



Campus Update

September 2012

From the Office of President John R. Hargrave



BEST BOSS IN ADA!!

For the second year in a row **ECU PRESIDENT JOHN HARGRAVE** has been named "2012 Best Boss" in the **ADA NEWS' READERS CHOICE AWARDS**.



STUDENT SHARES INTERNATIONAL BLOG

The ECU Brad Henry International Scholar for 2012-13 is Macy McDonald, a junior English major, Sociology minor, and Honors student. As a staff writer for the *ECU Journal* she shared stories with students and continues to share her experiences studying abroad with a blog. To follow her visit, <http://racy-menae.blogspot.com/>.



CHORALE TO PERFORM AT OMEA

The ECU Chorale was recently chosen by the Oklahoma Music Educators Association as a university level honor group for 2013.

The honor groups are chosen anonymously by a panel of choral directors from across the state. The ECU Chorale, under the direction of Dr. J. Steven Walker, will perform for the OMEA at their state convention in January. This is the Chorale's fourth appearance for this performance since 1989.



NASA FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED TO ECU STUDENTS

Twelve ECU students were awarded funding under the NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Awards are scholarship and research stipends and range from \$800 to \$2,000 for the academic year. These awards are competitive and applications are reviewed by a committee on campus.

STEP OUT OF THE DARKNESS MARCH

'Step Out of the Darkness' march, co-hosted by the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition & the Brandon Whitten Institute at ECU, will take place this Saturday, Sept. 15, and wrap up with a rally, food and fun on the ECU campus.



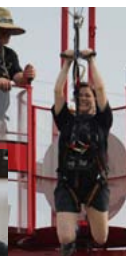
The event, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., opens with a prayer march from the Pontotoc County Courthouse Plaza to ECU's Centennial Plaza. Stops will be made at designated locations along the way for times of prayer. The emphasis of the march is to stress the importance of being united in spirit for the prevention and recovery from drug addictions.

The march will be followed by a prevention and recovery rally at ECU's Kerr Activities Center. The rally will feature entertainment, guest speakers and door prizes.

WELCOME BACK!

ECU Student were welcomed back to campus with more events than ever!

Tiger Streak, Ice Cream Social, Game Show Contests, Music, Games, Meet the Greek, Block Party, Howdy Day, Comedian, Dodgeball, Involvement Expo, Hypnotist, Zip Line, Water Slide and DJ Kode.



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FOOTBALL EARNS 37-15 WIN OVER SOUTHERN NAZARENE

In the first home football game of the 2012 season, East Central University claimed a 37-15 win over Southern Nazarene at Norris Field.

Defense was the key to the game for the Tigers (1-1), as senior Armonty Bryant led a defensive drive with six solo tackles, 3.5 sacks (35 yards), five tackles-for-loss (39 yards), two forced fumbles and two pass break-ups.

The Great American Conference announced that Bryant was named the GAC Defensive Player of the Week for Sept. 10. The Wichita Falls, Texas native was also named The Oklahoman State College Player of the Week. And D2Football.com named him National Defensive Player of the Week.



CHICKASAW NATION APPRECIATION DAY SEPT. 22

ECU will honor Native Americans with Chickasaw Nation Appreciation Day on Saturday, Sept. 22, in conjunction with the Tigers' football game against Arkansas-Monticello.

Activities begin at 2 p.m. with registration and an information fair in the Bill S. Cole University Center on the ECU campus. The day will end with the ECU-UAM game kickoff at 6 p.m. *Admission to the football game is free for Chickasaw citizens, with Chickasaw citizenship cards, and Chickasaw Nation employees, with employee identification badges.*



VETERANS UPWARD BOUND FUNDED AGAIN

The Veterans Upward Bound Program at ECU has been funded for a new 5-year grant cycle!

The program will continue to prepare and assist veterans who are interested in attending a vocational/technical school, or two or four-year college or university. The service area has been expanded and all services will be provided from the Ada office. VUB is a free service to veterans.

UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM FIVE-YEAR GRANT RENEWAL

ECU's Upward Bound program has received a five-year grant renewal to partner with 12 area high schools in helping low-income individuals and potential first-generation college students pursue and obtain a higher-education degree.

The federal grant, valued at \$2,537,825 (or \$507,565 per year), gives the Upward Bound program the tools to work with 120 individuals.



FALL 2012 CAREER, INTERNSHIP AND GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR

ECU's Career Development Center will host the ECU Fall 2012 Career, Internship and Graduate/Professional School Fair Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bill S. Cole University Center.



The fair attracts more than 100 employers and more than 1,200 student graduates from ECU each year. It provides businesses and ECU students an opportunity to learn about possible career options.

MAPS-WORKS INTRODUCED AT ECU

Student retention is very important at ECU. Jamie Graham was recently hired as the first retention coordinator. This month she successfully launched MAP-Works. The program is designed to help ECU students complete their college degree. Through this new technology, ECU faculty and staff are educated and encouraged to make a referral on a freshman or designated cohort member, of whom they feel needs assistance, or is at risk of leaving the university. Graham then assess and takes proper action for the individual student.

ECU SHUTTLE SERVICE

ECU introduced a Shuttle Service this month. Students, faculty and staff can take advantage of this complimentary service which will operate Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The shuttle will depart from the University Center and travel to: North Hills Shopping Center, Arlington Center and Walmart.

OUTSTANDING CAREERTECH EDUCATOR

Dr. Diana Watson-Maile, ECU family and consumer sciences department chair and professor, was recognized with an Okla. Assoc. of Career and Technology Education Outstanding Educator Award at the 2012 Career and Technology Education Summer Conf.

**APPLEMAN, DEAN OF STUDENTS**

Boomer W. Appleman is ECU's new Dean of Students.

Appleman comes to ECU from Northern Oklahoma College in Enid, where he served as deputy chief administrative officer and chief student affairs officer for the campus since 2003. His operational oversight included: counseling and career services, residential life, campus security, campus life and student government.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF ATTEND TRAINING

Eighteen new instructors and four staff members attended new faculty orientation last month.

Top Row (Left to Right): Boomer Appleman, Dean of Students; Terrie Kiker, Instructor of Nursing; Anna Duran, Instructor of Nursing and Director of the Nursing Program at Ardmore; Dr. Steven Roring, Assistant Professor of Human Resources; Brett Watson, Instructor of Kinesiology/Assistant Football Coach; Sonja Hightower, Instructor of Accounting; Ellen Harwell, Instructor of Psychology; Teri Lambeth, Instructor of Human Resources; Dr. Shelli Sharber, Assistant Professor of Education; and Michael Scanlon, GOLD Program.

Bottom Row (Left to Right): Jamie Graham, Retention Coordinator; Dr. Rebecca Nicholson-Weir, Assistant Professor of English and Languages; Dr. Sarah Peters, Assistant Professor of English and Languages; Emily Holombek, Instructor of Kinesiology/Assistant Women's Basketball Coach; Dr. Lauren Cox, Assistant Professor of Music; Dr. Kelly Clasen, Lecturer of English and Languages; Alexandra Knox, Instructor of Art; Samantha Dillehay, Instructor of Mass Communications; and Bethany Walling, Grants Research Specialist.

UPCOMING EVENTSSept. 15

Step Out of the Darkness
10:30 a.m. Prayer March Pontotoc County Courtyard Plaza to ECU Centennial Plaza
11:30 a.m. Rally at Kerr Activities Center
Noon Food, Fun & Facts, Kerr Activities Center

Sept. 16

Constitution Day & Rothbaum Lecture,
6:30 p.m. Ataloo Theatre, HBFFAC
Guest speaker, Dr. Carolyn Long of Washington State University Vancouver will deliver a lecture "Employment Division vs Smith after 20 years: Religious Liberty and Contemporary Policy Issues".

Sept. 18

"Spurrabration" Poetry Reading with Jim Spurr,
6:30 p.m., Regents Room

Sept. 20

National Addiction Professionals Day Awards,
7 p.m., Ballroom

Volleyball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State,
7 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Sept. 21

Women's Soccer vs Harding,
4 p.m., ECU Soccer Field

Sept. 22

Football vs Arkansas-Monticello,
6 p.m., Norris Field

Sept. 23

Women's Soccer vs Ouachita Baptist,
1 p.m., ECU Soccer Field

Sept. 24

Prevention & Recovery Workshop, 3 p.m., Estep, UC

Sept. 26

Negotiating the Job Market, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Estep, UC

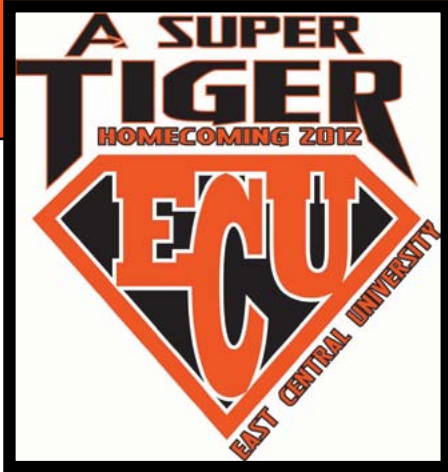
Sept. 27

Step Up! Certification Workshop, 5 p.m., Estep, UC

Sept. 28

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

SAVE THE DATE



EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2012

Monday, Oct. 1

- Powder Puff Game
6 p.m., Norris Field

Tuesday, Oct. 2

- Homecoming King & Queen Pageant
8 p.m., Dorothy I. Summers Theatre
- Volleyball vs. UCO
7 p.m., Kerr Activities Center

Wednesday, Oct. 3

- Comedian Brandon Marshal
9 p.m., Dorothy I. Summers Theatre
- School of Business Alumni Luncheon
Noon, Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom

Thursday, Oct. 4

- Concert - Yung Nation & MusicMan on the 1's & 2's
9 p.m., (doors open at 8 p.m.)
Kerr Activities Center

Friday, Oct. 5

- Alumni Golf Tournament*
11:30 a.m., Lunch For Golfers
1 p.m., Oak Hills Country Club
- Pep Rally
5 p.m., Centennial Fountain

Saturday, Oct. 6

- 5K Run*
8 a.m., Wintersmith Park
- Golden Tiger Brunch*
9:30 a.m., Stanley P. Wagner Ballroom
- Athletic Alumni Meeting
11 a.m., Kerr Activities Center
- Homecoming Parade
Noon, Main Street
- Alumni Baseball Game**
12:45 p.m., ECU Baseball Field
- Tiger Tailgate
1 - 4 p.m., Norris Field
- Football Game
4 p.m., Norris Field
- La Fragua
Following the game
Elks Lodge

* Pre-register at
www.alumni.ecok.edu
** Pre-register by calling
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**ECU will unveil
a NEW Roary the Tiger
Mascot during the
Homecoming 2012
festivities!**