ECU notes

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Professors honored
Ten ECU faculty members were recognized for teaching excellence at a campus ceremony April 26. "Teaching is the main reason we're here. It's not the only reason, but it is the most important," Catherine Rigsby, chairwoman of the faculty, said. "It is through teaching that we have the greatest impact on our students, our community and our nation."

Dr. Frank James of the department of psychiatric medicine in the Brody School of Medicine was the winner of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, which carries a $7,500 cash prize. Six faculty members received the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award: Dr. Derek Alderman, geography; Carol Christian, foreign languages and literatures; Bob Green, family and community nursing; Dr. Scott Sagraves, surgery; Catherine Walker-Bailey, art and design; and Dr. Sarah Williams, curriculum and instruction. Each received a $1,000 prize.

Christian and Dr. Catherine Sotir, family medicine faculty at the Brody school, won the University Award for Outstanding Teaching, and Dr. Daniel Bara, music, won the Robert L. Jones Award for Outstanding Teaching. Those honors carry a $1,000 award. The recipient of the Max Ray Joyner Award for faculty service through continuing education was Karen Vail-Smith, health education and promotion. She received a $500 stipend and a $1,000 professional development fund.

Scholarships awarded
The ECU chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an international organization for educators, awarded three scholarships at its April 20 meeting.

A scholarship was awarded to Joseph Salacki, a high school student from Rocky Mount, who will be attending ECU in the fall. The first graduate scholarship was presented to Mary Beth Corbin, a doctoral student in the college of education who currently serves as the director of the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program at ECU. The second graduate scholarship was presented to Lindsay Waller, who is pursuing a master's degree in reading education.

Leadership forum set
The ECU College of Education's Rural Education Institute will sponsor a leadership forum at the Greenville Hilton on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Forty school systems in eastern North Carolina are expected to attend. The goal of the conference is to share the most current local and state research on teacher recruitment and retention in eastern North Carolina and to assist school systems in identifying and developing strategies to improve recruitment and retention.