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If you can identify any of these alumni, please e-mail ecualumni@mail.ecu.edu.

Official E-Newsletter of the ECU Alumni Association

ECU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION...YOUR ECU CONNECTION!

Happy New Year!

We hope you are enjoying a safe and joyous holiday season. We invite you to participate with the Alumni Association in the New Year either by attending upcoming events such as the Chancellor's Tour and pre-game socials, or by considering volunteering as a chapter leader or contact in your area. Please read below for more information or contact us at 800-ECU-GRAD.

Best wishes for the New Year from your alumni association staff.

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2005 ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for the following annual awards: Outstanding Alumni, Honorary Alumni and Distinguished Service. Hurry - nominations are due January 31st!

Descriptions, eligibility requirements, and nomination forms for these and other awards sponsored by the Alumni Association are available <u>here</u>, or call by calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS

At our February 12, 2005 Alumni Board Meeting, the Nominations Committee will review nominees to fill open seats on the board. At our April meeting, the board will vote to fill the seven (7) open director positions. If you would like to nominate someone for the board, please email a letter of nomination by Friday, February 11, 2005 to cliffordp@mail.ecu.edu.

2005 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Do you know a student at ECU? If so, please pass along the following scholarship information to a qualified ECU student.

The East Carolina Alumni Association is proud to announce that it will be awarding ten (10) \$1,000 student scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic school year.

For eligibility information and an application, click <u>here</u> to access the nomination form or call 800-ECU-GRAD.

CHANCELLOR'S TOUR January 26, 2005 6:00 p.m.

North Carolina Museum of History, Lobby 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC

The East Carolina University Alumni Association will be sponsoring a Chancellors Tour this winter. Chancellor Ballard will talk about many exciting developments at your alma mater and his vision for the future.

Cost: \$25 per person (includes dinner and cash bar)



Support the ECU Alumni Association and make purchases in style while receiving top quality benefits and service. Apply today for the East Carolina University Alumni Association <u>Mastercard</u> or the <u>American Express</u> Card. Simply click the card of choice for information about the rates, fees, other costs, and benefits associated with this exclusive offer available to East Carolina University Alumni.



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There is limited seating so please RSVP today! For more information and reservations call 800-ECU-GRAD.

KUDOS TO THE DC METRO ALUMNI CHAPTER

Eighty-two (82) members from the seven North Carolina Capital Area Network (CAN) Chapters came to the Rhodeside Grille in Arlington, VA for the Toys For Tots party. Eleven (11) of these participants came from East Carolina University. East Carolina Alumni unable to attend the party also contributed a "huge" bag of toys valued at \$300.

Three pick-up trucks full of toys (325-350 toys) and \$330 in cash were collected for the Marine Corps Reserve efforts.

Way to go Pirates!

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

If you are interested in meeting ECU alumni in your area, keeping up-to-date on ECU news and networking with fellow Pirates, ECU Alumni Chapters are a great place to start. Click <u>here</u> for more information about chapters near you. Also, watch our web <u>calendar</u> at <u>PirateAlumni.com</u> for events throughout the year.

Pirate Basketball comes to Charlotte!

Saturday, January 8, 2005

3:30 p.m. Pre-game party, Logan's Roadhouse **7:00 p.m.** ECU Pirates vs. UNC-Charlotte 49ers

Logan's Roadhouse, 630 University Center Blvd., Charlotte, NC

Charlotte-area Pirates and those who are travelling to Charlotte for the ECU game vs. the 49ers, please join the Alumni Association and the Pirate Club for a pregame party. Join the pre-game party at Logan's Roadhouse, then take the "Alumni Spirit Bus" to the game to cheer on the Pirates as they face the 49ers. Tickets for this game may be purchased through the Alumni Association when you make your reservation for the Pre-game Party.

Cost:\$15 adults, \$9 children 17 & under (includes game ticket and transportation from Logan's to the game and back)

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For upcoming arts events at ECU: ECU Cultural Outreach Calendar

ECU Women's Swiming receives no.1 national ranking in recent poll. For more information on this and to puchase men's and women's basketball tickets visit: ECUPirates.com

ECU plates now available for order in Virginia



ECUPlates are also available in North Carolina and <u>Maryland.</u> back).

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 6, 2004 by calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

DC Metro Chapter ECU Basketball Viewing Party: ECU vs. UNC Charlotte

Saturday, January 8, 2004 7:00 p.m. until

<u>Summers Grille and Sports Bar</u>, 1520 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA

For more information please visit the <u>DC Metro Chapter</u> web site.

Triad Chapter Basketball Viewing Party: UAB vs. ECU

Saturday, January 15, 2005 1:00 p.m.

Players Sports Bar & Billiards 5211 W. Market Street Greensboro, NC 336-294-7667

Durham Basketball Viewing Party & Get-Together: UNC Charlotte vs. ECU Come learn the latest about ECU!

Saturday, January 29, 2004

12:30 p.m. Lunch & Speaker 1:00 p.m. Game

Satisfaction Restaurant & Bar

905 W. Main Street, Suite 37 Durham, NC 919-682-7397

Cost: \$10

Please RSVP to Liz Ellerbee at 800-ECU-GRAD or e-mail her at: <u>ellerbee@mail.ecu.edu</u>.

For more information on chapter events, please contact Liz Ellerbe at 800-ECU-GRAD or by e-mail at: <u>ellerbee@mail.ecu.edu</u>.

SAVE THE DATE: Alumni Association Pre-Game Social Marquette vs. ECU **Saturday, February 12, 2004 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Tip-off: 7:00 p.m.

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Club Level Greenville, NC Cost: \$10

For more information please contact Liz Ellerbe at 800-ECU-GRAD or by e-mail at: ellerbee@mail.ecu.edu.

MBNA NOW OFFERS AMERICAN EXPRESS TO ECU ALUMNI

MBNA has offered Mastercard to ECU Alumni in the past and is pleased to announce that American Express is now available as well. Click <u>here</u> for more information or follow this link for the online <u>application form</u>.

BECOME AN ALUMNI VOLUNTEER!

We are always looking for volunteers to be participants in Alumni Association events or to take a leadership role in our chapters.

We have several leadership opportunities in communities with 1,000 or more alumni where we are starting new alumni chapters. We are currently looking for chapter leaders in the following communities:

- New Bern
- Rocky Mount/Wilson
- Washington

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Liz Ellerbe at <u>ellerbee@mail.ecu.edu</u> or by calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

For a list of current and new chapters please visit the <u>chapter</u> page at <u>PirateAlumni.com</u>.

PIRATE ALUMNI NETWORK (PAN) CAREER MENTORS NEEDED!

The East Carolina University Student Professional Development Office and the Alumni Association are continuing to build and enhance the <u>Pirate Alumni</u> <u>Network</u> (PAN). PAN is comprised of alumni located throughout the country who have agreed to be career mentors/resources and offer assistance to students who are transitioning from ECU to the world of work. PAN members may also assist fellow alumni who are relocating to a new geographic area or are in the midst of a career change. PAN members serve as valuable links by offering advice about careers, the local job market, or the best places to live.

PAN is now online with password protection, offering greater accessibility to current students and other alumni.

Participation in PAN is free. It is a great, easy way to give back to East Carolina University and requires only a small amount of your time if you are contacted. It is the student's responsibility to initiate contact with you.

We invite you to become a career mentor and join PAN. Simply sign up <u>online</u>.

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