



# 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 [mcclawhornc@ecu.edu](mailto:mcclawhornc@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 Orientation Site~

For any unanswered questions that you may have regarding Distance Education, please visit our DE Orientation Site [here](#). It will answer a

**Welcome** to the Spring 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 (formerly known as Academic Outreach).

### ~DE Student Feature~

My name is Perry Studevent and I just wanted to say how appreciative I am for the Distance Education Programs at ECU. I work at UNC Chapel Hill as a financial aid counselor, but plan to move into the IT field. I plan to finish my degree in May (MS In Technology Systems) and I currently have a 4.0 GPA. It's been very difficult at times, but extremely rewarding as well. My tips for other students planning to study through Distance Education would involve three things: A) do not think that online course work is not labor intensive; B) get to know your fellow students as much as possible and learn from their experiences; and C) stay on top of your work from day one.

### ~Distance Education Student Cards~

The Distance Education Student Card grants access to ECU computer labs and allows you to check out books from the ECU libraries. It also allows you access to the libraries of our sister institutions. Distance Education Student Cards are now mailed by request only. You can request your card for the spring semester of 2011 by clicking [here](#). The card includes your ECU ID number (Banner ID), along with a place for your signature. The card is included in letter form; you just 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.

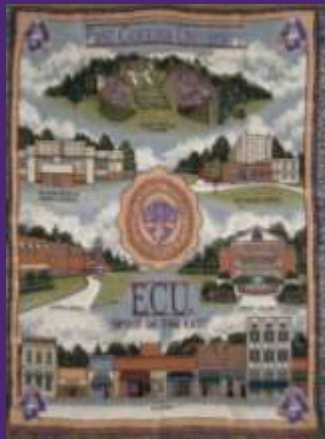
### ~eBook/eReader Education Exposition~ March 22, 2011 **See It! Learn It! Use It!**



Emerging Academic Initiatives along with Joyner and Laupus Libraries are sponsoring an eBook/eReader Exposition. For some of you it may not be possible for you to attend, but if you are within our reach you are welcome to join us.

Whether or not the printed book will ever be fully replaced with an electronic version is up for (heated) debate. But either way, eBooks are definitely growing in popularity, especially in education. What are the potentials and the challenges

lot of questions, and direct you to many helpful sites.



#### ~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.news.ecu.edu/>



with these devices? Find out on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00 on East Campus in Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms, and from 2:00 – 4:00 on West Campus Health Sciences Complex in the College of Nursing and College of Allied Health lobbies. We will have publishers, eReader vendors, the bookstore, faculty, etc., share their expertise and experience with eBooks/eReaders. This event is open to all faculty, staff, and students. There will also be free giveaways!! You don't have to be present to win. Mark your calendars now, so you will not miss this incredible educational opportunity.

### ~**NEW**- ECU Distance Education Proctoring Center~

The ECU DE Proctoring Center <http://deproctoring.eai.ecu.edu/> is an approved site in the UNC Online Proctoring Network. This site serves distance education students who need to make an appointment 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. 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 new Center is housed within [Emerging Academic Initiatives](#).

Parking is FREE, and spaces are available in front of the building. If there are no spaces available, overflow parking is provided behind the building.

Proctoring services provided by the ECU DE Proctoring Center are free of charge.

### ~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)

[Library 101: Introduction to Research](#)

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

[Laupus Tutorials](#)

[Online Classes](#) (Includes: Getting Started with Research and Where's the Skeleton? An Orientation to Laupus Library)

**For information about both libraries see:**

[LibGuides \(Research Guides\)](#)

[Research First Aid](#)

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.

### ~Important Dates for Spring 2011~

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Registration for summer and fall 2011 Begins

Friday and Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> – State Holiday, No Classes

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Classes End  
Tuesday & Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Reading Days  
Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Exams Begin  
Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Exams close at 4:40  
Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Graduation

**~Chancellor Ballard's State of the University Address~**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chancellor Steve Ballard delivered his State of the University address. His remarks focused on the daunting budget picture facing our state. If you were unable to attend, you can see his entire address by clicking [here](#).

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