Lady Viking Trahan Tops Conference and National Polls
From the Chancellor

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I’m delighted you’ve opened the 2008 spring edition of ECSU Magazine! This issue highlights recent accomplishments in academics, sports, fundraising, and more. We extend sincere thanks to our supporters for the roles you played in helping us reach these feats.

Some of our accomplishments are related to programs, such as education, we’ve offered for decades. Thanks to the School of Education and Psychology, award winning teachers (alumni) are recognized annually at the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce’s Teacher of the Year Ceremony. Other accomplishments stem from new, signature programs—programs developed in response to the nation/state’s demand for more professionals in select fields of study. Just a few pages over, you’ll read the latest developments on two of those programs—aviation science and pharmacy.

In sports, we continue to excel in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA). Coach Shawn Walker (’94) is the 2008 CIAA Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year. Lady Viking Celeste Trahan, became the first women in NCAA Division II history to tally 2,000 points and 1,500 rebounds in a career. She was also named the 2008 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Player of the Year; the 2008 Daktronics South Atlantic Regional Player of the Year; the 2008 Defensive Player of the Year; and for the second consecutive year, the CIAA Women’s Player of the Year. In men’s basketball, Anthony Hilliard is the 2008 CIAA Player of the Year and Co-Player of the Year for the South Atlantic Region. Anthony was also named All-American for the first time, while Celeste garnered her eighth All-American honor this year.

Talk about Viking Pride! Please note the Lady Vikings basketball team earned CIAA recognition as the team with the highest grade point average. See the athletics section of the magazine for more news on our outstanding student athletes.

Your contributions and support to this university allow bright students to excel. With contributions from dedicated faculty, staff, alumni and friends, this university grows stronger each year to benefit the Albemarle region and the state. Together, we can make a difference!

I look forward to continuing this journey towards excellence with you.

Willie J. Gilchrist
Chancellor
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The Board of Trustees Welcome
Greetings from the Board of Trustees

It's that time when we reflect on the progress we've made and review the goals and objectives for this year. I'm delighted to say the accomplishments made in 2007 will only springboard the university to the next level of excellence. Last year ushered in a realm of opportunities and challenges for the Board of Trustees. We intensified our search and selected a new Chancellor, shepherded the second year of our pharmacy program, and initiated a signature program -- aviation science. That program will make ECSU an essential partner in the economic development of the region. However, the challenges to meet the demands of a growing student body were the challenges we were most pleased to face. This board approved recommendations to improve housing options for the 3,000 students now enrolled.

Last year provided other opportunities and challenges for the Board. Trustee (Fred) Yates', term expired. During his eight years on the Board, Yates, the board's Vice-Chair and Mayor of Winfall was an advocate and staunch supporter of ECSU. He has promised to remain an active supporter of the university. Next, the new State Ethics Law that affects trustees raised some tough challenges for participants, so we lost two valued trustees. Though they will be missed, we have added two new trustees who are enthusiastic and positive about the future of ECSU, Mr. Richard E. Rogers and Mr. Jacob E. Hartsfield, IV. Our final trustee recommendation was approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in March 2008.

As unpaid volunteers with varied terms of service, the members of the ECSU Board of Trustees make an enormous commitment of their personal time and financial resources. The members bring a wide range of experiences, views and opinions to the board. Yet, they are united with one mission -- to propel ECSU to the next level of excellence. The pages of this magazine will highlight many of the latest developments at ECSU. We hope you enjoy this edition of the ECSU Magazine.

Walter Davenport, Chairman
ECSU Board of Trustees

Seated left to right: Mrs. Regina Peele, Chairman Walter Davenport, Mrs. Norma James. Standing left to right: Mr. Calvin Worsley, Mr. Norman Mebane Jr., The Rev. Earl Brown, Mr. Abdul Rasheed, Mr. Richard E. Rogers, Rev. Henry Pickett Jr. and Dr. Harold Mitchell.

Not pictured: Ms. Kristynna Oliver; Mr. Anthony Lewis; Mr. Jacob A. Hartsfield, IV

The ECSU Board of Trustees welcomes Mr. Richard E. Rogers.
Several guests in academia and the community attended the installation, the formal charging of the Chancellor by UNC President Erskine Bowles. With many of his family members present, including his father, the Chancellor recalled his early days at ECSU— an awkward freshman from New York tensely settling into a southern university. With the assurance from his family that he would excel here, Gilchrist completed his freshman year. Over the next three years, he discovered that caring professors and staff had long provided newcomers the support they needed. Rewarding activities, a tightly-knit student body and the new campus facilities of the 1970s reiterated his family’s assurance that he selected the right university.

To his delight, Gilchrist also found a smart, lovely partner for life, Jacqueline, at ECSU. After graduating and marrying, he moved through several positions as a teacher and principal. Her career as an educator also flourished while the couple raised three children who eventually graduated from ECSU. He earned a master’s degree in administration from Brockport State University in New York (1975), a doctorate of education in administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida (1998) and completed additional graduate work at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

His 34 years as an educator only deepened his admiration for the professors he met here as a teenager. Later, Gilchrist extended his public service as an educator and served on the UNC Board of Governors. When the opportunity rose to return as the chief executive officer, Gilchrist was fervent to serve his alma mater. He earnestly revealed his thoughts while speaking to the audience attending the installation ceremony.

“I am not the young man who left here intent on making his place in the world, but in one important way I am still the same – I am still the same proud Viking who remains convicted that we must and we will fulfill the mission of our university by providing an outstanding educational experience for all of the students,” Gilchrist said.

“We are proud that our university is a major partner in helping protect and serve the people in our communities. During these exciting times, we need to continue to have our shoulders at the...
Gilchrist informed the audience that his projected journey toward excellence depends on several measures -- additional research projects for faculty, staff and students. The university will seek additional collaborative partnerships with school systems, municipalities, government agencies and private firms, conducting scientific research to prepare students for rewarding careers. Efforts will continuously be made to extend the university’s social sciences professionals and performing artists to the community. The University Foundation will vigorously seek donors to support scholarships. University figures will call on professionals in the medical and pharmaceutical industry to provide much needed internships for students majoring in biology, pharmacy and soon nursing.

Gilchrist reminded the audience that the challenges of the decade are tall, but not less challenging than those the university founders faced and overcame. “Those brave leaders faced challenges that were insurmountable almost daily, [so] we are able to stand on this spot, in this hour, and reaffirm our commitment to the same kind of excellence that they strove for in their day,” Gilchrist said.

“Our mission has grown tremendously over the past 117 years. The fine student harvest that we cultivate at ECSU is all over our area and working in many forms — teachers, nurses, health care professionals, civic leaders, and graduates from our newest programs — like aviation science — will be in great demand.”

Gilchrist urged alumni, the university community, and the external community to work diligently and harmoniously to strengthen the university that has provided dedicated professionals to the state, nation and the world. In conclusion, Gilchrist paid tribute to his mother, who died in 1977 but had inspired him as a youth. The date of the installation was held on her birthday. Gilchrist thanked the audience for attending and beckoned them to continue down this journey towards excellence.
Twice, this Stockton, Calif., native walked away from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association as the Player of the Year. In 2007 and in 2008, the Player of the Year awards came as no surprise to Lady Viking fans. Those fans looked forward to Trahan’s hardnosed defense and unwavering offense. Review the stats and see how gritty she worked with fellow Lady Vikings to give fans one memorable show after the other.

Over her career, Trahan earned 18 Player of the Week honors in the CIAA. In 2008, Trahan ranked first in the nation in both scoring and rebounding. She led the CIAA in blocked shots (2.13) and ranked 22nd in NCAA Division II for the same category. Eight times this season, the conference coaches named her Player of the Week. This year, she became the first woman in NCAA Division II history to tally 2,000 points and 1,500 rebounds in a career. She is now the university’s leading scorer. No doubt, Trahan crossed the country on a mission and successfully exceeded the challenge. Late in February, she stood at center court to witness her jersey, #00, retired, lifted to the rafters and displayed in the Robert L. Vaughan Center.

“It was a great feeling,” Trahan said. “I was really happy that was able to share that night with my family, coaches, and teammates.”
She maintained better than average grades despite the interruptions that basketball practices, road trips, and weekend games bring to the student athlete’s schedule. Her skills were not limited to the basketball. During her freshman year, Trahan also played volleyball for the Lady Vikings. With nearly a year of active play on her freshman schedule, Trahan had to learn to manage time.

“It got hard at times but it’s (time management) something you have to commit yourself to. Basketball is important, but my main focus has always been on my education,” Trahan said. “Getting my degree is something I take seriously.”

In 2007, Coach Antoinette Carr arrived for her first season as the Lady Vikings’ coach. Among the athletes, she found a 6-foot-2 inch, All-American senior, eager to play center one more year for the Lady Vikings.

“She has a great work ethic, a great attitude whether playing someone with less or more talent than her, and she’s a great student. She gave me no problems. She can take criticism when she’s not doing what she needs to on the court. She was very humble, so the accolades never gave her a big head,” Carr said.

“I don’t think she realizes the impact she has had on the university placing us on the map — state, regionally, nationally. She has worked hard.

When you manage time playing basketball and manage your studies, you get in a routine. Those kinds of time management skills help athletes work well on a team and they will help them later on their jobs.”

After years of packing and unpacking suitcases for games, Trahan is quietly reflecting on the extraordinary four years she spent at ECSU. Like many students arriving each year at ECSU from other states, she is impressed by the emphasis faculty and staff place on student success.

“I have enjoyed my experience at ECSU. It was a perfect fit for me because of the one-on-one attention you receive here,” Trahan said. “It was hard being away from home (California), but I always had the support I needed here to achieve my goals. For that, I am grateful.”

Trahan doesn’t deny the sadness of never bringing home a CIAA championship trophy despite intense pursuits for one. More importantly, she learned valuable lessons about team efforts and personal commitments to excellence.

“Sure it’s disappointing that we didn’t win a championship but I don’t think that is the only measure of success,” Trahan said. “We accomplished some great things in my four years. We were part of a lot of firsts, so overall I am content.”

The awards for the team and her teammates are commendable. Trahan’s accomplishments grew year after year. In addition to her awards in the CIAA, she is the 2008 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Player of the Year, the 2008 Daktronics South Atlantic Regional Player of the Year and the 2008 Defensive Player of the Year.

Trahan graduated with degrees in education and English on May 3. Although commencement ends her college days in a southern, coastal town, Trahan will reserve a special place in her heart for ECSU.
ECSU advances plans for airport construction

The sky is the limit for the Aviation Science Program at ECSU. The university hired a new director and acquired property that will allow plans for construction.

Dr. J. Anthony Sharp is the new director of the program. He holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Miami and has 30 years of experience in both higher education and aviation. Sharp has taught and managed aviation education programs at several universities, and he has set up flight training programs at two of them. Sharp also holds the Airline Transport Pilot certificate, the highest obtainable pilot certificate, and all airplane flight instruc-
Dual degrees lead alumnus to earn a private pilot certification

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developments in the Aviation Science Department come just in time to spotlight exceptional students like Willie Brown, a recent graduate who earned degrees in two technical fields of study and his Private Pilot Certification.

Brown earned dual degrees in aviation science and computer science in 2007. The degrees strategically capped his childhood dream of becoming a pilot. A flight to Sweden as a boy exposed him to sights far beyond his Garysburg, N.C., neighborhood. The trip also opened his eyes to an exhilarating career. Later, he discovered ECSU’s degree programs provided just the flight pattern he needed. Internships and volunteer posts with the Office of Naval Research, the Halifax County Airport, the N.C. Department of Transportation, and the Elizabeth City Airport provided invaluable insight to a career he says few people suggest to North Carolina youths.

“The pilots I’ve met have been friendly. Some even took me on flights so I could watch them. It was amazing how quickly we flew from one county to another,” Brown said. “I was curious about the small, regional airports and learned so much. They have private pilots arriving for pleasure or pilots flying for business purposes. Some fly to several different cities each day to make deliveries.”

The opportunity to see so much of the landscape and so much of the skyline is always exciting for Brown. The freedom to fly at his leisure is the reason this young pilot can’t stay away from the Cessna 172 he flies.

I can be in one part of the country and in another a few hours later. I’ve enjoyed learning about technological advances. I appreciate the variety of planes, their aerodynamics, and the time it takes to build the planes,” Brown said.

Brown is grateful his alma mater established a curriculum that prepares students for assorted careers in aviation. His path to aviation began with a major in math and computer science. Dr. Linda Hayden, a mathematics and computer science professor and associate dean, accepted Brown as a participant in the Nurturing ECSU Research Talent Program program under her leadership. That program led Brown to an enlightening internship with the Office of Naval Research. As he completed the internships, Brown realized his dream of becoming a pilot was unfolding before his eyes. Once the aviation science program became a major in the ECSU School of Mathematics, Science and Technology, Brown selected it as his major and computer science as his minor. Faculty and staff in that academic school recognized his ambition and grades and advised him through the necessary curriculum and flight classes.

Mr. Orestes Gooden, a licensed pilot and a professor in Aviation Science, was Brown’s mentor. Gooden says Brown’s accomplishments are extraordinary - especially his graduating with honors.

“To earn two degrees in two highly technical areas of study demonstrates his scholastic prowess. His ability to learn the skills and earn a private pilot certification from the Federal Aviation Administration is remarkable,” Gooden said. “Those skills will allow him to take the controls of an airplane that can take him to the limits of his imagination.”

Brown plans to enroll in flight school. Earning his commercial license would allow him to fly for a major airline. However, he hasn’t ruled out a career in the U.S. Coast Guard or the U.S. Air Force. He realizes training is ongoing and will require additional years of studying. He advises students to take full advantage of the aviation science program.

“ECSU faculty and staff give students one-on-one support and mentoring. They helped me plan my career path based on my interests. That’s great because students need to hear about piloting as a career just as easily as they hear about other professions.”

Initially, university officials planned to acquire 20 acres at the airport. However, several of those acres were partially owned by a local family who wanted to retain ownership of the property. Chancellor Gilchrist compromised the number of acres requested. The result was a resolution that also suited fellow property stake holders — the City of Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, and the Elizabeth City Airport. Chancellor Gilchrist is confident the partnership is well on its way to meeting its goals.

“ECSU wants to be a good partner in the process of building a better region. We are willing to compress our project to meet the needs of the region. Once stakeholders were comfortable, then we could advance this region with this deal. We must walk hand in hand as partners to progress,” Gilchrist said.
Each year, ECSU welcomes a host of distinguished speakers and performing artists to the campus. We count on them to enlighten students of professional developments in the arts, education, business and the sciences. From their accounts, students learn which factors are influencing day-to-day operations in offices, industries, studios, laboratories, and school systems. Following are the visitors who graciously shared their knowledge and talent with us.

**The Honorable Judge Wynn**, a senior associate judge for the North Carolina Court of Appeals, recounts the significant events in 1891 that were taking place when the founders of ECSU began this institution. Wynn applauded ECSU for advancing from a school solely designed to meet the needs of black teachers to a full scale university offering outstanding programs for a diverse student body. Wynn was the 2008 Founders Day speaker.

**Mr. Anthony Lewis**, a 1986 graduate of ECSU and the vice president of Open Development Initiatives for Verizon, in Basking Ridge N.J., advises students to regularly read newspapers to keep abreast of current events. Many employers, Lewis explained, are looking for employees whose knowledge base extends beyond the subject matter that was most closely aligned with their college major. In September 2007, Lewis was the distinguished speaker for the Walter R. Davis School of Business & Economics.

**Judge Eula Reid ('83)**, a District Court judge from North Carolina’s First Judicial District, reflects on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s contributions to the nation. Her speech at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church followed the annual memorial march on January 21 from campus to an Elizabeth City site. The Office of Student Life organizes the annual march in recognition of the former civil rights leader’s birthday.
Dr. Bernard Harris, a medical doctor and the first African American to walk in space, recalls the extensive training sessions that preceded his space missions and the breathtaking sights visible from the spacecraft. Harris was a guest speaker during Black History Month and the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology's Research Week. Currently, he is the president of The Harris Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization founded in 1998 to develop math/science education and crime prevention programs for America’s youth.

During a reception at the university art gallery, Fort Valley State University Professor Ricky Calloway discusses his exhibit “Reflections.” Calloway’s work demonstrates a mastery of several styles and techniques. He employs a dynamic color palette in his strong thought-provoking, powerful images that display his sense of his African heritage and the African American experience. The Art Department, the Black History Month & Lyceum Committees sponsored the exhibit.

Leon Bates (seated), one of America’s leading award-winning pianists, revealed his sheer mastery of the piano while performing at ECSU. Bates’ repertoire includes more than 30 concertos by the major composers, and he is known for his masterful performances of works by the romantics such as Rachmaninoff and his brilliant performances of George Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue and Concerto in F. Bates also has a passion for music education.

The honorable Humayun Kabir, ambassador of Bangladesh to the U.S., congratulates ECSU on 117 years of public, higher education. Kabir, a guest of the Global Leadership Academy, urged administrators to consider an exchange program that would allow ECSU faculty, staff, and students to share research projects with their collegiate peers in Bangladesh. According to Kabir, exchange programs are needed to build bridges between people from different countries.
ECSU celebrates a new 15-foot aluminum clock and the opening of the new promenade deck. The Fancy Street Clock Company made this presidential model of their street clocks. The clock plays chimes and displays roman numbers on a clock face that is illuminated after sunset. The clock is a gem for the new brick path promenade which links the Ridley Student Center to nearby residence halls, the R.L. Vaughan Center, and the south side of the campus. Curved, brick walls and park benches provide seating for this pedestrian promenade while complimentary, globed light poles provide night lighting.

ECSU has joined the growing list of universities in the University of North Carolina system to use the Public Information Emergency Response system (PIER). This system is an Internet-based communication tool that will help university officials to communicate with students, staff, and faculty during emergencies.

University Relations & Marketing is the primary unit that is collecting and using the data. Several staff worked diligently to enroll students, staff and faculty in the system. This tool will allow for the improvement of a variety of communication channels to relay important messages prior to natural disaster or hazardous situations. Nearly 2,000 students and 375 faculty and staff have registered for the system. The university also distributes internal, mass e-mail messages and internal voicemail messages. The Website is a primary communication channel for emergency communications.
ECSU Fosters Global Citizenship with two annual observances

The university’s efforts to promote the value of a multicultural society were magnified last year last two committees collaborated in November to host International Week and American Education Week. The series of events reflected the theme — “International Education: Fostering Global Citizenship and Respect,” teaching our children to be responsible and respectful world citizens.”

Activities included a faculty/staff forum, the annual American Education Week assembly and the annual International Dinner. The North Carolina Teacher of the Year, James Bell, provided the keynote speech for the assembly. Area teachers of the year gathered there to collect awards and to join the community celebration of public education. Dr. Ali Khan, director of International Programs and interim vice chancellor for academic affairs said that it was a good idea to combine the two observances.

“By observing American Education Week and International Week, we succeeded in bringing faculty, staff, and students of multicultural backgrounds together. That diversity was good, and this is ECSU’s role — promoting global citizenship,” Khan said. “Because of the collaboration, we had more participation in the programs, seminars, poster presentations, and cultural activities.”

The annual International Dinner was the final event complete with Tae-Kwando demonstrations, an Asian-American dance performance, and a fashion show by staff, faculty and guest participants. Dr. Khan said the crowd was one of the largest ever, an indication that the community is growing more fond of the event each year.

N.C. Court of Appeals holds session at ECSU

Last November, ECSU hosted the N.C. Court of Appeals for a live court session in the auditorium of the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center. The Court of Appeals is this state’s only intermediate appellate court. Fifteen judges sit on rotating panels of three, deciding only questions of law on every case appealed from the Superior and District courts except death penalty cases. Appeals can range from a parking ticket case to murder case. In fiscal year 2003-2004, more than 1,750 cases were filed with the Court of Appeals. Cases in which there is a dissent in the Court of Appeals go to the Supreme Court, as well as to those that the Supreme Court accepts for review through petition. Court of Appeals judges serve eight-year terms.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

1991 SESSION RATIFIED BILL
RESOLUTION 4
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 202

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING HUGH CALE, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND COMMENDING ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH YEAR OF THE UNIVERSITY’S FOUNDING.

Whereas, Hugh Cale was a black man born in 1835, in Perquimans County to John and Betsy Cale; and
Whereas, as a young man, Hugh Cale moved to Elizabeth City where he became a very influential and well-respected resident; and
Whereas, Hugh Cale was active in the Mt. Lebanon Church and the local Masons; and

Whereas, Hugh Cale, a leader in civic affairs, was elected justice of the peace, served two terms on the board of county commissioners, was a member of the county board of education, and was treasurer of Elizabeth City; and

Whereas, Hugh Cale helped petition to get the town’s first fire engine, was a trustee for the first local black cemetery, and was president of the first fair held by blacks in Pasquotank County; and

Whereas, Hugh Cale’s aspirations to achieve a higher office became a reality when he was elected to the House of Representatives of the General Assembly in 1876 and went on to serve in the 1879, 1880, 1885, and 1891 Sessions of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, Hugh Cale worked hard to improve the life and educational opportunities for blacks in northeastern North Carolina; and

Whereas, on March 3, 1891, the General Assembly of North Carolina ratified House Bill 383, sponsored by Representative Hugh Cale that read as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be the duty of the state board of education to establish a normal school at Elizabeth City, in the county of Pasquotank, for the teaching and training of teachers of the colored race to teach in the common schools of the state.

Section 2. That the sum of five hundred dollars from the Fayetteville normal school fund and the further sums of one hundred dollars each from the Salisbury, Franklinton, Goldsboro and Plymouth normal school funds are hereby appropriated for the payment of instructors in said normal school at Elizabeth City.

Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall go into effect from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-two; and

Whereas, Hugh Cale died in 1910, knowing that his life had made a significant impact on those who knew him; and

Whereas, Hugh Cale would be proud that Elizabeth City State Normal School became Elizabeth City State University, a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence; and

Whereas, Elizabeth City State University has expanded from a teacher preparatory institution to a university that offers bachelors’ degrees in a wide variety of courses; and

Whereas, on the one hundredth year of the University’s founding, it is fitting that the General Assembly honors Hugh Cale and recognizes the progress that Elizabeth City State University has made;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of Hugh Cale.

Section 2. The General Assembly commends Elizabeth City State University for its contributions to the advancement of education. The General Assembly further extends its congratulations on the centennial celebration of Elizabeth City State University.

Section 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may appoint a delegation of the General Assembly to meet in Elizabeth City on Friday, March 1, 1991, to hold a mock session of the General Assembly for the purpose of commemorating the centennial of Elizabeth City State University.

Section 4. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins of Elizabeth City State University.

Section 5. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 4th day of March, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate
Changing the World –

one student at a time.

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Executive Assistant to the Chancellor

Ms. Gwendolyn Sanders has been named Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. The past year, Ms. Sanders has served as interim executive assistant to the chancellor. She also served as director of Alumni Relations from 2005-2007. Ms. Sanders has more than 18 years of experience in corporate logistics management. From 2000-2004, Ms. Sanders was project manager for a major consulting firm in Rockville, Md. She received a B.A. in English from Elizabeth City State University (77).

Chief Information Officer

Mr. Anthony Adade has been named Chief Information Officer. Mr. Adade has more than 20 years of technology support, management, and leadership experience in corporate and higher education. Prior to joining ECSU, Mr. Adade served as a technology project leadership consultant at Deutsche Bank, where he supervised the bank’s technology infrastructure project management in all of its United Kingdom locations. He received his B.S. in political science and public administration from Northeastern University, a M.S. in information technology management from Lesley University, as well as post-graduate studies in Networking Technologies from Clark University. In addition, Mr. Adade is currently a doctoral degree candidate in technology leadership in higher education at Lesley University.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Ali A. Khan has been appointed Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Dr. Khan has 27 years of extensive experience in teaching, research, and administration at ECSU and has played an active role in the educational leadership of northeastern North Carolina. During his career at ECSU, Dr. Khan has held various positions, not only as a teacher and mentor in the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology, but also as the associate and assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, interim dean for the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology, and director of Summer School, Weekend/Evening, Continuing Education, Graduate Studies, and Pharmacy Programs. Dr. Khan has served as the director/Coordinator for many externally funded programs. Through these federal and state funded projects, he was been instrumental in securing more than $2 million dollars for ECSU. Dr. Khan also chaired and served on numerous committees. He currently serves as the ECSU campus liaison for the UNC Tomorrow Initiative, Global Seminar, and Collaborative Efforts for Students Writing Case Studies and Videoconferencing, USDA. In recognition of his outstanding service and performance, Dr. Khan was endowed with the Tom Joyner Award for Hardest Working Faculty in 2005. He holds a B.S., and M.S. in pharmacy from the University of Dhaka and a Ph.D. in pharmacy from the University of Grenoble.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Paula Viltz has been named Interim Associate Vice Chancellor in the Division of Academic Affairs. Dr.Viltz currently serves as Director of Graduate Education and associate professor of Education in the School of Education and Psychology. She has previously served as the interim director of ECSU’s Summer School and the director of Teacher Education.

With more than 10 years each of administrative and instructional experience, Dr. Viltz received her bachelor’s degree in special education from Northern Illinois University, a master’s degree in special education from Northeastern Illinois University, and a doctorate degree in higher education administration and management from Grambling State University.

Dr. Viltz has served as chairwoman of the ECSU Teacher Education Advisory Council, and Chairwoman of the Steering Committee for National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), Chairwoman of the ECSU Graduate Council, and Co-Chairwoman of the Chancellor’s Installation Committee. She currently serves as a reviewer for the Journal of Intercultural Disciplines, a member of the North Carolina Regional Principal of the Year Selection Committee, the North Carolina State Principal of the Year Selection Committee, the Selection Committee for the State Teacher of the Year, 2004, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Albemarle Hopeline.

Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Thaddeus Beasley has been named Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. Dr. Beasley has more than 23 years of experience at ECSU in academic affairs and institutional advancement. He has served as an associate professor in the Department of Biology, administrative assistant to a former Chancellor, and director and vice chancellor for Planning and Development. Prior to joining ECSU, Dr. Beasley was employed through the U.S. Department of Labor as a supervisor with the Neighborhood Youth Corps. He received his B.S. and M.S. in biology and education from North Carolina Central University and his Ph.D. from The American University in Washington, DC.
DIVISION OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement

Ms. LaTanya Afolayan has been named Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement. Ms. Afolayan began her tenure at ECSU in 2002 as the director of Major and Planned Gifts. In 2005, she was named associate vice chancellor for Development. She received her bachelor’s degree in political science from Indiana State University and a master’s degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Ms. Afolayan received a Certification in Fundraising Management (CFRM) from the Center on Philanthropy at IUPUI in Indianapolis, and certification in estate planning from the National Institute of Estate Planning. In 2007, she completed a one-year course in major and planned gifts with John Brown Limited, sponsored by the University of North Carolina-General Administration. Her career in development began in 1996 at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. In her current role, Ms. Afolayan is responsible for managing operations in development, university relations & marketing, radio and television services and community development.

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dr. Anthony Brown has been appointed Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. He formerly served as interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Dr. Brown received a BS, MS, MA and EdD from State University of New York College at Buffalo. He has 27 years of professional experience in student affairs and 17 years of voluntary service to community and civic organizations; he also has worked on 18 advisory committees. He currently serves on the review group for the U.S. Dept. of Education’s Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention, and as the parliamentarian for the National HBCU Substance Abuse Consortium. He chaired the board for the Morehouse School of Medicine HBCU National Resource Center for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Infrastructure Development and served as the chair of the Elizabeth City State University Substance Abuse and Sexual Assault Committee for seven years and on the planning committee for several national substance abuse and mental health conferences. Dr. Brown has served on several SACS Review Teams, and has completed various leadership institutes at Harvard University, Hampton University, the American Association of State Colleges and University, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and is completing certification as a Personal and Executive Coach.

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

Mrs. Jean Sims (’94) has been appointed Vice Chancellor for Human Resources. With this appointment, the Department of Human Resources is now a division that includes Payroll and all EPA actions, with the exception of tenure and promotion for faculty. Mrs. Sims is a 31-year veteran and alumna. She has served as adjunct faculty in the School of Business and Economics teaching human resources, career development and organizational behavior. In 2002, 2004 and 2005, Mrs. Sims was the recipient of the Adjunct Teacher of the Year Award. She became a member of the ECSU Founders Day committee in 1984 and has served as chairwoman since 1998. Over the past 10 years, she has served on the following committees: Commencement Committee, Chancellor's Blue Ribbon, SACS Steering Committee, Banner Steering Committee and, the Chancellor’s Installation Steering Committee. Within the University of North Carolina System, Mrs. Sims has served on task forces to study the salaries of police officers across the state and nation, and the Presidents Advisory Council on Efficiency (PACE) and is currently a member of the Human Resources Advisory Board. An active member in the community, she has served on the Red Cross Board of Directors, Pasquotank County ABC Board, United Way Board and currently serves on the Workforce Development Board and the State Employees Credit Union Advisory Board.

Other memberships include The Links, Inc., The Links Foundation, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NAACP, South Eastern Training Association, the Society for Human Resources Managers, and the National Council of Negro Women.

DIVISION OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS

Interim Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance

Mrs. Janice Baker has been named Interim Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance. Mrs. Baker previously served as the director of Budgets. She has been employed at Elizabeth City State University in the Division of Business and Finance since 1987. She received a BBA from North Carolina Central University and a MBA from Troy University.
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Dr. Mehran Elahi
Associate Professor, School of Mathematics, Science & Technology

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Dr. Rebecca Seaman
Associate Professor, School of Arts & Humanities

Mr. Larry Smith
Director of Pre-Health Careers, School of Mathematics, Science & Technology

Ms. Lolita Turner
Interim University Retention Coordinator

Mr. Carlas White
Assistant Director of Student Activities, Student Affairs

Please visit our new Website for the Division of Human Resources at http://www.ecsu.edu/hr/.
Dr. Akbar Eslami (faculty, technology), Andrew Oxendine (student, technology), and Chelsey Daniels (student, technology) published a paper entitled "A PLC Project in a Control Course Laboratory". The paper will be presented at the 2008 American Society for Engineering Education annual conference (ASEE) in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 22-25. Dr. Eslami also published a paper entitled "Robot Palletizing Work Cell Simulation" at the 2008 American Society for Engineering Education annual conference (ASEE) in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 22-25.

Dr. Eslami was also elected to serve on the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Board of Accreditation for three years starting October 2007. The Board has 21 elected members and the primary responsibility of the Board of Accreditation is to conduct the hearing and to vote for accreditation of programs.

Dr. Claudie J. Mackey ('65), (professor, School of Education and Psychology,) was honored by the North Carolina Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. for his exemplary contributions to education during the National Bethune Recognition Program in June 2007. This program is an annual fundraising celebration sponsored in 18 states by members of 42 community-based sections of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). The Bethune Recognition Program honors NCNW members and other individuals who support NCNW by giving $300 or more annually and who exemplify the legacy of Mrs. Bethune by making a positive difference in their communities. Those who give or raise funds are called Bethune Achievers.

Dr. Mackey is also the 2007 adult honoree of the Trey Whitfield Foundation. He was recognized for his outstanding contributions to higher education during the Foundation’s 15th Annual Awards Banquet on July 6, 2007 in New York. The Trey Whitfield Foundation was founded in 1989 to commemorate the life and memory of Trey Whitfield, son of ECSU Alumnus Argle (“A.B”) Whitfield, ’65. The foundation provides deserving students, regardless of ethnic background, equal access to the educational opportunities that they need to reach their potential in life. The Trey Whitfield Foundation has awarded more than $1 billion in scholarships to deserving high school students.

The hosts for the awards banquet were actor Clifton Davis and FOX NFL Reporter Pam Oliver Whitney. Among the 2007 honorees were former NBA players Chris Webber, John Starks, NCAAA Legend Nevil Shed and New York philanthropists Ellen and Joseph Joseph. For more information regarding the Trey Whitfield Foundation visit www.treywhitfieldfoundation.org.

Dr. Saundra S. Copeland (chair, education), Dr. Margery Coulson-Clark (professor, political science), Dr. Bonita T. Ewers (professor, education) and Dr. Johnny L. Houston (professor, computer science) were co-publishers of a paper as a project of the American-African Universities Cooperative (AAU) Faculty Working Group under the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University. The paper is entitled, “A Renewed Framework for US-Africa Relations: Peace, Progress, and Economic Growth”.

Dr. Margaret Young (professor, biology) has been appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Food Bank of the Albemarle.

Dr. Mehran Elahi (chairperson, Department of Technology) has been appointed as the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This is an on-campus faculty participation program and it is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) through a cooperative agreement between NRC and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Dr. Althea Bluett (assistant professor, chemistry and physics) submitted a paper entitled, “Energy Transfer Processes in Doubly Doped Yb, Pr-KPb2C15 for MIR Laser Applications” to the Journal of Material Science and Engineering. Her paper has been accepted and it is currently being printed.
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Entrepreneurs prepare to fill the state’s demands and create new jobs

Move over Steve Jobs and Warren Buffett – the young entrepreneurs from Elizabeth City State University are coming.

A new concentration within ECSU’s Walter R. Davis School of Business and Economics is grooming students to become the next generation of business leaders owning their own companies. Dr. Freda H. McBride, dean of the business school, said the new focus will prepare students to identify the needs within a community and then create a business to fill those demands. The goal, too, is to stop the brain drain within ECSU’s 21-county service area of northeastern North Carolina, while creating employment options for ECSU students and building communities.

“What we’re finding is that our top graduates are leaving the area,” said Dr. McBride. “They have no choice because there’s nothing here for them. Consequently, the area can’t improve if the best and brightest leave,” she continued. “We feel the only way to keep them is to teach them how to create their own jobs.”

The Entrepreneurship Program, as it is planned, would be a boost to both the students and to the region.

Nearly half of the counties in the region around ECSU are considered “economically distressed” by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, making them eligible to offer a variety of incentives to attract new business and to expand existing ones. While small businesses are the backbone of North Carolina’s economy – 98 percent of all companies with employees in the state are classified as small firms with fewer than 500 employees – the ranks of North Carolina’s self-employed have swelled in recent years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Self employment grew by 5 percent, from 419,654 in 2004 to 440,755 in 2005, according to the federal data. Figures from the North Carolina Employment Security Commission show that businesses with fewer than 50 employees account for 95 percent of the firms in rural North Carolina, generating 564,532 employees in 2003.

“Our commitment is to develop students to be capable of a successful business start-up,” said Dr. Hilton Barrett, chair-

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staff on the move

Mrs. Sandra W. Gibson, Office of Career Services, was elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Southeastern Federal Recruiting Council (SEFRC), Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Jean M. Sims, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, was appointed to serve on the Human Resources Advisory Board. The Board makes recommendations to President Erskine Bowles for every EPA action submitted for approval from all 17 institutions comprising the UNC System.

Mr. Pedro Holley, Manager, ECSU Bookstore, has been appointed by ECSU’s Board of Directors to serve on the Elizabeth City-Halstead Blvd. Advisory Board.

Dr. Kimberley N. Stevenson, Director of Distance Education, received her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership with a Higher Education Administration concentration (Ed.D.) from East Carolina University. Dr. Stevenson’s dissertation was titled “Motivating and Inhibiting Factors Affecting Faculty Participation in Online Distance Education.”

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The new focus was born from the convergent desires of three sectors, Dr. Barrett said. Students clamored for more entrepreneurship-oriented courses; helping to develop the region’s economic sector became a new direction for ECSU under Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist; and the UNC system’s thrust emphasized entrepreneurship under its UNC Tomorrow initiative, he said.

“Entrepreneurship is a healthy way to expand the economy, create jobs, and have wealth creation,” Dr. Barrett said. “So this adds to the standard of living and the quality of life for a region. We want very much to enhance the standard of living and quality of life for northeast North Carolina.”

Dr. Barrett, 62, had more than two decades of entrepreneurial experience before entering the academic world. He began his professional career as a pharmacist, opening a small pharmacy with two others in Eastern North Carolina. He returned to school for a master’s in business administration and then headed to the corporate world. There, he was director of ventures for a division of VF Corp., a Fortune 500 company that manufacturers apparel, including Wrangler, Lee, Nautica, and The North Face. Dr. Barrett worked with the company’s Red Kap line of industrial work clothes. He returned to the area in 2002. Barrett said the current slowdown in the economy might propel students to think about starting their own businesses, particularly if jobs aren’t readily available.

“We’re trying to find areas where we can be out in the forefront,” said Dr. McBride. “We want to have programs that will attract students and give them options for life. Entrepreneurship can do that, if you know how to make your own job, you can go anywhere you want and do what you want to do.”

McBride envisions students in the Entrepreneurship Program creating business plans and conducting market research and feasibility studies for companies in the region.

“To actually see their work materialize into something would mean something more than a grade,” she said.
With an estimated 76 million “baby boomers” swiftly approaching retirement during the next 15 years, there will be a growing demand for advisors to help them make the financial transition with ease. A new retirement planner track within the School of Business and Economics’ Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics will help meet the demand.

The brainchild of Dr. Jan R. Jasper, a business school professor and certified financial planner, the four-course sequence is designed to give ECSU students a competitive edge in the rapidly growing field and, at the same time, allow them to pursue the designation of Certified Retirement Counselor, CRC.

According to Dr. Jasper, the courses will teach, among other things, the various retirement plans currently used, how they work and their pros and cons; the basic tools of financial planning; how Social Security and Medicare work; managing retirement risks; identifying tax and estate planning issues; converting resources into income; and family considerations.

ECSU is among the first universities in the nation to adopt the curriculum proposed by the International Foundation for Retirement Education, or InFRE, the Texas-based organization that certifies professionals in the field.

The new track also dovetails with the vision of the business school’s nascent Entrepreneurship program encouraging students to start their own businesses.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, almost a third of personal financial advisors are self-employed. Fueling the demand for retirement planning services within Northeast North Carolina are age and employment factors. Census data shows the median age in the region is 39, which is about the time people start thinking seriously about retirement.

Because many companies have replaced more traditional pension plans with retirement savings programs, individuals now are left with managing their own retirements, creating a greater need for advisors with expertise.

“With the baby boomers – and I am one of them – many of us have not planned properly for retirement,” said Dr. Freda H. McBride, dean of the business school.

“There is a great need to get people to start thinking about what happens next,” she said. “Most of us don’t want to work until we’re 90.”

The large retirement community around ESCU in Pasquotank and Camden counties is expected to grow even more, Dr. McBride said.

“Having these services available would be relevant to the community and relevant to the students who are prepared to provide them and stay in the community,” she said.


After successfully completing the classes and passing InFRE exams, ECSU students will receive conditional certification as a CRC, Dr. Jasper said. Two years of experience in the field and completion of an ethics component lead to full certification, he said.

By partnering with InFRE, Dr. Jasper said, students in the sequence may have entree to internships, enabling them to fulfill the experience requirement.

Students who complete the sequence “will be much better grounded to go on to graduate school if they choose,” Dr. Jasper said. And it also will give students a background in one of the five areas of knowledge to become a certified financial planner. Having even a conditional CRC designation “will make students more marketable no matter what path they take,” Dr. McBride said.
Christopher Hill

CSU Junior Christopher Hill completed an internship at the BMW Manufacturing Group in Greenville, S.C., in May 2008. Hill assisted the database group in the BMW Information Technology Research Center with reporting and analysis. His duties included monitoring the network system’s database performance, and operating systems and servers. In addition, Hill provides direct application monitoring and database management. The honor student and industrial technology major was recently awarded a $2,500 scholarship from the Tom Joyner Foundation. The Mississippi native describes his interest in the field of information technology as his “passion,” and plans to pursue a doctorate in information technology and eventually own an IT consulting firm. This summer, Hill will work as an intern at the Intel Corporation in Santa Clara, Calif. He is the third ECSU student to serve as a BMW intern.

Andrew Oxendine, a senior majoring in industrial technology, won first place in the McNair Scholars Poster Competition for his research project entitled, “The Design of an Automated PLC Controlled Packing System”. Mr. Oxendine was mentored by Dr. Akbar Eslami, faculty member in the School of Math, Science and Technology.

Travis Heath, third year PharmD student received a Wal-mart Scholarship to attend the AACP Annual Meeting. Mr. Heath was selected from a very competitive applicant pool. He was awarded a scholarship to attend the meeting and work in a faculty-student team during the meeting. The pharmacy student scholarship program, funded by Wal-Mart, will provide scholarships to 50 student-faculty pairs from AACP member institutions to attend the AACP Annual Meeting and the AACP Teachers Seminar in Chicago, Ill., from July 19-23, 2008.

Lakeisha Moore, a junior majoring in industrial technology, received a $4,000 scholarship from Nucor Company in Cofield, NC.

ECSU students receive Tom Joyner Foundation Scholarships

CSU was honored as the 2008 Tom Joyner February School of the Month. Since 1998, the Tom Joyner Foundation has contributed more than $55 million to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in an effort to keep students in school. The campaign partnership helped to award scholarships to many deserving ECSU students. The students were awarded scholarships in the categories of Tuesday Scholars: Building Legacies Expanding HBCUs, Hercules Scholars, Single Parent Scholars and Budweiser Scholars. Congratulations to the following recipients:

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(Additional recipients will be announced in the Fall 2008)
In October 2007, the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation awarded the Elizabeth City State University Foundation $750,000. The award will allow ECSU to fortify and strengthen the success of the Pharmacy Partnership Program. The program, administered in conjunction with the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, offers the specialized training required to become a pharmacist and encourages graduates to remain within the region to combat northeastern North Carolina's critical pharmacy workforce shortage.

The N.C. GlaxoSmithKline award will be utilized to bolster the experiential training portion of the pharmacy students’ education and allow aspiring pharmacists to remain in the area while they complete the pharmacy rotations necessary for graduation. From the grant, up to $500,000 will be used to fund pharmacy preceptor positions. Licensed pharmacists will direct and supervise fourth-year students as they negotiate advanced practice experiences. These practice experiences are much like the medical rotations that a medical doctor must complete. Designed to expose students to the working environment they can expect after graduation, the Professional Experience Program includes work in community and hospital pharmacy settings, inpatient care, ambulatory care, and medicine specialty.

Dr. Huyla Coker, Director of the ECSU/UNC-Chapel Hill Doctor of Pharmacy Partnership Program, said the funds will allow pharmacy students at ECSU to complete additional training in the region rather than traveling to the central part of the state.

"The fourth year advanced practice experiences are crucial for students enrolled in the PharmD program," Coker said. "In these sites students develop skills to apply years of coursework to actual patients. This is where they transition from pharmacy students to mature pharmacy professionals and the next generation of pharmacists in your local pharmacy, hospital, etc."

Coker was also enthusiastic about the additional opportunities that the N.C. GlaxoSmithKline grant will afford ECSU and the surrounding area. The remaining $250,000 of the grant will establish and outfit a Drug Information Center. The first and only of its kind in northeastern North Carolina, the center will house the most up-to-date information on prescription drugs available today. It will be located on 101 East Ehringhaus Street in Elizabeth City and will serve as a distribution center for information regarding prescription drugs for the benefit of medical professionals, as well as the general public, in the communities that ECSU serves. A grand opening ceremony for the Drug Information Center is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2008 from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Launched in 2005, the ECSU/UNC Pharmacy Partnership Program was created by the UNC Board of Governor’s to address the shortage of pharmacists in both North Carolina and the nation. It capitalizes on the UNC School of Pharmacy’s reputation for graduating highly qualified pharmacists and brings healthcare education to one of the most underserved regions in the state and the country. The program is innovative and utilizes Interactive Video Conferencing equipment to create real-time instruction from each campus. Administrators expect the first group of students to graduate from this program in the spring of 2009.
With the snip of their scissors, state and local officials clipped the white grand opening ribbon to celebrate the new ECSU Drug Information Center.

The center opened to support the UNC-Chapel Hill/ECSU Doctor of Pharmacy Partnership Program on April 3. Made possible by a $750,000 award from the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation (NC GSK), the center is part of an initiative that will allow pharmacy students at ECSU to remain in the region while completing rotations in the Professional Experiential Program, a requisite for graduation. The center will also serve as a resource for both medical professionals and residents seeking current information on prescription drugs.

The center, located at 101 East Ehringhaus Street, will be used to train fourth-year pharmacy students. Students will answer questions related to the side effects of new medications, drug interaction inquiries and common uses of prescribed drugs. Licensed pharmacists work with the students to field questions from healthcare providers, as well as the general public. Amica S. Yon, an assistant professor for clinical pharmacy at ECSU, says such outreach to area residents makes the Drug Information Center special.

"Most drug information centers cater to health care professionals, like a physician, a pharmacist, a dentist," Yon said. "However, ECSU encourages the community’s use of the center and even offers general health consultations with a pharmacist by calling a 24-hour appointment line at (252) 335-8745. Both services are free and available during the center’s operating hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.”

Dr. Huyla Coker, a 1994 graduate of ECSU and director of the university’s pharmacy program, stressed the importance of the facility to the community in her remarks at the grand opening ceremony.

"A drug information center helps to facilitate the huge amount of information that is out there about healthcare and about medications in particular," she said.

Coker said consumers are seeking reliable health information and so the center is opening at a critical time. Coker warned the audience that the Internet is full of erroneous information because many unreliable sources can post information and claim to be an expert. For that reason, Coker hopes the public will take advantage of the information provided at the Drug Information Center. The center is an essential facility for student pharmacists at ECSU to now earn experience in northeastern North Carolina.

Fourth-year students will also gain professional experience in settings that include hospitals, research laboratories, retail pharmacies, and physician’s offices. The NC GSK Foundation award also provides compensation for the licensed pharmacists that guide the students through this critical portion of a pharmacist’s education.

UNC-Chapel Hill/ECSU Doctor of Pharmacy Partnership Program was established at ECSU in the fall of 2005 to combat the shortage of pharmacists in the state - particularly in northeast North Carolina. Through their collaboration, ECSU and the NC GSK Foundation expect to have a positive impact on the availability and status of healthcare in the Albemarle. In the spring of 2009, the first class of pharmacists is expected to graduate from the university.

"The Foundation is very pleased and proud to be in partnership with Elizabeth City State University ... We're confident that Elizabeth City State University will be successful in addressing the needs of the community," Foote-Hudson said.
The C.D. Spangler Foundation awarded Elizabeth City State University funding to establish a new distinguished professorship in the School of Education & Psychology. The award is part of an initiative to ensure the increase of world-class faculty within the UNC system. The professorship, is named in honor of N.C. Sen. Marc Basnight because of his service to the state, as well as his commitment to the university.

The Spangler Foundation's program will allow ECSU and each of the other 15 UNC campuses to create distinguished professorships each year for the next five years, creating a total of 96 new distinguished professorships across the system. The Foundation's award of $250,000 will be matched with an additional $250,000 from the North Carolina General Assembly Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund to ultimately produce a $500,000 endowed professorship.

The trust fund, originated in 1985 to encourage the schools to initiate more endowed chairs, will greatly enhance the impact of the Spangler contribution and also serve as an incentive for each university to pursue the additional endowed chairs available to them. The first professorships were free system-wide this year. The five additional professorships for ECSU and the other campuses will require that the institutions raise matching funds from private sources. To endow the additional distinguished professorships, ECSU’s challenge will be to raise $250,000 for each – or $1 million.

ECSU currently has two other endowed chairs. The School of Mathematics, Science & Technology has the Marshall Rauch Chair in biology. The E.V. Wilkins Distinguished Chair was established in 1996. Dr. Margaret Young holds the position and her efforts include educational development and outreach, as well as advocating for a rural education center in northeastern North Carolina. In addition, this is the second professorship within the School of Education & Psychology.
ECSU launched its second Tom Joyner Campaign

Elizabeth City State University launched its second Tom Joyner School of the Month Campaign in February 2008 with faculty, staff, students and alumni on board raising resources for scholarships. As a 2008 School of the Month, the university’s institutional advancement staff will devote the entire year to meeting its $500,000 goal. The Tom Joyner Foundation has been instrumental in securing corporate resources from Denny’s, Home Depot, Nationwide Insurance, and Budweiser.

A faculty and staff kick-off event held in the Ridley New Student Center on Feb. 13, 2008, generated more than $5,765 in employee gifts and payroll deduction commitments. More than $120,000 in cash contributions was announced during the Chancellor’s CIAA Breakfast on March 1, 2008 in support of the School of the Month Campaign. Several alumni chapters, individual alumni, students, and friends, presented their donations to Chancellor Gilchrist and Ms. Quisa Foster Wittingham, director of College Relations, Tom Joyner Foundation.

In the fall of 2007, the Rosa B. Riddick Chapter led the chapter efforts with more than $4,193 in contributions from alumni and friends in Gates County, North Carolina, and surrounding areas.

The Washington D.C. Metro Chapter launched a 100 for $100 campaign, which resulted in more than $9,000 in gifts. On Feb. 13, the Raleigh-Wake-Durham Chapter hosted a jazz reception at the Zydeco Restaurant. Chancellor and Mrs. Gilchrist were the special guests. Thus far, the Raleigh-Wake-Durham Chapter has raised $9,450 in contributions for the Joyner effort.

CIAA donors at the level of $1,000+ are listed on this page. A comprehensive list of all Tom Joyner campaign contributions will be available by the start of this year’s National Alumni Association Convention in July. University employees and alumni will continue to support the Tom Joyner School of the Month Campaign throughout the year with the goal of increasing the availability of scholarships. Scholarship awards will begin in the fall of 2008. For assistance or information regarding an event in your chapter or area, contact LaTanya Afolayan, Division of Institutional Advancement, at 252-335-3966 or by email: ldafolayan@mail.ecsu.edu.

Tom Joyner Gifts during the 2008 CIAA Chancellor’s Breakfast

$1000+ received

ECSU National Alumni Association $5000
Dr. Johnny L. Houston $5000
Mr. Frank Skidmore, Trustee Emeritus $5000
Mr. Roger McLean, Prudential Financial $5000
Mr. & Mrs. Mitch St. Clair $5000
Mr. & Mrs. Willis Langley $3000
Mr. Norman Thomas, State Farm Insurance $2000
Drs. Ronald and Velma Blackmon $1000
Dr. Sadie Johnson Carter $1000
Drs. Darnell and Stephanie Johnson $1000
Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Holley $1000
Mrs. Margaret M. Jones $1000
Dr. Freda McBride and Mr. Cornell McBride $1000
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Norman $1000
Mr. Jesse Powell $1000
Ruby and Henry Washington $1000
ECSU Student Government Association $1000

Chapter Gifts

Tri-County Chapter $6000
Robert E. Harvey Chapter $5000
William T. Bowser Chapter $500*
Bertie County Chapter $4450*
Peninsula Chapter $3500
Portsmouth Chapter $2280*
New York/Long Island $2000
Eva J. Lewis Chapter $1500*
Richmond Chapter $500*
Roanoke Chowan Chapter $200*
Charlotte Chapter $150*

*(Payment toward a $5000 pledge)

Other ECSU CIAA Gifts

Mr. Frank Owens $10,000
Viking Varsity Club (for ECSU Volleyball) $3000
1891 Club (Mr. T ony Lassiter & Gwen Bowers, Co-chairs) $2800
Dr. Gary N. Harvey $2000
Dr. Steven Gilchrist $1000*
Dr. Alma Jenkins $1000*
Dixon Hall was recently named Dixon-Patterson Hall in honor of Dr. Bishop M. Patterson, professor emeritus in the Department of Technology at Elizabeth City State University. Erected in 1977, Dixon Hall was originally named for the late McDonald Dixon, former chairman of the ECSU Board of Trustees.

On Oct. 19, 2007, 150 guests attended the dedication ceremony in honor of Dr. Patterson, including Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue. Patterson became department chairman and professor of industrial arts at Elizabeth City State College in 1965 and served in that capacity until 1992. Patterson developed the proposal and plans to build the new industrial arts facility. He also chaired the task force for the feasibility of the university’s weekend college program. From 1986 to 1998, Dr. Patterson served as the first director of the ECSU Weekend College. He also served as president and vice president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), chairman of the CIAA Scholarship Committee, and chairman of the ESU Athletic Committee for 22 years.

Patterson recently established the Dr. Bishop M. and Mrs. Kathryn G. Patterson Endowed Scholarship Fund for industrial technology majors and other students from Washington, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, and Camden counties.

Mrs. Kareen Dawson Windley, ’63 - $10,000
Mrs. Windley has named the ECSU Foundation as owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy to the Elizabeth City State University Foundation. She previously served as the director of the Mid-Atlantic Region, ECSU National Alumni Association.

Mr. Gerald Mitchell, ’86 - $50,000
Mr. Mitchell has named the ECSU Foundation as owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy. He is a member of the Raleigh-Wake-Durham Chapter and a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Building Namings

Kennis (’76) and Brenda Wilkins have completed a $25,000 pledge for the naming rights of the Elizabeth City State University Call Center. The Kennis and Brenda Wilkins Call Center, located in the University Center, is utilized to promote on-going communication with alumni and friends of ECSU. Students make solicitations for the Viking Annual Fund in support of scholarships while also keeping ECSU supporters abreast of recent developments on campus. Mr. Wilkins serves on the Board of Directors of the ECSU Foundation.
Alumni and Friends Establish ECSU Endowed Funds

80s Decade Scholarship Endowed Fund
The 80s Decade Alumni established the 80s Decade Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund to support students.

Sheryl Denise Ganus Endowed Scholarship Fund
Sheryl D. Ganus ('88) established the Sheryl Denise Ganus Endowed Scholarship Fund to support students majoring in Computer Science at Elizabeth City State University.

Class of 1965 Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Class of 1965 established The Class of 1965 Endowed Scholarship Fund to support full-time students enrolled at ECSU.

Class of 1957 Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Class of 1957 celebrated their Golden Anniversary during Fall Commencement weekend last year. In honor of their 50 years, the attendees established the Class of 1957 Scholarship Endowment.

Class of 1967 Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Class of 1967 established The Class of 1967 Endowed Scholarship Fund to support students who are residents of North Carolina and are currently enrolled or accepted at ECSU.

Donna Congleton Watts Endowed Scholarship Fund ($250,000)
ECSU Board of Visitors Member Fletcher Watts, Jr., and his son Adrian, made a $250,000 commitment to Elizabeth City State University Foundation in November 2007 in support of the Donna Congleton Watts Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Donna Congleton Watts Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 in memory of Mrs. Watts to support education majors from Martin, Craven and Edgecombe counties. Donna Congleton Watts was a member of the Class of 1961.

Please send your tax deductible contributions to:
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Post Office Box 1467
Elizabeth City, NC 27906

For questions regarding donations, please contact Lucretia Banks at 252.335.3603 or Tarshall McCauley at 252.335.3011 in the Division of Institutional Advancement.

INVEST IN ECSU!

SuccessFest 2007

Thanks to the generosity of wonderful supporters up and down the eastern seaboard, WRVS-FM 89.9 in conjunction with the university's TV station, raised more than $13,000 during SuccessFest 2007. The annual fundraising event was held Oct. 28 through Nov. 2, 2007.

WRVS-FM 89.9 is an award-winning listener-supported radio station licensed to the campus of Elizabeth City State University. The 41,000-watt station is an affiliate of National Public Radio and Public Radio International. Each year, the station joins other public radio outlets in a plea to listeners for donations. These tax-deductible contributions cover expenses such as news and public affairs programming, broadcast equipment, daily operational needs, staffing, and other services.

SAVE THE DATE
SuccessFest 2008
October 6-10, 2008
To volunteer or make a pledge, please call (252) 335-3553.
The Viking Walk of Fame is a fundraiser sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs. You are encouraged to become a part of history by purchasing your own personalized engraved Viking Brick on the Viking Walk of Fame that will define your connection to ECSU in a special way. You can imprint your brick with your name and class year, a special group you are a part of, a memory dedication of someone special, or a message stating your affiliation with ECSU.

The Division of Student Affairs, led by the vice chancellor of Student Affairs, is organized to augment, strengthen, and support the university’s commitment to the total development of students. The division includes the Offices of Career Services, Athletics, Campus Police, Counseling and Testing, Health Services, Judicial Affairs, and the Office of Student Life. Each of the offices in the division aggressively works to provide a wide range of social and professional opportunities for students. Community service, internships, campus leadership, health and fitness, and peer mentoring are some of the ways students are engaged in learning outside of the classroom.

Funds generated from the Viking Walk of Fame brick sale will be used to enhance and support emerging initiatives and priorities in the Division of Student Affairs, which will assist students in their development as student leaders during their years at ECSU and in their future careers.

Order form is available online at www.applyweb.com/public/contribute?ecsuctst

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Make your mark on ECSU history, TODAY!
Viking Walk of Fame Campaign

Top Ten Reasons to take your seat
1. Provide scholarship funds for deserving students
2. Symbolize your commitment to ECSU
3. Place your name permanently at ECSU
4. Memorialize or honor a loved one
5. Recognize former classmates or faculty
6. Provide recognition for corporate sponsorship
7. Support arts programs
8. Make a tax deductible contribution
9. Increase ECSU’s national ranking and ability to attract corporate and foundation gifts
10. Earmark the success of the university with your contribution
$2,000,000 - Textbooks and Learning Materials (TLMP) program for Sub-Saharan Africa
Dr. Johnny Houston (faculty Mathematics and Computer Science) was awarded $2,000,000 by the US Agency for International Development (AID) for ECSU’s Textbooks and Learning Materials (TLMP) program for Sub-Saharan Africa. The program supports the design, development, and printing of at least 630,000 books for the country of Senegal, along with the distribution of these books and teacher training.

$346,722 - Educational Talent Search Program
Mrs. Prudentia Ngwainmbi (Educational Talent Search) The US Department of Education (DoED) awarded $346,722 for the Educational Talent Search Program. The purpose of Elizabeth City State University’s Educational Talent Search Program is to provide comprehensive outreach services to 900 eligible participants at 10 schools in six counties, in the northeastern North Carolina region. Academic, personal, and vocational counseling; early intervention activities; advice on the selection of secondary courses and requirements for admission to postsecondary institutions; career, financial aid, study-skills, and test-taking workshops; parent and family involvement events; and campus tours are among the many services provided by the program.

$303,188 - Science and Technology Center: Ice Sheets and Sea Rise Program
The National Science Foundation funded a collaboration between Elizabeth City State University and the University of Kansas for the Science and Technology Center: Ice Sheets and Sea Rise program for $303,188. The program’s objective is to promote the professional development of minority undergraduate students through their participation in microwave remote sensing research. Through this program, Dr. Linda Hayden will provide research training for a group of eight undergraduate students during eight weeks each summer, including online mentoring and follow-up during the academic year.

$252,045 - Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
Dr. Cheryl Lewis (director, McNair Scholars Program) received $252,045 from the U. S. Department of Education for ECSU’s Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement program. The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at ECSU is designed to provide exemplary outreach services to 150 undergraduate students (30 students per cohort) for a period of five years. As cited in section 647.3 of the Federal Register, two-thirds of the participants served by this program will consist of individuals who are low-income and first generation college students. The remaining one-third will be members of a group that are underrepresented in graduate education, particularly at the doctoral level.

$240,000 - 21st Century Community Learning Center Program
Dr. Claudie Mackey (faculty, School of Education & Psychology) was awarded by The NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. The program creates a collaborative 21st Century Learning Center Partnership at five elementary and middle schools in Pasquotank County School District. A minimum of 250 of the students who failed to meet state and local proficiency standards will participate in the Center programs. The collaborative partners and a host of support groups will remedy the risk factors identified in the needs assessment by providing a total quality academic enrichment and cultural program that actively engages students, parents, university professors, and teachers in training school administrators and the community at large. The goal of the program is to improve student performance, improve student behavior and attitudes toward school, reduce violence and substance abuse, and provide families of students served by community learning centers literacy, parenting skills, and the opportunity for lifelong learning.
$168,000 - Increasing the Pharmacist Workforce in Northeastern North Carolina program.
Dr. Huyla Coker (director, Pharmacy) was awarded $168,000 by the Wachovia Foundation, Inc. through the ECSU Foundation for ECSU’s Increasing the Pharmacist Workforce in Northeastern North Carolina Program. This project will provide funding for some of the needs of the Pharmacy program, including scholarships for the School of Math, Science and Technology and Pharmacy students, as well as funding for PCAT tutorial seminars.

$167,992 - Polar Grid Infrastructure Program
Dr. Linda Hayden (faculty, Mathematics and Computer Science) was awarded $167,992 by The National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Polar Grid Infrastructure program. The project proposes extension of the virtual classroom capabilities and installation of a GRID network to be used for training purposes. One of the major goals is to foster the integration of Polar Science research and education through the use of the virtual classroom environment and the smaller ECSU Grid requested activities associated with the PolarGrid Infrastructure project. "Educational settings, audiences, and goals are too important to be adequately addressed as afterthoughts or add-ons to cyberinfrastructure projects and, instead, must be treated as high priorities integrated in a project’s overall design (NSF, 2004), Hayden said. To that end PolarGrid includes support for training activities associated with the new partnerships across academia, government agencies, private sector, and polar scientist targeted as users of the PolarGrid.

$145,856 - Mammography Disparities in Elderly African American Women
Dr. Cynthia Warrick (dean, School of Mathematics, Science & Technology) was awarded $145,856 for ECSU’s Mammography Disparities in Elderly African American Women by the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This research studies mammography disparities in African American women. The long term goals of the research are to provide a better understanding of the causes of breast cancer disparities, expand the ability to predict and monitor breast cancer disparities, inform the development and implementation of a community-based intervention to improve access to early detection, and facilitate the implementation of new policies for the initiation and enhancement of community-based activities to sustain cancer prevention practices in African American populations.

$116,632 - Minority Science Engineering Improvement Project
Dr. Ali Khan (interim vice chancellor of Academic Affairs) was awarded $116,632 for the Minority Science Engineering Improvement project by the U.S. Department of Education. Through the Cooperative MSBIP grant, ECSU seeks to address the nation’s need to produce qualified and competent scientists, engineers, and mathematicians. Through the grant, the university will provide professional development and instruction for faculty from 12 partnering institutions in the infusion of Critical Thinking through Technology (CTTT) in entry-level STEM courses. Building upon the accomplishments of previous CTTT grant initiatives, the methodology developed by the Critical Thinking group at ECSU will be used in developing strategies for teaching, thinking, and promoting intellectual development through a technology and Internet-based approach.

$95,301 - University’s Minority Science Improvement project
Dr. Margaret Young was awarded $95,301.00 by the U.S. Department of Education for Elizabeth City State University’s Minority Science Improvement project. Biototechnology at Elizabeth City State University (BEST) has several objectives: (1) increase faculty competence in biotechnology by summer enrichment activities; (2) increase undergraduate students’ competence in biotechnology by the addition of two new courses (Animal Biotechnology and Introduction to Molecular Forensic Science) and the molecular biology/biotechnology concentration.

Broadcasting (CPB) for the Digital Conversion Program.
Mrs. Melba Brown-Smith (director, Radio and Television Services) received $80,000 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) for the Digital Conversion Program. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting awards Digital Conversion funds in support of stations’ efforts to upgrade to High Definition Digital standards of broadcasting, which will become mandatory for all broadcasters in 2009.

$80,000 - Currituck Sound Restoration Project: Photosynthetic Active Radiation (PAR) and Water Quality Monitoring in Currituck Sound, North Carolina
Dr. Maurice Crawford was awarded $80,000 by The US DOD DA US Army Corps of Engineers for the Currituck Sound Restoration Project: Photosynthetic Active Radiation (PAR) and Water Quality Monitoring in Currituck Sound, NC. This project will measure PAR and other water quality measures (e.g., temperature, salinity, and turbidity) to better understand the dynamics of SAV habitat and to complement on-going U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Currituck Sound Restoration Project research.

$76,000 - UNC-NCCS Joint Initiative for Teacher Education and Recruitment
Dr. Sylvia Mason (Dean of the School of Education and Psychology) was awarded $76,000 by UNC-NCCS Joint Initiative for Teacher Education and Recruitment.

The project will assist in increasing the number of certified teachers in the public schools of North Carolina.

$51,000 - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project in Currituck Sound and Back Bay project
Dr. Maurice Crawford (faculty, Geological, Environmental and Marine Sciences) received $51,000 from the US Department of the Interior (DOI) for ECSU’s Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project in Currituck Sound and Back Bay. The purpose of the projects

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$31,997 - NASA-Total Antarctic Ice Sheet Discharge Program
Dr. Malcolm LeCompte (faculty, Mathematics and Computer Science) was awarded $31,997 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for the Total Antarctic Ice Sheet Discharge: An International Polar Year Benchmark Data Set program. ECSU Students will be taught to use state-of-the-art remote sensing methods and data analysis techniques applied to analyze data sets from multiple sources (including ECESat, Landsat, and inSAR) to assist in a pioneering effort to determine the total discharge of ice from the grounded Antarctic ice sheets.

$30,000-NSF - CyberInfrastructure Education, Advancement and Mentoring Implementation Project
Dr. Linda Hayden (faculty, Mathematics and Computer Science) was awarded $30,000 by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the ECSU-GRID: CyberInfrastructure Education, Advancement, and Mentoring Implementation Project. The program is based on a broad system of partnerships organized to ensure the success of the project. The CI-TEAM partners provide a collaboration with expertise in multiple disciplines including GRID CyberInfrastructure, remote sensing of ice sheets, education, and K-16 outreach. The proposal builds on an extensive existing investment from NSF. A major expansion of the AccessGrid, or similar technologies, across the academic community will enable more routine iterations of investigators at dispersed locations and will be coupled with existing funding to build on, improve, and generalize the current collaborations. The existing suite of collaboratories offer a strong base to build on.

$24,339 - Teacher Education Enrollment Planning and Recruitment Efforts Project
Dr. Sylvia Mason (dean of the School of Education and Psychology) was awarded $24,339 by The University of North Carolina-General Administration for Teacher Education Enrollment Planning and Recruitment Efforts. This program will provide support for recruitment and retention of teachers and address the shortage of teachers in northeastern North Carolina.

$20,000 - HBCU HIV Screening, Testing, Outreach, and Prevention (STOP) Program
Mrs. Regina McCoy-Davis (Student Health Services) received $20,000 for ECSU’s HBCU HIV Screening, Testing, Outreach, and Prevention (STOP) Program from United Negro College Fund Special Programs-Health and Community Development Division. The purpose of this program is to improve the health status, relative to HIV/AIDS, of college-aged African Americans and other minority youth. The grant will: 1) increase HIV awareness and prevention on campus; 2) develop community partnerships; 3) Enhance the peer education program; and develop HIV prevention curricula for new student orientation.

$10,667 - University's HIV/STD Prevention Program
Mrs. Regina McCoy-Davis (Student Health Services) was awarded $10,667 by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for HIV/STD Prevention Program.

$10,000 - The Earth Remote Sensing Interdisciplinary Course Development
The Earth Remote Sensing Interdisciplinary Course Development for Video-Conference Presentation was funded $10,000 by the NC Space Grant Consortium. The purpose of this project is to develop a course suitable for upper division undergraduate or early graduate students that will present the basic physical concepts necessary for students to achieve a deeper understanding of the field. The envisioned course would be tailored to the needs and academic background of students majoring in mathematics, computer science, and geo-science or biological science and would require a basic three-semester calculus sequence.

$8,000 - IPY Gamburtserv Aerogeophysical Mapping of Bedrock and Ice Targets Program
Dr. Malcolm LeCompte was awarded $8,000 for the Collaborative: IPY GAMBIT Gamburtserv Aerogeophysical Mapping of Bedrock and Ice Targets program by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This project will develop and implement an educational and public outreach program about Antarctica’s Gamburtserv Mountain range. Undergraduate students will assist in the administration of the public outreach portion by going out into low-income and rural communities of northeastern North Carolina and presenting information about Antarctica.

$5,000 - School of Math, Science and Technology Research Week Program
Dr. Cynthia Warrick (Dean of Mathematics, Science & Technology) was awarded $5,000 by The NC Space Grant Consortium for ECSU’s School of Math, Science and Technology Research Week Program. The ECSU Annual Research Week activity provides a forum for faculty and students to present their research, develop collaborations, and learn about the scientific inquiry occurring at Elizabeth City State University.

$2,000 - Nuclear Waste Tracking by Remote Sensing Program
Dr. Cynthia Warrick was awarded $2,000 by The US Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge National Laboratories for ECSU’s Nuclear Waste Tracking by Remote Sensing program. The project is designed to supervise a student researcher in the area of nuclear risk assessment.
Virtual High School brings students to ECSU

Washington County (NC) students maximized their classroom instruction last fall by participating in a new Virtual High School that was based at Elizabeth City State University.

During the July 2007 meeting for the Washington County School System, board members approved the use of a Virtual High School program that will target select ninth graders. Teachers at the high school will collaborate with faculty from ECSU to teach the ninth graders a series of courses that will prepare the students for college. ECSU faculty will communicate via a live video conference. Students will interact with their peers, their classroom teachers, and the ECSU faculty as necessary. At least twice a year, university officials will transport the youths to the Elizabeth City campus to attend extra-curricular programs, ECSU Chancellor Willie Gilchrist said the project is the beginning of a creative brand of education for which the university must become known.

"The Washington County School system is a small one with few course offerings beyond the normal classes needed for graduation. We thought this would give us an opportunity to offer those students additional courses," Gilchrist said. "This program will also serve as an additional motivational tool for these rural students to pursue higher education. We've garnered a relationship with them (Washington County School Board) over the last year and we're glad to work with them again. We, the university, must find ways to move the educational process beyond our physical location."

Dr. Sylvia Mason, coordinator of the Virtual High School and dean of the ECSU School of Education and Psychology, agreed the program is just the tool needed to prepare students for a new era of learning.

"The students will not be left alone to type in their answers as students did years ago while taking the old correspondence courses," Mason said. "They will actively participate in this new classroom setting which is called video conferencing. In this case, they will see their ECSU instructors on a screen instead of seeing them standing at the traditional chalk board. Young people are gathering knowledge in different ways these days so we are confident they will successfully learn through the Virtual High School."

"Best of all, there is no cost to the students for participating in this program that will prepare them for college. Teachers from ECSU and Washington County will make the program part of their work load. They will work together to make sure the students are progressing well and taking full advantage of the program," she said.

The Virtual High School offers tremendous benefits for its successful students that were not available in the past. Students will earn college credits while in high school and save much of the cost associated with attending the first two years of college. Students can enter college as juniors instead of entering as traditional freshmen. Students will likely need less financial aid than the traditional student who attends college four years. In addition, these students will likely enter the job market sooner than their peers.

Mr. Julius Walker is superintendent of the Washington County School system. He was delighted his fellow board members approved the new Virtual High School for their students. He and fellow board members said the program is a very good idea that will help students advance and save their families' money. Walker said he thinks the program will give their students a more positive outlook on the future.

"We don't have a lot of employment options in Washington County, so they (students) will definitely need a college education to survive. I really like this program because we are an hour away from Elizabeth City State (University) and the program would introduce them to college life," Walker said. "This program is learning for long term instead of learning for the short term because they can earn college credits while in high school. It calls for a higher order of thinking skills, higher order of academic and social skills. It will force them to collect and categorize data and improve their research skills—the kind of work college students are doing. When other kids see them succeeding in this program, they will want to be a part of it too.

Educators say the program is uniquely designed to remove the financial and social barriers that discourage some rural youths from attending a university. Since these youths will interact with college professors while comfortably seated in their local classrooms, they should arrive confident as full-time college students. The university's 117-year track record of successfully graduating many of the state's rural youths is reason to believe, ECSU is well prepared for the next generation of students—virtual or otherwise.
Let me thank all of you for your vote of confidence in my ability to provide leadership for the ECSU National Alumni Association (NAA) over the next two years (2008-2010). My first term was challenging, but exciting, and I anticipate the future will be equally as involved and stimulating.

As we move forward to serve our mission of support for our alma mater, we will continue to build on the theme - ECSU Alumni: Investing in the Future, for it is this banner that carries the purpose for our existence. By our keeping a clear focus on our mission, we are better prepared to build on our past successes, which include increasing alumni membership, alumni giving, and student recruitment.

Especially noteworthy among our many successes is the completion of our License Plate Initiative, under the dynamic leadership of Melvyn ('61) and Vonda Riley ('65) and the able assistance of Todd Twine ('92), Elston Howell ('88), Gerald Honeyblue ('80), and Portia Manley ('76), and many of you who answered the clarion call to purchase license plates. We are also grateful to Anthony Eason ('77) and Dr. Paul Norman ('81), former NAA presidents, for their efforts in bringing this project to fruition. Let us not forget Tyron Eason ('86) who has been involved throughout the process in making this dream a reality. By the time you receive this spring 2008 edition of the ECSU Magazine, Vikings in North Carolina will be "sporting" the new ECSU/Viking license plates. The teamwork was awesome.

There is so much more I could say, but I will conclude by expressing my sincere gratitude to our leadership team, alumni, and friends everywhere for supporting ECSU and the NAA. I encourage you to intensify your involvement as we continue to pursue our mission and goals. It is through our concerted efforts that we can make a difference for our students and university.

We hope to see you in Elizabeth City at our annual National Convention on July 11-12. Check the ECSU Website for more information.

With Viking Pride!

Charles D. Cherry, Ed.D.
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Membership applications are available on our website at www.ecsu.edu/alumni/forms.cfm.
ECSU alumni announce new license plate tags

ECSU alumni celebrated with NC Division of Motor Vehicles officials the new ECSU collegiate insignia license plate.

Seated (left to right): Mrs. Vonda Reed Riley ('65), Mr. Melvyn N. Riley ('61), Mr. Wayne Hurder, Deputy Commissioner for the NC DMV. Standing (left to right): Mr. Gerald Honeyblue ('80), Kay Hatcher, DMV supervisor for the Special License Plate Unit; Barbara Sutton ('74), Elston Howell ('88), Todd Twine ('92), and Portia Manley ('76), Assistant Director of Vehicle Services NCDMV.

Alumni lead ticket booth initiative

Susie ('65) and Benny Hodges ('67) (not pictured) led a ticket booth initiative. The ticket booth committee also raised more than $15,850 towards this initiative.

Pictured (left to right): Martha Lawrence Alford ('65), Nate Grant Jr. ('68) and Susie Hodges ('65)
The National Alumni Association held its 31st annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Aug. 31, 2007. The banquet was held in memory of Mr. Rochelle Vann, Class of 1947. More than 150 people attended this event.

Honorees included major donors, new life members, outstanding alumni chapters, alumni and friends who have excelled in their daily endeavors.

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) honored the 2007 distinguished alumni of member institutions. The event was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, D.C. Alumni were recognized for their commitment to service within their profession, community and to their alma mater. Elizabeth City State University congratulates Mr. Argle B. Whitfield ('65), Dr. Laura Walton Buffalo ('65), Mrs. Margaret Muskelly Jones ('63), and Dr. G. Maxine Beatty ('75).

Distinguished alumni honored during NAFEO

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Alumni Affairs Award: Mary Glover ('67)
Education Award: Ronald Madison Leigh, Jr. ('91)
Business and Profession Award: Edward Kirk Rivers ('96)
Community Service/Government Relations Award: Rhonda Twiddy ('86)
Viking Spirit Award: Mary Cates ('61)
Viking Image Award: Mayor Fred Yates

31st Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

Pictured (left to right): Argle B. Whitfield, Dr. Laura Buffalo, Margaret Muskelly Jones, and Dr. Maxine Beatty.
Peninsula Alumni Chapter hosted its 2nd Annual Spring Open House Bus Trip for prospective students on campus April 12, 2008. The Chapter also hosted its 9th Annual Scholarship Dinner Gala on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at McGrew Towers, Hampton University in Hampton, Va. Three ECSU students were awarded $500 during the gala. President Margaret Jones and chapter members are proud of the chapter’s accomplishments as they continue striving to fulfill the university’s goals.

WRVS / W18BB Reunion
Searching for alums who, as students, were on staff at WRVS or W18BB (including work-study, interns, volunteers, paid/ unpaid staff members). Please contact Melba Smith, director of TV and Radio Services at (252) 335-3985 or mybrown@mail.ecsu.edu.

Class of 1988 Reunion-October 25, 2008
Come One, Come All. Seeking all classmates from the Class of ’88 to come sail on the Spirit of Norfolk in Norfolk, Va., at midnight during ECSU homecoming weekend. Please respond no later than July 31, 2008. Tickets will go fast. Please contact Sheryl Ganus at (240)388-1022 or Ebony99@earthlink.net or onepah@aol.com.

Delta Chi Chapter Reunion- October 24, 2008
The Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate its 55th Anniversary on October 24, 2008 during ECSU homecoming weekend at the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center on the campus of ECSU. For more information, please email: deltachiunion@yahoo.com.

(ECSU) Reunion- 2009
Plans are underway for a 2009 reunion of sorority members initiated in the last gathering of Delta Theta sorority sisters, February 2004 in Elizabeth City, NC. This event was held to celebrate the chapter’s 50th Anniversary (chartered 1954) and to honor the Charter members. For more information, contact Gloria White Strong at (770) 996-3159(h), (404) 730-4001, x199(w), (770) 377-8942 or Gstrong78@hotmail.com.

Where are they now?

Stephanie K. Noblitt (’06) is currently teaching 8th Grade Science at River Road Middle School in Elizabeth City, NC. Ms. Noblitt was a former ECSU Research Assistant under the supervision of Ms. Elizabeth Noble. She received her B.S. degree in Marine Environmental Science.

Amber E. Reed (’06) is currently employed with the Soil and Water Conservation of Pasquotank County. She received her B.S. degree in Marine Environmental Science and was a former ECSU Research Assistant in the Department of Marine Environmental Science working under the supervision of Ms. Elizabeth Noble (faculty).

Shakira Turner (’07) is currently employed with Metropolitan Laboratories, Inc. in Portsmouth, Va. Ms. Turner received her B.S. degree in Marine Environmental Science.

Morris Beasley (’07) is currently employed with GE Fanuc Automation Company in Charlottesville, Va. Beasley, a technology major, was the first student to become employed with this agency from ECSU as an Electronic Technician.

Valerie D. Howard (’86) has served as director of Sponsored Programs for the last five years at Winston-Salem State University. Howard has been involved with administrative research and sponsored program activities since 1989 (19 years). She holds a BS degree in Computer and Information Science from Elizabeth City State University.
1960s

Dr. David P. James (’62) received the President’s Medal from Dr. Charlene Dukes, President of Prince George Community College in Largo, Md. This award is the highest honor given to an employee at the college. Dr. James, currently the dean of Educational Development, Degree/Extension Centers and Special Programs at Prince George’s Community College, was honored for his exemplary service in higher education covering the past 37 years at the college. He served as president of the International Mentoring Association from 1988-2001. The International Mentoring Association is an organization devoted to excellence in mentoring and is housed at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Norman Cherry (’64) has been named chairman of the Bertie Board of Commissioners in Bertie, NC.

Elwood “Tank” Williams (’64) has been recently promoted to associate regional director of the Boys and Girls Club in the Southeast Region. He also serves as the executive director of the Southside and Bigstown Boys and Girls Clubs in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Williams has been involved with the Boys and Girls Club for the past 39 years.

(left to right) Marvin “Marvelous” Trotman (’62), Elwood “Tank” Williams (’64) and Spencer Mayfield (’65) were enshrined into the Virginia African American Sports Hall of Fame. A reception was held at the Sheraton Waterside in Norfolk, Va, in their honor.

Martha Lawrence Alford (’65) won a Weldon Town Board of Commissioners seat during special election. She is a retired educator.

1980s

Vickie Joyner (’84) has been appointed to the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners (GUC) for a three-year term by the City Council, beginning August 2008. Since 2000, she has been employed as the operations manager in the Office of Sponsored Programs at East Carolina University. Commissioner Joyner holds a Master of Arts degree in Adult Education from East Carolina University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Elizabeth City State University. She is also a member of several associations including the Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter of ECSU and the Greenville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Joyner currently serves as Ms. Alumni

Vickie Williams (’85) is currently serving as the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act Coordinator at the Virginia State Board of Elections. Ms. Williams participated in the Election Assistance Commission conference on “Facilitating UOCAVA Voting” held in Washington, D.C. This event brought together experts on overseas and military voting, including election administrators from 23 states, federal agencies, and other stakeholders.

Tony Lewis (’86) has been named to the new position of vice president-Open Development Initiatives, reporting to Verizon president and CEO Lowell McAdam. Mr. Lewis will be responsible for executing open development initiatives, including directing the pricing, activation, billing, distribution, device specification and testing, and communications planning for the project. He was most recently president of Verizon Washington, D.C., overseeing the company’s operations, including regulatory and financial matters in the nation’s capital. Mr. Lewis brings more than 20 years of telecommunications experience to this new role, including a background in business planning, product line management, traffic engineering and planning, sales, regulatory, and public policy. Lewis is also an ECSU Trustee.

Angelia D. Nelson (’88), debuted as an author and motivational speaker. She has published a book entitled “The Ghetto Is Not My Final Destination” to provide young girls around the world with motivating and insightful information to assist them on their journey to securing a brighter future. Angelia D. Nelson is on a crusade. This former Tuskegee
University women’s basketball head coach has more than 15 years of experience working with underprivileged children. She is currently working with three-time USA Olympian and professional basketball player Dawn Staley to create quality academic, cultural, and sports programs for inner-city children in Philadelphia, Penn. Ms. Nelson was born and raised in Garysburg, N.C. She received her undergraduate degree from Elizabeth City State University and a master’s degree in sports administration from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla. She also earned a doctorate in Sports Management from Florida State University.

1990s

Tonya Little (’90) was selected as Martin County Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008. Ms. Little, a National Board Certified Teacher, teaches biology and AP biology at Williamston High School, Williamston, N.C.

Victoria Fields (’93) joined the ECSU Admissions team as an enrollment services officer in August 2006. A native of Plymouth, N.C., Ms. Fields holds an undergraduate degree in English from ECSU and a master’s degree in education from American Intercontinental University. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

2000s

Jameka Cameron (’00) appeared on the CBS TV show, Big Brother 8. Even though she made it to the final four, she was voted off the show. She holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary education with a minor in liberal arts. Ms. Cameron is currently a school counselor at Benjamin Stoddert Middle School in Waldorf, Md., and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Zack Hawkins (’01) was elected president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina. The Young Democrats was established in 1928 and is comprised of persons between the ages of 18 to 35.

Jameson Gibbs (’06) has been named the sports information director at Saint Paul’s College in Lawrenceville, Va. While at ECSU, Gibbs, a native of Smithfield, Va., was a member of the ECSU football team, including the 2006 CIAA Eastern Division Championship team, who posted the best record in school history. At the close of each season on the gridiron, he was a dedicated member of the Sports Information student staff in the Athletics Department.

Save The Date

June 21, 2008
Robert E. Harvey Tri-State Alumni Chapter Annual Scholarship Luncheon
Noon - 4 p.m.
Clarion Hotel, Black Horse Pike/Route 40, Pleasantville, NJ $45.00 pp
For more information, please contact Norman G. King, Jr. @ (609) 348-3398.

July 11-12, 2008
2008 National Convention: Hosted by the Elizabeth City Area Alumni Chapter
Investing in the Future
Elizabeth City State University, Ridley Complex- New Student Center
Registration fee: $75 pp
Co-chairs: Dr. Jeanette H. Evans (’63) & Mrs. Yvonne Walton (’67)
For more information, contact Dr. Jeanette Evans at (252) 338-9479 or visit www.ecsu.edu for registration information.

August 30, 2008
First Home Game: ECSU vs Chowan University
7 p.m.
Roebuck Stadium, Elizabeth City, NC

September 27, 2008
11th Annual Down East Viking Football Classic
ECSU vs Saint Augustine’s College
4 p.m.
Rocky Mount Athletic Complex, Rocky Mount, NC

October 3, 2008
Alumni Awards Banquet
6:30 p.m.
K.E. White Graduate Center, Elizabeth City State University

October 6-10
SuccessFest 2008
To volunteer or make a pledge, please call (252) 335-3553.

October 25, 2008
Homecoming: ECSU vs Saint Paul’s College
1:30 p.m.
Roebuck Stadium, Elizabeth City, NC

February 22 – March 1, 2009
CIAA Tournament
Charlotte, NC

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**Military Announcements**

CAPT Anthony “Tony” Swain (’82) (U.S. Navy) has been slated to command the USS Hue City. The USS Hue City (CG-66), the first U.S. ship to bear the name and the only ship named after a battle of the Vietnam War, is the 20th in the Ticonderoga Class of Aegis guided-missile cruisers. The mission of Hue City is to conduct prompt, sustained operations at sea in support of a carrier battle group or amphibious assault group operations.

LTC Rodney T. Haggins (’87) is currently attending the Army War College located in Carlisle Barracks, PA.

LTC Thurinton Harvell (’88) is currently serving as the Professor of Military Science at Bowie State University in Bowie, MD.

**Military Promotions**

**Congratulations** to five Vikings selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) in the U.S. Army. This is a major accomplishment and the first time five ECSU alumni have been on the Lieutenant Colonel promotion list at the same time.

Jamette A. (Smith) Blue (’90) Chemical Corps, current duty station-Fort Bliss, TX.

Chonta (Ridley) Edwards (’91) Adjutant General Corps, current duty station- Fort Carson, CO.

Anissa McNeill-Roberts (’91) Chemical Corps, current duty station-Pentagon, VA.

Susan D. (Paige) Pooler (’91) Acquisition Corps, current duty station-Fort McPherson, GA.

Marvin M. Thornton (’91) Quartermaster Corps, current duty station- Fort Bragg, NC.

**Congratulations** to the following Vikings on their selection for promotion to Major in Functional Area 50 (Force Management). Force Managers build and modify Force Structures, new technology and equipment, as well as, integrate the current force with the future force.

Bobby Burrus (’98), 7th Army, Germany

Leonard Jones (’98), 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

Zabrina Y. Hoggard (’96) was selected for the rank of Major in the U.S. Air, effective July 1, 2008. She is currently serving as Chief, Acquisition Workforce Planning and Analysis, Office of the Pentagon. As an Air Force scientific analyst, Zabrina currently analyzes and reports demographic, promotion, training, and workforce data for all Air Force civilian and military acquisition personnel. She is responsible for tracking compliance and preparing analytical reports for policy matters, congressional hearings, and ad hoc queries.

**Military Retirement**

**Congratulations** to LTC Darrell E. Whitehurst (’87) and LTC Tyron W. Eason (’86) on their retirement from the U.S. Army.
We want to know what you've been doing. Give us an update on your professional accomplishments you think would be of interest to the Viking community. The information may be used in a future issue of the ECSU magazine.

Email your information with a high quality digital image to ecsualumni@mail.ecsu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Are you just trying to locate some fellow Vikings and want to  
join the local alumni chapter? If the answer is yes to any of  
these questions, check out this updated list of chapter  
presidents. They should be able to assist you.
Become a member of the National Alumni Association!
If you are interested in joining a chapter; organizing a chapter, or need additional information regarding membership, contact the Office of Alumni Relations. Membership applications are available on our website at www.ecsu.edu/alumni/forms.cfm.

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If you have questions about your membership or form, contact:
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Viking fans have one more season to cheer on All-American Anthony Hilliard. His performance this season allowed the junior from Fayetteville, N.C., to bring home the conference’s top award and a bundle that will distinguish him from his CIAA peers.

Hilliard led the CIAA in scoring and rebounding. For the second consecutive year, he is the conference’s only male basketball player to average a double-double. As a guard and forward for the Vikings, Hilliard earned CIAA Player of the Week recognition four times last season. In NCAA Division II, he ranks 17th in scoring and third in rebounding. Anthony Hilliard, a Mighty Viking is on a journey towards excellence!

**2007-2008 Achievements:**
- NCAA Division II All-American Third Team
- 2008 Daktronics Second Team All-American
- 2008 Co-South Atlantic Region Player of the Year
- 2008 CIAA Player of the Year (sixth ECSU player in school history)
- 2008 All-CIAA Team
- 2008 NCCSIA All-State First Team
- Led ECSU to first 20-win season since 1998-1999
- Four-time CIAA Player of the Week
- Only men’s basketball player in the CIAA averaging a double-double
- Scored 1,000th career point after posting career high 42 points vs. Lincoln University (1/17/08) which is tied at fourth in the nation for single-game scoring performance this season
- Tied at 3rd for single-game rebounds (21) vs. Saint Paul’s (2/9/08)
- Dished out a career-best 7 assists vs. Johnson C. Smith (12/15/08)

**CIAA Rankings:**
- First in scoring
- First in rebounding
- Ninth in assists
- 13th in field goal percentage
- 14th in free throw percentage
- Tied at 10th for blocks and 11th in assist/turnover ratio

**NCAA Division II Rankings:**
- Tied at 17th in scoring
- Ranks 3rd in rebounding
- Pre-Season All-CIAA selection
Coach Shawn Walker tabbed CIAA Men’s Coach of the Year

Coach Shawn Walker, a 1994 alumnus, is the 2008 Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year. The CIAA Men’s Basketball Coaches Association and the CIAA Executive Committee selected Walker and recognized him during the basketball tournament in Charlotte, NC.

This season, Walker led his team to their best record, 20-7, since 1999. The Vikings were a perfect 12-0 at the R.L. Vaughan Center under Walker. As an undergraduate, Walker was a two-time All-CIAA guard for the Vikings (1993, 1994). Last season (2006-2007) he became one of three coaches in CIAA history to lead his alma mater to a CIAA title. Only Walker, Coach Stephen Joyner of Johnson C. Smith and the late Coach Norvell Lee of St. Augustine’s hold that distinction.
The Elizabeth City State University Lady Vikings captured the 2007 CIAA Eastern Division crown with a three-game sweep over Virginia Union University (30-11, 30-15, 30-12) at the R.L. Vaughan Center. For the first time in ECSU history, the volleyball team captured a Division Title and their 19-9 record is the best in school history. Against CIAA opponents in 2007, ECSU only dropped one match to cross division rival Fayetteville State University. Against all other conference foes, they swept all matches three games to none.

The Lady Vikings’ season ended in the semi-finals (first ever appearance) of the 2007 CIAA Tournament at the hands of eventual champion Fayetteville State University. All-CIAA performer Eva Johnson was named to the All-Tournament Team as ECSU finished the year at 21-11, overall. Both Johnson and Christina Hager were named to the 2007 All-CIAA First Team while Stacie West, Xie-Ara Maybank-Smallings, Ashley Tarasoff, and Cassie Noe received All-CIAA Second Team Honors. Maybank-Smallings, Noe, West, and Hardy were all named to the 2007 CIAA All-Rookie Team.

Playing football at the collegiate level brings athletes a host of rewards and challenges beyond those existing at the high school level. For the ECSU Vikings, playing at Giant Stadium during last year’s Whitney Young Classic was certainly rewarding. Head Coach Waverly Tillar said playing in one of the NFL’s famed facilities was a dream come true for the students. The Elizabeth City State University Vikings played against the North Carolina Central University Eagles as a part of the Whitney Young Football Classic on September 15, 2007 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. Unfortunately the Vikings lost to their opponent, the Eagles of North Carolina Central University. Coach Tillar said it was a pleasure to participate in the event.

For more than 30 years, The Whitney Young Football Classic has been held to benefit the New York Urban League Scholarship Fund and Education Programs. The organization reports the fundraiser has helped 4,034 students with over $20,165,000 in scholarships to attend the college of their choice. Scholarships are awarded on the basis academic record, community service, a written essay, and personal interviews.
ECSU officials are proud of the strong emphasis they've placed on the academic success of student athletes. Recent rankings by DIVERSE Issues in Higher Education indicate the Vikings are certainly on the right track. According to the magazine, the ECSU football and basketball programs are number 1 among Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) for their black male student athlete graduation rate.

The university's successful graduation rate is no accident. Several measures are in place to steer student athletes toward the commencement stage. Addie W. Griffin, athletic senior Woman administrator and academic coordinator, said each coach has tutorial sessions in place for student athletes. Student athletes may request assistance through the university Student Athletes Advisory Committee or they may also seek the assistance from the university’s Department of General Studies.

“We also contact faculty in (academic) departments to determine if there is any additional assistance in place for particular fields of study. As the academic coordinator, it is one of my goals to meet with each team at the beginning of the year, or soon after, to review and reiterate our expectations for student athletes,” Griffin said.

The ECSU football team holds mandatory study hall sessions for all freshmen and any student with less than a 2.4 grade point average. Coach Waverly Tillar relies upon a simple slogan to emphasize his expectation of academic success — ‘No books -- no ball.’ Unless they succeed academically, their names will be removed from the team roster. For athletes who earn degrees, an additional huddle forms on commencement day. Inside the huddle, stand smiling student athletes. Already, they are recalling old times and scanning the crowd. Rushing from the crowd are Coach Tillar and Baseball Head Coach Terrance Whittle, who customarily pose for the pictures with their graduates.

In order to increase their graduation rates, the Athletics Department implemented an Academic Alert Form. It assists staff with tracking the athletes' progress. This form allows professors to note areas of concern for an athlete and submit the form electronically to the office of the academic coordinator. Athletes are included in the process. If necessary, student athletes are called in for a meeting and a plan of action to improve areas of concern. The staff also reviews midterm grades to identify any problems before they become a threat to a student’s final grade for the term. The formula is working quite well.

In 2007, the Vikings captured their first CIAA men’s basketball championship in 26 years. The CIAA also recognized the Vikings as the basketball team with the highest overall team grade point average. Their Coach, Shawn Walker, a 1994 graduate of ECSU, said their successful graduation rate is linked to the kind of students the staff recruits.

“We are recruiting young men who are dedicated to academic and athletic success. That’s a tribute to their parents. We try to reinforce what is taught at home — the value a good education,” Walker said.

In addition, the basketball team has a 10 - hour - per - week mandatory study hall. An alumnus and Assistant Coach Cleveland Blount coordinates the sessions which meet Sunday through Thursday. The required session exists for athletes from the freshmen to senior level. Walker said the combined efforts of staff and administrators working with good students yield a great return on commencement day.

“All the efforts -- study hall, progress reports, student consultations with instructors -- work for us. We try to mentor them with an end result in mind,” Walker said. “Ultimately, the program is built on skills they will need in the future — arriving on time, attending class, interacting once there, and completing the assignments that will earn above average grades. The outcome is a positive one. We graduate players who become ambassadors for ECSU.”
Former Elizabeth City State University men's basketball standout C.J. Pigford signed a deal to play for the UBSC Graz of the European Basketball League. C.J., was the fourth newcomer to play for the Graz, a team based in Austria, at the time of the signing last year. Last season the 6-7 forward averaged 18.1 points and 8.2 rebounds for ECSU, was named to the 2006-07 All-CIAA Men's basketball team and, en route to helping the Vikings to their first CIAA Tournament Championship in 26 years, was also named to the 2007 All-Tournament Team.

Viking Athletic Honors - Basketball 2007-2008

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Anthony Hilliard
2008 Daktronics Second Team All-American
Basketball Time NCAA Division II All-American
Third Team
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Olajuwon Johnson
2008 CIAA Player of the Week

Matt Nowlin
2008 CIAA Player of the Week

Shawn Walker
2008 CIAA Coach of the Year
Five Time CIAA Coach of the Week

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Celeste Trahan
2008 Daktronics Division II Player of the Year
2008 Women’s Division II Bulletin Player of the Year
2008 Daktronics Division II First Team Selection
2008 NCAA Division II State Farm/WBCA All-America Team
2008 South Atlantic Region Player of the Year
2008 CIAA Player of the Year
2008 CIAA Defensive Player of the Year
First woman in NCAA Division II history to record 2,000 points and 1,500 rebounds in a career
First woman in ECSU history and the fourth overall to have her jersey (#00) retired
First woman to be honored four times by the North Carolina Sports Information Association
All State Team (NCSIA)

Joyce Freeman
2008 CIAA Player of the Week
### 2008 Football Schedule

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**Season and Single Game Ticket Information 2008**

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• Men's Baseball
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• 500/500 Mighty Vikings List will be printed in athletic publications
• Recognition at the annual athletic banquet
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500 Vikings-Giving $500 Campaign Form

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(   ) Yes, I would like to pledge $500 and be a part of the 500/500 Mighty Vikings.
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ALUMNI

Bessie Scott Boyd (‘43)

Katherine Verdell McEachern (‘49)

Maxine Geraldine Mitchell (Andrews) (‘50) began teaching at Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Washington, D.C. after graduating until her retirement in the early ‘90s.

Elsie Mae Miller (‘53) devoted more than 40 years in the field of education and community service. She was also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Uraih Eley (‘56) was a retired assistant principal for Gates County High School.

Dr. Irvin D. Gordy (‘57), B.S. Education. Gordy was also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

James "Tom" Wesley (‘63)

Willie Dugger (‘65), brother of Mrs. Esther Dugger Harvey (‘58) (widower of Robert Harvey ‘58).

Joe Delanoe Scales (‘67), BS, Elementary Education

Henry Rhoula (‘69) was a member of the ECSU Football Hall of Fame. Viking Rhoula led the CIAA in receptions and receiving yardage in 1968. He was second in the CIAA in touchdowns. Henry was selected All CIAA in 1969 and participated in the East–West Shrine All Star game in 1969. Henry was an avid donor to the ECSU Athletics program. He received his BS degree in physical education.

Alonzo Curtis Jr. (‘70) was a graduate of George Washington Carver High School and Elizabeth City State University, where he played basketball on the 1969 CIAA Championship basketball team. He was a teacher at Warrick High School in Newport News for 12 years.

Whitman Bond Chapman (‘70), BS, Education-Elementary Education

Thomas C. Hodges ("Foots") (‘76)

Mary B. Jones (‘79), B.S., E.D. Early Childhood Education

Juarez Denise Pierce (‘82)

James "Scoop" Fields Jr. (‘84) James was a member of the Marching Vikings and the Alumni Band. His daughter, Tre Asia currently attends ECSU. She is the reigning Miss Omega Psi Phi and presently campaigning for Miss ECSU 2008-2009.

Elma R. Wilkins, former ECSU employee and mother of Colbert Respass (‘86). Mrs. Wilkins served as the first switchboard operator at ECSU and most recently she held the position of University Safety Technician.

Minor "Wigg" Wiggins (‘89). Wiggins previously served as executive director of the Boys & Girls Club in Halifax County.

Joy Renee Forrest (‘06). Most recently, Ms. Forrest was enrolled in Strayer University pursuing a master’s degree in Public Health.

FACULTY

Samuel T. "Coach" Holmes Sr. joined the staff at Elizabeth City State University in 1969, where he served as associate professor in health and physical education; aquatic director, track coach 1969–1976, football coach, and director of student teaching for department majors. He retired in 1990.

Dr. Dorothy Elliott Thomas was a former faculty member in the ECSU Department of Biology. She began her tenure at ECSU in 1957 as an associate professor of biology and retired in 1984. She was also actively involved in the ECSU Retirees Association, serving as one of its past presidents.

Valerie W. Vaughan was a former faculty member who served as a dance instructor and coordinator of the ECSU laboratory school.
HOMECOMING 2008

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