



# D-ECU News

News and Information for ECU Distance Education Students

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## ~We Want Your DE Story~

Previous editions of D-ECU News have featured distance education students from many of the colleges and schools across the ECU campus. We invite you to submit your DE Story to appear in a future edition of D-ECU News. If you would like to share your story, please submit a description of your DE experience to Carol McLawhorn at [mclawhorn@ecu.edu](mailto:mclawhorn@ecu.edu). Your description should include your program of study, career description or aspirations, any tips you have for fellow students, and how DE has helped you achieve your education goals. Your picture would be a nice touch as well. We look forward to receiving your stories and sharing them with the distance education community!

## ~Distance Education Forum in OneStop~

Have you checked out the Distance Education forum yet? This forum is a place for DE students to share ideas, questions, or comments. Feel free to post new discussion topics as you communicate throughout the semester. To access the Distance Education forum in OneStop, log in at the following and click the community tab.

<https://onestop.ecu.edu/onestop>

## ~Blackboard~

You can also follow Blackboard on

## Welcome

to another edition of D-ECU News - the newsletter that will keep you informed of university news, resources, and announcements that affect the distance education community.

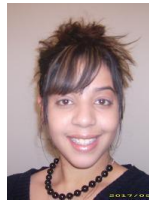
## ~Meet Our Chancellor~

Chancellor Steve Ballard, since his arrival in Greenville in June 2004, has focused on measures designed to enhance East Carolina University's role as the University for North Carolina. On an array of topics from student success, to research productivity, to athletics, he has emphasized excellence and leadership.

While leading the fastest-growing university in North Carolina, and the one with the largest distance-education program, Ballard has committed to providing every student with excellent training in the classroom, practical experiences in the community and region, and the opportunity to develop leadership skills. He has hired nationally known leaders in athletics, research, finance, and fund-raising. He has overseen a record-breaking building boom on campus and the addition of over 400 new faculty positions. Before joining East Carolina as the university's tenth chief executive, Ballard served as provost at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Previous academic appointments had taken him from Oklahoma to the East Coast.

For more information on the Chancellor: <http://www.ecu.edu/chancellor/Chancellor-Ballard.cfm>

## ~DE Student Feature~



My name is Naomi Hicks I am currently a senior at ECU and take all my classes online. I have two wonderful kids, a husband, and I work full time so my schedule is always packed. Attending college online was the only option I had, and I love it because I can work at my own pace on my own schedule. It takes a lot of self discipline to take an online class, you really have to push yourself to keep up with the work, but I tend to think that DE students are usually self-motivated already, because most of them are just like me; busy,

busy, busy. I plan to graduate with a BSBA in MIS, I can't wait! I truly count it a blessing to be able to attend this University online, it works with my schedule and the program is easy to follow. I encourage anyone and everyone who is thinking about going to school, but is scared to make that step.....don't wait, go for it, if I can do it, so can you!

## ~New Online Tutorials~

Please be sure to check out the new online tutorials available on the Options website <http://www.ecu.edu/options/orientation/tutorials.cfm>. You will find tutorials to assist you with ECU email, OneStop, Banner and Blackboard. These tutorials are meant to provide you with information for enhancing your distance learning experience and were created by online students for online students.

Don't forget to also check out our online student services area at

<http://www.ecu.edu/options/currentstudents.cfm>, for useful information and resources that can be used throughout the semester.

## ~Important Semester Dates~

August 25

Classes begin

Twitter. <http://twitter.com/ecubb>

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### ~Pirate Athletics~

Here you will find links to campus sports, Pirate Club, purchase tickets, radio and television broadcast info, history, records, traditions, and more. <http://www.ecupirates.com/>

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### ~Campus News~

Visit the Campus News page for up to date East Carolina University headlines.

<http://www.news.ecu.edu/>

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### ~Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS) ~

Information and Technology and Computing Services is the central agency that supports enterprise wide computing on campus. In other words, ITCS provides many services and products that you will use every day <http://www.ecu.edu/itcs/>



August 31	Last day for late registration and schedule changes
September 22	End of Refund Period – See Refund Schedule Below
October 6	Last day for undergraduate students to drop
October 26	Registration for Spring Semester 2010 begins
November 30	Last day for graduate students to drop
December 8	Classes end

### ~Tuition Refund Schedule For DE Classes~

August 25 – 31	100% Refund*
September 1 – 8	75% Refund*
September 9 – 15	50% Refund*
September 16 – 22	25% Refund*

\*Minus \$25.00 processing fee

### ~Online Undergraduate Catalog~

The online Undergraduate Catalog 2009-2010 is now available for you to reference. This HTML version has been updated to reflect the most recently approved curricular revisions following their approval by the Faculty Senate and Chancellor Ballard. As the official university catalog, the updated online catalog is a dynamic document that informs faculty, staff, and students of recent revisions that go into effect the following semester. Revisions will be made throughout the academic year, which will appear in green text. We hope that you will continue to be pleased with the updated HTML catalog. It has many user-friendly and intuitive features that significantly increase its functionality.

To access the newly posted updated online Undergraduate Catalog, go to

<http://www.ecu.edu/aa/SrchCatalog.cfm>

The PDF version of the catalog, which also can be accessed from the above Web page, does not change during the year to reflect curricular and personnel changes. We welcome your feedback and any comments. Please contact Linner Griffin at 252-328-5358 or e-mail [griffinL@ecu.edu](mailto:griffinL@ecu.edu).

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