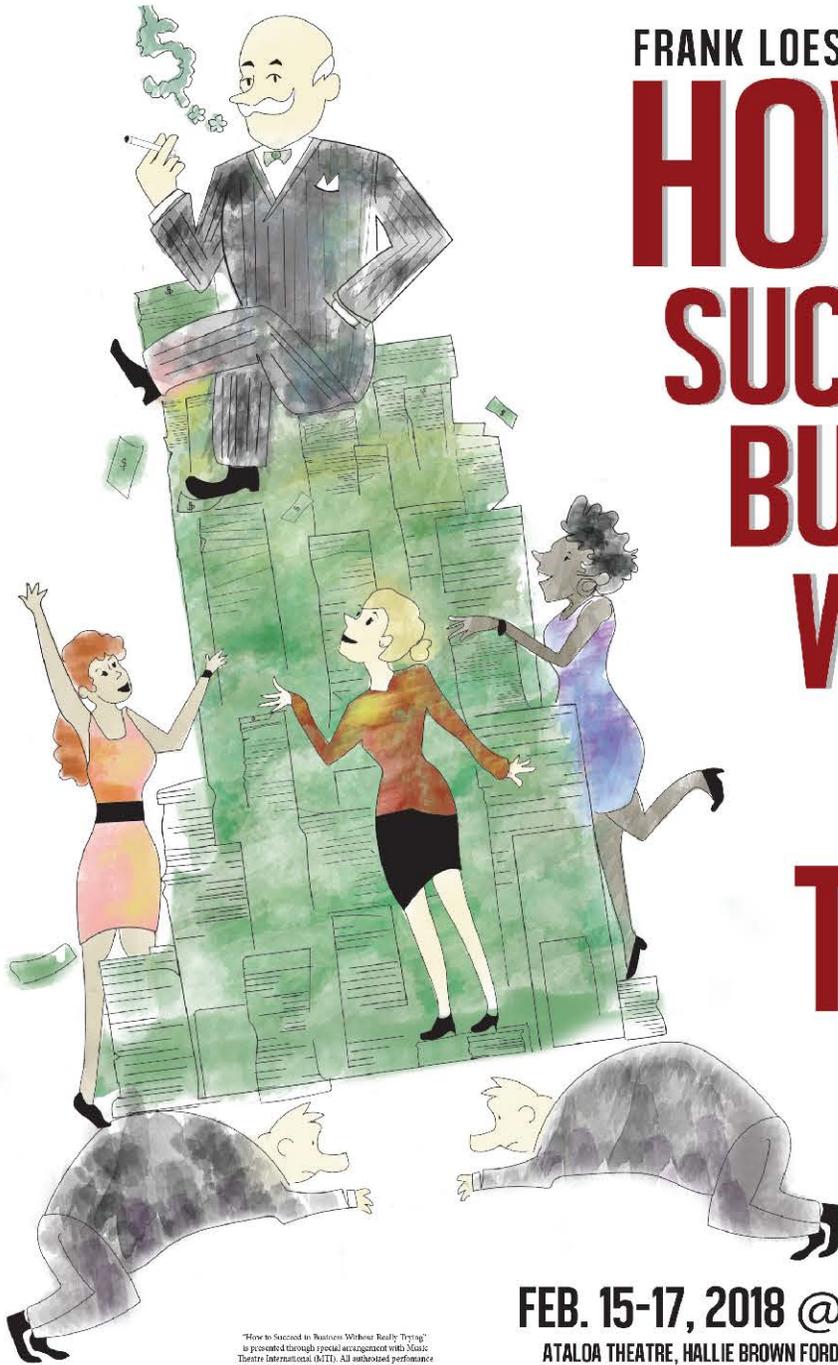
Retiree Bob Anderson, groundskeeper, along with Employee of the First Quarter, Angela Sliger, administrative assistant; and Employee of the Second Quarter Bill Boyd, carpenter, were honored at the ECU Physical Plant's annual Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 17. Each person was recognized for their dedication to ECU.



Happy New Year!!!

2017 Fall Commencement Photos





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