UPCOMING EVENTS

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November 1st
VSLC Program: Pirate Playtime

November 2nd
Campus MovieFest: Red Carpet Finale

November 4th
Native American Heritage Month Opening Reception
Jazz@Night

November 4th - 8th
ECU Senior Portraits

November 6th-9th
SAB Films: Pacific Rim/White House Down

November 6th
Homecoming Lawn and Skit Competition

November 7th
POP Thursday - Waffle House

Campus Kitchen Homecoming Food Drive
Homecoming Concert - J Cole

November 8th
Homecoming Pep Rally

NPHC Step Show

November 9th
Homecoming Parade

November 13th
Market Days

November 15th
VSLC Program - Adopt a Grandparent

Chats with the Chancellor having great success with students

ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard has it a priority this fall to meet and talk with the student Pirate Nation. These talks range from more formalized discussions such as the Chancellor's Round Table to Lunch with the Chancellor all the way to Cookies and Chat with the Chancellor events.

Student Affairs has initiated these conversations with Dr. Ballard, key senior ECU leaders and the students to share information and seek feedback about student related issues, as well as develop stronger bonds and relationships across campus.

The student groups included in these sessions with Chancellor Ballard included, but are not limited to, the Black Student Union, SGA, the Elite Pirates, the Shipmates, ALANA (self-identified minority students with a 3.0+ grade point average), Campus Living RA's, club sports and intramural spring sport student athletes. Future discussions will involved other student groups and fall sport intramural student athletes. Topics include tuition and fees, the proposed student center and parking deck projects and more.

Student Affairs Mini-Conference - December 17th

Mark your calendars for December 17th. Student Affairs is hosting a conference for its nearly 300 staff. The day will begin with a light breakfast menu and beverages in Destination 360 followed by several interactive presentations and sessions. There will be presentations and sessions focused on student success and how Student Affairs Educators from throughout the division can contribute.

2013 Living Learning Programs Conference
Submitted by Gretchen Brockmann, Campus Living

Seven ECU professionals attended the Association of College and University Housing Officers, International (ACUHO-I) Living Learning Programs Conference in Providence Rhode Island. Janet Johnson and Gretchen Brockman from Campus Living and Tywanna Purkett from Campus Rec and Wellness were joined by ECU academic colleagues Mary Farwell (Biology) and Kate LaMere (School of Art and Design) as well as Kristen Harris and Amy Eason (College of Business).

The conference was an impactful and worthwhile experience that will pave the way for how ECU can make our LLC’s even better. Attendees indicated they were anxious to begin implementing some of the shared ideas and plans. Effective Living-Learning Communities need true partnerships between Faculty/Academic Administrator Partners and Housing staff, which was another great benefit in having partners from all over campus attend together. The conference encouraged our thinking about what we can do at ECU, our processes, our potential, and our next steps. It also reinforced we’ve built a strong foundation from which to grow upon and the important role that effective LLC programs can have on student success and retention.
ECU and Career Center become 1st UNC member of Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society

The Board of Directors and Advisors of the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society granted East Carolina University and the ECU Career Center membership in good standing at a chartering ceremony held in the Murphy Center on October 14, 2013. ECU is the first university in the UNC system to receive an invitation to charter a chapter.

Designated as the Omega Iota Chapter, the new organization has already attracted 129 new members. Delta Epsilon Iota (DEI) represents and promotes the ideals of Dedication, Enthusiasm and Initiative within the academic environment and provides opportunities for members to unite their scholastic achievements and community involvement with career goals.

DEI is the nation’s first and only academic honor society structured around career development. In addition to developing and enhancing leadership skills and community service, members will have the opportunity to serve as liaisons and ambassadors to the ECU Career Center as well as to advise and mentor their peers on career development skills. The new chapter includes members from every academic college at ECU and more than 30 different majors. For more information about DEI, please contact Carol Woodruff in the Career Center.

SA Continuing Career Development series - The Crowning Touch

The Student Affairs Continuing Career Development Committee is excited to announce the fourth program for the 2013-2014 professional development series.

ECU welcomes Arlie Honeycutt, former Miss North Carolina and Miss America Contestant and Mandee Lancaster, the Director of Survey Research and Leadership Initiatives within the Office of Innovation and Economic Development at ECU to speak in November!

Ms. Honeycutt and Ms. Lancaster will be guest speakers for a program entitled The Crowning Touch: Enhancing Your Professional Presence held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM in Mendenhall Student Center, Great Room 3.

Registration for this event is available on OneStop under the University Trainings link.

CRW Leadership and Team Training partners with global company for Bike Build program

On Wednesday Sept. 25, the main ballroom at the Rock Springs Center looked more like Santa’s workshop! More than fifty employees of DSM Dyneema, some from as far away as Holland and the U.K, participated in a fun and challenging “bike build” program. The teambuilding session was planned and implemented by the ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness Leadership and Team Training Program. The Leadership and Team Training Program has two outdoor Challenge Course locations and provides leadership and group development programming for ECU groups and the surrounding community.

This particular program challenged DSM Dyneema’s business leaders to work together, plan, strategize, and adapt as they earned parts and tools and then built 6 children’s bikes. DSM Dyneema, which has a location here in Greenville and several internationally, purchased the bikes that were built and they were then donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Pitt County.

"It was a win, win, win situation," said CRW Leadership and Team Training Specialist, Eric Gardner. “We were able to work with a great company in DSM Dyneema, they received an interactive and unique program, and the Boys and Girls Club has 6 new bikes for their youth participants”.

ECU Student Veteran Services takes center stage during Military Appreciation Weekend

Military Appreciation Weekend is always a special weekend on East Carolina's campus. In large part, this is due to the numerous military installations in the state of North Carolina, but also because of the priority the Pirate Nation has placed on our servicemembers and their families. During the October 19th ECU football game against Southern Mississippi, the large crowd at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium stood and showed their gratitude and appreciation for the men and women in uniform.

A special video, produced by SA Marketing and Campus 31 Productions, for the Office of Student Veteran Services was played on the football scoreboard for the thousands in the stadium. The video features several veterans talking about being a part of the ECU family and the pride they have in their campus and school.

Click the image to see this inspiring 1:20 video.
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center awarded NEH Grant

ECU’s Ledonia Wright Cultural Center has been awarded a two-year grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to generate initiatives which encourage discussion of America’s civil rights history. ECU’s initiative is called Created Equal in 3-D: Documentaries, Discourse and Discovery. The grant will provide funding to the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) for several programs beginning early in the 2014 semester.

In February, a pair of civil rights documentaries, The Abolitionists and Freedom Riders, will be shown on campus and will be accompanied by a panel discussion of experts from ECU and the community. During the 2014 Fall Break, LWCC will host a Freedom Riders Reenactment trip, which will take students to historic civil rights locations such as Greensboro, Charlotte, Rock Hill, SC and Atlanta. In 2015, two more documentaries, The Loving Story and Slavery by Another Name, will be shown with expert panel discussions to follow to foster civil discourse around the film’s topics.

“Today’s college students often hear about how far civil rights issues have come throughout history,” said Dr. Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. “We have a civic responsibility at ECU to embrace and encourage discussions about history, law and civil rights to make sure our students understand there is still much more to accomplish.”

East Carolina University and LWCC were awarded the NEH grant this summer and the Created Equal in 3-D initiative will continue through the end of the spring 2015 semester with a trip to various historic Underground Railroad locations in North Carolina.

Student Media students take on New Orleans

Submitted by: John Harvey, Director of Student Media

Nine journalism students, eight of whom are key contributors to The East Carolinian (TEC) student newspaper and the ninth editor-in-chief of the Buccaneer yearbook, were joined by adviser and ECU Director of Student Media John Harvey at the 92nd annual ACP/CMA National Media Convention from Oct. 23-26 in New Orleans.

Harvey moderated two panel discussions at the conference, “The College Readership Program” and “The News Academy: Grow Your Staff with a Comprehensive Training Program.” TEC students served as panelists for the latter presentation.

The conference, whose keynote speaker was Hoda Kotb from the Today Show, included more than 300 workshops on topics ranging from “20 Tips for Clearer Writing” to “Libel Proofing Your Opinion Column.” Presenters included some of the best and most respected student newspaper advisers and student media directors from across the country.

Attending conferences is part of ECU’s commitment to educational growth for students who are a part of Student Media. But it is not limited to TEC. From Oct. 30-Nov. 2 four students from WZMB 91.3 FM and their adviser, Terrence Dove, are attending the College Broadcasters Inc. National Student Electronic Media Convention in San Antonio.

“These are terrific learning experiences,” Harvey said. “There is nothing like getting together with like-minded people, many of whom have the same challenges that you have as a student journalist, and comparing notes. And the chance to learn from the best minds in the business is priceless.”

Student Affairs News and Awards

- **Campus Living Lockshop wins 2013 NCHO Scott Braswell Facilities Award** - Congratulations to Bill Jackson, Bryan Haddock, Robert Trotta and Tim Williams for winning this award which was presented this month in Durham at the North Carolina Housing Officers (NCHO) annual conference. Here is an excerpt from the nomination letter about the team. “The team operates from the perspective of what is best for our students, what is best for the department, and the university. With a customer service focus, the team has an understanding of what is best for the student is not always just what the student asks at the moment. They understand the value of student learning and how they can play a role in that process. They also believe in educating residence life staff on how to assist in fixing lock and security problems quickly, to maintain hall security and meet customer needs.”

- **Campus Living staff presents at state conference** - At the same NCHO conference, Campus Living’s Adam Ross Nelson and Brian Stutz delivered presentations. NCHO celebrated its forty years in operation with a conference entitled “Celebrating Our Tapestry: 40 Years of Excellence.” Stutz presented and moderated a round-table discussion on “Assessment – Best Practices.” Nelson presented a workshop entitled “Technical Writing For Student Affairs” and was a panelist on the topic of pursuing terminal degrees.

- **CRW Officials working NC flag football tournament** - Three East Carolina University Campus Recreation & Wellness student officials were selected to officiate the North Carolina Collegiate Flag Football tournament held in Buies Creek, NC hosted by Campbell University in mid-October. Steven Schulz, Torrey Hursey, and Anthony "AJ" Johnson were among twelve student officials at the tournament. Both Hursey and Johnson worked late-round playoff games and Schulz chosen for the men's championship game. Based upon his outstanding performance Schulz was also selected as the top official in the tournament and received an invitation to work the National Intramural Flag Football Championships to be held January 3-5, 2014 in Pensacola, FL. CRW professional staffers Jon Wall and David Gaskins served as members of the tournament's Officials staff. The tournament featured 13 teams from seven different institutions throughout the state.