FOUNDATION GALA CONTRIBUTES TO SCHOLARSHIPS
Dear Alumni and Friends:

I’m always delighted to share with you highlights of the great things happening at our alma mater. The faculty, staff and students know your support helps us to continue our good work at Elizabeth City State University.

Before I share a few notable items with you, I must first speak to a matter facing many of us – the state of the economy. The global economic crisis has impacted agencies around the world and Elizabeth City State University is not immune. We are scrutinizing our operations and programs to ensure that we make responsible decisions while continuing to deliver a quality education to our students. We have been required by UNC General Administration to reduce our budget by up to 7 percent.

Although we are challenged by a tough economic climate, we are very proud of the unwavering efforts of faculty, staff and alumni who continue to support our fundraising initiatives. It is vital that we have scholarships and other funds available to help our students with their financial obligations. Most recently, we experienced record attendance during the second Founders Day Gala, which generated over $120,000 in scholarship funds. Congresswoman Maxine Waters, our keynote speaker, helped us celebrate a very successful event. Ms. Cynthia Marshall, President of North Carolina AT&T, accompanied by Ms. Venessa Harrison, also of AT&T, later presented the Foundation with a $25,000 gift. State Farm representatives Billie Reid and Frank Owens added to the excitement of the evening with their gift of $20,000.

Alumni and ECSU friends, you helped to make CIAA 2009 a great week. Although we did not come home with the basketball championship trophy, you were champions in the area of giving during the Chancellor’s Annual CIAA breakfast. Through your generous donations, we raised approximately $40,000. Hats off to our 1891 leaders; your enthusiasm continues to make a difference.

Congratulations to our Lady Vikings Volleyball team for winning the CIAA Championship! I also congratulate the football team for capturing the CIAA Eastern Division crown. We are continuing to build name recognition and to show the world that Elizabeth City State University excels in both academics and athletics.

We look forward to having each of you here for Homecoming 2009. Be sure to take a walk around campus, because things are changing! Construction will be well underway for the Pharmacy School, and we are working to “settle the dust” at the stadium by adding paved areas. These are just a few signs of our progress. Student enrollment continues to grow, and the university must be prepared to meet students’ needs by providing updated facilities for teaching, learning and housing.

While these are less than desirable economic times, we will remain true to our mission and vision. You see evidence of that in this issue of our magazine. ECSU strives to prepare our students for success in the global economy by recognizing that global awareness is a key to thriving in a world where geographic borders are increasingly blurred. Please be sure to read the cover story, which highlights the work of our students and faculty in the Dominican Republic. We are sending our students out into the world, but we are also bringing the world to Elizabeth City. As the story about the groundbreaking for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Aviation and Development Commerce Park highlights, we will soon be able to provide our students with a state-of-the-art facility for aviation and business studies. Green is the “it” color, and as you will read, ECSU will serve as the regional leader for building a green economy and environmental awareness in northeastern North Carolina.

With hope for the future and respect for our past, we are steadily reaching new heights. In so doing, we remain faithful and ever true to ECSU.

Dr. Willie J. Gilchrist
Chancellor
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Alumni and Friends support our students

We extend our sincerest gratitude for every generous gift made by alumni, donors and friends of the university. Your support has made it possible for Elizabeth City State University to:

- Fund student scholarships and financial aid
- Strengthen the University’s endowment
- Explore and launch new academic programs
- Enrich student activities and involvement

Thank you for helping to preserve ECSU’s legacy for future generations.

Thank you for your support of ECSU.

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The ballroom at the Kermit E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center was filled with elegant gowns and tuxedos for the 2009 Founders Day Scholarship Gala. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters entered the room to a standing ovation as the keynote speaker. During her address, Waters congratulated the audience for participating in the fundraiser. On behalf of President Barack Obama, she assured them their investment in higher education was one of the best investments they could make. The event generated $121,000 for scholarships.

Over 483 people contributed to the fundraiser that benefits the Elizabeth City State University General Scholarship Fund. Levels of support included the bronze level-$500 donation; the silver level-$1,000, gold level-$5,000 and honorary donor host at the $10,000 level. Ms. Cynthia Marshall, President, AT&T of North Carolina, presented a $25,000 contribution to the ECSU Foundation during the gala. State Farm officials, Mr. Billy J. Reid, State Farm of Elizabeth City, and Mr. Frank Owens, State Farm at Virginia Beach, Va., presented a $20,000 gift during the event.

Waters praised university officials for a fundraising job well done. She admitted the country’s universities play an intricate role in not only educating the population, but also developing professionals the country will need in the future. Waters thanked U. S. Congressman G. K. Butterfield for extending the invitation to speak at the gala. The event marked her first visit to ECSU where Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist gave her a personal tour of the campus, highlighting programs such as aviation science and pharmacy.

The Elizabeth City Presidential Inaugural Group Board, headed by County Commissioner Cecil Perry and Dr. Hezekiah Brown, presented a $5,000 check during the gala. That contribution represents money the group made during their inauguration ball held back in January.

Mr. Fred Yates and Dr. Jeanette H. Evans served as co-chairpersons for the Founders Day Scholarship Gala. Dr. Jeanette H. Evans, is an alumna of ECSU and serves as the Vice Chair of the ECSU Board of Visitors. Yates, Mayor of Winfall, NC, a former Board of Trustee member and the current vice-chair of the ECSU Foundation, said it’s been an incredible fundraising effort.

ECSU Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist said he is pleased with this fundraising gala and looks forward to offering more scholarships in the fall. “I want to thank everyone who contributed to this fundraising event. The scholarships are needed to help students earn their degrees and become successful, productive citizens,” Gilchrist said. “After graduation, many of them will return to North Carolina’s communities to work.”

The Founders Day Scholarship Gala committee recognized several individuals during the program for contributions to the university, the state, state government, public service and the military.
Faculty from Elizabeth City State University’s School of Education and Psychology visited the Dominican Republic in November on an international education mission. They donated school uniforms and school supplies to students attending Julio Arzeno School in Sousa, Dominican Republic.

Their international outreach project, “Adopt-A-School International Dominican Republic Outreach Project” benefited about 600 students.

Four ECSU instructors traveled with eight students – Viking Fellows – to make the donations and to participate in hands-on science and math activities. Viking Fellows are education majors who have agreed to complete a community service project related to their field of study.

ECSU faculty includes Dr. Saundra S. Copeland, chairwoman of the ECSU Department of Education and co-chairwoman of the outreach project; Mr. George Cox of the ECSU Department of Education; Dr. Jose S. Gil, a Spanish interpreter from the ECSU Department of Language, Literature and Communication; and Mrs. Claudia Twiford, from the ECSU Department of Education and the co-chairwoman of the outreach project.

The international outreach project stemmed from ECSU’s combined celebration of American Education Week and International Week in 2007. That year, ECSU faculty visited the Dominican Republic and were surprised by the limited resources available for school children. They knew Dominican Republic school youths would benefit from the instructional methods and materials successfully used in...
American schools. Dr. Copeland said the faculty collected and delivered some school supplies in 2007.

"On our first visit to the Dominican Republic, we saw Sousa elementary students who didn’t have books, paper, pencils, chalk, a playground or playground equipment. They were so grateful for the supplies we delivered in 2007, but we knew they needed so much more." Dr. Copeland said. "Paper, pencils and notebooks are things we take for granted, but they are the essential tools of learning.

"Although American school children often need assistance to acquire those same materials, Sousa youths are in dire need of them. There are several challenges facing those children. First, Sousa children are required to wear uniforms to school. Unfortunately, many parents can't afford them or school supplies. The first delivery was helpful but we knew they still needed more supplies."

In order to meet the additional needs, ECSU faculty members collaborated this year with Sousa school administrators, the mayor of Sousa, and four Outer Banks Rotary Clubs to meet two objectives. Currituck Wild Goose Rotary, the Rotary of Kitty Hawk, First Flight Rotary and the North Banks Rotary formed a partnership with the Rotary Club of Sousa to donate funds and create a playground for Sousa youths. The Rotary Clubs donated $1,250 to the ECSU Foundation for school uniforms and school supplies. The ECSU Foundation managed the funds from the Rotary Clubs and other contributors, including churches, civics clubs, area residents, businesses and individuals at ECSU, to cover the cost of school uniforms and supplies.

A member from the Rotary of Kitty Hawk, Gail Hodges, accompanied ECSU faculty and students to the Dominican Republic to present $6,000 for the playground installation to the Rotary Club of Sousa, which will be responsible for the construction.

While working last fall in the Julio Arzeno School, the Viking Fellows students and faculty members faced some tough challenges. Sousa High School students served as interpreters and helped the Viking Fellows conduct a series of hands-on science activities. They also used a puppet show to help the students learn English. Some of the activities were designed to improve the students’ critical thinking skills and problem solving skills. They also created exercises to develop their ability to work in small groups.

ECSU faculty donated all of the teaching materials used during their visit to the teachers for future use. The fundraising effort for school supplies is ongoing with hopes that additional deliveries can be made over the course of two years. The ECSU Foundation is honored to extend its role in public education beyond this North Carolina campus.
On Oct. 9, Elizabeth City State University administrators, faculty and staff joined North Carolina legislators, Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County officials, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Regional Airport Authority leaders and Albemarle regional partners for the groundbreaking of the $13 million Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Aviation Research and Development Commerce Park.

The park is located on 63 acres across from the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Regional Airport. Upon completion, the aviation park will connect the 7,200-foot runway shared by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Regional Airport, with a taxiway capable of accommodating C-130 or similar sized and larger aircraft.

Phase I will include as many as four hangars, the Elizabeth City State University School of Aviation Science and a College of the Albemarle facility for conducting its Air Frame/Air Plant maintenance certification programs.

DRS Technologies, which operates an aircraft maintenance facility next to the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Regional Airport, will be among the first major tenants of the park. The company’s expansion into the aviation park will be in addition to its second 80,000 square-foot hangar nearing completion adjacent to the airport. Both the existing DRS hangar and the one nearing completion are used for contract overhauling of C-130 aircraft for the U.S. Coast Guard.

The infrastructure for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Aviation Research and Development Commerce Park will be completed by May 2009, and the ECSU School of Aviation Science and COA academic and technical programs will begin in fall 2010. The $13 million aviation park is expected to attract more than $150 million in private investment and generate about 500 above average paying aviation-related jobs, said Matt Wood, chairman of the Albemarle Economic Development Commission and a Pasquotank County commissioner.

“The key to the success of this project in attracting both funding and park tenants is the synergy between our higher education institutions and industry,” Wood said. “Locating the ECSU and COA aviation programs onsite will provide park tenants with a ready supply of highly trained workers and local residents with unparalleled well-paying job opportunities in their hometown.”
Through a series of grants, the North Carolina Department of Commerce is contributing $5 million to the project – $2.3 million for land acquisition and $2.7 million for master site planning, taxiway and other infrastructure. Additional funding for infrastructure includes $2 million from The Golden Leaf Foundation, $1.5 million from the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Aviation, and $1 million from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. ECSU also will contribute to the infrastructure costs.

As the developer of the park and applicant for these funds, the City of Elizabeth City worked collaboratively with Pasquotank County, the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Regional Airport Authority and the AEDC.

“This project demonstrates what can be accomplished through community teamwork,” said Elizabeth City Mayor Steve Atkinson. “Without the full cooperation of all the partners – the city, the county, the Airport Authority, the AEDC, ECSU and COA – this celebration today would not be possible. And all of us owe a particular debt of gratitude to Rep. Bill Owens, whose leadership in the N.C. General Assembly laid the foundation for the initial Department of Commerce Economic Reserve Fund grant that launched the project.”

Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County and state and national leaders view the park’s development as a way to expand beyond the successful relationships with the U.S. Coast Guard and existing aircraft-overhaul contractors into diversified aviation and aerospace industries, such as rapid prototyping, advanced-composite manufacture and avionics manufacture. With North Carolina being the first state to completely deploy Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast technology, ECSU’s School of Aviation is expected to play a key role in the research, development, production and installation of ADS-B and other avionics systems.

In addition to developing an FAA-certified Air Frame Repair and Maintenance program, COA offers a number of degree programs, including computer engineering technology and electrical/electronics, which support aviation-related businesses.

This article appears courtesy of the Albemarle Economic Development Commission.
Elizabeth City State University wants to help the region to go green – environmentally and economically.

The University is a founding partner of the Northeastern North Carolina Green Economy Initiative, a university-business-community collaborative designed to boost the region’s economy by creating jobs that will help the environment.

The desired result is a new “green-collar” job sector in the 15-county Albemarle-Pamlico region that will train and put people to work as it enhances the quality of life and the environment in the region.

“We’re looking for things that would benefit the economy as well as benefit the environment,” explained Dr. Scott D. Bradshaw, an associate professor of psychology and director of ECSU’s Center for Research and Evaluation.

Among the possibilities, he said, are jobs in wetlands restoration, home energy conservation, wind farm technology, organic farming, greenways creation and eco-tourism. Organizers envision that unlike the factory jobs in many parts of the country, these green-collar positions would take advantage of the unique opportunities that exist in the coastal North Carolina region and wouldn’t be at risk for outsourcing or transfer overseas.

“They would be the kinds of jobs that would be created here and would continue to exist here,” he said.

Dr. Bradshaw is part of a team leading the initiative to grow the region’s green economy. The Northeastern North Carolina Green Economy Initiative is among the first such collaboratives in rural America and joins a widening effort to blend community development with environmental good.

“No long ago, there was the idea of shipping garbage in from New York City and storing it in a landfill in Camden,” he said. “Certainly, that would have been an economic benefit to the community, but at the cost of harming the environment of the region as well as degrading the quality of life.”

This effort would bring a different viewpoint to economic development. Dr. Bradshaw acknowledges the ideological schism that typically prevents environmentalists and economic developers from working together.

“Quite often, when you’re talking about conservation issues, those groups are not talking to the folks involved in community development,” he said. “Community developers were saying, ‘We need jobs.’ And the conservation folks were saying, ‘We need to protect the environment.’ So the two groups would end up fighting among themselves. This (initiative) is to bring those two groups together for a common end.”
The green-growth initiative was awarded a $400,000 grant in July 2008 from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. In early 2009 work will begin on a regional plan, and its initial implementation is expected by the end of 2009.

Already the initiative has hired Majora Carter, a nationally recognized consultant on sustainable economic development strategies to work as a consultant on the project.

Her initial meeting in the area – hosted by ECSU Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist in Oct. 2008 attracted university faculty, administrators and an array of local business and community leaders.

Carter, winner of a MacArthur Foundation “genius” grant, has built one of the nation’s most successful urban green-collar job training and placement programs in the South Bronx, where she championed a neighborhood transformation that resulted in an 11-mile network of bike and pedestrian paths springing from former blighted wasteland. She also spearheaded the creation of the first South Bronx waterfront park in more than 60 years.

Carter returned to the Albemarle region in early December for a weeklong assessment of the area. She looked at what types of green-related activities currently take place in the region and outlined the needs and possibilities for green development.

Carter, whose work has taken her around the world, said she got involved with the North Carolina initiative because of the intense interest of local residents “who see the incredible value in taking an area like Elizabeth City and moving past some people’s expectations.”

“I think this is a very special region,” she said in an e-mail interview. “There is a great affection people have for Elizabeth City, and a real sadness among people who have had to leave to find work. I want to reverse that trend.”

She said that while job creation is the first and most obvious benefit that would come from a green initiative, such collaborative community effort often leads to other positive, but intangible results.

“People will start to see themselves and their connection to the land differently. When people feel they have influence over their world, a whole new type of person emerges.

“If we do our job well here, that spirit will spread through communities, the churches, the students – from grade school to seniors in college.”

But Carter is realistic about the obstacles that stand in the way – from reluctant attitudes to lack of funding.

“People will always feel there is not enough money to do something new,” she said. “The fact of the matter is that many of the practices we are going to be looking at save a good deal of money over time.

“It seems like it’s human nature to resist change, and no matter what it is, we have to be respectful of people’s feelings in this regard. But we can’t let negative emotional responses dictate our moves. There are others who are looking for change. We’ll work with them first.”

As envisioned, ECSU will play an integral role, Dr. Bradshaw said, with the university becoming “the hub for developing these types of green jobs in the region.”

“If a person has questions or ideas concerning green jobs, then the University would be the resource for that and to link folks within the region,” he said. “We would be that kind of connecting mechanism to get people to talk to one another.”

He also envisions the University possibly being the pilot site for a “green roof” program that would save on energy costs by growing grass or vegetables on rooftops.

Dr. Bradshaw also hopes to link students to the green technology efforts through coursework and perhaps through the University’s entrepreneurship program in the Walter R. Davis School of Business and Economics. The possibilities are just starting, he said. Carter lauded ECSU’s role in helping to move the region to a sustainable and green future.

“For me, as a black person, it is a beautiful piece of poetic justice that some of the folks who had the least to do with causing…(the environmental problems) are going to be at the forefront of how to deal with it,” she said.

“The approaches we develop together in this very forward-thinking environment,” she said, “will be modeled elsewhere for decades to come.”
Some of the strongest indicators of future success are the youths attending ECSU’s summer programs. High school and middle school students took advantage of federally-funded programs and now are focusing on careers in math and the sciences.

Last summer, the Virginia-North Carolina LSAMP program brought 38 high school students to the campus for an intensive, four-week residency. The University of Virginia, under the National Science Foundation’s Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP), leads a consortium of eight institutions that are charged with increasing the number of minority graduates in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering and technology over the next five years. For decades, educators have used various strategies to assure this country produced more graduates in math, science, engineering and technology. Producing African-Americans in those fields is another tier of the challenge now being met with the help of several Historically Black Colleges/Universities. Of the 38 students who attended sessions at ECSU during summer 2008, 34 enrolled for fall semester.

The North Carolina Mathematics & Science Education Network (NC-MSEN) Pre-college Program held two programs on campus. The Robotics Opportunities for Building Outstanding Talent in the Sciences program, funded by the National Science Foundation and the NC-MSEN Office at UNC at Chapel Hill, brought sixth, seventh and eighth grade students to campus for exercises designed to improve their problem solving, mathematics, communications, science and technology skills. Approximately 30 eighth grade students came from River Road Middle School between June 30 and July 19, 2008.
The NC-MSEN Summer Scholars Program brought 85 middle and high school students from Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties in for a week-long residency of mathematics, science and technology exercises. Their residency lasted from July 27 to August 2, 2008.

Through a new collaboration between the NC-MSEN Pre-college Program and the UNC/ECSU Pharmacy Partnership Program, 18 ninth graders became Wachovia Pharmacy Fellows! These students from Halifax, Bertie, Hertford and Perquimans completed intensive math and science courses and began a series of sessions that will expose them to career options available to graduate students who earn a doctorate degree in pharmacy.

Warren Poole is the interim director of ECSU Summer School programs. He says ECSU’s summer programs involve bright youths who are searching for the right college major. Guidance is the key he said. Whether it’s the federally-funded Upward Bound program that targets high school youths or MSEN, the summer programs supplement instruction those offered in schools.

“ECSU summer programs help middle and high school students adapt to the academic demands of college.”
America’s Best Colleges
RANKS ECSU THIRD
In the 2008 rankings, America's Best Colleges placed Elizabeth City State University as #3 in the category of Top Public Baccalaureate Colleges in the South; ECSU tied with Winston Salem State University for the twelfth spot among Historically Black Colleges and Universities. ECSU shares the #26 slot with Brescia University in Kentucky in the Best Baccalaureate Colleges the South category.

The annual report of college rankings is published by U.S. News and World Report Magazine. It has become a research tool highly regarded by parents, students, educators and others. Categories are arranged to indicate the various levels of excellence at which the institutions are achieving. U.S. New and World Report collects data from 1,400 colleges before making their selections.

For many parents who still pay in part or in full for their youth’s education, the rankings can indicate a university that offers the best package for the family budget.

ECSU Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist said America’s Best Colleges’ report confirms the extensive efforts made at ECSU to offer students an outstanding educational experience.

“We credit faculty and staff for working so diligently to prepare our students for the future. We are offering more of the programs that will place our students in demand—programs like aviation science, biology, education, math and computer science. Many of the students from those departments have graduated from ECSU and entered graduate programs where they are excelling. Many have completed graduate school and gone on to have rewarding careers,” Gilchrist said.

“The scores from America’s Best Colleges are significant. We realize that parents and prospective students consult the report in their search for a university where the students will enroll and graduate. ECSU continues to offer one of the most affordable packages in the state of North Carolina. We want parents and students to remember a great college education is within reach at ECSU.”

According to U.S. News and World Report, this is the second time the agency has ranked Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The agency reports: “The indicators we use to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: assessment by administrators at peer institutions, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving. The indicators include input measures that reflect a school’s student body, its faculty, and its financial resources, along with outcome measures that signal how well the institution does its job of educating students.” Chancellor Gilchrist said ECSU is steadily making strides to improve but is encouraged by its rank in this category as well.

“Many of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities that are ranked higher than ECSU are private schools or larger schools than have excelled for years and they have more financial resources than we do. Ranking just outside that top 10, is a strong indicator we are well meeting the needs of students who specifically want that HBCU experience while earning a degree.”

As for the 26th ranking in the Best Baccalaureate Colleges the South category, Chancellor Gilchrist is encouraged to rank among so many outstanding universities offering the bachelor’s degree. America’s Best Colleges defines Baccalaureate Colleges as “institutions [that] focus primarily on undergraduate education, just as the liberal arts colleges do but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. At these schools, at least 10 percent of undergraduate degrees awarded are bachelor’s degrees. There are 319 baccalaureate colleges, ranked within four regions: North, South, Midwest, and West.”
Each year, Elizabeth City State University welcomes a host of distinguished speakers and performing artists to the campus. They enlighten students in the arts, education, business and the sciences. From their personal experiences, students learn which factors are influencing day-to-day operations in offices, industries, studios, laboratories and school systems. The following are the visitors who graciously shared their knowledge and talent with students and faculty.

Don Roberts
Don Roberts, news anchor for WAVY-TV Channel 10 in Portsmouth, Va., spoke at the Friends of the Library Banquet. The banquet is held annually to raise funds for books and other materials at the G.R. Little Library.
Mohan Munasinghe

Professor Mohan Munasinghe, vice chairman of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in Geneva, Switzerland, warned the audience of the dangers of global warming during the Chancellor’s Distinguished Lecture Series luncheon. Munasinghe is the author of more than 90 books and technical papers on economics, sustainable development, climate change, power, energy, water resources, transportation, environment, disasters and information technology.

"Business, government and citizens must work together. The economic, environmental and social aspects of this challenge must be balanced to achieve sustainable development. Fifty to 75 million people could be displaced [within this century] unless we conserve and adjust the way we live,"—Professor Mohan Munasinghe.

Dr. Steven Gilchrist

Dr. Steven Gilchrist, a 1999 graduate of ECSU and a former member of the Honors Program was the speaker for the 2008 Honor’s Convocation. The program is held annually to recognize the university’s students for superior academic accomplishments.

Dr. Sherick Hughes

Dr. Sherick Hughes, an assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Maryland, spoke for the annual American Education Week assembly. The assembly recognizes teachers across the region for their outstanding performance in the classroom.

James H. Johnson Jr.

James H. Johnson Jr., of the Kenan Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill, discusses the economic impact African American and Hispanics have on the state of North Carolina. Johnson reported African Americans contribute more than $44.7 billion to the state’s economy through purchases and taxes, while Hispanics contributed more than $9 billion to the economy. Both minority segments have steadily grown. By 2004, African Americans comprised 21.8 percent of the state’s population, while Hispanics comprised seven percent of the population.

Herman Boone

Coach Herman Boone, a motivational speaker and the high school football coach portrayed by Denzel Washington in the 2000 movie, “Remember the Titans,” was the keynote speaker for an evening banquet hosted by the Office of Sponsored Programs, Contracts, and Grants. The banquet followed a two-day grant writing workshop.

Larry Willis

Larry Willis performed with The Collegians Jazz Ensemble in a tribute to Duke Ellington. Willis’ recordings of jazz, rock, pop, Afro Cuban and more span from the mid-1960s to the current decade. Throughout his career, Willis performed with jazz greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, Lee Morgan, Woody Shaw, Art Blakey and Shirley Horn. Willis also played for seven years as the keyboardist for the 40-year-old jazz rock band “Blood Sweat and Tears.” Willis is credited with composing and arranging music for orchestras and big bands. His performance at ECSU in November marked his first visit here.
The Board of Governors of the multi-campus University of North Carolina selected 17 of its most outstanding faculty to receive the 14th Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

During a recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the Board’s May 9, 2008 meeting, a faculty member from each UNC campus received a commemorative bronze medallion and a $7,500 cash prize.

The 17 recipients, representing an array of academic disciplines, were nominated by special committees on their home campuses and selected by the Board of Governors Committee on Personnel and Tenure. The awards were presented by UNC President Erskine Bowles and Board of Governors Chairman Jim Phillips of Greensboro.

This marks the first year that an instructor from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, a residential high school for gifted students, was recognized with the award. In 2007, the General Assembly declared NCSSM, which had previously been an affiliate of the University, a constituent institution.

Award winners for 2008 include Edmond B. Koker, professor of chemistry, Elizabeth City State University; Mark Vogel, professor of English, Appalachian State University; Louis Warren, professor of curriculum and instruction, East Carolina University; Constance Lightner, associate professor and interim chairwoman of the Department of Management, Fayetteville State University; Jothi V. Kumar, professor of chemistry, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University; Karen Dacons-Brock, associate professor of theater, North Carolina Central University; Robert Francesconi, assistant dean, acting and movement, North Carolina School of the Arts; and Richard J. Spontak, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering and materials science and engineering, North Carolina State University.
Elizabeth City State University received a 2008 HP Technology for Teaching Leadership Award. The awards recognize instructors who use technology in such an innovative manner that it transforms the teaching and learning process. Only 10 campuses in the U.S. and Canada received the Teaching Leadership Awards that provide a cash award and equipment to expand classroom instruction.

These awards are reserved for universities as reinvestment grants awarded to HP Technology for Teaching grant recipients whose projects have demonstrated success in their first year of implementation. Dr. Kuldeep Rawat, an associate professor in the ECSU Department of Technology, is the project director for the HP Technology for Teaching program at ECSU. The program was selected for its successful use of HP technology to enhance instruction; demonstrate a measurable, positive impact on student achievement; and expand the program to cover other disciplines in science, technology, engineering and math.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Dr. Rawat implemented HP mobile technology in two electronics engineering technology courses affecting 33 students. In the 2008-2009 academic year, the award is impacting students in up to five courses – approximately 120 students. Specifically, students are using HP Tablet-PCs – small, hand held mobile computers and related software. Those devices allow students to record classroom notes as digital files. The device also allows students to relay their work as digital files to the instructor for additional classroom discussion. The HP Tablet-PCs can be used from any location, including during field trips, to allow students and instructors to interact on classroom assignments. Dr. Rawat received a cash award and equipment valued at $151,000.

Last spring, Elizabeth City State University joined the community in remembering Mr. Walter R. Davis, a local philanthropist for whom the university’s School of Business and Economics is named. Davis’ contributions to ECSU, $250,000, spanned three decades.

Thanks to his donation, ECSU offers qualified business majors the Davis Scholarship which includes a laptop computer, a cash stipend for tuition, fees and travel expenses for field trips to regional businesses.

Davis’s contribution was used as seed money that was coupled with funds from three sources to create endowed scholarships. Those $1,000 scholarships are given annually to three freshmen majoring in business. The recipients of the scholarship are known as the Davis Scholars. The three endowments are funded by Matt and Holly Cook Wood; Wachovia Bank and the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina.

ECSU Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist spoke with sympathy regarding the loss of Davis to the community. He credits Davis with making scholarship donations that have been critical to the advancement of bright students.

“While the state legislature has been generous to the state’s public schools, small schools like ECSU need more privately funded scholarships,” Gilchrist said. Mr. Davis’s donation helped students advance over the last three decades. We hope other prospective donors realize the impact they can have when they make contributions to the university.”

Davis also supported the creation of the Albemarle Business Report, an annual publication produced by students and faculty in the Walter R. Davis School of Business and Economics, which highlights regional business trends. ECSU faculty say contributions from Davis and those who support the endowed scholarships are invaluable to the students enrolled in the School of Business. Those contributions allow professors to extend the educational experience to sites beyond the classroom.
Elizabeth City State University

Releases 2007-2008 Annual Report

It was a year filled with accomplishments and challenges. During fiscal year 2007-2008, students, faculty, staff and even donors reached new heights. Many of the university’s goals and accomplishments are highlighted in the 2007-2008 Annual Report.

Did you know that ECSU:

- Ranked No. 3 in the category of Top Public Baccalaureate Colleges in the South, tied with Winston-Salem State as No. 12 among Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and shares the No. 26 slot with Kentucky’s Brescia University for the Top Baccalaureate Colleges in the South according to U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Colleges?

- Received accreditations from the National Association of Schools of Music and by the Council on Social Work Education?

- Reached its highest ever enrollment in Fall 2007, which was a 14 percent increase over the previous year and continued an upward trend?

- Had an 8 percent increase in charitable contributions to the Viking Annual Fund totaling $4.3 million?

- Converted 11 buildings from petroleum-based heating to natural gas, which will increase energy efficiency and reduce operating costs?

Visit www.ecsu.edu to read the 2007-2008 Annual Report and learn more details about these and other accomplishments.
Dr. Johnny Houston (faculty, School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology) Dr. Johnny Houston, a senior research professor in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, attended a State Dinner at the White House. The dinner included approximately 150 guests and was held in honor of His Excellency John Kufuor. Dr. Houston is one of several faculty advising the university’s Global Leadership Academy.

Dr. Akbar Eslami (faculty, technology), Kerry Krauss (adjunct faculty) and Aliza Williams (student), published a paper entitled “A Remote Control Project to Enhance Undergraduate Students’ Interest and Knowledge in Industrial Automation” at proceedings of the 2008 IAJC-IJME International Conference in Nashville TN, paper # 053, IT 305.

Dr. William Luton (faculty, School of Business & Economics) was elected to the Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public School Boards on November 4, 2008.

Drs. Margaret Young, Ronald Blackmon and Gary Harmon (faculty, School of Mathematics, Science and Technology), and Moses Mc Daniel (Research Associate) published a paper entitled “Optimization of biolistics parameters in explants of rapid-cycling fast plants (Brassica rapa)” in the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science (Volume 124, pages 58-60). Several ECSU undergraduate student co-authored: Salimah Cogbill, Gieira Jones, Travis Faulcon and Kaleena Green.

Drs. Margaret Young, Ronald Blackmon and Cynthia Warrick presented a poster entitled “Undergraduate Research Activities in the STEM Disciplines at ECSU” at the Council on Undergraduate Research National Conference at St. Benedict’s College, Minnesota in June 08.

Dr. Margaret Young was a co-author along with colleagues at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shores on a poster entitled “Genotypic Characteristics of Four Ornamental Gingers” presented at the American Society for Horticultural Science, Orlando, Florida, July 08.

Professor Anthony Emekalam, (faculty, PharmD and director, ECSU Health Resource Center) was named one of the 2008 Jim Bernstein Health Fellows. The purpose of the Jim Bernstein Community Health Fellows Program is to develop future leaders to work in and improve the health of rural and other underserved communities in North Carolina.

Mrs. Donna James-Whidbee (EEO Officer, Human Resources) presented at the 2008 UNC Financial Systems Conference, March 3-5, 2008, in New Bern and presented the following sessions: “Top Gun: A Flight to Effective Communication” and “Business Etiquette, More Than Eating With The Right Fork”.

Ms. Susan Jennifer Wal Peck (director of Instructional Technology) has accepted membership in Golden Key International Society. Golden Key International Honour Society is the world’s premier collegiate honor society, with more than 17 million members. The global nonprofit organization provides academic recognition to top-performing college and university students, as well as scholarships and awards, career and internship opportunities, networking, service and leadership development opportunities.
Preserving the university’s historical documents is no easy task but University Archivist Jean B. Bischoff and student intern, Will Elfring, are real movers and shakers.

Since her arrival in 2007, Bischoff has worked diligently to better organize the archival collections. The ECSU Archives was established in 1971 as a unit of the Department of Institutional Research. Today, the Archives is a division of ECSU’s G.R. Little Library. Its mission is to house under one roof and make available to researchers the University’s diverse collections of records, personal papers and artifacts.

Approximately 1,000 cubic feet of records have been located and transferred from Trigg Hall to areas in the G.R. Little Library, the designated area for archival storage. Important records, including those of the ECSU Board of Trustees and the Office of the Chancellor, photographs (some dating back to the late 19th century), yearbooks, university newspapers and other student publications were identified and relocated. As these documents and photographs are repaired and preserved, we learn more about the transitions in the history of the University, the City of Elizabeth City and the state of North Carolina.

Thousands of boxes of materials in the Archives relate to the school’s founding, its history, student body and leadership, and its long path to becoming one of the University of North Carolina General Administration’s 16-member institutions of higher learning. Both the University’s institutional records and its unique historic collections are at the core of the Archives’ research materials.

Records from the early 20th century depict the transition from a normal school in the 1890s to the university that now offers undergraduate and graduate degrees. Since the passing of longtime University Archivist Leonard R. Ballou and the absence of an organized archival program, portions of the University’s historic records were stored randomly in various buildings. As a result, some valuable documents did not survive. Others were damaged by water, mold and insects. She’s confident researchers will find hidden treasures in the archives that don’t appear elsewhere.
“Collecting materials for the archives is a continuous process. We welcome contributions from alumni, friends and people in the community. If you’d rather not contribute them permanently, we can scan some images,” Bischoff said. “Of special interest are photos depicting historically significant events at the university, yearbooks and newspaper articles and historically significant university artifacts.”

Bischoff trained at the University of South Carolina and has successfully arranged and indexed a massive collection at the University of Kansas. Since her arrival here, she’s prepared exhibits during American Education Week, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s holiday observance and during Black History Month. In March, Bischoff prepared a display in the G. R. Little Library in memory of the late historian, John Hope Franklin. In the future, Bischoff plans to launch a web page packed with photographs and presentations that reflect university and alumni events.

Please call, 252-335-3637, or write Bischoff, jbbiskooff@mail.ecsu.edu, if you’d like to donate items to the archives. The mailing address: 1704 Weeksville Rd., Campus Box 819; Elizabeth City, NC 27909.
Dr. Ali A. Khan has been appointed Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Previously, he served as Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Khan joined Elizabeth City State University as an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Sciences in October 1980. In 2001, he was named director of Week-end/Evening, Continuing Education and Summer School programs. During his service as director, Dr. Khan increased the Summer School enrollment to the highest in the university’s history.

Dr. Khan also served as interim director of Graduate Studies and Pharmacy Program, co-writing the application for the establishment of the Pharmacy Program at ECSU. During 2005-06, Dr. Khan served as the interim dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology. In 2006-2007, he served as the assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. He was promoted to associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs in August 2007.

During his career at ECSU, Dr. Khan served as chairman of the Faculty Senate for two consecutive terms totaling four years, initiated the mentor/mentee program in Sponsored Programs, and generated approximately $2.5 million through external grant activities providing research and academic enrichment for students and professional development for faculty. In 2005, Dr. Khan was awarded the Tom Joyner Award for Hardest Working Faculty at ECSU, one of many awards presented to him for his contributions and dedication to service.

Dr. Khan has successfully established partnerships and working collaborations with approximately 40 institutions nationally and globally. In addition to his various duties, Dr. Khan serves as the UNC Tomorrow Campus Liaison at ECSU; director for VA-NC Louis Stokes’s Alliance for Minority Participation, Critical Thinking Through Technology; Global Seminar, and Collaborative Efforts for Students Writing Case Studies and Videoconferencing programs while ensuring that the university’s reaccreditation process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools progresses smoothly. Dr. Khan holds a B.S., and M.S. from the University of Dhaka and a Ph.D. in Pharmacy from the University of Grenoble.

Dr. Barbara L. Johnson has been named Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Dr. Johnson has been an educator for 39 years but has worked at Elizabeth City State University for 18 years. Previous posts at the ECSU School of Education and Psychology included coordinator of the Elementary Education Program (1990-to the present); interim director of Teacher Education (1992-1995) and Department of Education chairwoman (2004). Dr. Johnson has served as an assistant professor, associate professor and a professor. She formerly served as an academic advisor and a supervisor of the Academic Success Program for Minority Students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Additionally, Dr. Johnson has served as an adjunct professor with Tidewater Community College.

She earned more than 20 years experience as a principal, assistant principal, teacher, teacher’s assistant and library assistant with several school systems, including Isle of Wight County Public Schools, Portsmouth (Va.) Public Schools and the Head Start Program. Dr. Johnson holds a doctorate degree in education administration and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Virginia Tech, a Master Science degree in administration and supervision from Old Dominion University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education with a minor in history from Norfolk State University.

Dr. W. Eric Thomas has been named Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He also serves as the Interim Dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology. Before joining ECSU, Dr. Thomas served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Virginia State University.

Dr. Thomas has an extensive background in the sciences and in higher education. He served on the faculty at Meharry Medical College, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Illinois State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Dr. Thomas was the Chairman of the Department of Biology and Professor in the College of Dentistry at Howard University before returning to Mississippi Valley State University as the Vice President for Academic Affairs. He
also served as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Neurobiology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Thomas has earned numerous honors and awards including the Sandoz Pharmaceutical Co. Research Award, Graduate Faculty Member of the Year Award (Meharry), the Klingenstein Fellowship Award in the Neurosciences (Klingenstein Foundation), and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Meharry Medical College. He is a member of several professional societies and is active in many civic organizations. His work has been widely published, and he has presented at conferences across the nation.

Dr. Thomas earned his B.S. degree and his M.S. degree in biology from Tennessee State University and his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Meharry Medical College.

DIVISION OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business

Mr. Robert G. Gaines was appointed Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance. Mr. Gaines has more than 30 years of experience in accounting and finance. Mr. Gaines holds a Master of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bachelor of Science in Accounting from NC-A&T University, and he is a Certified Public Accountant.

The Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance is responsible for ensuring sound fiscal and operational management of the university’s monetary and physical resources, coordinating and maintaining the university’s budget, providing and enhancing quality services by all units, and implementing and maintaining adequate internal controls. Additional responsibilities include overall leadership and management of auxiliary services, facilities management and design and construction of capital projects. Mr. Gaines will lead a division that includes a permanent staff more than 140.

Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Mr. Frankie M. Brinkley has been appointed Director of Procurement and Materials Management. Mr. Brinkley is a 1980 graduate of ECSU and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Mr. Brinkley served as the purchasing manager for the Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools. From 2005 until the present, Mr. Brinkley served as a Cross Road Instructor for Nash Community College. His professional accomplishments include Certified Local Government Purchasing, officer certification (1996) from the Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing, lifetime certification as a Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer (1999), president of the Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing (1999), and Sustained Professional Purchasing Award from the Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing for excellence in procurement.
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A n official with the North Carolina Department of Transportation rated an Elizabeth City State University student research presentation as the “most comprehensive” of any presentation made by nine participants in the Historically Black Colleges & Universities & Minority Serving Institutes program.

Everett Ward, director of the HBCU & MSI program, said the ECSU presentation was an impressive combination of aviation science and computer science concepts. The presentations were rated based on content, research, delivery and knowledge of the subject. A six-person panel from NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration evaluated the group presenters.

Before making their presentation to the panel, the students spent the summer in ECSU’s Technology Department learning to fly unmanned aerial vehicles. Seventeen high school students and three college interns learned to fly UAVs. Three students made the trip to Raleigh to present their research findings. Ward said the ECSU program is producing students who are capable of making careers in the transportation industry.

“Without a doubt the students from ECSU presented the most comprehensive research report this summer...”
transportation — that new generation of transportation leaders. We want students to know there are opportunities in transportation and in research. We can’t place a value on what we gain from the program.”

Dr. Ellis Lawrence is the director of the Summer Transportation Institute at ECSU and a professor in the Technology Department. For nine years, he has directed the program that brought high school students to ECSU for a challenging summer research program. The program, supported by grants from the Federal Highway Administration and NCDOT, promotes careers in the transportation industry. Many of those careers call for strong skills in math, science and technology. Area youths apply for the program and are selected based on grades and their interest in science and technology.

The Summer Transportation Institute rewards students for excelling in summer research projects, field experiments and class projects. Lawrence credits the Federal Highway Administration and NCDOT for funding a topnotch program that excites students.

The agencies provided $14,000 for four internship positions, $56,400 to fund the transportation institute, and $3,700 for unmanned aerial vehicles (helicopters). Without the funding, Lawrence said the students could not have learned so much about the transportation industry.

“The number of jobs in the transportation industry, aviation industry and in technology is growing. Those opportunities are available in North Carolina, but we have to make sure our students are aware of them,” Lawrence said. “Once students complete this program, they are more aware of how far classes in math, science and technology will take them. This program proved to be more difficult than they expected, but the challenge was good for them and they enjoyed it.”

For the last three years, the program centered on aviation careers. That program was a boost for students who progressed through ECSU classes in technology and aviation. Aviation science is now a signature program at ECSU that guides students to assorted careers in the industry where graduates excel.

With this year’s program, the focus centers on the transportation industry. Lawrence said students were surprised by what they could do in a four-week summer program.

“When high school students complete a summer program like this one, they see how math and science can be applied to something that serves a common purpose. The goal here was to use Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to survey land,” Lawrence said. “The students learned to fly remote controlled helicopters via simulation and instructor training. In the UAV training, the students mastered the electronics needed to design a sonar system to measure distance.”

The summer unmanned flight research would not have been complete without field trips to show students the progress pioneers made and the challenges and rewards professionals make each day. The Wright Brothers Memorial in Dare County provided a historical lesson that Lawrence said North Carolina students should be well aware of. Professionals at the Coast Guard Aircraft and Supply Center in Elizabeth City highlighted career options in aviation for the youths. The students also visited NASA Langley Research Center and the NCDOT materials testing laboratory in Williamston, N.C.

In previous years, the program took students further away for some important lessons. In 2006, the students visited Tuskegee University where they reviewed the history of the Tuskegee Airmen. In 2007, the 23 students — five college students and 18 high school students — trained to become private pilots. Fifteen students took the Federal Aviation Administration Ground School exam for private pilots and nine of them passed. These were the first students to become certified by the FAA at ECSU.

“These are the types of opportunities students find at the Summer Transportation Institute program at ECSU. There is no substitute for students facing and exceeding tough challenges over the summer. They return to fall classes better informed of the reason science and technology classes are so relevant to their future. In a society as competitive as ours — now a global society — students don’t have a minute to waste,’ Lawrence said.

During the 2008 institute, Dr. Kuldeep Rawat, an associate professor in the ECSU Technology Department, served as the co-project director. He introduced students to electronic control, programming and autonomous piloting of the UAVs. High school students were trained to design and build avionics circuitry that can be integrated into UAVs. He and Dr. Lawrence accompanied three college interns to NCDOT to present their research findings. The students worked over the summer to complete an oral presentation for an audience of NCDOT officials and research interns from nine of the state’s HBCUs.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Abner is Bearer of the Mace
Quiana Anitra Abner, of South Mills, N.C., earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a 3.834 cumulative grade point average and was the ECSU Bearer of the Mace for the fall 2008 Commencement Convocation. The Mace, representing the ceremonial symbol of authority, is borne by the non-transfer graduating senior who has the highest cumulative grade point average.

Two ECSU students inducted into Psi Chi
Natasha Cox, a senior from Durham, N.C., and Jocelyn Freeman, a junior from Germantown, Md., were inducted into Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. Psi Chi was founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. To qualify, students must complete nine semester hours or 14 quarter hours of psychology courses, rank in the top 35 percent of their class in general scholarship, have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in psychology courses and cumulative grades, and be an active member in the psychology club and other departmental related activities. Dr. Kulwinder Kaur-Walker is the advisor for ECSU's Psi Chi chapter.

ECSU student receives scholarship
Mrs. Aliza Williams, a senior student in industrial technology program, received a scholarship grant ($12000.00 stipend + tuition for 2008-2009 academic year) from the department of defense information assurance scholarship program. The Principal Investigator of the grant is Dr. Akbar Eslami, a faculty member in Department of Technology.

Watts graduates at 18
Mayor Steve Atkinson and the ECSU Board of Trustees congratulate Elizabeth City resident Elise Watts, 18, who graduated from ECSU with a bachelor's degree in political science. Watts entered the university at the age of 15 and completed her degree requirements within 3 and a half years. Watts was homeschooled by her mother, now City Councilwoman Volanda Watts, before she entered ECSU.

McNair Scholars Research Symposium and Awards
Lauren E. Lee, a biology major, Dr. Tesfaye Serbessa, a faculty mentor from the ECSU Chemistry and Physics Department, and Whitney Thomas, a chemistry major, collected first place awards in the oral competition of the 13th Annual McNair Scholars Research Symposium and Awards Ceremony. Twenty-four ECSU students participated in the symposium following their presentation of academic research papers and corresponding posters. The federally funded Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program is designed to encourage minorities with an above average grade point average to pursue graduate school -in particular doctoral degree programs. The program is named in honor of former NASA astronaut Dr. Ronald McNair who died aboard the 1986 USS Challenger space shuttle.

Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center interns
The joint commands of the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Base is pleased to announce a new internship initiative with Elizabeth City State University. Three ECSU students completed internships at the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center.

ROTC commissions two cadets at Fall Commencement
The ROTC at ECSU commissioned two cadets as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army on Dec. 12 in the theater of the Ridley Student Center. Commissioned were Jesse Deanda (left), a native of Creswell, NC, and Jeremy White (right), a native of Elizabeth City, NC. The ceremony was open to the public.
The awards and the student recipients follow:

Artistic/Academic Achievement Award
Robin Ashley, Zachary Jackson, Tameo Moore, Heather Rollins

History and Political Science Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Robin Ashley and Zachary Jackson

Language Literature and Communication's graduating senior with the highest GPA
Jessica McDonald, Tasha Pippin

Music Department overall Achievement and Academic Award
Shala White

Social work student (non-transfer) with the highest GPA
Jessica Parker

Outstanding Accounting Major Award
Julian Exum

Outstanding Senior Award (marketing and management)
Deysi Galvan and Christina Hager

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Bobby Conley, Shirley Jenkins, Heather Marshall, Kasey Stalling, Catherine Tillet, Samatha Walrond, Sharon White, Kristin Wynkoop

Academic Distinction Award for Psychology
Charlotte Chrisp, Natasha Cox, Amanda Forgbes, Ashley Frazier, Christina Hilger, Renee Poyner, Tyrone Walker and Shanice Walker.

Clarence E. Biggs Award (biology)
Gi’Eira Jones

Excellence in Learning Award with highest honors (chemistry and physics)
Shanta Armwood, Benjamin Christensen, Shawn Christenses, Christopher Harris, Heather Shanton, Deidre Vaughan and Amber Williams

Excellence in Achievement Award (mathematics and computer science)
Kaiem Frink and Erika Mizelle

CERSER Award of Excellence
Brian Campbell and Kaiem Frink

Pharmacy Partnership Program's student with the highest GPA
Travis Heath

Technology Award for the senior with the highest GPA
Tramaine Blount

Perkins represents ECSU at the Kennedy Center
Julius Perkins, a four-year member of the Elizabeth City State University Choir, recently performed with the 105 Voices of History — the nation’s first Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Choir — at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Perkins is a senior from Greenville, N.C., majoring in music education at ECSU.

Participants in the choir were nominated by a faculty member at their universities, then chosen by a selection committee associated with the HBCU national choir. The students completed a series of workshops with highly accomplished music conductors/instructors and composers prior to their concert. Their concert music included classical, spirituals, gospel, jazz and a selection of music from African-American composers.

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Chancellor Willie Gilchrist thanked hundreds of alumni, friends, corporations, businesses and foundations for their support of Elizabeth City State University. The ECSU Foundations’ Donor Reception was held on Aug. 30, 2008 in the Ridley Student Center. Several scholarship recipients expressed their gratitude and appreciation to more than 100 donors. ECSU seniors Christopher Hill, TreAsia Fields (Miss ECSU), and junior Jeremy Whidbee elaborated on the significance of their scholarship awards.

Each year, the ECSU Foundation awards scholarships to deserving students based on merit and financial ability. The Foundation awarded more than $715,000 in scholarships during the 2008-2009 academic year. The amounts and types of scholarship awards are determined by the donor.

For information regarding the establishment of an individual or family scholarship fund, contact the staff of the ECSU Foundation at 252-335-3011.

Pepsi Bottling Ventures of Elizabeth City made a $5,000 commitment to the ECSU Foundation. The gift supported the acquisition of the ECSU Donor Wall of Honor, a display acknowledging private gifts to the ECSU Foundation. Pepsi representative Phil Johnson and Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist unveiled the donor wall during the ECSU Foundation’s Donor Reception. The wall is on display in the foyer of the Kermit E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center.
Major Gifts & Pledges

Gordon Thornton ’74 ($100,000)
ECSU alumnus and entrepreneur Gordon Thornton announced a $100,000 pledge to the ECSU Foundation in support of general scholarships. Thornton is a McDonald’s franchise owner based in Charlotte, NC. An initial pledge payment of $10,000 was recently presented to the ECSU Foundation.

Robin Diane McNeal Brown ’83 ($50,000)
Ms. Brown has designated the ECSU Foundation as owner and beneficiary of a $50,000 life insurance policy. The proceeds will support scholarships for students majoring in biology and/or students who are members of the ECSU Vikings Band. Brown is a life member of the ECSU National Alumni Association and a member of the Raleigh-Wake-Durham chapter.

State Farm Insurance ($20,000)
State Farm Insurance Company’s Public Affairs Division recently awarded $20,000 to the ECSU Foundation in support of a financial literacy series. The State Farm/ECSU Financial Literacy Series is designed to help individuals understand the importance of budget management and maintaining and establishing good credit. This series will be developed and implemented by the ECSU Office of Community Development and with guidance from ECSU faculty with expertise in the areas of financial planning. These financial planning discussions will be held within seven counties in northeastern North Carolina. For more information, contact Mr. Morris Autry, director of Community Development at 252-335-3704.

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church ($5,000)
The members of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church presented $2,500 of a $5,000 pledge to Elizabeth City State University during Homecoming 2008. Mr. Otis Smallwood made the presentation on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. Wilson Goode and Mr. Harold Barnes ($1,000)
Mr. Goode and Mr. Barnes presented a $1,000 gift to the University. Goode, owner of Pre-owned Luxury Vehicles has developed a partnership with the ECSU National Alumni Association. Goode has made a commitment to donate up to $1,000 for each luxury vehicle purchased by a graduate of Elizabeth City State University of $21,000 plus; up to $500 will be donated for vehicles for purchases not less than $10,000.

Alumni and Friends Establish ECSU Endowed Funds

Elijah White Scholarship Fund ($30,000)
Elijah White, ’81, recently established the Elijah White Scholarship Fund in support of scholarships for geology majors with a $30,000 gift from White and a matching contribution from his employer, Exxon Mobil Corporation.

Mary and Frederick Douglas Scholarship Fund ($20,000)
Ms. Mary Albritton Douglas, ’52, presented a $10,000 gift to Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist on Oct. 25, 2008 during the Homecoming pre-game program. Douglas, a retired educator, established the Mary and Frederick Douglas Scholarship Fund to award a scholarship to an outstanding high school graduate each year. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years. Douglas is a life member of the ECSU National Alumni Association and a member of the New York/Long Island Alumni Chapter.

Howell Family Scholarship Fund ($10,000)
Elston Howell, ’88, recently presented his second planned gift to the ECSU Foundation. The $10,000 gift will support the Howell Family Scholarship Fund, established in 2007 by Howell and his wife, Lisa Smallwood Howell. The Howell Family Scholarship fund supports students from Edgecombe County. In 2006, Howell designated the ECSU Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of a $50,000 life insurance policy.

National Alumni Association Establishes Endowed Scholarship Fund ($10,000)
The ECSU National Alumni Association, under the leadership of National President Dr. Charles D. Cherry, ’63, has established an endowed scholarship fund in the ECSU Foundation. Cherry announced the $100,000 pledge and presented a $10,000 pledge payment to the ECSU Foundation last spring. This fund will support scholarships in perpetuity at ECSU. Gifts to the fund can be made payable to the ECSU Foundation re: NAA Endowed Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1467, Elizabeth City, NC 27906.

Class of 1963 Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Class of 1963 took the lead in helping to build the endowment of the ECSU Foundation. The fund was established April 19, 2004 to support scholarships. Each year, the interest generated from the fund is utilized to award scholarships to students who have a 2.5 GPA or better. For more information, contact the ECSU Foundation at 252-335-3011.
ECSU hosts Parents and Families Weekend

The Division of Institutional Advancement and the Division of Student Affairs introduced Parents and Families Weekend on Oct. 3–5, 2008 with the purpose of reestablishing the Elizabeth City State University Parents Association.

During the weekend, parents and family members witnessed firsthand what it truly means to be a Viking. Not only did the parents enjoy spending time with students at the football game, but they were able to meet with various campus administrators and ask them questions. The weekend concluded with a farewell breakfast with Chancellor Willie Gilchrist ('73) and SGA President Kevin Marshall ('09). A meeting will be held in the fall to select officers and to encourage more parents to get involved.

The Parents Association is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is: to support the well-rounded education for Elizabeth City State University students by providing financial and volunteer assistance for their educational and recreational needs; to encourage parental involvement in the university; to promote the university and its programs throughout the community; to assist the university in fulfilling its mission through the organization’s activities.

If any parent of a currently enrolled student is interested in joining the Parents Association, please contact Alicia J. Mercer at 252-335-3329 or email parents@mail.ecsu.edu.
ECSU Trustee Norman L. Mebane Jr. holds the distinction as the first donor to have a campus street named in his honor. In September 2008, the signage for Norman L. Mebane Drive, located at the entrance near the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center, was unveiled in the presence of more than 100 guests. Federal, state and local government officials were among those who honored Mebane for his generosity and service to Elizabeth City State University. Mebane, a graduate of St. Augustine’s University, has served as a member of the ECSU Board of Trustees since 2003. He is the president and chief executive officer of Mebane and Associates, located in Windsor. Several street, room and building naming opportunities are available throughout the campus.

Donors purchase naming rights to the ECSU Foundation’s Call Center

Brenda and Kennis Wilkins, ’76, recently completed a pledge payment for the naming rights to the Elizabeth City State University Call Center, now known as the Brenda G. and Kennis G. Wilkins Call Center. Located in the Ridley Student Center, it is utilized by ECSU student callers who contact alumni and friends on behalf of the ECSU Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are entrepreneurs based in Williamston, N.C. They are members of the A.P. Lester Alumni Chapter. Mr. Wilkins recently completed a nine-year term as a member of the ECSU Foundation Board of Directors.

ECSU’s Tom Joyner Campaign Ends

The Board of Directors of the Elizabeth City State University Foundation and The ECSU National Alumni Association and the staff in the Division of Institutional Advancement wish to thank the thousands of alumni and friends who supported ECSU’s 2008 Tom Joyner School of the Month Campaign. Alumni leadership was extremely important to the success of the campaign. Numerous chapters presented their gifts to the campaign last year during the Chancellor’s CIAA Breakfast.

Congratulations to the following additional recipients:
Aundria Barber
Ashley Brabham
Delishia Brooks
Chaquita Brown
Jeremy Brown
Domnique Burton
Lakeshia Carter
Tanya Clagon
Randy Conley
Carlesha Dorsey
Shantel Fields
TreAsia Fields
Stanay Gibbs
Whitney Graves
Saysha Grizzle
Christopher Harstfield
Cindy Hayes
Anita Hewlin
Christopher Hill
Lorene Hoffler
John Howell
Melinda Kennon
Keisha Lightfoot
Jada Lister
Kevin Marshall
Kandyss Massenburg
Tasha McNealy
Nichole Mitchell
Davia Nickelson
Torrey Nowell
Tasha Overton
Zina Penn
Lachrishon Reed
Romeo Reese
Rochelle Rodriquez
Alicia Rogers
Corey Simmons
Lasandra Smith
Tammy Smith
Ehrick Sotengco
Bryan Spence
Clarence Staley
Alisha Stephens
Tressa Thigpen
Cusarah Thorpe
Kenyon Tuten
Sharon Walton
Charles Welch
Shala Whitehead
Erica Whittle
Andre Williams
Jamaal Winston

Congratulations to the following chapters who met or exceeded their campaign goals:
Bertie County Chapter
D.C. Metro Chapter
Peninsula Chapter
Portsmouth Chapter
Raleigh-Wake-Durham Chapter
Greater Triad Chapter
Rosa B. Riddick Chapter
Tri-County Chapter
NY/Long Island Chapter
Robert E. Harvey Chapter
Elizabeth City Chapter
The ECSU Foundation continues to host estate planning discussions for alumni and friends, designed to educate and inform individuals regarding the array of options available for supporting the university. Estate Attorney M. Powell Peters of Wolcott Rivers, Gates, Virginia Beach, VA, visited the ECSU campus in November 18, 2008 to discuss the importance of having an updated will. Peters also elaborated on the distinction between wills in probate and trusts. Approximately 50 guests from the campus and the Albemarle region attended the event.

On November 25, Emmanuel Harris, a CPA and member of the ECSU Foundation Board of Directors, shared updates on current tax laws and ways that individuals can minimize their tax obligations. Harris is the CEO and President of Harris and Associates, based in Indianapolis, Indiana. His firm manages more than $100 million in assets.

In 2008, The Elizabeth City State University Foundation and the Fayetteville State University Foundation hosted two estate planning brunches for alumnae from both institutions. The first event was held in Elizabeth City, featuring estate attorney Ashley Brooks of Chesapeake, VA. Jose A. Coker, Attorney at The Charleston Group, was the keynote speaker of the spring event held on the campus of FSU.

The Geraldine Wright Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in February 2007. The fund was created through an initial donation to the Elizabeth City State University Foundation by the Lewis Family (husband, Matthew, '64, son, Anthony, '86, and daughter, Tamara Lewis Harris, '96).

Thanks to contributions made from caring alumni, family and friends (including matching gifts from corporations), the scholarship fund will exceed $100,000 by mid-year.

To benefit the fund, a memorial dance was held on June 28, 2008. The next dance will be held on June 12, 2010. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. More information on the dance will be provided at a later date. To learn more about the Geraldine Wright Lewis Scholarship Fund, the application process, and future fund raising events, please visit the following site: www.geraldine-wright-lewis.org.

Your continuous support is still needed so that we can help deserving students attend Elizabeth City State University.

Thank you Vikings for your support!

The Geraldine Wright Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund Memorial Dance

Planned Giving Events

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giving matters

Chancellor’s 2009 CIAA Breakfast yields $40,000 for scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, the Chancellor’s 2009 CIAA breakfast yielded $40,000 for scholarships!

Over 300 supporters enjoyed the February 28 breakfast at the Omni Hotel then made contributions that will benefit the band, athletics and the general scholarship fund. As they dined, Bryan L. Spence a senior majoring in business administration and a scholarship recipient thanked the audience for their continuous support. Chancellor Gilchrist assured them that their scholarship donations, strong academic programs and improved facilities at the university are the reasons ECSU is advancing.

“I am profoundly proud of our students and particularly pleased with the support of ECSU alumni who have stepped up to the plate to help our students succeed,” Chancellor Gilchrist stated.

Dr. Charles Cherry, president of the National Alumni Association, Board of Governor William Smith, Miss. Alumni, Viola Vaughan Holland, and Mrs. LaTanya Afolayan also greeted the audience. The early ouster of the Mighty Vikings basketball teams did not dampen the spirit of Viking fans who visited the Queen City, Charlotte, for the Rock the Rim 09 CIAA Tournament. The Charlotte Alumni Chapter of the National Alumni Association provided hospitality for alumni and friends who were guests at the Omni and surrounding hotels.

ecsu grants

$414,963 - “Nematode bacterial associations at a dynamic coastal environment – Virginia Coastal Reserve Long Term Ecological Research Site” Project

Dr. Eyulam Abebe (faculty, Biology) received $414,963 for the project entitled “Nematode bacterial associations at a dynamic coastal environment – Virginia Coastal Reserve Long Term Ecological Research Site” funded by the U.S. Army Research Office. The objective of the project is to inventory nematode biological diversity at Virginia Coastal Reserve Long Term Ecological Research site (VCR-LTER) and test the hypothesis that nematodes have a species-specific association with bacteria.

$404,653 - Undergraduate Research Experience in Ocean and Marine Science Project

Dr. Linda Hayden was awarded $404,653 for the continuation of the entitled “Undergraduate Research Experience in Ocean and Marine Science Project.” The proposed URE-Ocean/Marine Science program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in an area of interest to the Office of Naval Research. URE projects feature high quality interaction of students with faculty and/or other research mentors and access to appropriate facilities and professional development opportunities. Active research experience is considered one of the most effective ways to attract talented undergraduates to and retain them in ocean and marine science careers. The program objective is to promote the professional development of minority undergraduate students through their participation in ongoing ocean and marine science research.

$369,628 - Health Care and Other Facilities Project

Elizabeth City State University received $369,628 for the “Health Care and Other Facilities” project by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration. The funds will be used for facilities upgrades and the purchase of equipment for the Mathematics, Science and Technology building.
Dr. Ephraim Gwebu (chair, Chemistry and Physics) was awarded $396,573 in funding for the first year of a four-year project entitled “ECSU Support Program for Academic Research Enhancement (E-SPARE).” The project is designed to assist undergraduates in developing competence within their science discipline; confidence in their abilities; resilience to challenges in the laboratory or in and outside the classroom; and leadership skills. Divided into lower and upper division sections, the proposed program will provide a strong science curriculum enhanced by well-designed co-curricular activities that will engage participants in the scientific and research enterprise.

Dr. Tesfaye Serbessa (faculty, Chemistry and Physics) was awarded $125,719 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the “Synthesis of Carbocyclic Formycin Analogues as Antiviral” Project. The main objective of this project is to synthesize and characterize carbocyclic nucleosides that can be used in the treatment of viral infectious diseases such as HBV and HCV. The project involves synthesizing and investigating the antiviral properties of analogs of naturally occurring carbocyclic nucleosides in an effort to discover compounds with increased potency, reduced cytotoxicity and greater metabolic stability.

Dr. Eyulam Abebe was also awarded $99,269 by the National Science Foundation for “Collaborative research: Interactive and intelligent searching of biological images by query and network navigation with learning capabilities.” The objective of the project is to develop an intelligent, online, image-based identification tool for the identification of round worms (nematodes) that will be useful to a broad range of end-users—experts and non-experts.

Regina McCoy-Davis (director, Health Services) was awarded $20,000 by the UNCF Special Programs Division for her “eHealth Grant.” The program objective is to educate students, faculty and staff on the prevention of HIV. The funds will be used to promote health and wellness at Elizabeth City State University and to serve as seed money for larger proposal submissions.

Dr. Juanita Midgette (director, Library Services) received $6,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Planning for a Preservation Assessment of University Archives Project. The funds will be used to assess the needs of the university’s archives for restoration and preservation of historical documents and photos.

Dr. Akbar Eslami (faculty, Technology) was awarded $33,530 from East Carolina University for the “DoD Information Assurance Scholarship” program. The objective of this project is to establish a partnership between East Carolina University and Elizabeth City State University to provide a sound foundation for the development of information assurance education through scholarship program at ECSU.

Dr. Malcolm LeCompte (faculty, Math and Computer Science) was awarded $30,000 by NASA for his “Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter” project (CRISM). The project will allow Elizabeth City State University students to survey data recorded by the CRISM instrument on board the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, tabulating features of interest, problems or lack of information. Students will be trained by NASA-APL-JPL staff to read and qualitatively evaluate features in data returned to earth.

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ECSU collaborated with the North Carolina Biotechnology Center; the NCCCS BioNetwork; North Carolina Community College System and East Carolina University to host the biotechnology forum on October 9. Dr. Jeffrey Rousch, an assistant professor and chairperson of the Biology Department, welcomed area educators and the public to the forum and to tour the North Carolina Community College System BioNetwork Mobile Laboratory. The BioNetwork Bus, as it is also known, is a mobile laboratory that allows staff and participants to complete brief course, hands-on training in biotechnology and pharmaceutical technology. The forum presenters discussed topics related to biotechnology, available resources and emerging related job opportunities in eastern North Carolina.
Clothing, music, movies, high-tech gadgets, social networking and video games are some of the things most people associate with tweens (a.k.a. pre-teens). The middle school years... a time of physical and emotional change. Now, ECSU aims to make middle school the time for college awareness and preparation.

As ECSU’s Chancellor and a former superintendent of schools, Dr. Willie J. Gilchrist knows the importance of encouraging students to begin thinking about higher education and careers before entering high school. Dr. Gilchrist challenged the staff to develop a program that would reach out to middle schools in northeastern North Carolina.

Thus, the Chancellor’s Young Voyagers Program was born. Launched in fall 2008, the program promotes the pursuit of higher education, at ECSU in particular, to middle school students in northeastern North Carolina by helping to ensure middle schoolers are informed of academic prerequisites, so they will enroll in the proper courses and take the proper examinations in high school.

The program kicked off on November 1, 2008, when ECSU welcomed more than 270 middle school students from Chowan, Martin, Perquimans, Gates, and Bertie Counties to campus for an information session and a home football game. The Young Voyagers and their chaperones joined Chancellor and Mrs. Gilchrist in the R.L. Vaughan Center for motivational speeches and performances by some of ECSU’s best and brightest students. Dr. Gilchrist urged the students to focus on academics and plan now to attend college. The Young Voyagers also joined ECSU cheerleaders and the pep squad on the field as the mighty Vikings football team made their entry into Roebuck Stadium. Each student in attendance received a Chancellor’s Young Voyagers t-shirt and a brochure about ECSU.

ECSU showered the Young Voyagers and other guests with hospitality and a show of Viking Pride. The Young Voyagers were excited to be on campus and grateful for the opportunity to learn more about preparing for college. Mostly, the students were impressed that Dr. Gilchrist and ECSU students took the time to reach out to them on a beautiful autumn Saturday. Several of the chaperones were high school guidance counselors who expressed their support for a program that starts students thinking about college as early as the sixth grade. They were pleased to have the proper information to guide students in choosing classes and extra-curricular activities. Dr. Gilchrist and ECSU admissions staff will visit the middle schools as a follow-up to the campus visit. Because the concept was successful and well-received, ECSU plans to expand the Chancellor’s Young Voyagers Program in 2009.

The Vikings vanquished the Virginia Union Panthers on the football field and middle-school students started thinking about their college aspirations. By any measure, it was a very good day.

$7k raised during Relay for Life

ECSU teams raised over $7,000 during last year’s Relay For Life. The annual Pasquotank/Camden County fundraiser for the American Cancer Society was held at Northeastern High School. The overnight event is designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and local programs. Students, staff and alumni collaborated to walk laps on the track and collect funds for their efforts as a means of raising money for the event. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue their fight against cancer. Participants also remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony. By midsummer, a new student chapter of the American Cancer Society Colleges Against Cancer (ACS-CAC) was organized at ECSU. This program involves college students across the country and is supported by the American Cancer Society. For more information on ECSU’s Relay for Life team, contact Mr. Frank Kiah in the Office of Sponsored Programs and Grants, 252-335-3897, fkiah@mail.ecsu.edu.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community, based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. For information about cancer, call 1.800.ACS.2345 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or log onto www.cancer.org.
From the President
ECSU Alumni: Investing in the Future

Dear Fellow Vikings and Friends:

It is my pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Elizabeth City State University National Alumni Association, Incorporated. As the president of this organization, I am excited about the opportunities we have to support ECSU through our financial support and service.

In pursuit of our goals to assist the university in the recruitment, retention, and graduation of the students entrusted to the care of our beloved alma mater, the NAA will be calling upon you to “invest in the future” of these students through your financial support, NAA membership, and active participation in university and association activities. Over the years, you have been a beacon of hope for many students, and we hope you will continue to give the support needed for their success as future Viking leaders.

As you can see from the myriad programs and activities described in this publication, ECSU is doing a magnificent job in preparing students for working and living in a global society. Moreover, ECSU faculty and staff continue to “stand out” in their efforts to support the university’s mission of teaching, research and service. The ECSU NAA will continue to do everything possible to create the energy, synergy and resources needed to support the work of our great university.

Most especially, we are proud of our alumni who consistently demonstrate they have received a fine education at ECSU. On the next several pages, you will see some of the awesome accomplishments of our fellow Vikings. Kudos to all!

The magazine also includes some important dates and activities. Mark your calendars! We will be delighted to include you in our plans. Finally, don’t forget to keep us informed about the exciting things you are doing at work or in the community. We will be delighted to include your achievements in the next edition.

Let us, together, demonstrate passionate commitment to the success of the association and ECSU, for it is through our concerted efforts and support that our university will continue to grow and prosper.

“To Thee, dear Alma Mater, a tribute song we sing, Of thy true worth to all of us, O may we honor bring…”

In the true spirit of Viking pride,

Charles D. Cherry, Ed.D.
NAA President
The Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter of Elizabeth City State University presented its annual “Little Mr. and Miss Eva J. Lewis Pageant” on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008 at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. Participants in this year’s program included the 2008 winner - Nicholas Harvey III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Harvey. First runner-up was Kianna Barrett, the daughter of Anthony and Keisha Barrett; second runner-up, was Jalen Wilson, the son of Kenneth and Kenasha Laws.

All monies raised benefited the Eva J. Lewis Scholarship Fund. The winner, Mr. Nicholas Harvey, was featured in the local Greenville paper, The Daily Reflector. He was the Eva J. Lewis representative in the local Christmas Parade and at other special occasions. Mistress of Ceremonies was Sally Harmon. Entertainment was provided by student violinist Master William Scott and ECSU freshman Madame Amanda Whittington both of Greenville. Mary Cates and Shirley Williams gave the presentations, gifts and closing remarks. Shirley Williams catered the reception for the contestants, sponsors, parents and guests.
1960s

Joseph "Joe" Buggs '61, legendary Elizabeth City State University running back, joined Joe Vann Durham, a former Negro League baseball player from Newport News; former NFL running back, Amos Lawrence; star center of the Brown Bombers semi-pro football team, Christopher "Buck" Lattimore; and community contributor, Kenneth Newman for induction into the Hampton Roads African American Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 22, 2008. The induction ceremony and banquet was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth, Va.

Presently a sprint coach with the Hampton University track team, Buggs accepted the honor with delight, but in his usual low key manner.

"I’m blessed, “ he said. “A lot of guys would say they are long overdue, but when God gets ready for things to happen, they’re going to happen.”

A graduate of the former, but fondly remembered, Huntington High School in Newport News, Va. Buggs was all-state in football, basketball, baseball and track. He continued his sports mastery at ECSU. He was an all-CIAA football player from 1957 through 1959 and a Black College All-America football running back in 1958 and 1959.

Joe graduated from ECSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He has led or served on several championship high school and college coaching staffs. He has also been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at ECSU, Newport News Track and Field, and Huntington High School.

1980s

Roxanne Hawkins Lamb '87, was featured on the cover of US Engineer Information Technology Magazine. For more information, go to http://www.viewda.com/webpaper/ccg/usbe2008/. On page 36, read the article entitled “A Map Maker with an Action Agenda.” Lamb received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from ECSU and her master's degree in Business Administration from Strayer University. She currently works for US Geological Survey as a geologist and cartographer.

Amanda S. (Massenburg) Montague ‘89 released her first CD entitled “From Me To You, My Tribute.” The project is a labor of love with cherished memories of her mother, Eva R. Massenburg, who was a strong source of inspiration and determination. Montague began her studies as a music major (voice) at Elizabeth City State University. After three years, she changed her major, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1989. Montague has experience in gospel, secular, classical and rhythm and blues. She has been the opening act for world-renowned gospel artists such as Luther Barnes and Dorothy Norwood. “From Me To You” can be purchased through CD Baby and downloaded through all the major music download sites, including iTunes and Rhapsody.

1990s

Maenecia Lewis Cole ’91 has been appointed to serve as the 2008-2009 Senior Advisor to the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA). The N4CSGA, a statewide organization, represents all students of the community colleges of North Carolina. Mrs. Cole is currently the director of Student Activities/Retention Advisor at The College of The Albemarle (COA) in Elizabeth City where she has been employed since 1999. She has been working with the Student Government Association at COA since 2001.

Rhontel Hayes '97 (right) and Philip O’Neal ’95, Co-Founders of Green DMV, Inc., were featured in an article entitled “Nonprofit Seeks to Help the Community and the Environment” in Take Pride Magazine. Green DMV is working to promote sustainability in low-income communities. They are working to ensure that the social, environmental and economic benefits of a clean energy future are inclusive of all people. Hayes graduated from ECSU with a degree in biology and O’Neal graduated with a degree in geology. Goto http://www.greendmv.org/documents/TakePrideMagazine_GDMV.pdf and read more about this initiative or visit their website at www.greendmv.org.
Charles Gunnings ‘96 graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. After playing for three head coaches in his college football career, he had tryouts with the Baltimore Ravens NFL team in 1997 and 1998, and Montreal of the Canadian Football League in 1999. Gunnings started coaching in 1997 at ECSU as a linebacker/assistant special teams coach. He coached with Elizabeth City State University for three years before signing as a player with the Norfolk Nighthawks in 1999 and the Cape Fear Wildcats in 2002-2004.

Coach Gunnings started his professional coaching career in Fayetteville with the Wildcats as fullback/linebacker/special teams and strength and conditioning coach. In 2005, the Fayetteville Guard Arena football team replaced the Wildcats, and Gunnings was named defensive coordinator. During his tenure with the Guard, Gunnings’ defense ranked #1 in rushing defense, passing defense, and turnovers. In 2006, the Guard went 15-2. The team made it to the championship, but fell short. In 2007, Gunnings was offered the head coach job and led the Fayetteville Guard to an undefeated season. Not only was it the first team to go undefeated and the first championship in more than 50 years, but he was the first African American coach to win on a professional level in Fayetteville. Gunnings then headed to West Virginia (Huntington Heroes) as defensive coordinator to team up with an HBCU graduate from Stillman and friend, Teddy Keaton. During the absence of Gunnings in Fayetteville, they did not win a game. When the team’s wins totaled 0-7, they asked Gunnings to come back. He then returned to Fayetteville, where he continues today. The Guard made an impact with a four-game winning streak ending the 2008 campaign with a 6-8 record.

Robin Pincus-Bennett ‘97 has been named assistant director of the Teacher Education Center at West Chester University. Pincus-Bennett previously served as the university coordinator for the Pennsylvania State “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness For Undergraduate Program” (GEAR UP) and also served as the Teacher Quality Enhancement Coordinator (TQE) at West Chester University. She taught in the School District of Philadelphia where she held the role of “Lead Teacher” for kindergarten through sixth grade. She has designed and implemented a series of graduate courses, written and executed federal and corporate grants, and implemented grants which reinforced parent/student literacy and math skills through after-school workshops.

2000s

Clifford L. Vanterpool II ‘04 has been named assistant director of Alumni Relations at Elizabeth City State University. Prior to returning to ECSU, Mr. Vanterpool taught music at W.E.B DuBois High School in Baltimore, MD, after serving as operations manager for Craig Michaels Inc. in New York.

Jedidiah Gist ’05 escorted more than 23 students to the inauguration of President Barack Obama in January 2009. Gist is a history and African American studies teacher at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, NC. Gist is a member of the Greater Charlotte Chapter of the ECSU National Alumni Association.
Where are they now?

Ms. Ralisha M. Mercer ('98) is currently a development officer in the Division of Institutional Advancement at Elizabeth City State University. She graduated cum laude and holds a B.A. degree in English. Prior to returning to her alma mater, Mrs. Mercer was employed by the Boy Scouts of America for seven years, where she served as scout director and district director.

Wylia Slade ('90) teaches forensic science/ honors biology at Sewanhaka High School in Nassau County, N.Y. Ms. Slade earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology/Education from Elizabeth City State University in 1990 and a double master’s degrees in educational administration from the College of New Rochelle in New York. Ms. Slade assisted the ECSU athletic trainer during her years at ECSU. Her love for the game led her to start coaching football in 1991 as head junior varsity coach at August Martin High School from 1991-1996. During her time as coach, her team lost only three games in five years. She became the assistant varsity football coach at Westbury High School from 1997-2002 and later became head coach of the Queens Vikings (minor league). The Queens Vikings went undefeated 16-0 en route to winning the championship game in 1997. The NFL, under Paul Tagliabue, picked Ms. Slade as one of the top 50 high school coaches in the nation, and she was honored at the NFL Hall of Fame in 2001. She is the first female certified high school football coach in New York and 35 other states. Currently, she is the owner/founder and coach of the New York Panthers, a semi-pro team for men ages 18–45.

Dunston Brooks ('86), region coach for Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC). He is responsible for KFC operations from Richmond, Va., to Charlotte, NC. Brooks also serves on the ECSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Charles Smith ('80) is vice president at Lenox China Corporation.

Cynthia Speller Rodgers ('80) is an entrepreneur managing several group homes in Windsor, NC. and surrounding areas.

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(Richmond Chapter)  
Richmond Scholarship Event (5:00 pm)  
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**Saturday, June 13, 2009**  
(Peninsula Chapter)  
Annual Scholarship Dinner and Gala (5:00 pm)  
McGrew Towers Conference Center  
(John Hampton University)  
Contact: Margaret Jones, 757.851.3915

**Saturday, June 20, 2009**  
(Robert Harvey Tri-State)  
Tri-State Scholarship Luncheon (12:00 pm)  
Clarinon Hotel (Egg Harbor Township, NJ)  
Contact: Ella Ivory, 610.259.8241

**July 10-11, 2009**  
Opening Session  
NAA Summer Convention (9:00 pm)  
DoubleTree Hotel (Rocky Mount, NC)  
Contact: Benny Hodges, 252.586.3729

**Saturday, August 7, 2009**  
(William T. Bowser/John H. Bias)  
ECSU Summer Jam 2009 (7:00 pm)  
Ridgely Run Community Center (Jessup, MD)  
Contact: Gwen Bowser, 443.618.7766

**Saturday, August 15, 2009**  
J.T. Doles Cookout (3:00 pm)  
The Hodges’ Home (Littleton, NC)  
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**ECSU Sports Hall of Fame Weekend**

**Friday, September 11, 2009**  
Alumni Awards Banquet (6:30 pm)  
K.E. White Graduate Ctr. Ballroom  
Office of Alumni Relations, 252.335.3498

**ECSU Foundation Golf Classic**  
Kick-Off Celebration  
The Pines of Elizabeth City  
Contact: Felicia Garcia, 252.335.3743

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**  
ECSU Foundation Golf Challenge (9:00 am)  
The Pines of Elizabeth City  
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**ECSU Sports Hall of Fame Day (6:00 pm)  
Football: ECSU vs. Tusculum College  
Roeback Stadium  
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**12th Annual Down East Viking Football Classic**

**Friday, September 18, 2009**  
National Alumni Association Board Meeting (3:00 pm)  
DoubleTree Hotel, Rocky Mount, NC  
National Alumni Association General Meeting (6:00 pm)  
DoubleTree Hotel, Rocky Mount, NC

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**  
ECSU vs. Chowan University (4:00 pm)  
Rocky Mount Sports Complex, Rocky Mount, NC  
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**ECSU Homecoming Weekend**  
October 15-18, 2009  
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**Saturday, October 17, 2009**  
Homecoming Game (1:30 pm)  
ECSU vs. Lincoln (PA)  
Roeback Stadium  
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(Discouts: AAA, AARP, State, Active Military  
and 2009 NAA membership Card holders)

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Alumni focus on membership

National Alumni Association officials said increasing the organization’s membership would be the primary goal in 2009. Their 38th annual national convention, held July 2008 in Elizabeth City drew over 100 participants.

Dr. Charles Cherry, president of the NAA, was enthused by the scope of events the Elizabeth City chapter planned for the conference. Organizers held workshops that highlighted young alumni involvement, fundraising, alumni membership, student recruitment, and ECSU athletics. In an effort to garner more participation from recent graduates, the convention program included a panel discussion on topics of interest to young alumni. Dr. Cherry applauded the host chapter for diligently working to meet the interests of so many alumni.

“The host committee did an excellent job of revisiting the NAA constitution, involving young alumni and making sure we had a diverse body,” Dr. Cherry said. “We are trying to increase NAA membership so we are planning more strategies to reach graduates who are not participating in the association or attending the conferences. We received positive feedback from the participants who attended and that is encouraging.”

Dr. Jeanette Evans served as chairperson and Mrs. Yvonne Walton served as co-chairperson. The 12-member committee began working early to prepare a list of speakers who would inform the audience of the latest developments at ECSU. The convention was dedicated to its founder, Elaine Welch Perry, class of ’54. The keynote speaker for the Blue and White Recognition Breakfast, Keith Richardson, class of 2003, wowed the audience with a motivational speech on what it means to be a Viking. During this inaugural recognition breakfast, several alumni received awards for their generous contributions and unselfish service to both the association and the university. Among those alumni honored were Gwendolyn Bowser, Ella Ivory, Elston Howell, and Demetra Tyner.

ECSU Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist’s schedule did not allow him to attend the conference but his video-recorded State of the University address applauded alumni for their ongoing support of ECSU.

As a prelude to the president’s message, the convention attendees participated in a spirited discussion on recommended changes to the NAA Constitution. NAA President Charles D. Cherry concluded the convention with a powerful message on his vision for the association. He charged the alumni to be open and honest with their ideas and suggestions and to be dedicated to helping the university and the association grow and prosper.

“Our priorities will continue to support the mission, vision, and goals of the university. We will approach our work with a “can-do” spirit, realizing, of course, that can’t is a word of defeat; can is a word of power.”

“We will try several strategies to increase the membership so we can convert Viking Pride to Viking power. Through membership and alumni, participation and donations we will have more Viking power. I recognize what the university has done for me and I hope others do too. Membership is growing, however it’s not where we’d like to see it.”

The NAA 2009 summer convention will be held in Rocky Mount, NC at the Doubletree Hotel. This event is hosted by the J.T. Doles Chapter and the Tri-County Chapter of the Southern Region.

Join the 1891 Club and celebrate the founding year of Elizabeth City State University by providing scholarship funds for a deserving person to attend ECSU. Members will maintain their active yearly membership by making an annual minimum contribution of $18.91.

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Elizabeth City State University
National Alumni Association, Incorporated

July 10-11, 2009
Rocky Mount, NC

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Telephone: (252) 937-6888
Reservation Code: Tri-County/J.T. Doles
Room Rate: $119.00 until June 12, 2009

Conference Registration Fee: $75.00 per person (Registration fee includes participation in all convention activities). There will be no reduction in the registration fee for persons planning to attend one day only. On-site registration is $100.00 per person. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 4, 2009.

Make checks/money orders payable to: Tri-County Alumni Chapter and mail to Mr. Nathaniel Grant, Jr., 4610 St. Andrews Street, Wilson, NC 27896.

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LADY VIKINGS
claim their first CIAA Championship
The Elizabeth City State University Lady Vikings have sparkles in their eyes that won't dim anytime soon. As the 2008 CIAA Volleyball Champions, they stand boldly atop the conference. A mound of accomplishments and recognitions support their stance.

The Lady Vikings claimed their first title by defeating a gritty team of Lady Broncos from Fayetteville State University (25-20, 17-25, 18-25, 25-16, 15-8). To the delight of a thunderous tournament crowd, the Lady Vikings began celebrating after Eva Johnson slammed the match’s final kill. CIAA officials announced Eva Johnson, a junior outside hitter, as the CIAA Tournament Most Valuable Player. Three Lady Vikings secured positions on the 2008 CIAA Volleyball All-Tournament Team: Ashley Tarasoff, a junior who plays setter for the team; Chelsea Amick, a freshman outside hitter for the team; and Eva Johnson.

A string of accomplishments reflect the Lady Vikings' successful season. Amick is also the CIAA Rookie of the Year. She and freshman Allie Parks, a defensive specialist, earned two of six seats on the CIAA All Rookie Team. Seven Lady Vikings earned a seat on the 2008 All CIAA Volleyball Team: Eva Johnson, Ashley Tarasoff, Jennifer Hendy, Cassandra Noe, Chelsea Amick, Samarri Griffin and Stacie West. Head Coach Linda Bell, in her fifth season at ECSU, is the 2008 CIAA Coach (volleyball) of the Year. While she celebrates a successful 2008 season, she can testify that athletic success comes in phases.

“I tried to find the best young ladies who would fit this program. The plan for the year was to play the net well. Because we had some height on the team, we wanted to touch every ball that came across the net,” Bell said. “Our defense was something we really focused on. We knew if we touched the ball on the block and moved according to the ball that we would be successful.”

The game plan suited the team well. However, Coach Bell reminded the team that ECSU expects its student athletes to also excel in academics and to graduate.

“Grades are very important to me. With so many games on this year’s schedule, I told the girls their class load must be something they could handle,” Bell said. “In addition, I told them that volleyball gives females an opportunity to further their education. They love this game and I am proud of them.”

Their CIAA championship propelled them to their first NCAA playoff appearance. Late in November, the Lady Vikings fell to the Lady Vulcans of California University of Pennsylvania (25-15, 25-13, 25-7) at the NCAA regional level. The Lady Vikings were undefeated in the CIAA and ended the season with the best record in school history, 31-10 overall.
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Vikings on Top
For the second time in three seasons, the Vikings claimed the Eastern Division championship – this time with a 39-9 victory over the Saint Paul’s College Tigers. The team claimed the division title before a jubilant ECSU Homecoming crowd on Oct. 25 in Roebuck Stadium. Steering the Vikings to victory was Head Football Coach Waverly Tillar and a cast of dedicated assistant coaches. Tillar, who has led the team for six years, propelled the team to an undefeated season in the conference with a 7-0 record and a 7-4 overall record. The Vikings are the first team since the conference game’s resurrection in 2000 to secure their championship berth before the final week of competition.

Unfortunately, the Vikings lost in the CIAA championship to Shaw University. The Bears took the title with a 36-7 victory over Vikings at Durham County Stadium on Nov. 8. It was their second consecutive football title in the conference. But true competitors and steadfast fans realize there is more to a season than the championship game. For starters, there are the awards – the CIAA named Tillar as the 2008 (football) Coach of the Year. The Vikings also earned a collection of awards that made the team proud.

“The 2008 Mighty Vikings lived up to their slogan for the year – “Rising to the Challenge” – after a 1-3 start. I am very proud of this team who worked tirelessly to make a difference,” Tillar said.

The CIAA recognized Vikings from the offensive and defensive slates. CIAA Football Coaches Association selected seven Vikings for the All-CIAA First and Second Teams. Among the All-CIAA honorees is ECSU quarterback Curtis Rich Jr., a senior from Fort Washington, Md. He was named 2008 CIAA Offensive Player of the Year. With impressive individual statistics, Rich is ranked among the best in the conference in total offense, with 2,098 yards and a passing average of 180.6 yards per game. He is 125-259 on completions and is credited with 18 touchdowns during the 2008 season.

On the offense, starting center James Hartley, a senior from Napa, Calif., and starting tight end Karvin Gwaltney, a junior from Ivor, Va., were named to the All-CIAA First Team. In 2008, the offensive line blocked for 3,900 yards of total offense, while Gwaltney had 10 catches for 164 yards and a touchdown.

The Vikings outscored their opponents 361-203 during the season with much of that credited to All-CIAA wide receiver Dexter Manley.
a junior from Chesapeake, Va. Manley caught 33 passes during the season for 866 yards and 11 touchdowns.

On the defensive side, Vikings’ defensive back Rod Jones walked away from the CIAA championship game with the MVP award. He had nine tackles, a fumble recovery and two pass breakups. It was the last collegiate game for the senior from Sussex, Va. He also was named to the 2008 Daktronics Division II All-Super Region 1 Football Defensive Second Team, just one of four players in the CIAA to be recognized.

Jones also was named to the All-CIAA Defensive First Team. He led the Vikings in total tackles with 91, which ranked second highest in the conference. His prowess on the field was recognized three times when the CIAA named him Defensive Back of the Week three times.

Jones and ECSU teammate Sammy Milton, a fullback from Georgetown, S.C., were selected to play in the 2009 Valero Cactus Bowl, an all-star game featuring NCAA Division II senior football players. The game, played Jan. 9, 2009 at Javelina Stadium on the campus of Texas A&M-Kingsville, was broadcast on LoneStar Sports Network and across the United States via FanzTV Network.

Jones and Milton played for the East Team and were among only four players from CIAA teams chosen for the Cactus Bowl.

Justin Hamilton, a junior defensive back from Washington, D.C., joins Jones on the All-CIAA Defensive First Team. This is his second First Team recognition. He led the CIAA in passes defended in the 2008 season with a total of 18, including five interceptions returned for 74 yards.

Return specialist Reggie Smith, a senior from Fort Wayne, Ind., was named to the 2008 All-CIAA Defensive Second Team. He leads the CIAA in punt returns and punt return yardage.

Returning talent may put the Vikings’ football team in a good position for the 2009 season. Four ESCU freshmen were named to the 2008 CIAA All-Rookie Defensive Team.

They are Jeremiah Marable, a defensive back from Chocowinity, N.C.; DeWitt Dixon, a linebacker from Charlotte, N.C.; Ken Lee, a linebacker from Ahoskie, N.C.; and Calvin Cunningham, a defensive end from Winston-Salem, N.C.

Coach Tillar said 21 seniors departed when the 2008 season ended. However, the coaching staff expects the next team to rise to its challenges. Join the Vikings for the first game of the 2009 football season on Aug. 29. The team to beat is — the Shaw University Bears.
During those years, he coached wrestling and football. Other responsibilities at ECSU included professor, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and chairman of Health and Physical Education. He’s also worked in the North Hampton County Public School System. With that kind of experience to his credit, Little has seen many changes in sports – particularly Division II. Fortunately for ECSU, he began his account by proudly relaying the department’s long time emphasis on academics. Many of the university’s athletes graduated and became successful in and out of sports arenas. Little said there is no substitute for the enthusiasm successful sports programs bring to participants and the university.

“Successful athletic programs give students, players and fans a way to get involved.”

That joy is especially sweet following recent Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) division titles, tournament titles, most valuable player plaques and Coach of the Year plaques. The football team has won two Eastern Division titles in the last five years and named numerous student athletes to All CIAA teams as well as the Daktronics teams. The male basketball team won the 2007 tournament title. The volleyball team brought the 2008 championship trophy home for the first time in history. Mr. Little said that those types of success stories have a strong impact.

“Championships are good for athletic recruiting and they provide an additional positive message for recruiters in the Office of Admissions when they recruit non-athletes. Students like to be associated with a winning program. We know because we drew larger crowds as our volleyball team grew stronger.” Little said. “Championships are really good for coaches. Because we have strong academic programs here and our athletes are graduating, ECSU’s coaches can assure parents their children will receive a quality education here and be recognized for their outstanding performance as athletes.”

The volleyball team championship was an accomplishment by a diverse team of athletes. Little said their success is a good sign that the image of Historically Black Universities and Colleges is changing.

“We are proud to have offered minorities great opportunities that weren’t available at many of the nation’s institutions four decades ago. But the demographics are changing, bringing additional, outstanding student athletes here. We are also proud of that,” Little said. “Our athletes face challenging competitors in the CIAA, in Division II and some Division I schools that offer AA teams. There are good reasons student athletes choose to attend Division II schools.”

Support from students, staff and faculty continues to grow for most of the university’s athletic teams. For the first time in history, Chancellor Gilchrist and Little arranged a package deal that allows staff and faculty to attend home basketball games at no cost. It’s been an exciting year for ECSU sports fans. Little said he is confident that sports fans will see more action next year.

WINNING TEAMS

It’s been two years since Mr. Thurlis Little became the Elizabeth City State University athletics director but his commitment to student athletes spans 30 years.
Hall of Fame inducts four

Elizabeth City State University presented awards to three new inductees of the university’s annual Hall of Fame ceremony: Ronald Stewart, a track and field athlete; Horace C. Pendergrass, a track and field athlete; and Lawrence Parker, a football and wrestling athlete. Stephen “Corky” Scott, a wrestling athlete, was inducted posthumously.

**Mr. Stewart** was a Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) champion in the 110 high hurdles three times, 400 intermediate hurdles four times, two-time 55 intermediate indoor champion, and NCAA All American four times. He was named a two-time silver medalist in the 110 and 400 hurdles at the prestigious Penn Relays and 400 meters champion at the Norfolk Relays, North Carolina State Relays and the Florida Relays. Stewart won the Hampton Relays in multiple events — the 110 high hurdles, 400 intermediate hurdles, high jump and the 400 meters. Later, he performed for the DC Striders, the Orlando Karuma and the Florida Track Clubs.

**Mr. Pendergrass** was recruited for the ECSU football team but became a four-time All CIAA performer in field events from 1982 to 1984. He won the championship for four consecutive years beginning in 1981. During his senior year, he was named CIAA Champion for his performance with the discus and the javelin.

**Mr. Parker** was a marquee student-athlete in two sports. He was a three-time All CIAA heavyweight champion in wrestling in 1972, 1974 and 1975. He qualified for the NAIA regional and national championships in 1973 and 1974. He was crowned as the king of the pin during the 1974 season in Region 19 of the NAIA where he had the most pins in the least amount of time. Mr. Parker was also a four-year letterman and served as captain of the 1974 and 1975 football teams. During his sophomore and junior seasons, he started as both fullback and linebacker. After graduating from ECSU, he played as a free agent with the New York Jets (1974-1975).
Remembering Homecoming 2008

There’s nothing like a victory on Homecoming day to stir the Viking pride in your soul. The victory over Saint Paul’s College helped fans overlook the rainy, breezy, weather. The Homecoming 2008 events kept Vikings active all weekend – the crowning of a new Miss Alumni, a reunion by the class of 1988, the fashion and comedy show, the alumni icebreaker, the annual parade through Elizabeth City streets, an exciting step show and a Sunday morning prayer breakfast. With a surprise, rousing version of the national anthem at the football game, the Manhattans lured 70’s decade Vikings and more to an evening concert they will long remember.

Barbara Sutton, director of Alumni Relations, the National Alumni Association, and the Elizabeth City Area Convention and Visitor’s Bureau made the tailgating spot a haven for fans. Tents, good conversation and southern favorites on the grill enticed the crowd. As the food sizzled, Vikings like Alvin Kelly watched the game from their vehicles or huddled under a large tent near the Caldwell Field House. We’re proud to say Viking alumni filled many university halls for Homecoming events and packed area hotels.

Participants also enjoyed other events, which have over the years become traditional, if not official. Classmates, old friends and athletes shared a meal at the home of Dr. Claudie and Lenora Mackey. Others enjoyed late night hotel chatter, card games, a local golf classic, impromptu dancing and more. Football, folks and fun made Homecoming 2008 a cherished chapter in Viking history.

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ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
2009 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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ECSU’S Hilliard
Featured in Sports Illustrated

FACES IN THE CROWD

Elizabeth City State University’s All-American guard, Anthony Hilliard, was featured in the Faces in the Crowd section of the Dec. 29 issue of Sports Illustrated, the nation’s leading sports publication.

Hilliard was recognized for his MVP 33-point, 12-rebound performance against Morehouse College in the championship game of the 2008 Fresh Coast Classic in Milwaukee, Wis. held Nov. 27-28.

The reigning CIAA Player of the Year led the Vikings to a 9-1 record (their best start since 1999-2000) and currently leads the CIAA in scoring (25.7), rebounding (11.6) and steals (2.3). In NCAA Division II, Hilliard’s scoring and rebounding average rank 3rd and 9th overall.

An electronic version of the feature can be found online at the following link; http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/scorecard/faces/2008/12/29/.

ECSU Sports Hall of Fame WEEKEND

Save the Date
September 11-12, 2009

The ECSU Sports Hall of Fame WEEKEND

Events include:
Kick-off Party (The Pines at Elizabeth City)
ECSU Golf Challenge (The Pines at Elizabeth City)
Tailgating/Awards Ceremony (Roebuck Stadium)
Football Game: ECSU vs. Tusculum College (Roebuck Stadium)

For more information, please call 252.335.3225.
Late in January 2009, Elizabeth City State University, along with the community at large, said farewell to Dr. Bishop M. Patterson, a professor emeritus. Dr. Patterson's funeral was held on Jan. 27 at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church where he attended and served as a trustee.

Dr. Walter Smith, pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, remembers Dr. Patterson as a man of good character, solid faith, and a man who repeatedly spoke affectionately of his wife and friend, "Kitty" Patterson, found meaning and joy in life as an educator and community servant.

"Dr. Patterson was a self-controlled man who thought things through before rushing to speak. He walked with dignity and gave, gave, gave. He gave to the university, gave to the church, and gave to the community as a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Hope Group," Smith said. "He was a moral and righteous man who was able to reach out and touch the lives of other people. Oh, we are going to miss this man who lived up to the name Bishop."

Coach Robert L. Vaughan, a friend and colleague for 60 years, described Patterson as a "silent giant" who passed away but paved the way for many. Former students testified in 2007 of Patterson's incredible dedication to the success of students. That year, ECSU renamed McDonald Dixon Hall the McDonald Dixon and Bishop M. Patterson Hall. At that ceremony, former students recalled an outstanding instructor who helped them conduct job searches, prepare for job interviews, and obtain graduate school scholarships. Patterson taught and served as an administrator in an era when research and employment options were rapidly increasing in industrial arts and technology. He prompted students to seize opportunities as young adults that would lead to rewarding and lucrative careers.

Chancellor Gilchrist recalled Dr. Patterson as an instructor during the 1970s when Gilchrist was a student. Upon his return as chancellor, the two enjoyed early morning breakfast conversations. Patterson, he agreed, was a thoughtful man who truly had education and the community's advancement at heart. The last public image of the professor emeritus was when he appeared as the Grand Marshall of the Homecoming parade in 2007.

"Elizabeth City has suffered a great loss. Dr. Patterson gave his time and his expertise to many boards and committees in Elizabeth City and the region," Gilchrist said. "Not only did Dr. Patterson make his mark on the city, but he also had a profound impact on Elizabeth City State University as an educator, mentor, friend and philanthropist. When the university renamed the building in 2007, Dr. Patterson said he wanted Dr. Dixon's name to remain on the building. He was just that kind of man. The building could have been named for one man but he decided both names would appear there."

Dr. Patterson served the university as an administrator for decades. He became department chairman and Professor of Industrial Arts in 1965 and served as chairman until 1992. During his tenure at ECSU, Dr. Patterson developed the proposal and plans to build the current building that houses industrial technology classes. From 1986 to 1998, Dr. Patterson served as the first director of the ECSU Weekend College. Dr. Patterson also served as president and vice president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), chairman of the CIAA Scholarship Committee, and chairman of the ECSU Athletics Committee for 22 years.
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