ECU, under the direction of the Office of Student Legal Services, hosted the Sixth Annual Safety Symposium at the ECU Heart Institute on March 28, 2012. The event was broadcast live online with 85 campuses from around the US (including institutions from as far away as Alaska) and overseas (including institutions from the UK and Australia) participating. At peak viewing, we received reports of more than 3,500 faculty, staff and students viewing, in addition to the 100 people attending the event on-site.

Peter Romary’s leadership of this event has helped it flourish into a major success over the past six years. The Symposium included presentations from nationally recognized experts and covered areas including standard of care in threat management, Title IX, services for returning veterans, emergency response (Virginia Tech 2011 case study), when an administrator becomes a victim, legal updates and a student panel. Attendees were also able to see Peter "cross-examined" in a mock trial presentation he and Jeff Nolan wrote to demonstrate threat management standard of care. The Honorable Reuben Young, Secretary of the NC Department of Public Safety, gave the keynote address.

This event, now a staple for ECU and the UNC system, was able to become an online/broadcast success through the hard work of people such as Dawn Gibbs, David Clark and Jerome Fuller.

First Chancellor’s Student Leadership Academy is completed

The inaugural Chancellor’s Student Leadership Academy (CSLA) wrapped up on March 28th with 12 program scholars. CSLA was developed to provide students with the knowledge and tools that can help them build leadership competencies and equip them to influence positive change on campus and as they enter their career fields.

During the leadership sessions, these sophomores and juniors learned leadership skills, qualities and philosophies from Chancellor Ballard, Provost Sheerer, Vice Chancellor Hardy, Dr. Bobby Woodard, Ms Laura McMaster, as well as several other faculty and administrators. The scholars were introduced to the ECU definition of leadership which gave them a context to understand themselves as leaders. They were also challenged to develop an appreciation for the differences among people and the benefit of diversity as well as examined how values and civility, as well as law, form the basis of ethical leadership. The next class of CSLA starts in fall 2012.

ECU Transit Wins 1st Place in Bus Roadeo

ECU Transit claimed the title at the first Annual East Coast Intercollegiate Roadeo. It was hosted by the University of Virginia and also included the University of Maryland. The competition was held Saturday, March 31st in parking lots adjacent to Scott Stadium on the University of Virginia campus. Each of the universities utilizes student employees as bus operators for their campus transit systems.

A bus roadeo is designed to be a competitive test and measure of a driver’s skill behind the wheel, knowledge of safety regulations and knowledge of
vehicle equipment used. A roadeo consists of a series of scored cone obstacles and safety regulations designed to test the skill of each operator. Obstacles include left and right turns, passenger stop, parallel parking, alley dock backing, forward and reverse serpentine, offset lanes, diminishing clearance and a judgment stop.

The format was simple: bring your ten best drivers and the best overall team score takes home the custom trophy. The competitors were placed into one of ten rounds, all of which consisted of a driver from each university. At the end of the day, ECU Transit came out on top by just six points over 2nd place University of Virginia. CONGRATS ECU TRANSIT!!

SA Educators Spanning the Globe

Ms. Woodruff Goes to Washington…and Mr. Roberts too

Carol Woodruff and Patrick Roberts were invited to represent East Carolina University at The Path to the White House internship program on March 16th. The event was held at the White House Conference Center in Washington, DC. Approximately 25 career professionals, community activists and educators throughout the United States spent the day learning about Internship opportunities, the application process and benefits associated with interning in the White House. There are 16 different departments that students could possibly intern at the White House. The internship is extremely competitive and Carol and Patrick learned insider information to assist our students in applying.

Greek Council Unite for 1st Time

From March 29-April 1, 20 leaders from the Panhellenic Council (PC), National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), and Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) attended two conferences in Atlanta, Georgia with two Greek Life staff members. This was the first time that multiple councils were able to travel to a conference together. Panhellenic attended the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference, while NPHC and MGC attended the Southeastern Greek Leadership Summit. The student leaders spent the weekend learning about highly functioning Greek communities, how to better their organizations, and how to be better leaders. At the banquet on Saturday night ECU was recognized for having the most students attend the Southeastern Greek Leadership Summit of any school in attendance.

Wellness Living Learning Community Teach Nutrition to 2nd Graders

The Wellness Living Learning Community (WLLC) recently visited East End Elementary School in Robersonville, NC to teach second graders about healthy foods and nutrition. The school stop was a WLLC service project which was designed and led by ECU freshmen. The students dressed as grapes to bring some fun to the educational time. East End school was adopted by WLLC after they learned the Martin County school doesn’t have an after school program and the majority of students are eligible for the free lunch program. Kudos to Campus Wellness for their efforts on this project and the success of the WLLC. Click here for a full story about the visit.

Student Affairs Hitting the Conference Trail

Stephen Gray Speaks at Duke Debates Conference in Asheville

Congrats to Stephen Gray for his involvement in a special event held May 4-6 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. The conference was called Duke Debates: Controversies in the Management of Patients with Hematologic Malignancies which is sponsored by Duke University School of Medicine. The conference, which also included Cornell Medical Center, St. Agnes Cancer Center in Baltimore, and the Sarah Cannon Research Institute in Nashville, is focused on oncologists and hematologists sharing innovations, research
and medical news. Stephen spoke for about 45 minutes about the caregiver’s perspective regarding care of patients. He shared personal experiences about being a caregiver for a close family member during a bone marrow transplant and walked those in attendance through the emotional and personal side of the medical experience, but did it in his own Stephen Gray style that made it informative and entertaining.

CRW GA @ NIRSA
Stephen Tucci is a graduate assistant with Campus Rec and Wellness and studying in the RCLS Master’s program. He was one of very few, if not the only SA graduate student, presenting at this year’s Research and Creative Achievement Week, and his poster was presented by Janis Steele at our NIRSA National Conference in Tampa. This is data from our student employee leadership survey and there is much more data that we can look at as it relates to our training of employees.

OSTFYP on the Road

- **Terri Stansbury** Communicating in a Crisis - When Getting Your Message Out Isn't as Easy as Just Clicking SEND – Association of Higher Education Parent/Family Program Professionals (AHEPPP) Northwest Regional Conference in Portland, Oregon.

- **Angela Marshall:** ECU Extends: Creating a Seamless Transition
  10th Annual National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) in Dallas, TX

- **Karen Smith:** The Adjustment to College Theory at East Carolina University
  31st Annual Conference on “The First-Year Experience” - San Antonio, TX

Major Event Success

**Campus Dining**

- Recipes from Home reception and dinner - This was the culmination of a program that began in the fall semester with the solicitation of residential students’ favorite recipes from their families via email to all meal plan recipients. From the 1,210 recipes that were submitted, 37 recipes were eventually selected and tested for use in the dining halls. These families were invited to come to campus on March 29th for a reception with their family and student prior to the evening meal where their menu item would be served to all students. They received a special apron designed for the day and a framed version of their recipe with the amounts extrapolated out to serve 1,000 people. Twenty-three families and over 85 people were in attendance for the reception. Immediately following the reception, families went to the dining halls to help serve their entree to students in the dining halls.

Parent Services

- **Spring Fling Weekend**
  - **Silent Auction:** Various items were donated for the auction ranging from bowls/cups to ECU football tickets to weekend getaways. Ninety-one parents paid to participate in the auction. We raised $3500 from the sales.
  - **Dance:** Approximately 100 paid guests (mostly parents, SA educators and faculty) attended this event. Big fun was had by all...and we have photos and video to prove it. Local band Jupiter Jones played for the parents, as well as many students who tagged along with mom and dad, well into the night. The dance was so popular that several people from the black tie
Fine Arts Ball, sponsored by Greenville Museum of Art, left the ball and partied with ECU parents.

- **Brunch and Music**: Parents and students ate breakfast together at West End Dining Hall while being entertained by the Magnolia Belles.

**Campus Living**

- **Sibling Weekend** - The Residence Hall Association sponsored the 1st Siblings Weekend March 30th – April 1st. The festivities included inflatables inside the Student Recreation Center until midnight, attending the ECU vs. UAB baseball game, a tour of ECU athletic facilities, a Pirate Legends Tour, and a Texting Scavenger Hunt arranged by the RHA. The “Pirates in Training” also got to play bowling, billiards, and table tennis in Pirate Underground. The ages of the 154 siblings ranged from 6-18 years of age with about 80% of the siblings Pirates in Training being between 15-18 years old.

- **Tower Wars** - The 1st Annual Tower Wars event took place March 29th and was a competition between the residents of Clement, Greene and White Halls. More than 600 students gathered in fellowship for fun events such as dunking professional staff members in the very popular Dunk Tank while others got a photo in the customized Tower Wars photo booth. The 1st Annual Tower Wars event was a celebratory day of fun for the three Towers and all ECU students highlighting the two weeks prior which focused on servant leadership and civic responsibility. Clement, Greene & White raised 4,499 pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, $149.15 for St Jude’s Children’s Hospital and over 400 pounds of clothes for The Salvation Army! This event involved outside vendors ranging from Dippin’ Dots, to Cubbies and ECU’s very own Aramark provided an awesome Cotton Candy Bar. This Student Centered & Focused event was about collaboration, fun, and celebrating the efforts of our residents who want to help others. The event involved over 72 volunteers from all over campus, 27 hard working RA’s, RHA members, and the personal hall government members of the three towers.