Welcome to the Spring 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 out books from the ECU libraries. It also allows you access to the libraries of our 16 sister institutions. Distance Education Student Cards are now mailed by request only. You can request your card for the spring semester of 2012 by clicking here. If you have already requested your card for spring 2012, there is no need to repeat the process. 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. The site that you register for the card uses secured encryption technology to protect the data you send.

~UPCOMING Career Fair~
The Career Fair is being held Tuesday, February 21st, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Greenville Convention Center. Distance Education Students can attend this fair. All you need is your banner ID and your ECU email address. You do not need a one card. If you would like further information, please contact the Career Center Office at 252-328-6050, or visit the career fair website.
http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs/career/students/career_fairs.cfm

~5th Live DE Student Forum~
Emerging Academic Initiatives hosted its 5th LIVE DE Student Forum, Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. The ECU DE Proctoring Center, and the UNC Online Proctoring Network was the topics of discussion.

If you missed the Forum, you can still attend the session and hear the presentations. The beginning of the recording is the presentation on the ECU Distance Education Proctoring Center. Next is the presentation on the UNC Online Proctoring Network. If something came up and you were not able to attend, I hope you have time to listen. The presentations are very informative. If you have any questions, please send an email to wilsonki@ecu.edu.
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.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/

To view the recorded session, login to http://centra.ecu.edu/, click “Public Recordings” on the left pane. Find DE Proctoring Session January 18, 2012 and click on the “Playback” button beside it. Then click Launch in Browser. Wait for a couple of seconds and it will start to play. I hope you enjoy the session.

~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. *Please be reminded that if there are any fees associated with the proctoring service you choose, you (the student) are responsible for paying those said fees.

~6th Live DE Student Forum~
Our next forum will be hosted Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. via Centra. Our discussion will be regarding Time Management, specifically for Distance Education students. Our presenters will be Distance Education student’s, like yourselves, who have actually “been there, done that”. Tune in on the 21st to learn tips and tricks to help you manage your time more effectively.

~Important Dates for Spring 2012~

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~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

For information about both libraries see:
LibGuides (Research Guides)

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.

~Emerging Academic Initiatives~  http://www.ecu.edu/eai/