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Save the Dates

Spring is here but our plans for the fall are being made for alumni to return to Greenville for various events. Mark your calendars now and join us!

Alumni Tailgate

Join us two-and-a-half hours prior to kick-off of every home football game and away games at Virginia Tech, Houston, and Memphis for our family-friendly tailgate series. Registration begins July 10 for Alumni Association members. If space is available, non-member registration will begin August 1.

Military Reunion

October 6

Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic

October 19
Ironwood Golf & Residential Community

Alumni Awards Ceremony

October 26

Homecoming

October 26-27
Homecoming events include the Friday lunch and bus tour, the Alumni Center Open House during the Homecoming Parade, and the Black Alumni Reunion and ECTC/ECC Alumni Reunion honoring the Golden Alumni Class of 1957.

Alumni Scholars

The East Carolina Alumni Association is proud to announce the following students as **2007 Alumni Scholars**:

Keri Brockett – junior child life major from Fayetteville, NC

Hayley Flynn – junior special education major and elementary education minor from Greenville, NC

Jessica Farmer – junior nursing major from

A Look Back

Memories Shared

Since July 2005 I've been writing this column for *PiratePulse* highlighting events and people in ECU's 100 year history and asking for help with photograph identifications. I've also been asking you to **share your memories** of the university with us and **you have**.



March is the traditional snow storm month. Carolyn Howell, Linda Rhyne, Linda Dohme, Chris Walters and David Bautista shared **snow stories**.

Stan Kittrell of the ECU Police Department shared **ghost stories** in October.



Marching Pirate recollections came in from Jonathan Kuhn, Randy Guphill and Bob Daniels.



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LaGrange, NC

Diana Gilga – sophomore biology major and art minor from Jacksonville, NC

Geoffrey Handsfield – junior physics major and mathematics minor from Morehead City, NC

Charla Hodges – junior community health major and ethnic studies minor from Asheboro, NC

Jessica Kompa – junior child life major from North Olmsted, OH

Lyndsey Kraynock – junior interior design major from Charlotte, NC

Aadil Lodhi – senior double major in physics and biology from Fayetteville, NC

Ji “Jessica” Lim – senior music (flute) performance major from Duluth, GA

Stephen Shaheen – junior biology major and chemistry and sports studies minor from Rocky Mount, NC

Kyla Stone – sophomore double major in communications and dance education from Robbins, NC

Steven Thames – sophomore criminal justice major and forensic science minor from Morehead City, NC

Christopher Vo – junior biology major from Fayetteville, NC

Anem Waheed – junior biology major and anthropology minor from Goldsboro, NC

Meagan Wallace – sophomore nursing major from Raleigh, NC

These recipients will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday, April 14. If you are interested in attending, please call the Alumni Center at 800-ECU-GRAD.

ECU Networking Night

We invite you to join us in **Winston-Salem on April 4** to find out what tomorrow holds for ECU. This event is a great way to find out the latest campus news and to network with fellow Pirates!

Pirate Career Calls

Pirate Career Calls are held from noon to 1 p.m. ET and free to all alumni and friends of East Carolina. When you register for a class you will be given a toll-free phone number to call on the day of your class and a PowerPoint presentation to help you follow along.

This month's Career Call: Customer Service Skills
What is customer service? What are the benefits to providing quality customer service? How do I handle difficult situations? These plus many more questions will be answered during the April 5 Pirate Career Call. To register, click [here](#).

campus, as did Eldean Pierce, Carolyn Hinson, Walter Wilson, Kristen Gibson, Beverly Thompson, Courtney Maness, Carla Canady and Jack McCoy.

Jennette Nichols, Debby Godwin, LuAnn Bryan, Julia Brooks, Nicole Inman, Kerry Garner, Peyton Savage, Sheri Lewis, Nina Dry, LaToya Rowlett, Ashley Horne, Michael Edwards and Kevin Jacobs shared **freshman memories**.

Big events played out on the local stage sparked **memories** from Paul Gibbs, Miriam Lambert, Elizabeth Stinson, Jeff Whisnant, Victoria Kidd and Carolina Martz.

We all have a **favorite Pirate sport moment**. The Peach Bowl victory rates very high among alumni Billy Parrott, Richard Krentz, Mike Morgan, Nicole DeCarlo, Jim Daniels, Johnnie Ellis Jr., Alicia Mecum, Billy Dye, Jeff Paules, Thomas Brame, Randy Cole, Sharon Bland, Heather Ham, Bill Burton, Roy Martin, Rod Gray, Jamie Williams, Lindsey Ham, Raine Jirak, Donna Robertson, John Cowan and Pat Lane.

Fondest memories, tales of favorite professors, club activities, poetry and great stories have come in over the last year-and-a-half helping us commemorate the university's centennial. I'd like to thank the Alumni Association for giving me this forum to connect with alumni. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this endeavor, you are helping us preserve the ECU legacy as we move into our second century.

Share Your Memories



Next month's Career Call: Diversity Workshop

This workshop will focus on issues of diversity in a professional setting. We will address the realities and myths most often associated with this topic and explore the benefits to understanding and embracing diversity, personally and professionally. To register, click [here](#).

Alumni Tailgate



The Alumni Tailgate isn't just for football season! Between the Pirates softball doubleheader against Houston (1:00 and 3:00 p.m.) and the Pirates baseball game against Southern Miss (6:00 p.m.) on Saturday, April 28, the East Carolina Alumni Association will host the popular Alumni Tailgate from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. For Tailgate reservations and more information, click [here](#) or call 800-ECU-GRAD. Baseball tickets may be purchased through the Athletic Ticket Office by visiting www.ecupirates.com or calling 800-DIAL-ECU.

PirateFest



The inaugural PirateFest, held April 13-14, will include a weekend of festivities scheduled to celebrate Town, Gown and Lore. Events to include Pirate re-enactments and Pirate-themed contests, arts and crafts, food vendors, the annual Great Pirate Purple-Gold Pigskin Pig-Out, art walk, International Festival, live music, Painted Pirate Art Project kick-off, Alumni Weekend Awards Program.

For complete PirateFest details, visit www.piratefestnc.com.



Unidentified baseball player or coach

What are your favorite moments in ECU's 100 year history? Please share your memories and let the archivist know if you have photos to contribute by completing the [Share a Memory online form](#).

Additionally, the University Archives needs your help in identifying photographs in the collections. The unidentified images are posted [here](#).

You can click on a thumbnail to see a larger version of the image and if you recognize it, there is a form you can fill out and send. You can also view the entire catalog of photographs at the link above. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

Alumni Achievements


[Edith Crowe Meyer '89](#)

Pigskin Pig-out



The 24th Annual Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-Out Party will be held the weekend of April 13-14, 2007. The family-oriented festival is getting bigger and better than ever! The event will kick-off early in the week with a full set of amusement rides that will run through Sunday. For complete details, click [here](#).

A Pirate's Life for Me!

A Pirate's Life for Me!, the Alumni Association's radio show that features East Carolina alumni continues bi-monthly this spring, Saturday's at 10 a.m. on Pirate Radio 1250 & 930 AM. To listen to past episodes, visit the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* Page on PirateAlumni.com or subscribe to the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* [podcast](#)  to have them delivered to you!

Tune in this month:



April 7: Brenda Myrick '92,
Alumni Association president



April 21: Justin Benolie '02,
producer, videographer, and
animator. Recently produced the
2nd rated commercial in the
United Kingdom for *Coca-Cola*.

Campus News

- ECU students headed for friendly competition with other UNC schools... [\[More\]](#)
- Heart center receives \$2 million gift... [\[More\]](#)
- ECU holds Youth Arts Festival... [\[More\]](#)
- Lady Pirates fall to Scarlet Knights in first round... [\[More\]](#)
- Global warming lectures honor ECU professor... [\[More\]](#)



Edith Crowe Meyer '89 was recently the featured guest on a national television show - DIY's Craft Lab. The 30-minute show was devoted to cake decorating how-tos, and will be aired again on DIY as well as HGTV. Edith Meyer Wedding Cakes creates unique, organic wedding cakes in California and around the country. You can see her designs online at www.edithmeyer.com.

If you or a fellow Pirate have a special story you think the Pirate Nation needs to hear about, please e-mail alumni@PirateAlumni.com.

- Lady Pirates to face Rutgers in NCAA tournament... [\[More\]](#)
- Williams '51, '55 honored for service to ECU... [\[More\]](#)
- ECU Crocs to become available to Pirate fans... [\[More\]](#)
- Centennial gift focuses on leadership initiatives at ECU... [\[More\]](#)
- Students celebrate Centennial first... [\[More\]](#)
- A bold path blazed with purple and gold... [\[More\]](#)
- ECU unveils Centennial Pepsi can... [\[More\]](#)
- Lady Pirates win Conference USA championship... [\[More\]](#)

Opinion Poll

Results from March's opinion poll:

What is your favorite University tradition?

- 36% - Hearing "Where it is a first down...PIRATES in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
- 22% - Tailgating
- 14% - Homecoming
- 10% - Barefoot on the Mall
- 10% - Halloween
- 6% - Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-out Party

Visit PirateAlumni.com and share your opinion on this month's question:

What regional program are you most likely to participate in?

- Speakers from ECU
- Community service project
- Athletic Events when the Pirates are in your area
- Career networking opportunities
- Student recruitment
- Social activities
- Legislative advocacy (NC only)

Event Photos

- [ECU Today - Wilmington - March 5](#)
- [Pirate Armada - Outer Banks - March 6](#)
- [ECU Today - Fayetteville - March 6](#)
- [Student Birthday Party - March 7](#)
- [Centennial Celebration - March 8](#)
- [ECU Today - Charlotte - March 11](#)
- [Lady Pirate Basketball Selection Show Party - March 12](#)
- [ECU Today - Asheville - March 12](#)
- [ECU Today - Hickory - March 13](#)

- [ECU Today - Greensboro - March 14](#)
- [Durham Chapter Meeting - March 15](#)
- [ECU Today - Raleigh/Durham - March 18](#)
- [ECU Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble - March 27](#)

Upcoming Events

April 4

Tomorrow Starts Here
Winston-Salem, NC
[\[More\]](#)

April 5

Pirate Career Call: Customer Service Skills
Via Teleconference
[\[More\]](#)

April 6

ECU Night at the Carolina Hurricanes
Raleigh, NC
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April 7

A Pirate's Life for Me!
Featured guest: Brenda Myrick '92, president of the
East Carolina Alumni Association
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April 13

PirateFest
Greenville, NC
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April 13

Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-out Party
Greenville, NC
[\[More\]](#)

April 14

Scholars Luncheon
Greenville, NC
[\[More\]](#)

April 21

A Pirate's Life for Me!
Featured guest: Justin Benoiel '02,
producer/videographer/ animator who recently
produced the second-rated commercial in the UK
for Coca-Cola.
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April 28

Alumni Tailgate - Softball/Baseball
Greenville, NC
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