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1949 commencement, processional through Wright Circle.

The Wright Circle pool was a gift from the Class of 1932.

It's time again for Commencement and the East Carolina Alumni Association is pleased to help our graduating seniors celebrate their achievements. May is a busy month as we prepare special senior week events for graduates and their families, host the spring Alumni Baseball Tailgate, and finalize plans for the Freshmen Sendoffs which take place during the summer throughout North Carolina, and in Virginia and New York.

Senior Week Events

The Alumni Association is sponsoring several events to honor our graduating seniors on the days leading to Commencement. On Thursday night, seniors will be officially welcomed as alumni during the Senior Candlelight Induction Ceremony held on the Campus Mall near the Joyner Columns. This special ceremony gives seniors a chance to gather together to sing the alma mater and reflect on their time at ECU. The Senior Celebration will follow this event. On Friday, seniors and their families are invited to attend the Senior Salute. This roving reception will be held on the Sonic Plaza at Joyner Library from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Remarks from the Associate Vice Chancellor of Alumni Relations, Paul J. Clifford, and a toast to graduating seniors will take place at 7:00 p.m. For details and reservations to the Senior Salute, click [here](#).

Baseball Pregame Tailgate - UAB vs. ECU

Join the Alumni Association for a spring tailgate prior to the UAB vs. ECU baseball game on Saturday, May 13th from 11:30 a. m. – 1:30 p.m. This game has been designated as Senior Day and is sponsored by the East Carolina Alumni

A Look Back

Class Day Celebrations



1928 Class Day Celebration

Prior to Homecoming and Founders Week there were Class Day celebrations. The first graduations were relatively small affairs with processions of the entire student body, a commencement speaker, and diplomas. With each passing year, however, more and more alumni returned for a week of events and what became known as Class Day. Most of the celebrations were held on the lawn or near the college lake.

The 1917 program reflected the war era with the national anthem, class history and reminiscences, ending with the class prophecy, last will and testament, and class song. In 1927 an allegorical play and awards were added to the program. The *Teco Echo* (the student newspaper at the time) related that many entertained for the seniors. Senior mascot and young son of E.L. Henderson, Kenneth Lane Henderson, hosted a card party at the Y-Hut. He served his guests ice cream, strawberries, and lady fingers. The sophomore class also fêted their senior sisters with a theatre party including a screening of the silent film "Three Hours." After the movie the girls adjourned to Horne-Staton



Association. Alumni and friends are invited to enjoy fried chicken, barbecue and all the fixin's as well as your favorite Pirate beverages. There will be children's activities and giveaways. Cost: \$10, children 12 and under are free. For more information and reservations click [here](#).

Show Pirate Pride on Your Ride in Virginia



Calling all Virginia Pirates! There are approximately 6,500 ECU Pirates living in Virginia and we need just 350 of you to submit prepaid applications with Virginia DMV to get the ECU license plate put in production. Though we currently have completed applications on record for some of you, those are no longer valid and must be redone to complete the process. Send in your completed application, with check or credit card payment, **by July 1, 2006**. Each vehicle counts as a separate application, so get one for all your vehicles! The cost is \$25 annually or \$35 annually for a personalized plate. For more information click [here](#).

East Magazine Online



The spring issue of East, the official university magazine, is now available online. Visit

www.ecu.edu/east to read the latest on what's going on at ECU and check out Class Notes to see what your classmates are up to.

If you would like to submit a class note for consideration for East, and to share in the alumni online community, sign-in or register [here](#).

Pirate Career Calls

Have you been in your current job for a while? Is it time for an annual performance review? Or are you responsible for reviewing your employees? If so, this call is for you! Sue Martin from The Career Center will facilitate the May Pirate Career Call: **Preparing For, Delivering and Reacting to Performance Appraisals**.

drugstore for ice cream and cake and exhibitions of the Charleston and Black Bottom.

Class Day was last celebrated in 1932. In the archives is a hand written invitation: "The Senior Normal class requests the honor of your presence at a tea given at the College Lake on Saturday, May thirtieth, from four until six o'clock."

A pageant entitled "The Fountain of the Modern Muses" was performed. The theme for the pageant came from the class gift, a pool to be placed in the center of Wright Circle to which a fountain could be added to later.

Share Your Memories



1976 Graduates Celebrating

How did you celebrate graduation at ECU?

If you have a special graduation story that you would like to share with the ECU archivist, please complete the archives [Share a Memory online form](#).


Volunteer Spotlight

Patrick Healy '94



Pirate Career Calls are interactive conference calls facilitated by a member of The ECU Career Center staff. 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, which are held from noon to 1:00 p.m. EST, are free and open to all alumni and friends of East Carolina. For more information or to register for Pirate Career Calls, please click [here](#).


Want to hear previous Career Call Sessions? Click [here](#) to access our archives or subscribe to the podcast. 

Freshmen Sendoffs



Ahoy, Pirates! We invite you to join us in welcoming the newest crew aboard East Carolina, the Class of 2010. Remember the excitement of coming to East Carolina for the first time? Come share your stories, study tips, and ECU traditions with the incoming freshmen as they make their journey to campus. Click [here](#) for details on upcoming Sendoffs in your part of the Pirate Nation!

A Pirate's Life for Me!

The first season is rapidly drawing to a close. Join us for our final two interviews on May 6th and a "Best of" show on May 20th. Tune in to the Alumni Association's half-hour radio program that features interviews with East Carolina alumni on Saturday's in May at 10:00 a.m. on Pirate Radio 1250 and 930 AM. You can listen live in eastern North Carolina or online at PirateRadio1250.com. This summer while the show is taking a break, be sure to visit the [archives](#) section of PirateAlumni.com to listen to past shows or subscribe to the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* podcast  to have them delivered to you when the show returns in August.

May's guests include:

- May 6th: Heather Freedman '00, actress; David Dyer '80, musician
- May 20th: The Best of *A Pirate's Life for Me!*
Enjoy some of the best stories from Pirate Alumni during the first season.

Alumni Tailgate Update

The fall tailgate line-up is being finalized and we look forward to offering alumni six home game

Patrick Healy, a native of Jacksonville NC, graduated from ECU in 1994 with a major in political science.

Following graduation, Healy moved to Dallas, Texas. He also spent two years in Austin. He reports that the highlight of his time there was running into fellow alumna Sandra Bullock at a barbecue stand!

Patrick has been with AT&T Wireless Services, now Cingular Wireless, for 11 years in Sales and Marketing Operations as a Senior Project Manager. In this capacity he brings new services and products to market for Cingular's national sales channels.

Pirates are prevalent in Patrick's family; four aunts, three uncles, three cousins and his mom are all ECU Pirates. Numerous second and third cousins are also Pirates and his great uncle, Ben L. Harris, helped start the athletic department at ECU and was one of the first athletic directors.

In 2001, Patrick started the Texas alumni chapter. He had run into several fellow ECU fans in Dallas and saw a need for a chapter in the Lone Star state. There are now approximately 100 registered alumni in Texas who have attended at least one alumni function. They host game watch parties when the Pirates are on TV and attend games whenever the Pirates are in Texas. The SMU game last October was their most successful event to date. There were over 160 people who attended a tailgate party prior to the game and ECU Athletic Director Terry Holland stopped by to say a few words to the attendees. To ensure that everyone felt at home, the Texas alumni chapter flew in 50 pounds of eastern NC barbecue! Our

tailgates and three away game tailgates in Annapolis, Orlando, and Raleigh. We will begin accepting tailgate reservations on July 3rd. Watch PirateAlumni.com for more details and mark your calendars now for **upcoming fall events!**

News @ ECU

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This Month's Events

May 4
Pirate Career Call: Preparing For, Delivering, and Reacting to Performance Appraisals
 Via Teleconference
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May 4
Durham/Orange Chapter Meeting
 Durham, NC
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May 4
Senior Candlelight Induction Ceremony
 Cupola, Campus Mall
[\[More\]](#)

May 4
Senior Celebration
 Greenville
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May 5
 Senior Salute
 Joyner Library Columns, ECU Campus
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May 6
A Pirate's Life for Me!
 Featured guests: Heather Freedman '00, actress;
 David Dyer '80, musician
[\[More\]](#)

May 13
UAB vs. ECU Baseball Pregame Tailgate
 Greenville

thanks to Patrick for all he does for ECU and the Texas Pirates!

To learn more about the Texas alumni chapter, contact Patrick Healy at patrick.r.healy@comcast.net or by calling 972-489-5044.

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

Alumni Achievements

Future Pirates!
Christian Wescott '24
& Selah Rose '24
(possibly!)



We recently heard from Heather Milburn '97, '99 who sent this picture of her nephew, Christian, son of Dr. Kristi English Brown '93, '97, and Selah, whose parents both are ECU alumni, Heather, and Troy Milburn '04. Both children's grandparents, Jerry and Evelyn English, graduated from ECU in '72 and '84 respectively. In the background of the photo you can see the seven degrees hung proudly behind these future Pirates! We have sent Future Pirate magnets to Christian and Selah. Congratulations to Heather and her family of Pirates!

If you have had a recent addition to your family, share your news by submitting a Class Note to

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May 19
Atlanta Black Alumni Spring After Hours
Atlanta, GA

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May 19
Philly Metro Spring Fling
Cherry Hill, NJ

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May 25
Greater Charleston Alumni Spring Social
Charleston, SC

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June 10
4th Annual Yankees Game Outing
New York, NY

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For a complete list of all upcoming events, visit Events.PirateAlumni.com or for more information on chapter events, please contact Lucretia King at Lucretia.King@PirateAlumni.com or by calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

the online community and East and we'll send you a Future Pirate magnet. Sign in or register [here](#) to submit your class note today!

Thank you to those of you who have submitted your special achievements. We will include these as space allows in future editions of PiratePulse. 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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