



# Campus Update

September 2013

*From the Office of President John R. Hargrave*

## ECU CHICKASAW BUSINESS & CONFERENCE CENTER OFFICIALLY OPENED AUG. 22



Hundreds gathered at ECU on Aug. 22 for the grand opening of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The 59,111 square-foot facility, which houses the new Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business, awed governmental officials, community leaders, dignitaries and other attendees alike.

The afternoon and night featured tours of the facility, a reception and ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a gala banquet, which featured dinner and speeches from Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Mike Turpen, vice chairman of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, who read a scripted speech for friend Harland C. Stonecipher, who was scheduled to speak and was unable to attend due to illness.

## STONECIPHER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Nikki Stonecipher Memorial Golf Tournament was held Sept. 9. Afterwards, Harland and Shirley Stonecipher hosted a reception at the new Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business.

## PRESIDENT HARGRAVE ATTENDS OCAN KICKOFF EVENT

ECU President John Hargrave and Regional University System of Oklahoma Regent Connie Reilly are pictured during a kickoff event for the new Oklahoma Community Anchor Network



(OCAN) held recently in Durant. Funded by a \$74 million grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, OCAN is designed to deliver high-speed broadband services to rural and under served Oklahoma.

## 'ROARY LOVES THE 90s' HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SLATED

'Roary Loves the 90s, Celebrating our 1993 Breakthrough Championship' will be the theme during ECU's annual homecoming festivities. The week-long celebration will wrap up on Saturday, Oct. 5, highlighted by the homecoming parade at noon on Main Street in Ada and the football game against Southern Nazarene at 4 p.m. at Norris Field. The theme centers on the 20th anniversary of ECU's 1993 NAIA National Championship in football as former players and coaches on that team will be in attendance.



Celebrating our 1993 Breakthrough Championship

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**MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED**



The ECU family lost a well-liked member with the tragic death of Chris Lane, a student-athlete on the Tiger baseball team, on Aug. 16, 2013. ECU has established

the Chris Lane Memorial Fund in his memory as the university is working closely with the Lane family to memorialize their son. Donations can be made to the ECU Foundation, Inc. at [alumni.ecok.edu/donations](http://alumni.ecok.edu/donations) or by contacting ECU Foundation Executive Director Phyllis Danley at [pdanley@ecok.edu](mailto:pdanley@ecok.edu).

**TWO ECU GRADS ARE NOMINEES FOR STATE**



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Two ECU graduates – Mara Richards and Susan Rindal – are two of 12 nominees for the State of Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Award. Richards received a master’s

degree in library media from ECU and teaches at Durant Middle School. Rindal earned a master’s degree in reading education from ECU. She teaches at Vanoss Elementary School.



**BILLIE FATHREE FLOYD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

Tyler Mills, a junior from Stratford, is pictured after receiving the Billie Fathree Floyd Elementary Education Scholarship at ECU for 2013.

**FIRST FOUR SILVER TIGERS RECOGNIZED**



The first four Silver Tigers - Dr. Pat Fountain, Karen Hudson, Leslie Fisher and Todd Moon - were recently recognized. The new Silver Tiger Program

is for alumni, faculty, administrators, staff and friends of ECU who have 25-plus years of association with ECU. Those with less than a 25-year association have the opportunity to be a Future Silver Tiger.

**PHIPPS SPENDING SEMESTER IN WALES**



ECU junior biology student Catherine Phipps was named as one of the 2013 Brad Henry International Scholars, and is spending this semester studying at Swansea University in Swansea, Wales as part of scholar program and ECU’s Global Education Program.



**CLUCK STUDIES ABROAD**

Jamie Cluck, an ECU senior from Ada, is studying abroad this semester at the Kiev National Linguistic University in Kiev, Ukraine as part of ECU’s Global Education Program.

**THIRD ANNUAL ‘STEP OUT OF THE DARKNESS’**



**EVENT ANNOUNCED**

Step Out of the Darkness, a day of prevention and recovery from addiction, is scheduled for Sept. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning at the Pontotoc

County Courthouse in Ada and wrapping up at ECU’s Kerr Activities Center.



**ART STUDENTS PAINT HOUSES EACH YEAR**

Members of the ECU Art Department prepare and paint a house as part of a service learning project each fall. A house within the Arts District of Ada is selected. Funding is

provided by a \$500 grant.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HELD ON ECU CAMPUS**



Hundreds turned out for National Night Out on the ECU campus on Aug. 6. The event is designed to strengthen relationships

between law enforcement and the community.

**DR. COLLINS TO DELIVER ROTHBAUM LECTURE**



Dr. Paul Collins will deliver the annual Rothbaum Lecture on “The Future of the Second Amendment” as ECU commemorates Constitution Day on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Ataloa Theatre in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. Collins is an associate professor of political science at the University of North Texas. His research focuses on judicial politics, with a particular interest in the democratic nature of the judiciary.

**LEARN ABOUT NEGOTIATING THE JOB MARKET**



Wendell Godwin, dean of the Harland C. Stonecipher School of Business, will present two seminars on “Negotiating The Job Market – How To Get Hired” on Wednesday, Sept. 25, and Monday, Oct. 14, from 6-7:30

p.m. in room 221 of the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. The seminar is designed to help attendees become better prepared for interviews and how to handle critical questions in the selection process. The seminar is open to everyone.

**ECU STUDENT TEACHERS SHOW TRUE COLORS**



ECU student teachers can be spotted across elementary and high school campuses throughout the state. ECU’s College of Education introduced new ECU lanyards and

ID’s for ECU student teachers to wear.

**HONORS CONVOCATION TRADITION CONTINUES**



Dr. Mark Hollingsworth, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and music professor, plays the bagpipes on stage during the annual Honors

Convocation on Aug. 22 in the Ataloa Theatre at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.

**STUDENTS TAKE TRIP TO NATCHEZ TRACE**



A group of ECU Native American Studies students toured portions of the historical Natchez Trace, a near 440-mile path from Natchez, Miss., to Nashville, Tenn., in August. The

trace links the Cumberland and Mississippi Rivers and was created and used by Native Americans, particularly Chickasaws for centuries, for trade. The experience enabled the group to learn about the Chickasaw culture prior to the tribe’s removal from its true homeland. ECU professors Dr. Tom Cowger, Dr. Scott Barton and instructor Laura Clark were among those who led the contingent.

**TWELVE ECU STUDENTS AWARDED FUNDING**



Twelve ECU students were awarded funding under the NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Awards are in the form

of scholarship and research stipends and range from \$700 to \$2,000 for the academic year. The recipients are: Laura Asaro, Aileen Barton, Courtney Beachel, Brent Bidy, Kaylin Cullum, John Dale, Meagan Griffin, Tyler Griffin, Nikoloas Razo, Kayla Ronning, Cody Soden and Linzi Thompson.

**VETERANS GROUP AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**



Sisters Charlseay and Breanna Foster (daughters of disabled veteran John Foster) pose after receiving scholarship awards from the Oklahoma

Veterans Council and the Mid-America Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. At far left is Scott Ellis, government relations director for the Mid-America Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and at the far right is Pete Peterson, chairman of the Oklahoma Veterans Council.

## ECU COACH SELECTED FOR NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP



ECU football offensive coordinator Rashad Jackson spent the summer working with the Denver Broncos coaching staff in the Bill Walsh NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship program.

The program's objective is to be used as a vocational tool to increase full-time NFL minority coaches among all 32 NFL teams and is conducted on an annual basis. Jackson was selected to the program by the Denver Broncos and was hired to assist during minicamp, training camp and one of the preseason games.

## ECU ALUMNI, TEACHERS HONORED AT SHAKESPEARE SYMPOSIUM



Four ECU alumni and public school teachers received scholarship awards to the Katy Morris Shakespeare Symposium (KMSS), sponsored by the 34th

Annual Oklahoma Shakespeare Festival (OSF). Katy Percy, Tishomingo; Erin Robertson, Byng; Samantha Manuel, Seminole and Megan Cooper, Kingston, were honored for their impact on public education. They are all alumni of ECU's English Education Program.

## WELCOME NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



## WELCOME CLASS OF 2017



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 14**

Volleyball vs Cameron, 1 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Volleyball vs Mid-America Christian, 7 p.m.,  
Kerr Activities Center

**Sept. 15**

Soccer vs Missouri Southern State, 1 p.m.,  
ECU Soccer Field

**Sept. 17**

Volleyball vs St. Gregory's, 5 p.m.,  
Kerr Activities Center

Rothbaum Lecture, 7 p.m., Ataloe Theatre, HBFFAC

**Sept. 20**

Tiger Frenzy, noon, University Center Mall

**Sept. 21**

Step Out of the Darkness, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.,  
begins at Pontotoc Co. Courthouse

Football vs Ouachita Baptist, 6 p.m., Norris Field

**Sept. 22**

Soccer vs McMurry, 1 p.m., ECU Soccer Field

**Sept. 24**

Volleyball vs SWOSU 7 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Powder Puff Game 8 p.m., Norris Field

**Sept. 25**

Negotiating the Job Market-How to Get Hired,  
6 p.m., RM 221 Chickasaw Business & Conf. Ctr.

Bingo Palooza 7 p.m., University Center

**Sept. 26**

Improvised Shakespeare Company  
7:30 p.m., Ataloe Theatre, HBFFAC

**Sept. 30 - Oct. 5**

Homecoming Week  
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