



Campus Update

November 2017

TWO ECU ALUMS HONORED AT WOMAN OF YEAR GALA



A group of ECU students, along with President Katricia Pierson, attended *The Journal Record* 2017 Woman of

the Year Gala on Oct. 26 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Two ECU alums – Kathy Pinson and Jennifer Weast – were honored among the 50 Women Making a Difference in the state during the event. Pinson is chief operating officer of LegalShield (formerly PrePaid Legal Services, Inc.) of Ada while Weast is senior vice president/controller of BancFirst in Oklahoma City.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT BUSINESS

Thirty fifth and sixth grade 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 Stonecipher School of Business, guided Ada's Willard Elementary School students into a business venture of lemonade stands. The students, divided up into six companies, learned how to create a business plan, obtained a loan to start up the business, built and painted their stand and sold lemonade at the Tigers' home football game on Sept. 9.

BENCH DEDICATION CONDUCTED FOR DR. ALVIN TURNER

A bench dedication was conducted on campus for Dr. Alvin O. Turner, dean emeritus of Humanities and Social Studies at ECU, on Sept. 28. Turner was named the Oklahoma Humanities Council's highest honor for dedication to the humanities through teaching, writing and participation in public humanities programs.



Time is Ticking...

Spring Enrollment begins Nov. 6

Continuing Student	
Priority Enrollment Schedule	
Honors & Student Support Services	Nov. 6
Grads/Seniors	Nov. 7
Juniors	Nov. 8
Sophomores	Nov. 9
Freshmen	Nov. 10



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HUNDREDS ATTEND OKA' SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE



Hundreds gathered on the ECU campus for the 2017 Oka' Sustainability Conference, Oct.

10-11, at the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. Participants were able to listen to experts from the field of water resources and sustainability at the second annual event. Participants were also able to tour Byrd's Mill Springs and the EPA Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Center.

FOUR ECU PROGRAMS BENEFITTING FROM RENEWED GRANTS



Through the efforts of ECU's grant specialists and program leaders, four programs

were able to receive five federal grants to keep up and running for the next five years. ECU's Upward Bound, Veteran's Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math and Science and McNair Scholars programs were the recipients of the grants.

ECU RECEIVES SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT



ECU is one of only 17 institutions of higher learning in 2017 to receive the Garrett Lee Smith Suicide

Prevention Grant, it was recently announced. The grant will be utilized in the ECU Campus Suicide Prevention Grant Program, part of the Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction and Recovery.

THOUSANDS ON HAND FOR HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIONS ON ECU CAMPUS

Thousands of high school students were on campus



for three big high school competitions, including the TigerPalooza band contest on Sept. 30; OSSAA One-Acts Plays, Oct. 25-27 and OSSAA Little Dixie Fall Choral Contest on Oct. 30-31.

CAREER DISCOVERY DAY CONDUCTED

ECU hosted a Career Discovery



Day for ninth grade students in Pontotoc County. The program exposed hundreds of students to jobs in the area and to the skills required for a career.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE CONFERENCE HELD IN TULSA

A Women in Science Conference was conducted in Tulsa as young girls learned about science-related careers for women. Dr.



Carolyn Lewis, director of ECU Nursing, talks with a young girl about nursing.

HAZEL DELIVERS STOKES LECTURE

Jon Hazell, 2017 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, delivered ECU's Marvin Stokes Lecture on Oct. 30 in the Estep Multimedia Center. Hazell is a science teacher at Durant High School. Eleven area teachers were also recognized.



LIBRARY HOLDS OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW STUDY ROOMS



ECU's Linscheid Library conducted an open house for its new Group Study Rooms, funded by the Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Grant.

BRANDON WHITTEN INSTITUTE, WITHERINGTON HONORED



ECU's Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction and Recovery was awarded the Oklahoma Drug/Alcohol Agency of the Year Award and its director Holli Witherington received the Oklahoma Certified Prevention Specialist of the Year by the Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counseling Association on Oct. 13 in Norman.

FOUR WITH ECU TIES HONORED FOR SOCIAL WORK AT OU



Four with ECU ties - Dr. Jim Burke, Dr. Carol Bridges, Karen Gaddis and Donna Spivey - were recently honored for their significant contributions to social work in the state by the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Zarrow School of Social Work during its 100th anniversary.

Burke is currently a professor of human resources and retired chair of ECU's Human Resources Department. Bridges served with the ECU Social Work Faculty for 35 years. Gaddis, an ECU alum, is director of Violence Prevention Services for the Chickasaw Nation and Spivey, also an ECU alum, is a social worker for the Palliative Medicine Team at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa.

GRAVES PRESENTED FORENSICS AWARD

Donna Graves, instructor of communication studies at ECU, was recently presented the D.J. Nabors College Forensics Coach Award during the Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association meeting held recently at ECU. Graves was recognized for her work with the National Communication Association Center for The Committee of International Discussion and Debate by hosting the British National Debate Team for four consecutive years.



PERPETUAL MOTION DANCE PRESENTS

QUINZE
15th Anniversary Concert

7:30 p.m. Nov. 9, 2017 Ataloo Theatre, Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center Advance Tickets: \$15

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ECU JUNIOR WINS POSTER COMPETITION AT OKA' CONFERENCE



ECU junior Kelsey Anderson took first place in the Student Research Poster Competition at the Second Annual Oka' Institute Sustainability Conference. Anderson, a chemistry major from Lancaster, Ohio, worked with Dr. Randall Maples, ECU assistant professor of chemistry, on the project and poster entitled "Nanoremediation – An Assessment Model of Iron Oxide Nanoparticle Mobility in Groundwater."

DELTA MU DELTA HOLDS INDUCTION CEREMONY



The ECU Chapter of Delta Mu Delta recently held its induction ceremony. Delta Mu Delta is a business honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence of students through a community of business scholars that foster the well-being of its individual members, the school of business and the business community.

ECU STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL WORK LABS



An innovative way of bringing several academic disciplines together on Oct. 17, came to fruition recently with Simulation Labs at ECU. Upper-level students from disciplines such as social work, criminal justice, nursing and legal studies came together to work in mock multi-disciplinary teams to deal with real-life, complex issues.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR HELD AT ECU

ECU students participated in the Go Global Study Abroad Fair on Oct. 3 in the Estep Multimedia Center. Students were able to see exhibits from partner universities from abroad, listen to student speakers and view a performance from ECU Showtime.



ROMEO AND JULIET PERFORMED BY ECU THEATRE

Shelby Davis, of Ada as Juliet, and John Luke Garber, also of Ada as Romeo, perform a scene from Romeo and Juliet, which was presented by the East Central University Theatre Department Oct. 13-14 in the Dorothy I. Summers Theatre.



THE ELEPHANT MAN
 By Bernard Pomerance
 Featuring Philip Robert Newcomer as John Merrick

7:30 p.m. Nov. 16-18
 Chalmers Herman Theatre
 Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

"The Elephant Man" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Tickets:
 • \$10 Adults, \$9 Senior Citizens & Non-ECU Students
 • ECU Alumni receive \$1 discount
 • \$7 Grades 7-12, \$5 Children 12 & Under
 • Admission is free for all ECU Students, Faculty & Staff with ECU ID

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ECU WOMEN SECOND IN GAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Tiger women's cross country team finished runner-up in the recent Great American Conference Cross

Country Championships. Senior Michaela Lombardi finished sixth overall for the Tigers while teammates Marisa Meza and Kyleigh Norris were eighth and ninth, respectively, as all three earned All-GAC First Team honors. Freshman Barbara Johnson, sophomore Kelsey Horner, freshman Gracye Werth and sophomore Abbie Winchester earned Second Team honors.

TIGER MEN TAKE FOURTH IN GAC



The ECU men's cross country team took fourth in the GAC Cross Country Championships as senior Kevin Matthews was fifth overall and captured First Team All-GAC honors while sopho-

more Cameron Corbin ended up 15th and took a Second Team All-GAC award.

ECU'S HULL NABS FOUR GOALKEEPER OF THE WEEK AWARDS



ECU soccer player Chloe Hull earned four Great American Conference Goalkeeper of the Week awards during the 2017 regular season on Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 31. For the regular season,

she had a 1.01 goals-against average while carving out a 5-4-4 record. Teammate Alyssa Butler was named GAC Defensive Player of the Week twice on Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

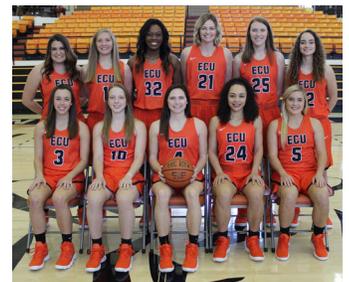
TIGERS' WALDO HONORED BY GAC IN VOLLEYBALL

ECU junior outside hitter Breanna Waldo was named GAC Volleyball Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 16. Waldo hit at a .519 percentage with 16 kills, four digs and three blocks in a Tiger victory over Henderson State.



ECU BASKETBALL TEAMS PLAY DIVISION I COMPETITION

The ECU women's basketball team visited Oklahoma State for an exhibition game on Oct. 29 and the ECU men are scheduled to play at the University of Oklahoma on Nov. 8. The Tigers also have exhibitions at New Mexico State (Nov. 10) and Texas-San Antonio on Nov. 12. The ECU Alumni



Association is hosting a pregame celebration prior to the ECU-OU game at the Blackbird Gastropub at 575 S. University in Norman from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Appetizers will be provided. ECU Associate Head Coach Aaron Hill will be speaking about the men's basketball program. For more information contact Ashia Hillman at 559-5651 or ahillman@ecok.edu.

2017 Homecoming Highlights



Oh!
the Places
Tigers will Go!
East Central University Homecoming 2017

