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Note to editors: The honoree spells her first name donna, no capitalization.

Mooneyham named ECU HHP Outstanding Alumna

East Carolina University's College of Health and Human Performance has named donna Mooneyham as the 2009 Outstanding Alumna.

Mooneyham earned a BS in Recreation and Leisure Studies in 1984 and a MAED in Health Education in 1991. She began her career as an activities director, coordinating leisure activity programs in an intermediate care facility. In the years since she has provided aquatic and recreational therapy services in a variety of settings including a developmental disabilities institution, inpatient mental health center, hospital, and rehabilitation center. She has served as a senior recreational therapist, aquatics therapy supervisor, and special education teacher. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Mount Olive College, UNC-Wilmington, and ECU.

As a special education teacher at South Brunswick High School, Mooneyham develops and implements education plans and instructional curricula for high students. She also serves as the aquatic therapy consultant with the Wounded Warriors Battalion-East at Camp Lejeune.

Mooneyham is nationally recognized as a leader in aquatic therapy and shares her expertise with ECU in designing and teaching 2 aquatic therapy courses. Mooneyham's contributions to the recreational therapy profession and the college reflects personal drive for excellence. In addition to her long history of involvement with professional associations, she has also funded awards for ECU recreational therapy students to attend professional conferences. As a strong student advocate, she independently planned and implemented a one-day experimental workshop for recreational therapy students.

"She has a reputation of providing pragmatic conference sessions that are always well received because they target skills and resources for the "real world," said Dean Glen Gilbert. "donna is a role model for our students and a valued colleague."

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