



Campus Update

June 2015

DR. ANDERSON TO RETIRE JUNE 30



Dr. Duane Anderson, the longest-serving chief academic officer in Oklahoma, is set to retire June 30. Anderson has been ECU's vice president for academic affairs since 1994 and provost since 2006.



He also served as interim president of the university in 2009 in transition from Dr. Richard Rafes to current President John R. Hargrave.

RAMADAN CURL GRAND OPENING HELD



ECU conducted the grand opening of the Dr. Raniyah Ramadan Center for Undergraduate Research and Learning on April 24.

Hundreds attended the ceremony and tours were given of the state-of-the-art research and learning facility, which features two biology laboratories and one each for chemistry and environmental health science.

AGREEMENT FORMULATED WITH NATURE CONSERVANCY



ECU and The Nature Conservancy have formulated a memorandum of understanding in which the two parties

will participate in coordinated and cooperative efforts to increase awareness and education of common topics related to discovery, preservation, restoration and conservation of Oklahoma native species and water quantity and quality issues.

ECU TEAMS SWEEP SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

ECU swept all three team awards in the Small Business Division at the 2014 Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup on April 16. Team SuiteSeat, led by Miles Mitchell took first place. Team Gourmet Grub, led by Stanford Mahlatini, finished second and Team Back-Spin, led by Miranda McNabb and Matthew Butler, was third. McNabb was also named the winner of the 2015 Paulsen Award Scholarship and Mitchell won the pitch competition.



TIGER SOFTBALL MAKES MAGNIFICENT RUN

The ECU softball team made a magnificent postseason run, winning the Great American Conference Tournament and advancing to the NCAA Division II Central Regional Finals in Sioux Falls, S.D. The Tigers eliminated Winona State and Central Oklahoma along the way, but fell to ninth-ranked Augustana College in the finals.



BARTON, DAVIS WIN NIGH AWARD

Aileen Barton and Emily Davis were named co-winners of the prestigious 2015

George Nigh Award at ECU, it was announced April 22. Barton, of Latta, and Davis, of Blanchard, were honored as the top seniors for 2014-2015 for their academic achievements, along with enduring a rigorous application and interview process.



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STAFF APPRECIATION FEATURES DUNKING OF PRESIDENT



ECU President John Hargrave was among a handful of volunteers who were dunked in a tank full of water during Staff Appreciation Day on June

4. The event featured hamburgers, cotton candy, peanuts and drawings for prizes.

GRAND PIANO DONATED TO MUSIC



DEPARTMENT
A grand piano was donated to the ECU Department of Music by the family of Joe

and Tammy Mankin. From left to right are Cody, Corbin and Casey Mankin, along with Joe and Tammy Mankin and Dr. Mark Hollingsworth, Dr. Brad Jessop and Phyllis Danley.

BENCH DEDICATED IN HONOR OF DR. ALTMILLER



A bench dedication was held on May 11 in honor of Dr. Wendell Altmiller, professor and founding dean of the ECU School of Education and Psychology.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND OBW



High school students converged on the ECU campus to gain a firsthand experience in the world of business for the Fourth

Annual Oklahoma Business Week. Students interacted and learned from community business leaders as well as gained skills in leadership, communication, team-building, responsibility, money management, entrepreneurship, marketing and more.

MURRAH BOMBING SURVIVOR SPEAKS AT ECU

Terri Talley, a survivor of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, spoke at ECU April 15. The speech was part of the 20th anniversary of the Oklahoma City Bombing. ECU's Office of Campus Involvement, along with the other Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) institutions of higher education, actively participated in activities of service, honor and kindness, during the time of remembrance.



VETERANS, MILITARY APPRECIATION HELD

ECU's Veterans Upward Bound Program celebrated its 20th anniversary by hosting Veterans and Military Appreciation Day on May 14. The event featured a program of testimonials and an appearance and speech from Brigadier General Hopper T. Smith, an assistant adjutant general for the Army, Oklahoma National Guard. Danny Maylen received the Bret Isenhower Scholarship at the event.



FRAUD AWARENESS TOPIC OF PARKER ETHICS LECTURE

Elaine Dodd, vice president of fraud training for the Oklahoma Bankers Association, spoke about fraud prevention related to identity theft and scams involving social media, phone and mail.



SEMINOLE NATION ASSISTANT CHIEF SPEAKS TO NASA ON CAMPUS

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Assistant Chief Lewis Johnson spoke to members of the Native American Student Association on campus April 24.



HUNDREDS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HONORED ON CAMPUS



Hundreds of area high school seniors were on campus in late April for the First United Bank and Trust Company Outstanding Senior Awards Banquet.

PACKED AUDIENCES FOR SCISSORTAIL WRITING FESTIVAL



The 10th Annual Scissortail Creating Writing Festival

featured packed audiences in the Estep Multimedia Center in early April. The festival showcased over 50 creative writers, who came to campus and presented their works.

BICYCLISTS REST ON CAMPUS



Bicycle enthusiasts made a stop on the ECU campus June 10 as a part of the 2015

Oklahoma Freewheel Tour. The cyclists camped out for the night during the week-long ride through the state which began June 7 and concluded June 13.

SUMMER MEDICAL CAMP HELD AT ECU



High School students were on the ECU campus as part of Oklahoma State University's Operation Orange, a medical summer camp designed for those

interested in a career in medicine.

TEACHING AWARD GOES TO DR. ZENI



Dr. Thomas Zeni, assistant professor of business administration in ECU's Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business, was named a regional recipient of the 2015 Accreditation Council for Business and Programs Teaching Excellence Award.

FARRILL NAMED CIVIC FELLOW

ECU student Rhetta Farrill was one of 11 college students from across the state to be named a 2015 Civic Fellow by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. A sophomore from Stratford, Farrill has led efforts to improve the welfare of children which have resulted in thousands of dollars in aid to children.



STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Jaysa Hutchings, a political science major at ECU, won a \$1,500 Gaston Scholarship at the Alpha Chi National Convention in Chicago. Hutchings, a junior from Wilson, earned the award after presenting a paper entitled "Why Do We Debate? A Content Analysis of the Obama vs. McCain Election and Voter Opinion."



FIRST NOBLE/BROWN BIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN

Kaitlinn Wright is the first recipient of the Don Noble/Elmer Brown Biology Scholarship. From left to right are: Dr. Elmer Brown, Wright, Mrs. Don Noble and Dr. Nick Cheper.

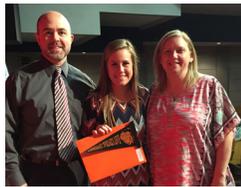


SIMMONS RECEIVES ST. MARGARET'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP

Debra Simmons, second from left, is the recipient of the St. Margaret's Guild Scholarship. It was presented by the ladies from St. Luke's Episcopal Church. From left to right are: Dr. Shirley Mixon, Simmons, Ruth Parkhurst, Sue Milner, Peggy Page, Jennifer Greenstreet and ECU Foundation Executive Director Phyllis Danley.



CARNELL RECEIVES HARREL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Maranda Carnell is the recipient of the Jeremy Harrel Memorial Scholarship, presented at the Pauls Valley High School Awards

Assembly. At left is Jamie Harrel and at right is Stephanie Harrel Upshaw.

SAVAGE RECIPIENT OF FIRST STARS SCHOLARSHIP



Caleb Savage is the first recipient of the STARS (Student Tiger Alumni Representatives) Scholarship. STARS is a new organization on campus. From left to right are: ECU Foundation Executive Director Phyllis Danley, Savage and ECU Alumni Director Katie Wellington.

Commencement & Evening of Honors



Commencement speaker Deborah Cornelison



Commencement speaker Todd Graham with daughter Haylee



Charles & Lila Acker honored for Centennial Math Endowment



Brad Biddy & Phil Biddy honored for Leon & Wanda Biddy Centennial Endowment



Dr. Bill Osborne honored as Distinguished Former Faculty



The late Dr. Donald G. Stafford honored as Distinguished Former Faculty



Jane Kellogg & Debi Sovereign honored for Distinguished Service



At left, Kay Davis represents the Higginbotham Family (above) as Distinguished Family



Faculty & Staff Recognition



Dr. James Rauch, Stacey Bolin, Dr. Houston Mount & Dr. Phyllis Isaacs earn promotions



Retiring staff, faculty members: Evelyn Martin, Pattie Howell, Dr. Nick Cheper & Dr. Duane Anderson



Earning tenure are Dr. Steven Phillips, Dr. Andrew Wells & Dr. Janna Byrd



Dr. Laura Bixler is presented the Teaching Excellence Award



Dr. Steven Roring is presented the Teaching Excellence Award



Dr. Brad Jessop congratulated for Service Learning Award