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2005 Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients

This past weekend, October 28th and 29th, attracted thousands of alumni home to East Carolina to celebrate Homecoming 2005. This year's theme was Purple Reign...Sharing the Treasures of East Carolina and it certainly felt like treasure abounded here in Greenville. Friday morning began with a cold rain as we gathered at Ironwood Golf & Residential Community for the start of the annual [ECU Scholarship Golf Classic](#). By the time 102 golfers teed off, the rain had stopped and the sun began to shine. This year's tournament brought in over \$10,000 for ECU Scholarships which will be awarded in the spring to deserving students. The gorgeous fall weather lasted through Homecoming weekend and despite the loss on Saturday, the feeling of Pirate Pride among students, alumni, and friends was powerful. Four Outstanding Alumni were celebrated on Friday evening at the [Outstanding Alumni Awards Ceremony](#) and on the field at half-time. If you were at the [parade](#) on Saturday or at the [game](#), you had a chance to see the oldest living letter-winners, 90-year-old William Nisbet '31 and 93-year-old W. Eric Tucker '33. During halftime each of them received letter jackets, something they didn't receive when they were at East Carolina Teachers Training School. The Alumni tailgate entertained nearly 700 alumni and friends with eastern North Carolina barbecue.

Three reunions took place this weekend. The [Campus Radio reunion](#) enjoyed a campus tour of the station and many stories of Campus Radio throughout the years. The [Black Alumni Reunion](#) entertained over 300 alumni Saturday evening with music from Professor Carroll Dashiell and the

A Look Back

The Collegians



The Collegians, the college big band, was formed in 1946 and organized by Professor Herbert Carter, a member of the music faculty at East Carolina Teachers College. In 1949 the name of the group was changed to The Bob Lee Orchestra but was changed back to the Collegians in the early 1950's when Bob left the band. In 1951 the Collegians became a completely student led organization when Professor Carter stepped down as front man for the band. From that time until the band ended in 1966, a manager was selected from within the group to organize gigs and travel throughout the state. L.B. Starling '53, now of Dallas, Texas, and one of the Collegian managers, said that the first reunion of those who had played in the Collegians was in 1993 when they played for the annual ECTC reunion. They have been coming back to play for the reunion ever since. The ECTC and ECC alumni were treated to the sounds of over 20 Collegians this year. Despite only practicing and playing together once a year, their sound is amazing!

Alumni In The Spotlight

Vincent Wilson, M.D. '90, '94



ECU Jazz Ensemble followed by D.J.J-Dot. Coach Ricky Stokes and some of his staff also made a special visit. Over 100 alumni returned from across the Pirate Nation, including a couple who drove to Greenville from Texas, to attend the annual [ECTC/ECC reunion](#). This reunion featured music by the alumni big band, the Collegians.

These celebrations went long into the night following the football game and the excitement and tradition of the Pirates was palpable! If you were with us this year then we hope Homecoming was as enjoyable for you as it was for us. If you could not be with us, we look forward to seeing you in the year to come and at Homecoming 2006 as we gear up to kick-off the centennial celebration in 2007.

Alumni Events

Homecoming Results

The Alumni Association is proud to announce that this year's Pirate Tailgate Champion is Billy Bob Anderson of Greenville. His tailgate was named the best Pirate tailgate by Jennifer Holtz and Ann Holland. Tom Southern came in as a close second. Our thanks go to all of those who entered this year's Pirate Tailgate Contest – if you think your tailgate is by far the best – be sure to register for the contest next year! The [Homecoming Parade](#) had several alumni representatives along with the student organizations. Our thanks go to those who drove their convertibles to carry this year's parade marshals, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Nisbet, the Outstanding Alumni Award recipients, Jim Cromartie, Dr. Deitra Lowdermilk, Clay Walker, and Conwell Worthington. Thanks as well to the Pirate Bus (*pictured below*) entry and the Retired Faculty who participated in the parade.



Vince has been an active volunteer in Central Florida and comes from a large Pirate family. His parents met and graduated from East Carolina, and his only sibling, Michelle, is also a proud graduate. He has three cousins, two uncles, and an aunt who also are East Carolina graduates. Vincent received a B.S. in Chemistry from ECU in 1990 and graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1994.

For seven years, Vince and fellow Pirates have been going to Devaney's for ECU game watches. The owners of Devaney's have assured the central Florida Pirate alumni that they will show all available ECU games there. When TV coverage is not available, some "die-hard fans" have gone with a laptop and broadcast the audio of the game in the restaurant. During the October 15th viewing party, they had a surprise visitor. Coach Skip Holtz's mother, Beth Holtz, was at Devaney's to watch the Notre Dame game, but joined the Pirate alumni to cheer them on to victory against SMU. Devaney's also broadcasts the Marshall games for their fans and alumni so the viewing party on November 19th should be a lively event!

[Share Your Memories](#)

This year's Homecoming King and Queen are Clifton Peele of Alpha Phi Alpha and Jessica Mortenson of the ECU Ambassadors. (*pictured below*)



Other student organizations who placed in the Homecoming competitions are as follows:

SPIRIT CUP: ECU Ambassadors

Skit Competition:

- 1st - Black Student Union
- 2nd - NC Teaching Fellows
- 3rd - Student Union and ECU Cheerleaders

Banner Competition:

- 1st - Baptist Student Union
- 2nd - Healthy Pirates
- 3rd - Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Lawn/Hall Decorations:

- 1st - ECU Ambassadors
- 2nd - Lambda Chi Alpha
- 3rd - Delta Zeta

Float Competition:

- 1st - ECU Cheerleaders
- 2nd - NC Teaching Fellows
- 3rd - Student Union

High School Band Performance in Homecoming Parade:

- 1st - Bertie High School
- 2nd - JH Rose
- 3rd - DH Conley

The student organizations brought in 10,700 food items to donate to the Salvation Army as part of this year's Spirit Cup competition. Congratulations to all who participated!

Pirate Career Calls

The East Carolina Alumni Association has partnered with The Career Center to offer a series of career services presentations via

Favorite ECU Stories



We heard many great stories at the reunions that took place over Homecoming. If you have a special story about your time at East Carolina that you would like to share with us and the ECU archivist, please send your memory to us at alumni@PirateAlumni.com. The first four stories shared will receive a gift from the Alumni Association.

Alumni Achievements

Dale (West) Engelbert '82



Dale recently coauthored *Sacred Spaces, Princeton Parties, Gatherings and Celebrations*. This design and lifestyle cookbook was recently featured in *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*, *Bucks County Town and Country Living*, *New Jersey Countryside Magazine*, and *New Jersey Savvy Living* and will appear on the holiday cover with a feature story in *Downtown Princeton Magazine*.

The co-authors were recently interviewed by Jim Coleman on National Public Radio's A

teleconference. This series, Pirate Career Calls are interactive conference calls facilitated by Sue Martin of the ECU Career Center. Each call covers a key job search issue. You will have the opportunity to gain insights, engage in discussion, and get answers to your questions on a different topic each month. Pirate Career Calls, held from noon to 1:00 p.m. EST are open to all alumni and friends of East Carolina. The first call, Career Changers, will take place on December 1st. For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

Stay Connected!

Wherever you are in the Pirate Nation, stay connected to ECU and fellow Pirates by visiting [PirateAlumni.com](#). [Pirate's Cove](#), the new online community for alumni was recently released and we encourage you to register today to update your profile, learn more about upcoming events, search the online alumni directory, share class notes and more. Register with [Pirate's Cove](#) today!

Alumni Collection by Cutter & Buck

Show your Pirate spirit and support Alumni Scholarships by wearing the latest clothing line offered exclusively for East Carolina Alumni and friends.

The East Carolina Alumni Association and University Book Exchange are offering a new line of clothing by Cutter & Buck that gives our alumni the opportunity show their Pirate Spirit at home, work or play. Cutter & Buck sportswear is authentic and true, pairing luxurious craftsmanship with technical expertise. The diversity and range of this line gives our alumni the flexibility of wearing high quality and attractive Pirate wear on the golf course, on casual Friday in the office, or at a tailgate party outside of Dowdy Ficklen Stadium. Please visit [www.PirateWear.com](#) for more information and to order your East Carolina Alumni Piratewear today. A percentage of all sales of the Alumni Collection will go towards alumni student scholarships.

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Tune in to Pirate Radio 1250 AM on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.* for *A Pirate's Life for Me!* This half-hour radio program features interviews with East Carolina alumni. We'll talk about their time at East Carolina as well as what they are doing today and how they got there. Check out the alumni events section below to see our upcoming guests. Not in eastern North Carolina? Listen worldwide on [PirateRadio1250.com](#). November's

Chef's Table about garden parties featured in the book. The interview aired on Saturday, June 4, 2005. The program that also featured Chef Don Pintobono and his new book *The Shared Table* and gossip columnist Liz Smith teaching us how to create great party buzz. For more information about the book, visit [www.recipeas4u.com](#).

Currently, Dale works as a field researcher for the National Institute for Early Education through The College of New Jersey.

While at ECU she was a member of Psi Chi National Honor Society, serving as President 1980-81. Dale was also a member of Gamma Beta Phi and Alpha Kappa Delta National Honor Societies. As a student, she worked part-time for the E.C.U. School of Medicine in the Gastroenterology/Hematology Departments and volunteered as a research assistant in the Medical Microbiology Lab and the Psychology Behavioral Sciences Lab.

Dale resides in Princeton, New Jersey with her husband, Kurt, and her children, Kurt III and Lauren. She served on the East Carolina Alumni Association Board of Directors and is the Vice President of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the East Carolina Alumni Association.

Daniel Vaughn '77

guests include:

November 5: Layton Getsinger '68, East Carolina Alumni Association President

November 12: Ron Clark '94, Educator and recipient of the 2000 Disney Teacher of the Year award

November 19: Bob Greczyn '73, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina

November 26: Kay Yow '64, NCAA Basketball Hall of Fame inductee and head coach of an ECU in-state rival

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Durham/Orange Chapter Meeting
 Durham
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November 4
Black Alumni Chapter After Hours Social @ the ESPN Zone
 Atlanta, GA
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November 5
A Pirate's Life for Me!
 Featured Guest: Layton Getsinger '68, Alumni Association President
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November 9
Greater Greenville Alumni Chapter Meeting
 Greenville
[\[More\]](#)

November 10
Charlotte Metro Chapter Volunteer Project at Second Harvest
 Charlotte
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November 12



Vaughn, a professor of physical therapy, has been a member of Grand Valley's faculty since 1996. He was selected in a survey of graduates for the honor of Outstanding Educator.

Before coming to Grand Valley, Vaughn worked as a physical therapist in private practice in Greenville, S.C. He was cited for his dedication to the advancement of his students, his energy and passion for excellence in physical therapy, and his ability to skillfully blend practical experience with theory in the classroom. His expertise is in manual therapy, a specialty arm of physical therapy that focuses on working with the spine and extremity mobilization.

A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., Vaughn is a graduate of East Carolina University. He earned a clinical master's degree in physical therapy from the Ola Grimsby Institute. He is working on his doctorate in kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise physiology at Michigan State University. He and his wife Pam live in East Grand Rapids with their three children. He works with youths, coaching YMCA and youth league basketball and Little League Baseball, as well as girls' softball.

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured Guest: Ron Clark '94, Educator and recipient of the 2000 Disney teacher of the Year award

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**November 16
Keeping the Circle: American Indian Identity in eastern North Carolina, 1885-2004**

Greenville

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November 19

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured Guest: Bob Greczyn '73, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina

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**November 19
Central Florida Viewing Party - ECU vs. Marshall**

Winter Park, Florida

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**November 26
Alumni Tailgate - SOLD OUT!**

Greenville

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**November 26
*A Pirate's Life for Me!***

Featured guest: Kay Yow '64, NCAA Basketball Hall of Fame inductee and head coach of an ECU in-state rival

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If you or a fellow Pirate have a special achievement you'd like to share with the Pirate Nation, please e-mail alumni@PirateAlumni.com

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