Greetings!

Greetings from the Honors College! Your College is having another great year! I began my tenure as Interim Dean of the Honors College in January and have enjoyed working with our amazing students and dedicated faculty and staff. The College is completing its sixth year, and very soon we will be celebrating the graduation of another group of outstanding young men and women who will are poised to take enter exciting new steps in their lives and careers. Many are looking forward to graduate school and some will enter the workforce. It is always somewhat bittersweet to see these soon-to-be graduates leave the Honors College, but we want them to always know that regardless of where they go, they will always be part of our Honors College family!

As our Class of 2016 graduates, we are excited to bring in another great group into the College. We will be admitting 100 new Honors College students, 20 of whom will be EC
Scholars. These students were selected from nearly 1,000 honors-qualified applicants. What difficult decisions we had selecting who would be invited to join the next class! I cannot thank ECU faculty, our Honors alums, and community partners who assisted us this process enough. With so many great applicants, my only frustration is that we cannot invite more of these great students to join us. However, with support from ECU leadership and help of our generous donors, we are prepared to double the number of students admitted in 2017!

Honors College students impact our entire campus and community! Their presence in classrooms across campus raises the bar for all our students and their commitment to service is felt by those in our community who need our help—even our four-legged friends at the local Animal Shelter! The College is absolutely dedicated to maximizing student success, serving the public, and leading regional transformation. As a part of our commitment to this mission, we are bringing a theme of "innovation" into the College. We will be working with others across campus and in our community to promote and develop the fantastic ideas and solutions our students can bring to address some of the Grand Challenges that our world faces today.

We cannot do these things without your support! THANK YOU to all our benefactors and supporters! Your generous gifts of time and resources are ESSENTIAL to our success. As you can see, the College is positioned to continue great things in the future. We are growing, our students are making a huge positive difference in their communities, and we are driving regional prosperity. Help us continue to deliver the programs that allow the Honors College, our students, our region, and our great state to prosper!

Please let us hear from you! Come for a visit!

David M. White
Interim Dean

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**Honors College Living-Learning Community**

**Collaboration on the Coast**
Partnership with the Coastal Studies Institute Strengthens Research
Several current initiatives between ECU and the UNC Coastal Studies Institute have generated interest and innovation in the preservation of North Carolina beaches. Now, enthusiastic collaboration with the Honors College has opened doors for student internships and careers in coastal conservation.

Full story:
ECU Honors College Forms Partners with Coastal Studies Institute

Honors in the News

Cellular Superstar
Joseph Paul's graduation from ECU on

'Genuine and Approachable'
Chancellor-elect Cecil Staton talks with
May 6 will mark another step in his research career with a move to California to attend Berkeley on a prestigious grant.

**Full story:**
[EC Scholar receives NSF Fellowship](#)

Student Charlotte Pearsall, a junior Honors College student majoring in recreation and parks management told Staton she hopes to one day be a college athletic director.

**Full story:**
[Students meet with Chancellor-elect Staton over breakfast](#)

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**Change Your Perspective**

Honors College Artist-in-Residence Dr. Ebendorf was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Research & Creative Activity as a result of numerous ECU student letters of support.

**Full story:**
[Research and Creativity](#)

**Daniel Franch Named Fulbright Scholar**

This Honors College student and triple major will receive $30,000 to teach English in Germany for a full year.

**Full stories:**
[Honors Student Receives Competitive Fulbright Award](#)

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**Rural Research**

Senior Erika Dietrick and junior Sydney Advocating for Patients' Rights

Passionate about promoting self-reflection
Hendricks are conducting research that directly impacts the community and environment of eastern North Carolina.

Full story:
Beyond the Classroom

in the field of nursing, Honors College senior Erin Traister wrote a critical essay that will compete in the National League for Nursing Center of Excellence contest.

Full story:
Nominee selected for National League for Nursing essay contest

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Research and Creative Activities

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Magic, Muggles, and Memories

Several Honors College students accompanied Associate Dean Kevin Baxter to this year’s Southern Regional Honors Conference in Orlando. Between presentations on best practices in honors and academic research, the group had the chance to visit Harry Potter World.

Full story:
ECU Honors Takes Orlando: Southern Regional Honors Conference 2016

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Insightful Illustration

Amidst thousands of submissions from the nation’s top student illustrators, artwork by Honors College senior Jordan Thomas was chosen in North America's most prestigious student illustration competition to be showcased in NYC.

Full story:
Jordan Thomas Featured in North America's Most Prestigious Student Illustration Competition

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Campus Leaders
Compassionate Role Models
ECU and UNC System Leaders Meet with Honors Students

ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard will be stepping down on July 1st after inspiring years of university and regional development, including the establishment of the East Carolina University Honors College in 2010. Since its founding, the Chancellor has shown strong support for Honors College students, particularly through a leadership development program called the Chancellor’s Student Leadership Academy (CSLA). Several Honors College students were invited to share their personal leadership journey during the Chancellor’s celebratory send-off in April.

Chancellor Ballard was further recognized during a special visit from UNC President Margaret Spellings. Junior EC Scholar Zoe Hinton (second from left) and Honors College senior Zach Evans (right) were selected to help welcome Spellings to ECU.

Advancing the Honors College

A message from the Major Gifts Officer

On behalf of the Honors College, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Your
time, talent and financial gifts are invaluable to the success of the college. As you are aware, the Honors College is leading the way for East Carolina University in student success, public service and regional transformation. We simply could not operate as we do without the help of Pirates like you.

I invite you to continue your partnership with us as we shape the future of the college and university. You may support the college in many ways and at a variety of levels-no gift is too small. As you consider your level of giving and support, I encourage you to increase your investment in the Honors College at East Carolina University. It will undoubtedly have immeasurable impact.

Nate Evans, Major Gifts Officer
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"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." - Warren Buffett

Duct Tape and Dreams
Honors Students Host Creative Fundraiser

The Cardboard Regatta is a fun and creative way to generate support for the Eakin Fund, which supports Honors College living-learning experiences. The event involves teams of 2-4 participants who create a boat made only of cardboard and duct tape in an allotted time and then race the boat in a pool.
against other teams. Click the full story below to watch our stealthy (and soggy) ships race across the ECU Student Recreation Center pool for ultimate glory!

**Full story:**

[Rocking the Boat: Honors College Cardboard Regatta 2.0](#)

You can also view our Flickr album [here](#).

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### Honors College Alumni

Our Honors College and Honors Program graduates are spread across the country and around the world, but that doesn't mean we can't keep in touch! Join the Honors College [LinkedIn group](#) and like the Honors College Alumni Society [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date on events and ways to get involved. If you have moved or changed your contact information, [please update your information](#).

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### Honors College Upcoming Events

**Summer Kickoff Events:**

- **Saturday, June 4**
  - Washington, NC
  - 8:30am-5:00pm

- **Friday, June 24**
  - Durham, NC
  - 2:00-9:30pm

- **Friday, July 15**
  - Charlotte, NC
  - 1:00-8:30pm

**EC Scholars Impact Events and Trips:**

- **Freshman Impact Trip**
  - August 14-17
  - Ocracoke, NC

- **EC Scholar Summit Event**
  - September 16-17
  - Greenville, NC

- **Senior Impact Trip**
  - October 8-11
  - Washington, D.C.

**Regional Events:**

- **Honors College Showcase**
  - Thursday, November 3
  - Greensboro, NC
Best wishes for a relaxing summer from the rest of the Honors College team:

Kevin Baxter  Nate Evans  Diane Majewski
Sue Chapman  Liz Fogarty  Cyndee Mueller
Bob Ebendorf  Katie Ford  Jessica Nottingham
Jim Ellis  Todd Fraley  Tim Runyan
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