Welcome to the Fall 2012 edition of D-ECU News - the newsletter that will keep you informed of university news, resources, and announcements that affect the distance education community. This newsletter is powered by Emerging Academic Initiatives.

~Distance Education Student Cards~

The Distance Education Student Card grants access to ECU computer labs and allows you to check books out of the ECU libraries. It also allows you access to the libraries of our UNC sister institutions. Distance Education Student Cards are now mailed by request only. You can request your card for the fall semester of 2012 by clicking here. If you have already requested your card for fall 2012, it has been mailed. The card includes your ECU ID number (Banner ID), along with a place for your signature. The card is included in letter form so you simply detach it from the bottom of the letter. Please note that the Distance Education Student Card does not provide access to the Student Recreation Center, Student Health Services, Athletic events, and other activities that are available to on-campus students because DE students do not pay these additional university fees. The Distance Education Student Card is valid for one semester only, and must be requested each semester. The card registration website uses secured encryption technology to protect the information you send.

~ECU Distance Education Proctoring Center~

The ECU DE Proctoring Center (DEPC) http://deproctoring.eai.ecu.edu/ is an approved site in the UNC Online Proctoring Network. This site serves distance education students who need to take proctored exams, and faculty members who need to set up proctored exams for distance education courses. It serves faculty and students throughout the UNC system. All exams require prior scheduling through the network website. Information about the UNC Online Proctoring Network is available at http://services.northcarolina.edu.

The ECU DE Proctoring Center is located at Arlington Crossing, 1914 Arlington Blvd, in Greenville, North Carolina (beside the K&W Cafeteria). The ECU DEPC is housed within the Office of Emerging Academic Initiatives.

Parking is FREE and spaces are available in front of the building, with overflow parking behind the building.

Proctoring services provided by the ECU DE Proctoring Center are free of charge. Some proctoring sites in the UNC network charge testing fees. Any fees associated with the proctoring service you choose, you (the student) are responsible for paying.
~Distance Education Orientation Site~
For any unanswered questions that you may have regarding Distance Education, please visit our DE Orientation Site here. It will answer a lot of questions, and direct you to many helpful sites. (Site currently being updated)

~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/

~Campus News~
Visit the Campus News page for up to date East Carolina University headlines. http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/

~7th Live DE Student Forum~
Our next forum will be conducted Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. via Centra. Our topics of discussion will be:
1) The ECU Distance Education Proctoring Center
2) The UNC Online Proctoring Network
3) ProctorU.
You will hear from the experts in these fields, and be able to ask any questions you may have. Tune in on the 26th to learn about proctoring services for DE Students. A detailed email will be sent after Labor Day.

~Explanation of ECU Issued Student Cards~
Each registered ECU student will receive an ECU Higher One Card. Your card will arrive in the mail at your primary address. To receive your financial aid refund, you must authenticate your ECU Higher One Card. During this process, you will choose how to receive your refund money. If you want faster access to your funds, simply choose to have your refunds deposited directly into your ECU One Account. Authenticate your ECU Higher One Card and make your refund selection online at www.ECUCard.com. FAQ’s for the Higher One Card http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/financial_serv/cashier/Higher-One-ECU-Debit-Card.cfm

The ECU 1 Card is the official photo ID card for East Carolina University. All full-time on campus students, staff, and faculty need this card whenever they are asked to show university identification. The ECU 1 Card is worn as an ID badge at the Brody School of Medicine. While the ECU 1 Card is required for identification purposes, other accounts linked to the card are optional. Summary of uses are: Official ECU Identification; Meal plans & Pirate Bucks; Copiers & copier/printers; Bookstore account; Campus Libraries; Athletic & event tickets; Student Health Center; Student Recreation Center; Registrar’s Office; Access to university facilities; Intramural sport participation; and Payment of parking fines and fees.

Please see the Distance Education Student Card explanation at the top of the newsletter.

~Joyner Library – Connecting with DE Students~
Do you need assistance learning to conduct research, use the library, or use RefWorks? If so, tutorials, research guides, and tips sheets are available from Joyner and Laupus Libraries to provide you assistance 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

For information about tools used by specific libraries, see:

East Campus students, use these links from Joyner Library:
Joyner Tutorials (Includes Research Basics, Tips, and Tools)
Distance Education
Library 101: Introduction to Research

Health Sciences (West Campus) students, use these links from Laupus Library,
Laupus Tutorials

For information about both libraries see:
And, don’t forget that live librarians are available to help you by phone, email, chat, text and in-person. Look for the Ask a Librarian links on either library’s website. Click here for Joyner Library Ask a Librarian. Click here for Laupus Library Ask a Librarian.

~Important Dates for Fall 2012~

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