

Hardy's Headlines

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It's Spring Break, but Leadership Never Takes a Break

For many on a university campus, Spring Break is the halfway point, a chance to rejuvenate our batteries or just enjoy some time off. And while all of these are true and important, it's also crucial that we pick up the ball where we left off and keep it rolling in positive directions. This division is accomplishing some amazing things in the category of leadership. You may have heard me share this idea with you since our visit with leadership guru Mark Burke... "Leadership Happens Here." It is happening every day, and when we do it well, I feel compelled to share it with you.

As you know, Career Services is currently searching for a Director. Candidates will begin arriving on campus in March; more information is forthcoming. In the meantime, Jim McAtee, 2008 Chancellor Leadership Academy Fellow, has been serving as interim director of the Center and guiding the services. On February 24, 2010, Jim and his team hosted another successful Career Fair with over 300 recruiters, 145 organizations recruiting Pirates. There were two full days of interviewing and information sessions that were beautifully organized by the professional staff in Career Services.

Even in a down economy, the staff effectively committed corporations such as Honeywell, CIA, Coca-Cola, Marriott International, Navsea Warfare Centers, and many other employers spanning many industries. Additionally, several school systems from across eastern North Carolina participated in the fair which of course strengthen the opportunities of ECU students being hired after graduation. Approximately 2500 students networked with recruiters and applied for positions. Interviews were held during the fair, into the evening, and throughout the next day.

I also wish to applaud the leadership and service of several Greek organizations in and around the community. This is not by any means an inclusive list, just some examples of "leadership happening here."

- In January 2010, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity held an outstanding program with nearly 200 in attendance that helped educate, celebrate, and remember Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.
- On February 27, the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta volunteered with Tar Heel Home Health to move a local couple move from a substandard residence to a new apartment. Two students in particular, Hunter Peyton and Kyle Irwin, showed great empathy, sensitivity, compassion and support of the couple. These two men even donated some of their own personal funds, along with Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Delta Zeta, to purchase a bed for the wife who "had slept on the couch for three years."
- Kappa Delta Sorority recently held its annual Shamrock event raising \$12,000 (an increase of \$700 from 2009).
- Delta Zeta Sorority is working with Michael Ward to raise \$125,000 to endow the Kay Yow Access Scholarship to help first generational students meet their educational needs. The ECU chapter has pledged \$20,000 towards this endowment. Kay Yow was a member of Delta Zeta while a student at ECU.

While these two stories highlight successful and effective leadership and service within our division, we must continue to demonstrate such. Additionally, we need work even harder to evaluate our efforts. To that point, our next Hardy Headlines will begin discussing assessment and its role in our day-to-day activities. If you have any thoughts about assessment, even before the next communication, please feel free to share them with me.

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Toot Our Horns

- Congratulations to **Mark Parker, Director of Intramurals**, for being named as an official for the NC High School Eastern Regional Basketball Tournament held in Greenville on March 2-6, 2010. Only nine officials in the region get this opportunity.
- Congratulations to **Peter Romary**, director of Student Legal Services, for receiving the John L. Sanders Student Advocacy Award given by the UNC GA Association of Student Governments. This is the highest individual honor given by students to a member of the UNC system.
- **The East Carolinian** student newspaper won multiple awards including 4th for Best in Show for large schools at the recent NC College Media Association conference held at Elon College.
- Nearly 100 ECU students the **NC LEAD Conference** in February. ECU won the Honorary Eagle Award at the conference for the highest participation, most session presenters and overall energetic impact.
- A great way to **Toot Our Horns** is through **Successes**, the divisional E-newsletter. Go to www.ecu.edu/samarketing and click on **SA Successes** to subscribe to this newsletter. These articles can also be linked to your departmental websites.

Mark Your Calendars

- The Campus Living Diversity Education Team is hosting the third annual **Culturefest** on Wed. March 24 from 6-9 pm outside at the Mendenhall brickyard. Culturefest will be an evening of culturally diverse food samples and student performances.
- **Nesse Godin**, guest speaker and Holocaust Survivor, will be at ECU on March 16th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm, Hendrix Theater.
- **Mike Super**, winner of NBC's Phenomenon, will be at ECU on March 31, 2010 with a pair of shows at 7pm and 10pm. Central Ticket Office is selling tickets for \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission.