



East Carolina University

Please "save the date" for Founders Day 2007 – Thursday, March 8.

On this date we will have the formal kickoff of the Centennial Celebration, and there are a number of events planned which may be of interest to you:

- The annual "dinner on the grounds" for the full campus community.
- The inaugural awarding of the Centennial Awards for Excellence (replaces the Founders Awards, the Synergy Awards, and the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence).
- The Chancellor's Forum on Service – speakers include Mr. Phil Dixon, Dr. Ruth Shaw, and Governor James B. Hunt. We await a response from our 4th speaker. The speakers will address service from a local, state, national, and global perspective. The Honorable Janice Faulkner will moderate the forum, which is patterned after last year's highly successful Chancellor's Forum on Leadership.
- The announcement of the establishment of the Servire Society, an organization devoted to those who provide 100 hours of public service.
- Possible dedication of the renovated Wright Fountain.
- Hopefully we will host a joint session of the NC General Assembly honoring the legislative establishment of ECU one hundred years ago on March 8, 1907.

Note: We will invite the NC General Assembly to hold a joint session on the ECU campus on Thursday, March 8. Because the House won't elect a speaker until after the session begins on January 24, we will have to wait until that occurs before formally inviting the House to join the Senate for this opportunity. We have a commitment from the Senate of a Joint Session on campus – barring unforeseen circumstances. If the General Assembly is not able to hold their session on campus on March 8, we will ask that there be a Joint Session of the General Assembly in honor of ECU on the morning of Thursday, March 8 in Raleigh. If neither of these work, we will celebrate the Centennial Founders Day with the already scheduled events on campus. **Attached is a schedule of events that takes into account three scenarios.**

There will be other events on Wednesday, March 7 that may be of interest to you. These are noted on the attached schedules.

Of course, we will inform you as soon as we know where we stand with planning and the General Assembly.

Other important Centennial events in March are:

Thursday and Friday, March 15 and 16 – **UNC Board of Governors meeting on the ECU campus.**

Friday, March 23 – A new event, the **Women of Distinction Gala, with Dr. Maya Angelou** as the guest speaker. This event is co-sponsored by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the Committee on the Status of Women. This will be an evening affair; details are still being finalized.

Monday-Friday, March 26-30 -- **Research and Creative Achievement Week:** Includes a special Research Expo including but not limited to research, scholarship, artistry, and other forms of creative activity featuring ECU faculty, undergraduate and graduate students. Included will be poster, oral and DVD/video presentations by students throughout the week and special presentations by outside experts and distinguished ECU faculty researchers. Students will be invited to present their work, graduate student presentations will be judged by selected faculty, and monetary awards will be provided by sponsoring entities.

A more detailed listing of other upcoming centennial events may be found on the Centennial website: www.ecu.edu/centennial -- click on the Calendar of Events link.

If you have any questions, please contact the Centennial Office by e-mail at centennial@ecu.edu or by phone at 252.328.1907.