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Spring commencement took place on Saturday, May 7. We are pleased to welcome approximately 2,800 graduates into the Alumni Association.

The summer session is now underway and the majority of East Carolina's students are gone for the summer leaving Greenville less lively than during the academic year. Despite the slower pace on campus, the Alumni Association is warming up for an active summer complete with Freshmen Sendoffs, chapter events throughout the east coast including volunteer and social events, and the continuation of the Chancellor's Tour.

Stay cool this summer by signing up for one of our hot programs!

### Alumni Events

#### Freshmen Sendoffs

The Alumni Association invites incoming freshmen, their families and area alumni to celebrate the new crew at an upcoming Freshmen Sendoff. This event series is held throughout North Carolina and in locations where there are large populations of incoming Pirates such as Tidewater Virginia. The first sendoff is June 3. Visit [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com) to find and register for a picnic near you!

#### Chancellor's Tour

The East Carolina Alumni Association is pleased to continue our Chancellor's Tour series this summer in southern California. Attendees can meet Chancellor Steve Ballard and learn about the many exciting developments at East Carolina University including his vision for the future.

**June 9, 2005**

The home of Emmy-award winning alumnus,  
 Velton Ray Bunch '71  
 Beverly Hills, California

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### A Look Back

#### Davis Arboretum 1933



The Davis Arboretum, named after Sallie Joyner Davis, an original faculty member and first Chairman of the Grounds Committee for campus beautification, contained native trees and a two-acre lake from 1931-1937.

### Alumni In The Spotlight

#### Velton Ray Bunch '71



This June, alumnus Velton "Ray" Bunch will host Chancellor Steve Ballard and East Carolina alumni during the upcoming Chancellor's Tour at his home in Beverly Hills. Velton Ray Bunch is a composer and studied music theory and composition at East Carolina. Bunch has been nominated six times for the prestigious Emmy Award and recently won his first Emmy in the category of Best Dramatic Underscore for the Star Trek Enterprise episode, Similitude. The Alumni Association congratulates Ray on his

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**Durham/Orange Chapter Meeting**  
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**June 5, 2005**  
**Greater Greenville Chapter Event**  
**Children's Miracle Network Telethon**  
Greenville  
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**June 9, 2005**  
**Chancellor's Tour**  
Beverly Hills, CA  
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**June 10-11, 2005**  
**Washington Summer Festival**  
Washington, NC  
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**June 16, 2005**  
**Wilmington Chapter Social**  
Wilmington  
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**June 16, 2005**  
**Hawaii Golf Outing**  
Hickam Air Force Base, HI  
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**June 28, 2005**  
**Slaughter/Johnson ECU Golf Tournament**  
Chesapeake, VA  
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For a complete list of all upcoming events, visit [Events.PirateAlumni.com](http://Events.PirateAlumni.com) or for more information on chapter events, please contact Lucretia King at [Lucretia.King@PirateAlumni.com](mailto:Lucretia.King@PirateAlumni.com) or by calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

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