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Goodall, Renowned British Primatologist to Present Premier Voyages Lecture at ECU

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Sept. 17, 2013) — East Carolina University soon will welcome to campus Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and a United Nations Messenger of Peace, who will deliver the Premier Lecture of the 2013-2014 Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series.

Goodall will discuss “Sowing the Seeds of Hope,” at 7 p.m., Oct. 1, in ECU’s Wright Auditorium, followed by a question and answer session.

"Dr. Jane Goodall's lecture will surely rank with earlier historic lectures on campus, including those by eminent women such as Helen Keller (1916), Amelia Earhart (1936), Eleanor Roosevelt (1941), Gloria Steinem (2009) and Louise Leakey (2012),” said Dr. John Tucker, director of the lecture series. “The Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series is proud to partner with Health Sciences, the Division of Research and Graduate Studies and Academic Affairs in making this exceptional opportunity for our students, faculty and the community possible.”

In July 1960, Goodall began her landmark study of chimpanzee behavior in what is now Tanzania. Her work at Gombe Stream would become the foundation of future primatological research and redefine the relationship between humans and animals.

In 1977, she established the Jane Goodall Institute, which continues the Gombe research and is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. The Institute is widely recognized for innovative, community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots, the global environmental and humanitarian youth program.

Goodall’s honors include the French Legion of Honor, the Medal of Tanzania and Japan’s prestigious Kyoto Prize. In 2002, she was appointed to serve as a United Nations Messenger of Peace and in 2003 she was named a Dame of the British Empire.

One complimentary ticket to the lecture is available to ECU students, faculty and staff with a valid ECU ID. Tickets are $10 for the general public and are available by calling the ECU Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Individuals requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the event.

The Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series, which advances the spirit of exploration and discovery that is the hallmark of the liberal arts, has featured numerous speakers of international renown addressing compelling issues
facing humanity. The series is made possible through contributions from Harriot College’s Dean’s Advancement Council, various university organizations, and many friends and supporters. To make a contribution, or for additional information, contact Dr. John A. Tucker, director of the lecture series, at 252-328-1028 or tuckerjo@ecu.edu, or visit the series’ website at http://www.ecu.edu/voyages. For more information on Goodall, please visit www.janegoodall.org.

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