

# Campus Update

## November 2012

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*



### CONGRESSMAN COLE TOURS SITE

President John Hargrave gave Congressman Tom Cole a tour of the new School of Business and Conference Center. ECU is excited to announce

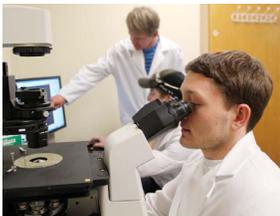
that construction is on schedule and anticipates the facility to be in full operation next fall.

### DEPT. OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS VISIT ECU



Bea Hanson, Director of the U.S. Dept. of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, and Lorraine Edmo, U.S. Dept. of Justice

Deputy Director of Tribal Programs made a brief but informative visit to the ECU campus. ECU had the opportunity to demonstrate the strides they have made toward diminishing violence against women. Pictured are: Leah Lyon, Former RUSO Regent Belva Howard, RUSO Regent Connie Reilly, Bea Hanson, Lorraine Edmo and President Hargrave.



### ECU PARTNERS WITH MEDICAL SCHOOL

ECU students can gain early admittance into the Oklahoma State University Center for Health and Sciences by participating in the Rural and Underserved Primary Care Early Admission Program.

During the admission period in 2011, ECU had a higher percentage of its students accepted into the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine than any of the other 14 universities whose students applied.

### GIFT FROM RAMADAN FOUNDATION

A \$250,000 gift from the Dr. Raniyah Ramadan Foundation will help provide a state-of-the-art research facility and program for undergraduate students.



That gift and a \$701,100 grant from a Native American Serving Nontribal Institutions Program will provide the bulk of the funding for the Dr. Raniyah Ramadan Center for Undergraduate Research and Learning that will include two undergraduate research labs for biology and one each for chemistry, environmental health science and psychology. The center will be constructed inside the lower level of the Education Building.

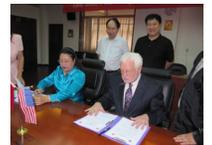
### BILLIE JEAN FLOYD HONORED

Friends and family members packed the Sterling L. Williams Foundation & Alumni Center to attend a reception honoring Billie Jean Floyd. They celebrated the announcement of the Billie Fathree Floyd Elementary Physical Education Scholarship which was established in her honor with more than \$3,000.



### TRIP TO CHINA RESULTS IN TWO AGREEMENTS

ECU has new agreements with two Chinese institutions in Hunan; the Women's University and Beijing Aviation University Shenzhen Research Center.



ECU will be able to have joint research activities and academic programs; exchange or use of facilities and equipment; and exchange of faculty members and graduate students for study and research. Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya also traveled to China to work with the institutions.



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**OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GEN. EDMONDSON**



Former Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson was the featured speaker at the annual Lou Watkins Endowed Lectureship.

Attendees enjoyed 'An Evening with Drew Edmondson' as he delivered short prepared remarks before moving into a more conversational format with political science and legal studies students.

**LANGLAND RECEIVES 2012 MILAM AWARD**



Robert Langland (second from right) receives the 2012 Milam Award. The Milam Award is given out each year during home-

coming to a former ECU football player who has distinguished himself in his chosen career. Langland is currently the vice-president for financial services and the chief accounting officer for the St. John Health System in Tulsa.

**LANDRITH MAKES HISTORIC DONATION**



ECU Men's Head Basketball Coach Mac McConnell and Pontotoc County District Judge Tom Landrith hold a framed document that lists former Tigers who played for legendary head

coach Floyd H. 'Mickey' McBride from 1927-67. The autographed document was donated to the university archives by Landrith, whose father Paul Landrith played for McBride.



**LITERARY ARTS FESTIVAL**

Several surrounding high school students and teachers will travel to ECU to hear acclaimed Chautauqua historical interpreter Charles Everett Pace on Nov. 8.

Pace will be appearing in "On the Road with Langston Hughes" from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Ataloo. This event is part of ECU's 17th Annual Literary Arts Festival and is open to the public.

**MARVIN STOKES LECTURE**

Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year Elaine Hutchison will speak at the annual Marvin Stokes Endowed Lecture on Monday, Nov. 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Oklahoma Regents Room.



Hutchison is a math teacher at Fairview High School, Chamberlain Middle School and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Regional Center in Fairview. She is also the assistant girls high school basketball coach at Fairview. She has 19 years of experience and has National Board Certification.

Eleven local and area Teachers of the Year will also be honored at a reception.

**JR ECU BUSINESS CLUB WAS SUCCESSFUL**

Twenty-one elementary students recently learned how to start a business when they participated in ECU's Junior Business Club.



The three-week academy, sponsored by ECU's School of Business, guided Ada's Willard Elementary School students into a business venture of lemonade stands. The students, divided up into four companies, learned how to create a business plan, obtain a loan to start up the business, build and paint their stand and sell lemonade at a Tiger home football game. The successful venture netted \$1,633.88 which was donated to Williard School, Ada Boys and Girls Club and Ada United Way.

**LITTLE DIXIE GOING STRONG FOR 25+ YEARS**



Approximately 1,300 high school students from across the state recently competed in the Little Dixie Music Contest at ECU.



**CHICKASAW TALES**

Granny, portrayed by Barbara Tirey, talks with Nashoba, Nita and Pak-ali during the preview of Chickasaw Tales where thousands of elementary school students enjoyed the production.

Chickasaw Tales, coauthored by ECU's Dr. Steve Phillips and the Chickasaw Nation's Lorie Robins, is about passing down culture which is an important value of the Chickasaw Nation.

**HEAP OF BIRDS GUIDES ECU STUDENTS**



Noted Native American conceptual artist Edgar Heap of Birds just completed a two-week residency entitled 'Hidden Histories' at ECU.

He worked with the Sculpture II art students and the Native American Students Association to develop 'street signs' on stadium drive and smaller temporary signs that were placed on campus.

**McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM RENEWED**



The McNair Scholars Program at ECU is receiving funding for five more years.

Since 1991, the McNair Scholars Program at ECU has been preparing qualified undergraduates for entrance to doctoral degree programs in science and math.

**AFTER DINNER SPEECH EARNS FIFTH PLACE**

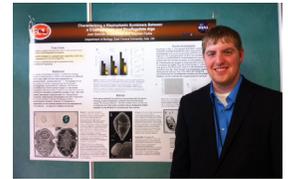


The ECU Speech and Debate team traveled to Fort Worth, TX last weekend to participate in the Cowboy Classic Swing at Texas Christian University.

Studio Art Freshman Rachel Hayes returned with two fifth place awards in After Dinner Speaking.

**BELCHER AND BIDDY EARN NATIONAL AWARD**

Josh Belcher stands at the national Beta Beta Beta convention in San Juan, Puer- to Rico, with a poster detailing the nationally recognized research he and Brent Biddy conducted over the last year in collaboration with Dr. Stephen Fields. Their research won awards for excellence in undergraduate research at both the regional and national competitions of Tri-Beta, a national biological honor society.



**DUNNAM SELECTED AS NATIONAL AMBASSADOR**

Loren Dunnam served as a National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador.

Dunnam, a junior accounting major from Coalgate and an enrolled member of the Creek Nation, is one of 51 Youth Ambassadors (each selected from the 50 states and Washington D.C.), who have received funding and training to lead a campaign called 'Kids 4 Kids'.



She was selected for the project by Youth Service America (YSA) and the Festival of Children Foundation. Dunnam will continue to work to create positive change in the lives of young people in Oklahoma.

**SOCCER LANDS FOUR ON ALL-GAC TEAMS**

Four members of the ECU soccer team have claimed 2012 All-Great American Conference honors, as voted on by the league's head coaches.



Junior forward Ashley Bradford and sophomore defender Margaret Glutz were named to the First Team, while sophomore midfielder Katie Glutz and senior defender Carla Rodriguez were named to the second team.



**SAVE THE DATE: The Nutcracker**  
**Dec. 1, 2012 at 7 p.m. at ECU**

**\$25**

**NOYCE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS**



A third and final group of ECU students have been awarded the Robert Noyce Teacher

Scholarships in Mathematics worth \$30,000 each.

The 10 students receive \$10,000 for up to three years while they work toward their bachelor's degrees in mathematics with a secondary teacher certification option.



**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Members of ECU's Col-

lege of Education and Psychology Advisory Council recently met to discuss recent department successes and future plans.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



**Dr. Pat Fountain -- Community Engagement Professional of the Year AND Director of the Oscar L. Parker Center for the Advancement of Ethical Standards in Business and Society**

**Stacey Bolin -- Director of the Wilburn L. Smith Center for Entrepreneurship**



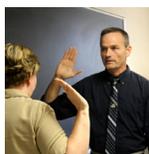
**Dr. Christine Pappas -- elected to serve on the Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Council.**

**Holli Witherington -- received an award for implementing Life of an Athlete at ECU.**



**Jeff Jordan -- inducted as a Fellow into the prestigious Academy of Emergency Nurses**

**Dr. Michael Bay -- commissioned as an officer in the naval reserves.**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 5 - Nov. 9

Spring Pre-Enrollment

Nov. 5

Stokes Lecture  
6:30 p.m., Estep

Nov. 7

Transfer Enrollment Day

Nov. 8

Indian Country: Crossing the Digital & Media Divide  
6:30 p.m., Estep

Nov. 10

Football vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State  
2 p.m., Norris Field

Women's Basketball vs St. Gregory's  
6 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Men's Basketball vs St. Gregory's  
8 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Nov. 12

Spring Walk-in Enrollment Begins

Nov. 13

ECU Women's Club Lecture, 4 p.m., Estep, UC

Taste of Russia and Ukraine, 6-8 p.m., 219 FH

ECU Instrumental Ensembles Concert  
7:30 p.m., Ataloo Theatre, HBFFAC

Nov. 15 - 18

ECU Theatre Student Directed One Act Plays  
7:30 p.m., Chalmers Theatre, HBFFAC

Nov. 19

ECU Singers & the University Chorale  
7:30pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church

Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Break-No Classes, Offices Close at 3 p.m.

Nov. 22 & 23

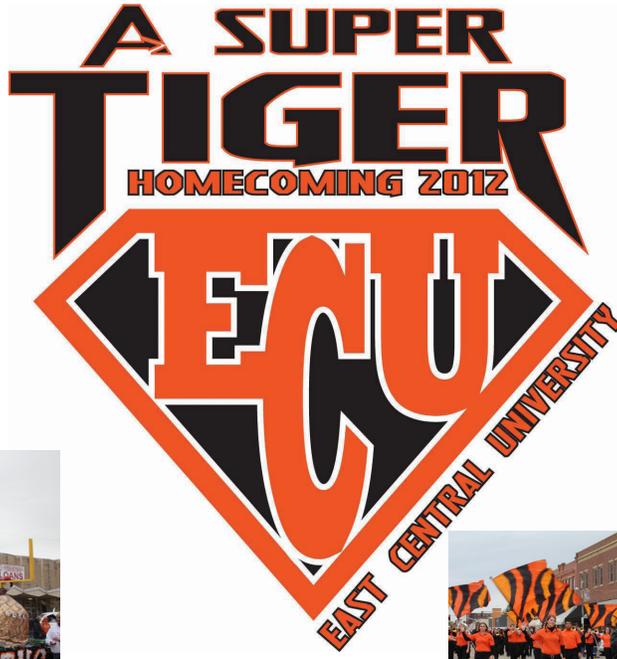
Thanksgiving Break-Campus Closed

Nov. 26

Men's Basketball vs. Langston,  
7 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

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