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2018 Important Dates

Classes End | April 24
Final Exams Begin | April 26
Commencement | May 4
Fall Classes Begin | August 20
Family Weekend | Sept. 28-30
Fall Break | October 6-9
Thanksgiving Break | Nov. 21-25
Fall Classes End | December 3
Fall Commencement | Dec. 14

Important Reminders

This is the last newsletter of the academic year. Stay connected with us on Social Media for updates throughout the summer!

SAVE THE DATE
FAMILY WEEKEND 2018
Friday, September 28 - Sunday, September 30

Family of the Year 2018-2019

Congratulations to the Rhodes Family who were announced as the 2018-2019 Family of the Year, during the Parents Council spring meeting on Saturday, March 24. The Rhodes Family was nominated by daughter Lillie Rhodes, a Junior Honors College student. Lillie is involved on campus as a member of Phi Mu sorority, and was recently elected to be the Student Body Vice President. Lillie’s family is equally involved with ECU. Her father, Donald is a four-time graduate. He, along with her mother Sara Beth and sister, live in Pitt County and support the university through fundraisers and student support initiatives in the Honors College.

The Family of the Year award is intended to celebrate the supportive role parents and families play in the lives of students and the University community. Honoring outstanding parents and families helps remind the ECU community that families are an essential part of the support network for our students.

The Family of the Year will receive tickets to Family Weekend events, including the Family Weekend Tailgate and ECU vs. ODU football game on September 29, 2018. The Rhodes Family will also raise the “No Quarter” flag during the football game. In addition, Lillie will receive a $500 book scholarship to Dowdy Student Stores, and the family will be presented with a plaque during the Parents Council meeting on Friday, September 28, 2018 to kick off the 2018 Family Weekend.

Pirate Parents Live

Have you missed a Pirate Parents Live on Facebook? Don’t worry! All videos are recorded and archived on our Facebook page. Catch our recent post, titled, Finish Strong, and hear from campus administrators about the resources available to help your students finish strong, whether they are registering for next semester or gearing up for graduation.

View archived recordings of Pirate Parents Live at www.facebook.com/ECUParents/videos. You do not need a Facebook account to view these videos.
Commencement

YOU’RE INVITED

WHO: SPRING 2018 GRADUATES
WHAT: COMMENCEMENT
WHEN: 7 PM, MAY 4, 2018
WHERE: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
WHY: BECAUSE YOU DID IT!
MORE INFO: ECU.EDU/COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations on your 2018 ECU Graduate!
The schedule for the 2018 ECU University Commencement Ceremony as well as individual colleges and departments has been released and is available on the Commencement website: www.ecu.edu/commencement.

Additional announcements will follow in the coming months and will be posted on the website.

Siblings Weekend

RHA has organized a Siblings Weekend for April 6-8, 2018. This event will be open to all students that live on the campus of ECU. This event is designed to provide the students an opportunity to spend the weekend with their sibling and bond with their “Little Pirate.” The weekend will be jam-packed with activities until 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The age range for the siblings allowed to participate is school age (9 to 14 years). If during this academic year (August 2017-May 2018) your child was 14, we will allow them to participate in Siblings Weekend. Also, if your child was 8 during this academic year, we will allow them to participate. The fee for the weekend will be $30. The preferred payment method is by a debit/credit card. You can pay with a debit/credit card by clicking here. The fee for the weekend will cover; a meal card for the sibling to use for the weekend, t-shirts, souvenirs, and more.

More information at: http://www.ecu.edu/cs/studentaffairs/rha/sibling-weekend.cfm

New NC AHEC Scholars Program

ECU students in health professions programs are invited to apply for the new NC AHEC Scholars program at Eastern AHEC (Area Health Education Center). With a focus on underrepresented and/or disadvantaged populations and first-generation college students, this program is meant to diversify and strengthen the healthcare workforce across North Carolina. This two-year program offers unique education and training with healthcare professionals with a $400 per year stipend. Apply by April 20, 2018. For more information, visit: www.easternahec.net/student-services-housing/nc-ahec-scholars/
Did your student order an ECU Official Ring? Those who purchased rings by Friday, March 9, 2018 will have the ring presented to them at the ECU Official Ring Ceremony on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2pm at Wright Auditorium, sponsored by the ECU Alumni Association, Dowdy Student Stores, and Jostens. These students will receive a formal invitation via print mail and email.

To learn more about the ECU Official Ring Ceremony and to RSVP for the event, visit us online at www.PirateAlumni.com/ECURing. Please also check out the frequently asked questions.

The ECU Official Ring ... Treasure the Tradition!

Dowdy Student Stores

Students can Cash-In on their Used Books
TEXTBOOK BUYBACK begins Monday, April 23rd at Dowdy Student Stores, Wright Building. Trailer locations open April 26. This is a great opportunity for students to reduce the net cost of their books! Remind your student to visit one of the Dowdy Student Stores locations to see if his or her books are eligible for buyback. We give cash back for books being used again at ECU or another university. Because we get the faculty lists of course materials needed, we’re able to offer a high price for certain books. Even if a book is not going to be used again at ECU, our used book wholesalers are looking for used books for other schools.

Books must be in saleable condition, ie, hand writing on pages is ok, but torn out pages is not.

Remind your student to check the return due date for any rental books and return them by the deadline. This date can be found on the rental receipt.

Distance Education Students will find information about Book Buyback here.

Click here for Book Buyback dates, hours, and locations.

If you have additional questions contact Dowdy Student Stores at 252.328.6731 or email: studentstores@ecu.edu.

Trade-in and Trade-Up Older Technology, for New!
With the end of the school year just around the corner, now may be the time to look at upgrading your student’s technology. The Trade-In program at the Tech Deck at Dowdy Student Stores may be able to help! The Tech Deck can evaluate your older, but still working, laptop, iPad, cell phone, etc. and see if it qualifies for a credit in the form of a Dowdy Student Store’s gift card! This gift card can be used on-the-spot for new technology, or actually anything in the store. Add this to the educational discount already provided to students, and you’ll see great savings!

Qualifying devices include Apple branded Laptops, Desktops, Monitors, and MP3 Players. Other qualifying devices include Tablets and even certain Cell Phones from Apple, HTC, Samsung, Amazon, Google, and Microsoft.

How do I participate?
Come into the store with your device and valid identification. Ask a store associate at The Tech Deck for a quote for the value of the item. We’ll give you a Dowdy Student Stores gift card for that value on the spot if it qualifies!

More information online at www.ecu.edu/studentstores/tradein.cfm or stop by Dowdy Student Store in Wright Building.
Global Affairs

One of the many benefits of study abroad for out-of-state students in particular is that several of our programs allow students to pay less for the entire cost of the program than they pay here at ECU just for tuition alone! For example, our Italy Intensives program allows students to finish up their foundation credits abroad (the courses that all majors have to complete!) while paying less than what they would for a semester here on campus. The cost of the program is $9,995 and it includes their tuition, housing, most meals, excursions, and health insurance! There are also similarly priced programs in Spain, France, and other areas of the world. Students are able to put their normal financial aid towards the cost of these semester programs, and there are study abroad scholarships they can apply for as well. Students can stop by the International House every Tuesday and Wednesday at 4pm for our Study Abroad Information Session to learn more about our programs, how to start an application, and how affordable our programs can be.

DE Proctoring Center

Is your student taking an online course? Most DE or online courses require students to have their exams administered by a preapproved proctor. The ECU Distance Education Proctoring Center is available for FREE to undergraduate students that either take DE only courses or take a hybrid of online and on-campus courses. The center is located at 1914 West Arlington Blvd. (next to K&W Cafeteria) and is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-8:00pm and Fridays from 9:00am-4:00pm.

The peak time for the DE Proctoring Center is late April as students prep for final exams. Students must schedule their exams as least 48 hours in advance. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule today!

Feel free to share this information with your student and encourage them to contact the DE Proctoring Center at 252-737-4350 or visit our ECU website for scheduling information.

School of Theatre and Dance

School of Theatre and Dance presents
William Shakespeare’s
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM

April 19 - 24
McGinnis Auditorium

“Lord, what fools these mortals be!” declares the merry trickster, Puck in one of Shakespeares’ most beloved tales of magic and romance. Hermia loves Lysander and Lysander loves Hermia. But according to her father, and Athenian law, Hermia must marry Demetrius who once loved Helena, who still pines for him. Oberon and Titania, King and Queen of Fairyland are jealously quarreling disturbing the natural world, while a group of tradesmen, led by Bottom the Weaver, meet to rehearse a play in honor of the upcoming royal wedding. What will happen when lovers, fairies, and “rude mechanicals” meet in the woods on a midsummer’s eve?

Performances are Thursday-Saturday and Monday-Tuesday at 8pm; Sunday at 2pm. A “talk back” session with the director and other production members will be following the Sunday matinee performance.

Public - $15
Current ECU student/Youth 18 and younger-$10

Purchase online at www.ECUARTS.com or call the box office at 252-328-6829.
College of Education

The Office of Professional Development & Student Outreach (OPDSO) has hosted several programs and events as we approach the mid-point of the spring semester. The semester began with two incredible seminars which were offered as part of the Teacher Toolbox professional development workshop series. The Resume Writing that Gets Results and Career Fair Prep seminars were designed to help ECU pre-service teachers prepare for the job search process and the spring Education Career Fair. Participants learned the nuts and bolts of writing effective resumes and how to effectively network at career fairs by dressing professionally, using a proper handshake, and a power greeting.

We were excited to recruit future Pirate Educators at the Teacher Cadet/Future Teachers of America State Conference which was held on February 17th in Raleigh, NC. During the conference, the OPDSO provided a presentation and hosted a booth, speaking with over 60 students with an expressed interest in becoming a teacher.

The College of Education partnered with ECU Career Services to offer the Spring Education Career Fair on February 28th at the Greenville Convention Center. During the event, students had the opportunity to speak with over 100 employers aiming to recruit our phenomenally Pirate Educators! Students were also provided two workshops to assist them with their transition from student to teacher. Ms. Sonya Rinehart with the NC Department of Public Instruction provided a seminar entitled NC Support for Beginning Teachers; and Ms. Kelly Jones with Edgecombe County Schools presented a session entitled: NC Benefits for Teachers.

Student Health Services

Observed every April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is another opportunity for East Carolina to focus on sexual violence prevention efforts, awareness and education. While this is a difficulty topic, it is important for parents to be more aware about sexual assaults and the resources that are available at East Carolina University. Throughout the month, ECU Student Health Services is providing resources to increase awareness, to inform and educate students and parents, and to help each respond appropriately to problems resulting from sexual victimization.

Being a victim of sexual assault, especially rape, can negatively impact a student's mental and physical health and academic performance. Students who are victims of sexual assault and dating violence may experience depression, anxiety, neurological symptoms (e.g. headaches, dizziness), increased fatigue, academic failure and are at a higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and domestic violence.

We are working together to heal and support our students. ECU Student Health Services encourages parents to talk with their students about the risk of sexual assault and what to do if they or someone they know is assaulted. Most victims will most often disclose their assault to peers or friends. However, research shows, victims of sexual assault are more likely to disclose their assault to medical professionals than to any other authority. Therefore, we encourage you to advise your students to seek medical attention immediately and as needed. SHS provides post assault care and referrals to campus and community resources as needed. To aid parents in talking with their students regarding sexual victimization, resources can be found at: http://cultureofrespect.org/help/help-for-a-parent/talking-to-your-child-before-they-go-to-school/

Students may email general questions to GotQuestions@ecu.edu or may phone Student Health Services at (252) 328-6841 to schedule an appointment. Additional resources on the services provided by the Student Health Service can be found at https://www.ecu.edu/studenthealth

The Office of Parent and Family Programs is the office that supports you, as parents and family members of ECU students. You play an important role at ECU and we believe that the more you know about the university, the more you can contribute to your student's success here.

Stay Connected!
252.328-6847
parents@ecu.edu

FACEBOOK: ECU Parent & Family Programs | TWITTER: @ECUParents
INSTAGRAM: @ECUParents
How Can You Help Your New Grad Find Their First Job?

Today more than ever, it is important that new college graduates utilize all the resources available to them when approaching graduation. At ECU Career Services, we connect students to employment opportunities both while in school and well beyond. Here are four tips on how you can help your student secure their first job:

- **Encourage your graduate to learn and utilize the exclusive resources available to them as an ECU student.** Typically, students that visit our office are on their way out from the university, unless they have been required by a faculty member to come to Career Services for a class assignment. One of the most common statements we hear from these students is: “Wow, I did not know there was so many resources available to me... I wish I would have come in sooner.” As parents, you can visit our website at ecu.edu/career and send your child helpful links, upcoming events and services to encourage them to seek our assistance early on or even after they have already walked across the stage.

- **Tell your graduate to put down the cell phone, close out of the apps, and tap into the hidden job market by networking.** According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, 70% of jobs are secured through networking and only 30% from online job applications. Because most graduates do not have extended relevant work experience, connections to professionals can be an effective way to get their resume noticed by hiring employers. Think of all the people you know, what do they do, who do they know, how might they be willing to help you? We also encourage students to create a professional online presence through the networking site LinkedIn, which will help your student begin to build that professional network. In addition Career Services offers several events that provide free professional headshots by a professional photographer, these include the Fall and Spring Career Fairs as well as the biannual Picture Your Horizons event on April 25, 2018 (see below for more details).

- **Have your graduate create a list of dream companies.** ECU Career Services offers several free resources to help students identify employers that include; ECU CareerNET, CareerShift, and Buzzfile. These online tools create employer lists by industry, region, and even by academic major. Your student can use these lists to research employer hiring trends, understand realistic career opportunities and save job sites specific to each organization. This is also a great way to begin an organized approach to job searching that puts the job seeker in the driver’s seat to determine what career opportunities they would like to search and apply for in contrast to waiting for an opportunity to become available. ECU Career Services encourages students to utilize networking and directly contact dream companies about possible career options.

- **Support internships, trainee programs, and even volunteering.** Some new college graduates do not have enough related work experience to be competitive after graduation. If your child is running into this problem, encourage them to seek out internships, entry level trainee programs or even volunteering opportunities to build their resume up. These experiences often open doors for new career options and help build a professional network in the process. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 72% of students who complete an internship are offered a full-time position.

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**Picture Your Horizons - FREE Professional Headshots**

**April 25, 2018**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**ECU Career Services (701 East 5th Street)**

**Are you participating in an internship this Summer?**

**ECU Internship Photo Contest**

Enter to win up to $150.00 Amazon Gift Card and Leather Pad folio!
Submit Your Photos By July 27, 2018

For more information on these and other upcoming events visit: [www.ecu.edu/career](http://www.ecu.edu/career)
LiveSafe at ECU

East Carolina University is putting a safety device in every student, faculties, and staff’s smartphone. We nearly everyone owning a smartphone today, LiveSafe can provide safety instantly through an app on your smartphone.

LiveSafe provides seamless two-way communication between users and campus safety to directly and anonymously report concerns using text messaging, audio, video, and photos. LiveSafe is intended to making reporting safety concerns easier and less intimidation. The app is available for free on Google Play and the App Store.

When a user messages police in an emergency, dispatchers can live chat with them to provide instructions while police are in route if talking or calling attention to the student is not wanted.

In addition to reporting safety concerns, LiveSafe provides another popular feature, SafeWalk. Students can invite contacts on their phone to virtually walk with them by monitoring their location through a GPS-enabled map. While walking, friends can live chat to remain in constant contact, and a 911 button is available for both users if they feel help is needed immediately. ECU's SafeRide program can also be contacted through LiveSafe as well.

The app also includes campus maps/building information, emergency guides, ECU Cares information, ECU Transit routes and other helpful information about the Greenville area. LiveSafe can be used by all East Carolina University campuses and anywhere in Greenville.

The search for a mobile safety application on ECU's campus began after a recommendation was included in the 2013-2014 Campus Security Initiatives Report. Campus Safety and the Student Government Association selected LiveSafe as the vendor and began working with them in the fall of 2015 to personalize the app for ECU. The University has found LiveSafe to be very helpful with campus safety and is continually working to improve the app's functions.

The app is just one of the many safety resources already on campuses such as blue lights, security cameras, exterior lighting, and safety patrol. Several other colleges and universities in North Carolina use LiveSafe, including UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Charlotte. The app was co-founded by Kristina Anderson, a survivor of the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting, as a way to use technology as a tool to prevent further campus tragedies.

To download LiveSafe or to find more information, visit http://www.ecu.edu/LiveSafe

LimeBike—Bike Share Program

First Ride is FREE
30 minute ride is $5.00 for ECU Students and Employees by using ecu.edu mail accounts! Standard rate is $1 for everyone else.

ECU Parking and Transportation is pleased to announce a pilot program with Limebike, dockless public bike share. Limebike technology is integrated into smart bikes and a smart phone app. There’s no kiosk docking station so bikes can be ridden anywhere and parked at any bike rack or designated bike parking area throughout campus.

Follow these steps to start riding today!

1. Download the Limebike App to Locate a Bike
2. Locate and Scan the QR Code to Unlock a Bike
3. Park at Any Bike Rack and Lock the Bike to End Your Ride

LimeBike Customer Service
Email: support@limebike.com
Call: 1-888-LIME-345

Issues also may be reported through the LimeBike smart phone app.