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ECU RECEIVES SIX-FIGURE INCENTIVE



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ADA,

CHECK FROM OG&E ECU recently accepted a \$297,437 incentive check from OG&E for its participation in the OG&E Schools

and Government Efficiency (SAGE) Program. SAGE helps organizations save energy and money by providing no-cost facility improvement recommendations, benchmarking services, energy master planning and financial incentives based on energy savings. ECU retrofitted the entire campus with highly-efficient LED lighting, which will save nearly 2 million kilowatt hours of energy annually.

NEW RESIDENCE HALL SET FOR ECU



A new residence hall is on the horizon for ECU. With the help of the sale of bonds through the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority's Master Real

Property Lease Program, ECU is projected have a new residence hall, loan free, on campus in the near future. The facility, which will be the seventh housing option for students on campus. The location for the residence hall is near the northwest corner of Francis and 13th Streets in Ada, directly across from the Mayhue Tennis Courts.

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PITSCO STEM LAB OPENS ON CAMPUS

In an effort to celebrate a new and innovate way to tie in science, technology, engineering and math with education, ECU conducted the formal naming for

its new Pitsco STEM Lab on Wednesday, July 27, on the first floor of the Lanoy Education Building.





Pitsco STEM labs transform classrooms into real-world learning centers where students are exposed to a variety of career fields and obtain relevant college and career-readiness skills.

SENATOR LANKFORD SPEAKS AT ECU

U.S. Senator James Lankford spoke and fielded questions during a town hall

during a town hall meeting July 26 in the Synergistic Room of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. Among the topics of discussion were national security, government efficiency and economic growth. Lankford





was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014 after serving four years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

First Day of Fall Classes set for Aug. 15

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TIGER FOOTBALL PLAYER HELPS SAVE



ECU football player William Colbert helped save the life of a 7-year-old girl during the Independence holiday weekend at Gladewater Lake in Kilgore, Texas. Colbert, along with a woman, saw Serenity Johnson

struggling in the water, swam out and pulled her to safety as Johnson's stepdad performed CPR. Colbert is a defensive back and sophomore-to-be for the Tigers.

ECU ALUM IN BELL-RINGING CEREMONY



ON WALL STREET Former ECU football

player John Gaines (far left) was part of the bell-ringing cer-

emony at the opening of the New York Stock Exchange on July 15. Gaines was an at-risk orphaned child turned youth advocate and Boeing employee. At ECU, he was not only part of a 2010 Lone Star Conference North championship team, but was selected as outstanding general business student by faculty and also received a special "character" award.

FORMER ECU BASEBALLER PART OF SOFTBALL STAFF OF YEAR



Former ECU baseball player JT Gasso, an assistant coach with the University of Oklahoma's 2016 national championship softball team, was among those honored as the 2016 Division I National Coaching Staff of the Year by the Nation-

al Fastpitch Association. Gasso, the son of OU head softball coach Patty Gasso, graduated from ECU in 2011 and played two years for the Tiger baseball team in 2010-11.

CHICKASAW SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY

HELD ON CAMPUS ECU once again hosted the annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy in July. Students, ages



8 through high school, participated in activities such as drawing, painting, sculpturing, instrumental music, voice music, photography, video and sound production and dancing.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT HOSTS "YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT" SUMMER ACADEMY

ECU's Department of Chemistry conducted a week-long residential program called the "You Are What You Eat Summer Academy." Participants performed analytical tests in a biochemistry laboratory, focusing on three major classes of bio-



molecules: Proteins, carbohydrates and lipids. The relations of these biomolecules to nutrition was emphasized as well as modern analytical techniques. Participants also made a trip to the Samuel Noble Foundation in Ardmore.

YOUTH PART OF TIGER BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE

The ECU men's basketball program hosted "Tiger Basketball School" for grades 3-8, July 11-13, as participants experienced



skill development and competed in contests and games.

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SEMINOLE NATION HOSTS DIABETES



Students from the Seminole Nation ventured onto the ECU campus to take part in a Diabetes

Camp as participants were urged to move and increase their overall daily activity levels and make healthier food choices.

ROBOTICS SUMMER ACADEMY HELD ON



ECU CAMPUS ECU's Explorations in Computer Science and Robotics Summer Academy was recently conducted on campus as

youngsters learned about robotics and competed in various challenges.

BUSINESS STUDENTS GO TO CHICAGO



Students from ECU's Business Leaders Association took a trip to Chicago in May to tour various companies and learn about business practices as well as go on sightseeing.

ALUMNI REUNION IN OKC AUG. 19

The ECU Alumni Association will hold a reunion on Aug. 19 from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at Topgolf in



Oklahoma City, located at 13313 Pawnee Drive. For online registration go to: http://alumni.ecok. edu/events/EventDetails.

aspx?id=825513. Those attending must RSVP.

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ECU-HENDERSON STATE FOOTBALL GAME TO BE TELEVISED

ECU's 2016 home football opener against Henderson State on Saturday, Sept. 10, will be televised by the American Sports Network. The Tigers



also have home games with Oklahoma Baptist University for homecoming on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.; Southwestern Oklahoma State on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.; Harding on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.; Southern Arkansas on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. and Southeastern Oklahoma State on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

PLC GROUP VISITS BLACK MESA

Members of ECU's Presidential Leadership Class took a



trip to the Black Mesa State Park and Nature Preserve near Kenton in the Oklahoma Panhandle. The preserve is near the borders of the states of New Mexico and Colorado and contains the highest point in Oklahoma with an elevation of 4,973 feet.

ECU STUDENTS SERVE IN UGANDA

Students from ECU and the University Central

Oklahoma went to Uganda in May and worked on a project entitled "Global Service – Uganda." The group, which includ-



ed 10 students and three sponsors, delivered books and prepared them to be placed in a children's library.

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