Summer School isn't the only reason young people are strolling about campus. For the fifth summer, the Aviation Science program hosted an Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy Program, better known as ACE camp.
ECSU is one of many sites across the nation to hold the camps that give youths a glimpse into the aviation industry. The Aviation Science Program at ECSU holds a coed ACE camp and an all-girls camp for high school students. Dr. Anthony Sharp, director of the Aviation Science Program, said there are four sites in North Carolina but ECSU has a residential component. Participating students experience campus life while attending for the week-long camp.

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Chancellor Becton greets ECSU students, staff and faculty

Early on July 1, students, staff and faculty gathered in the lobby of the Marion D. Thorpe Administration Building to greet Chancellor Charles Becton, a former NC Court of Appeals Judge who also served as interim chancellor for North Carolina Central University earlier this year.

ECSU is one of several institutions of higher learning where Becton has worked. Becton also has taught and lectured at trial advocacy skills institutes across the U.S. and beyond. Prior to becoming interim chancellor at NCCU, he was the John Scott Cansler Lecturer at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law and a visiting professor of the practice at the Duke University School of Law. In 2010, he served as the Charles Hamilton Houston Chaired Professor of Law at the NCCU Law School.

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Baseball camp draws area youth

ECSU Baseball Coach Terrance Whittle shares tips on America's game-baseball with area youths. This year's baseball camp drew 27 youths from Pasquotank County to South Park Sports Complex. ECSU and the local Department of Parks and Recreation collaborated to hold the camp. ECSU provided instructors for the camp that lasted from June 24 - June 27 for youths who range in age from seven to 15. The camp is a comprehensive skills camp which focuses on the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, catching, base running and team play. The camp also included daily lessons which focused on fair play and character development.

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It's understatement to say that Corey Kellam, an aviation science student from Chesapeake, Virginia, is going places. The list of U.S. cities visited will surely increase now that he's earned his commercial pilot license.

Back in the fall of 2011, Kellam was one of two students flying in the cockpit when the second ECSU airplane arrived in time for a Homecoming display. He was on site (Elizabeth City Regional Airport) when the first Cessna Skyhawk arrived in 2010. Over the years he completed his aviation science courses and continued accumulating flight hours as he moved toward this latest feat—a commercial pilot license. He is the first aviation science student to reach that goal. Before this month, he held a private license, which is a general, aviation license. The commercial license allows pilots to transport people or property for hire so Kellam is eager to share the friendly skies with passengers.

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ALUMNI NEWS

India Sadie, '98, releases debut album

By Margaret Fisher, Kinston Free Press

Kinston native India Sadie made her singing debut at the Kinston-Community Council for the Arts as a high school student singing Mariah Carey's "Hero."

Now living in Hollywood, Calif., the 36-year-old has returned briefly to Kinston to introduce her first CD, IndiJAH, and sign autographs.
Two of the songs on her CD - "All My Life" and "Flashback" - were recorded by her brother-in-law, Frederick Teach, a music producer in Kinston for about 30 years and former owner of Sounds Unlimited, once a music store.

"I wrote all the lyrics to all the songs," Sadie said. "These are the first copies to be released to the public." Under the category of world music, Sadie's songs are considered "futuristic" sounding and a combination of pop and classical reggae, she said.

"I just incorporated my own style," she said, adding her inspiration comes from Carey, Gwen Stefani, Whitney Houston and reggae artists.

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