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Editor-in-Chief Chloe Easton will lead The East Carolinian throughout the remainder of her time at ECU.

# Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

Welcome home Pirates!

Congratulations on your acceptance to East Carolina University. These next few years will bring you memories and moments you will never forget. I would like to introduce myself as the Editor-in-Chief of The East Carolinian (TEC), the student-ran newspaper at ECU.

As I finish my senior year this semester, I can look back and remember the nervous feeling I had as I walked onto campus for the first time. However, I had little idea on the friends and experiences I would make that I will now come to cherish forever.

Although the start of the fall semester may differ from previous semesters, due to precautions taken against the spread of COVID-19, as restrictions ease, the community, faculty and staff here at ECU are dedicated to make sure students will remain safe while back on campus. Though the university has high

vaccination rates among students, it is important to remember that the vaccine does not grant you immunity to the virus.

The time you spend while in college will not always be the easiest. Your major will probably change a few times, you may drop a difficult class, you may change your perspective on life or even change those in your close circle. Don't get me wrong, you will also grow to find your passion, take some of your favorite courses, find your path and meet some of your best friends.

My best advice I can give to you as an incoming student would be to get involved on campus. Before joining Pirate Media 1 and first becoming a staff member at TEC, I felt out of place at ECU. I didn't have many friends and felt as if I couldn't call ECU my home. After joining TEC, I have met and made some of the most amazing friends and gained a magnitude of knowledge on the field I hope to one

day have a professional career in.

The second best advice I can give to you would be to balance your free time wisely, but also remember to take a break when needed. Campus and Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, offer many places where students can relax, grab a bite to eat or have a fun night out. I hope as you read this publication you find ways to reduce your stressors and ideas on how to navigate this year.

TEC and myself are committed to serve Pirate Nation as the most reliable and informative news source to help keep our community safe and informed. From coverage on city to campus events, TEC will continue to provide new students and those returning with the information they need.

Stay safe and have a great year Pirates!

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A group of new students and their family members walk past the Main Campus Student Center located behind the ECU letters that run along the side of 10th Street.

# Class of 2025 welcomed by university

**Michelle Mazzei**

TEC STAFF

As the fall 2021 semester at East Carolina University approaches, administration welcomes the incoming freshmen as well as those students who plan to return to campus, as they hope for a more normal semester after a year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy said she looks forward to the fall semester, the Class of 2025 as well as returning students. She said she is even more excited there will be in-person classes, events and more face-to-face interactions.

"It (attending ECU) is going to be a wonderful opportunity for our students to be able to learn and engage and have a full college experience and to get a quality education," Hardy said. "We're excited about all of that and excited about freshmen, transfers and returning students as well to be able to get to see some normalcy."

Hardy said in order to have a successful fall semester, the ECU community should obtain their COVID-19 vaccines and upload their vaccination cards to the My Pirate Chart website.

When the ECU population gets vaccinated and uploads their vaccine cards, she said it helps the university keep track of the vaccination status of the campus, plans for the future and it helps keep everyone safe and healthy as the university begins to move back to in-person classes and events. She said

the safety of ECU is of utmost importance for the university's administration as they plan for the fall.

"Other goals for the year is that we're all here (on campus), and we're here for the duration (of the year). That is the plan, and it's going to be a great academic year in regards to being able to get some of the Pirate traditions back in place," Hardy said.

Pirate Palooza, an annual ECU event at the Main Campus Student Center, designed to help freshmen and returning students engage and get involved with the university and its community,

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**"Other goals for the year is that we're all here, and we're here for the duration."**

*-Virginia Hardy*

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is scheduled for this fall as of now, according to Hardy. Events like ECU's Pirate Preview acts as a way for incoming ECU students to find clubs and organizations that they may be interested in. She said she remains optimistic about the fall semester as football games and other university events are also on the schedule.

Although new student orientation is scheduled to be held virtually on June 7 for freshmen, Hardy said they will be able to come to campus at some point in July to engage with the university, its community, in activities and get a feel for what college at ECU is like. She said there is not a specified date for the July freshmen events, but she and the campus administration will continue to get everything scheduled for those who plan to return to campus.

"We want them (freshmen) to connect, invest, get motivated and finish strong," Hardy said. "We will have as normal of an academic year as we possibly can. We need our students to help us (administration) do that. There is some sense of responsibility that the students have to accept, and there's community standards and expectations that we have."

Hardy said ECU's administration will continue to do its part to keep the university safe, but students also need to do their part to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students. She said there will still be some COVID-19 guidelines that will stay in place throughout the fall semester, such as wearing face masks in indoor campus facilities and getting tested for the virus if individuals are not vaccinated and isolating themselves if they do test positive for COVID-19, which everyone should be aware of and follow.

# Advice from SGA President Chandler Ward



CONTRIBUTED BY CHANDLER WARD

Chandler Ward poses at the football field with a dog, Riggs.

## Newest Members of Pirate Nation,

Congratulations on your acceptance to East Carolina University, and more importantly, on the declaration to attend ECU this fall! Throughout my time here at ECU, even prior to my role as Student Body President, I have learned a lot about the university I now call home. In this letter I wanted to share with you some tips for college and initiatives in which the Student Government Association (SGA) hopes to bring to fruition throughout the school year. As a rising senior here at East Carolina, I feel as if I have seen it all. Today, I wanted to share with you some tips for navigating your college experience during this next chapter of your life.

**Time management is crucial: Classes come first, after all, that's why you are here. There will always be another party, another football game, or another night of hanging out with friends, it's ok if you miss one.**

**Find time for yourself: While college is a time to build relationships with peers, it's important to take time to focus on what YOU want to do. Take a walk-through campus, explore the Greenway trails, or read a nice book by yourself.**

**Get involved on campus: There are over 500 student organizations here at ECU, find one you like! Student organizations are a great way to make friends, both in the professional and social world.**

**Remember to call home every once in a while: I know you might not miss home much, but I can guarantee it misses you. Call mom or dad to share exciting news and keep siblings up to date on your personal life.**

**Be mentally present wherever you are: College students in particular struggle to be mentally present as they always seem to be focused on what's next, checking social media, or allowing their minds to constantly wander. I challenge you to be locked in on the task at hand as often as you can throughout the day, not just in the classroom, but with everything you do.**

As you complete your first year of school here at East Carolina, I hope the Student Government Association will become a resource you constantly look toward for guidance and opportunities here on campus. Specifically, SGA hopes to focus on the following tasks throughout the next year:

**Increasing the student engagement levels on the SGA page in order to educate students on university decisions and SGA policies in a more "college friendly" format.**

**Adding textbook prices and syllabi to the course sign-up section in Pirate Port.**

**Eliminating the stigma associated with mental health and working with campus leaders to better educate the student body on resources available to them.**

**Improving relationships with ECU and Greenville Police Department in order to tackle off campus sexual assault threats and overall campus safety.**

**Piloting programs, such as the Lyft RideShare Program, in order to increase mobility and access to our campus.**

**Stay safe and make it a great year Pirates!**

**Chandler Ward**

# Normalcy arrives within residence halls

**George Martin**  
TEC STAFF

Students who plan to move on campus at East Carolina University for this fall semester can expect a return to semi-normal campus operations, however, there will still be some added safety precautions to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Aaron Lucier, the director of housing operations for ECU, said College Hill Suites will continue to operate as quarantine and isolation housing as it will not be open for regular use. He said the layout of the rooms, a bedroom and private bath, led the building to act as a quarantine space.

Lucier said he believes College Hill Suites will be able to house ECU's isolated population, but if not, the university may use other resources like hotel rooms to house students who contract the virus or for infected clusters of students.

"Based on the numbers that we're hoping will come back vaccinated and our ability to flex the space, we believe it will be more than enough," Lucier said.

Unvaccinated students will be entry tested before they come to the university, Lucier said. They will also be part of the university's surveillance testing, where a set number of students are randomly tested each week.

Students will submit proof of vaccination to student health. He said he encourages students to consider the vaccine and make an informed decision, as those who receive the vaccine will not be tested and may not have to be quarantined.

Campus Living will once again have a drop-off and move-in day, where incoming students come to the university early in order to drop off their items before they come to move into the residence halls. Lucier said not every residence hall will have this option and students will receive updates on which halls plan to have drop-off and move-in.

"COVID changed a lot of things, not all of them good, as we know. A good thing that came out of COVID is our experience of using the drop-off element, was really neat. We got lots, and I mean lots of great feedback about it," Lucier said.

Associate Director of Dining Services Linda Campion said her department plans to have a "full



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**An East Carolina student moves his belongings out with family members during the fall 2020 semester.**

opening" where all dining facilities will be in full operation. Face masks will still be required for anyone in the dining hall, unless they are actively eating.

Campion said self-serve stations will return to the dining halls and more stations will open with this semester. She said the Grubhub pickup option made during the pandemic, will still be available to students in the fall.

A new restaurant, called Mama Joyce's, will replace Olilo in Wright Place and serve pizza, Campion said. The namesake of the restaurant is Joyce Sealey, a previous director of ECU's Dining Services who worked at the university for years. 1907 Grille, previously 1907 Grill, has also changed its menu to be an all-day breakfast restaurant instead of its previous menu that consisted of burgers.

"The 1907 (Grill), we looked at the data, and it didn't have the traffic. We had to pick and choose what our customers wanted, you know that's how

we make those decisions," Campion said.

Gregory Corack, the associate director for leadership and programs for Campus Recreation and Wellness, said there will be a full-opening weekend as of May 21. Throughout the weekend before classes begin, known as the Pirate Experience, students can expect movie screenings, the Raid the Rec, Pirate Palooza and Convocation.

Face masks will be required for indoor events, but not for outdoor events until the university lifts the restrictions. He said capacity limits are not planned to be put in place, but certain venues may necessitate them.

"As of right now, we are planning on normal operations with the programs, that doesn't mean it may or may not change, I'm not 100% sure. But as of right now we are planning to have gatherings as we normally would and just as many events," Corack said.

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# Residence Halls: What to Bring and Not to Bring

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As a new student, or for those who will finally make the return to campus after virtual instruction, there may be some slight confusion on what you should and should not bring to your residence hall upon move in day.

Each ECU residence hall provides students

with a microwave, mini refrigerator, power outlets, desk, bed, overhead light and dresser and/or wardrobe/closet. However, upon move-in you may want to bring other essentials, extras and keep in mind that some items should be left at home and not seen inside your room.

## Yes

Command strips	Portable speaker
Wall decor	Fan
String lights	Fish tank
LED strip lights	Plants
Coffee maker	Utensils
Small rug	Plates, bowls and cups
Bed risers	Sewing kit
Water pitcher with filter	First aid kit
Extra storage bins/plastic storage drawers	Non-perishable snacks
Shoe rack	Plants
	Broom

## No

Linens for an 80" mattress	Laptop, laptop charger
Throw blanket	School supplies
Pillow(s)	Shower shoes
Laundry basket/hamper	Shower caddy
Laundry detergent, dryer sheets	Small water filter
Towels	Desk lamp/clip on lamp
Clothes hangers	Hand sanitizer
Power strip (or surge protector)	Disinfectant spray and wipes
Phone charger	Multiple reusable face masks

## Definitely

Linens for an 80" mattress	sheets	Laptop, laptop charger	Desk lamp/clip on lamp
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Ron Michelson, special assistant to Chancellor Philip Rogers, said although he retires June 30, the ECU community is in good hands. The fall 2021 planning team, a group Michelson said he is a part of, has been meeting weekly since early April where they have had several discussions about the safety of the university in terms of the upcoming fall.

Mitchelson said he looks forward to a more normal fall semester. He said he is excited for the Class of 2025 to be able start their college experience the typical way since the Class of 2024 and the other returning students have had.

“They’re (Class of 2025 students) coming to a university that is returning to normal,” Mitchelson said. “Fall 2021 should look a lot like fall 2019 and they can expect that they will be able to be fully engaged in campus activities and with very few restrictions.”

Mitchelson said he held the interim chancellor position for the majority of the time that the university was affected by COVID-19 and he is

amazed by how committed, patient and resilient ECU students have been throughout the pandemic. He said students have been receptive to the university, university, the university’s mission as well as the entire ECU community throughout the past year and a half.

Mitchelson said he hopes ECU can stay in a less restricted environment in the fall of 2021 as COVID-19 case numbers continue to fall in North Carolina and in the Greenville community. He said if COVID-19 continues to drastically affect the university, there won’t be as dramatic a pivot as there was in the fall of 2020, but there is a possibility of reverting back to online formats for academic courses as well as restrictions on face masks, socially distancing and gatherings. The university also has a back-up 8-week calendar planned in case the school needs to make any pivots for the fall semester.

“We’ll (ECU) manage our way through any opening surge that we might witness,” Mitchelson said. “I think everybody expects a little bit of an opening surge, but with the (COVID-19) vaccinations continuing to increase, I think the

opening surge will be modest compared to last fall.”

Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership Erik Kneubuehl said there is a website in the works entitled “Pirate Experience,” which is designed for both the Class of 2025 and the returning students as well.

“We’re launching a brand new concept, called the Pirate Experience, which is going to be, not just the first two weeks of school or opening weekend, but also all year long of what does it mean to be a Pirate,” Kneubuehl said.

The “Pirate Experience” website was supposed to be active before the COVID-19 pandemic hit the university, but due to the pandemic, the website will now be active within the next coming weeks, according to Kneubuehl. He said the website will entail videos of past in-person events, what the spirit of Pirate Nation entails, inclusion, diversity, and also of what the university means as a whole.

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# Organizations, clubs form communities

**Brendan Cavazos**

TEC STAFF

Clubs and student organizations are a way to get socially plugged in and build a resume at East Carolina University and with over 500 to choose from, the university offers a wide range of organizations for students to join.

Students can look at the full list of orga-

nizations and get connected to one through [engage.ecu.edu](http://engage.ecu.edu). Topics range from academics, club sports, fraternities and sororities and much more. Besides your course work, it is important to remember to get involved on campus as this is a way you can meet lifelong friends and destress from their workload. Below is a list of four prominent on-campus organizations.

## Collegiate DECA

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is an organization that promotes the development of business skills through competitions. At ECU, the DECA chapter competes across the nation and gives students opportunities to accomplish their future goals. Students will get to speak with entrepreneurs from the corporate world and will be given opportunities to earn scholarships as well. ECU's DECA chapter is led by President Chehannah Hayden and her fellow officers.

## Brody Ambassador

Brody Ambassador is an organization set up to mentor undergraduate students. Brody medical students offer undergraduates professional help as they work toward medical school. This organization is led by President Heerali Patel.

Patel said Brody Ambassador helps connect high school and undergrad students with the Brody School of Medicine to learn what the application process looks like for medical school.

"We are also hoping to have some panels that undergrad students can attend and ask questions from medical students, not only at Brody, but we also all know medical students from across the state that they could also get in contact with," Patel said.

## Athletic Training Student Club

The Athletic Training Student Club focuses on Athletic Training students and community service. Through philanthropic activities, this club promotes spreads awareness on why athletic training is necessary for the Pirate and Greenville community. The Athletic Training Student Club values the academic success of its students studying in the field of athletic training and continues to help them grow in their field of study.

## AAAS Ambassadors

African and African American Studies (AAAS) Ambassadors is an organization focused on service with a foundation in academics. This student organization includes African and African American majors and tries to bring solidarity among the African and African American population at ECU. AAAS Ambassadors do community service and provide opportunities for scholarships. The ambassadors are led by President Kayla Jones and Vice President George Cherry Jr.

"As the PWI (predominantly white institution) that ECU is, many times African American students are overlooked or isolated," Cherry said.

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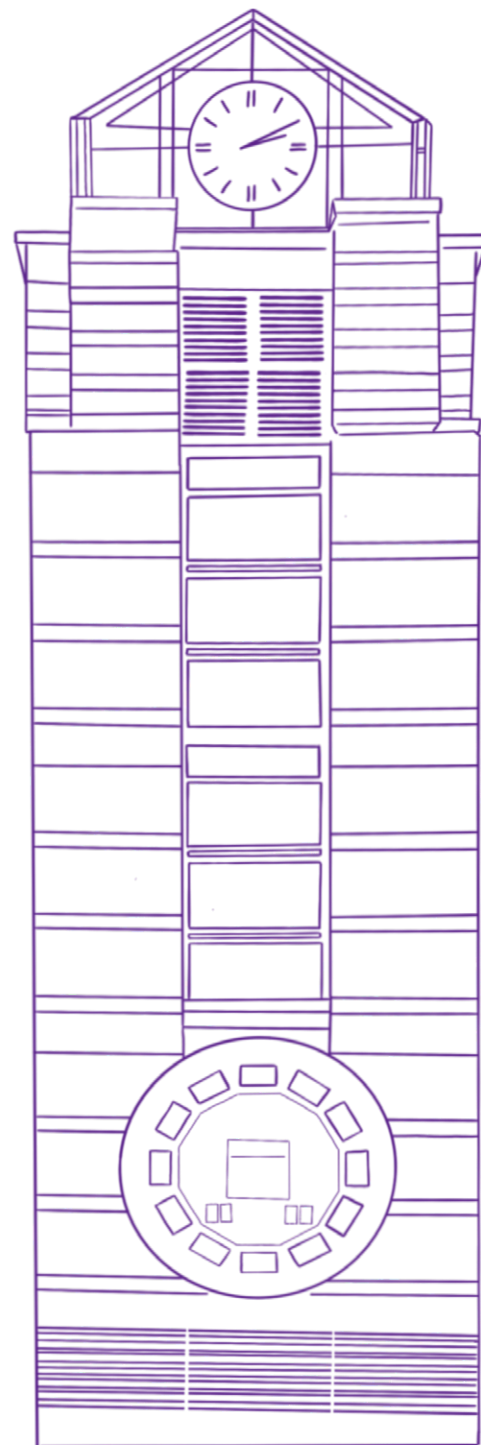
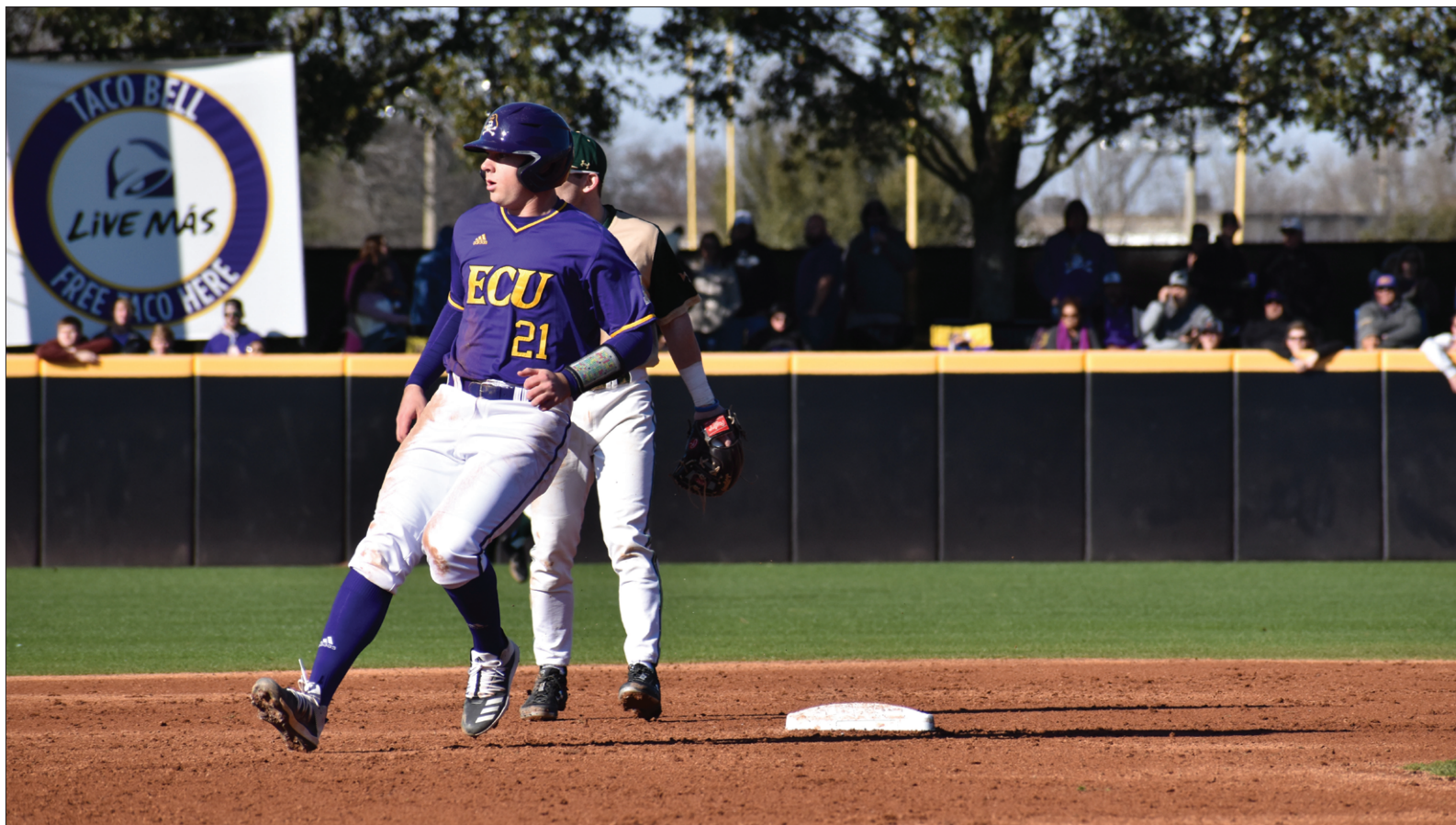


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Thomas Francisco, a sophomore infielder for the ECU Pirates, looks to make a run from second to third base against the William & Mary Griffins.

## ECU athletics looks forward to fall semester sports

**Markayla McInnis**  
TEC STAFF

As East Carolina University prepares to bring students back to campus, ECU athletics continues to look forward student-athletes' return home to Pirate Nation over the summer to prepare for the upcoming sports season.

In the 2020-21 season, attendance at athletic events was limited due to COVID-19 but teams were able to play in a different atmosphere than normal. For the fall sports teams of football, basketball and women's soccer, coaches and players look to get back on campus for preseason workouts and games before the fall season approaches. Coaches and staff will also look to recruit and welcome more players this season.

Last season, ECU football ended with a 3-6 record with three games postponed at the start of the

season. The week of May 23, the team will begin their required summer access period until July 24. During this period, players will not be able to exceed eight hours a week in conditioning and weight training. The Pirates will report back to campus on Aug. 3 for the first preseason practice on Aug. 4.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) issued a dead period for all coaches in regards to recruiting. The dead period ends May 31 as football coaches will be able to schedule official and unofficial visits with prospect Pirates on June 1. The team's first game will be on Sept. 2 when they will play Appalachian State University in the Bank of America Stadium at Charlotte, North Carolina.

"It's that training and it's getting as big and as fast and as strong as we can before fall camp," head

coach Mike Houston said. "It's continuing to mesh cohesively, all phases and all people, and so that starts here in mid-May."

Last season, the women's basketball team ended with an 8-14 record after a season with little to no fans, which made this previous season unique, according to head coach Kim McNeil. Despite the tough season, McNeil said she is still proud of the team's work as they set a program record with an annual GPA of 3.31 despite all the obstacles. At the end of the 2020-21 season, the players had two weeks off before their four weeks of individual training.

Pirates will return to campus for workouts mid-June and while the first game cannot be announced due to contracts, McNeil hinted it will be an away

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game. The coaching staff has already begun their “intense” recruiting process to prepare for the 2021 season with four new transfers and three freshmen that will join the team this fall.

“It has been a different offseason than I’ve ever seen before, but we had a lot of success with the transfer portal,” McNeil said. “We’re definitely excited about getting fans back in the stands this year, I don’t think fans realize how much they play a part in our success.”

The Pirates soccer team’s 2020-21 season ended April 15 in the first round of the American Athletic Conference (AAC) tournament. The team ended with a 3-6-2 record. The team will have to wait till Aug. 2 to return to team practices and head coach Jason Hamilton hopes his team will stay delighted with their workouts over summer break.

“I’m really hoping everyone is off doing what they’re supposed to be doing and pushing themselves at home,” Hamilton said.

Once the team returns, they will have about eight days to prepare for the first game. The team’s first exhibition game will be on Aug. 14 against the University of North Carolina Wilmington and the first regular season game will take place at Virginia Military Institute. The team will play its first home game on Aug. 26 against the University of South Carolina. In the soccer program, the coaching staff recruits two years out so already has five new players in place to begin this season.

As for the men’s basketball team, head coach Joe Dooley has not returned for comments as of date of publication. ECU previously finished the 2020-21 season 8-10 and went 2-10 in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) on March 11 to finish as the No. 11 seed in the AAC tournament.

As student-athletes gradually return to Greenville for pre-season workouts, coaches are preparing for recruiting and ready to get their teams back together to be able to impress fans this fall season.

As more and more teams return, The East Carolinian will continue to give reports of teams throughout the preseason and recruiting process.

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**Tremont Robinson-White leaps for the net in a match against the University of Central Florida Knights.**



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**Taniyah Thompson looks to pass against VCU.**



COURTESY OF ROB GOLDBERG | ECUPIRATES

**Defender Kim Sanford looks to one of her teammates.**



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**Cornerback Malik Fleming secures the football.**



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**Sophomore Connor Norby waits between hits in a game.**



# ECU PIRATES

## 2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>AT</i>	<i>OPPONENT</i>	<i>TOURNAMENT</i>
THURSDAY SEP 2	7:30 P.M.	NEUTRAL	APPALACHIAN STATE	CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM)
SATURDAY SEP 11	12 P.M.	HOME	SOUTH CAROLINA	GREENVILLE, N.C. (DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM)
SATURDAY SEP 18	6 P.M.	AWAY	MARSHALL	HUNTINGTON, WVA.
SATURDAY SEP 25	6 P.M.	HOME	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	GREENVILLE, N.C. (DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM)
SATURDAY OCT 2	TBD	HOME	TULANE	GREENVILLE, N.C. (DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM)
SATURDAY OCT 9	TBD	AWAY	UCF	ORLANDO, FL
SATURDAY OCT 23	TBD	AWAY	HOUSTON	HOUSTON, TEXAS
THURSDAY OCT 28	7:30 P.M.	HOME	USF	GREENVILLE, N.C. (DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM)
SATURDAY NOV 6	TBD	HOME	TEMPLE	GREENVILLE, N.C. (DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM)
SATURDAY NOV 13	TBD	AWAY	MEMPHIS	MEMPHIS, TENN.
SATURDAY NOV 20	3:30 P.M.	AWAY	NAVY	ANNAPOLIS, MD.
FRIDAY NOV 26	TBD	HOME	CINCINNATI	GREENVILLE, N.C. (DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM)
SATURDAY DEC 4	TBD	NEUTRAL	AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	TBD



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A family a part of the Pirate community walks through the Main Campus Student Center, as they take steps past the “A Movement Not a Moment” exhibit.

# In-person classes to make return on campus

**George Martin**  
TEC STAFF

Freshmen who arrive at East Carolina University this fall semester can anticipate in-person classes to make a return, and both professors and students offer advice to those who will make their first steps on campus after over a year of virtual instruction.

Associate Professor in the English Department Amanda Klein said the return to in-person courses will be strange after over a year of online classes. She said she looks forward to in-person, real time conversations with her students. She said the biggest piece of advice she can offer to freshmen is to communicate with professors.

“I think a lot of freshmen have a hard time because they don’t reach out when they’re struggling, they kinda just internalize it and will let deadlines pass and just not do anything about it, and I think it’s pretty easy to do that,” Klein said.

Office hours are a valuable resource that students should take note of. Klein said students who struggle with concepts presented in class should use office hours so the professor can personally teach them.

E-mails are an effective way of communication, Klein said, but it is difficult to help students over text messages. She also said relationships can be built between students and professors in office hours and the classroom.

“It matters, it matters putting a name to a face, especially if it’s a really big class. And then being engaged in the class as well, make sure your professor knows who you are, but not in a bad way,” Klein said.

Michael Spurr, a professor of math, said the hardest part of the return to in-person instruction will be returning to a scheduled work day.

Spurr said he always tells his students to read ahead on material, even if it is just a skim of later chapters. He said this will allow for students to actively think throughout classes and anticipate what the professor will discuss next.

The only way for him to know if students are having difficulties in a course is if they speak up and ask questions, Spurr said. He said most students, such as those in math courses, have similar questions and they must speak up in order for him to properly help.

“In math, there aren’t any bad questions,” Spurr said. “It’s basically ‘how can we touch up

whatever you’re not understanding.’ In my experience, you’re not out there solo, if you have a question, there are multiple other people in the room with the same one.”

Jonas Cole, a senior accounting major who is also a tutor at the Pirate Academic Success Center (PASC), an on-campus pirate-to-pirate tutoring resource, said students can benefit heavily from quizzes and previous tests which often contain information that will be found on exams.

Cole said when someone arrives at college, they have to start to “think like an adult.” He said students should put effort into their courses because of the large amount of money paid to attend ECU. Students can utilize the PASC to find tutors for many courses at ECU and classmates can serve as another resource to help with coursework.

“I’ve made a bunch of friends at ECU in my four years here and I would not have made it without some of the help of my friends,” Cole said. “I would say definitely try and make connections, try and meet people who can help.”

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Members of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at East Carolina University practice a dance for the school's homecoming celebration, one of many events that sororities participate in.

# Fraternity, sorority life offers opportunities

**Cayla Menges**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's fraternities and sororities are organizations on campus that students can join in as a way to give back to their community and stay engaged throughout their college career.

Director of Student Engagement John Mountz said the Office of Student Engagement has begun the process to identify fraternities and sororities on campus under the term "fraternity and sorority life," rather than its former name "Greek Life."

Mountz said fraternities and sororities provide unique opportunities for students to connect with organizations that provide a plethora of opportunities. He said fraternities and sororities offer social networking opportunities and academic support.

ECU offers Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) for students to join. The NPHC consists of nine historically African American fraternities and sororities, seven of which are active on ECU's campus.

"That networking piece is really important," Mountz said. "You can imagine being a 22-year-old

fresh out of college and you're moving to a new city and you may or may not know people that can be a great way to get connected."

Students who join fraternities and sororities are connected with their chapters' alumni associations, which can lead to lifetime involvement. Mountz said many students benefit from the ability to connect with alumni who can put them in contact with connections to use in their post grad careers.

Fraternities and sororities focus on the idea of students coming together around a shared interest, according to Mountz. He said most of these groups work to contribute back to the campus community through service and fundraising.

"For some students coming in, that may be their very first exposure to giving back to the community," Mountz said. "I will often tell parents 'hey if you want your student to learn more about these things and have an opportunity to do something they maybe didn't get to do while they were in high school this is a great piece'"

Students can practice leadership skills through student-led activities in their fraternity or sorority chapter, Mountz said. He said self-led organizations give students an opportunity to continue to learn

outside the classroom.

Mountz said the more a student puts into their experience in a fraternity or sorority, the more they will get out of their time with the organization. He said many groups will encourage their members to be a part of other organizations on campus.

Fraternities or sororities are a way for new students coming into ECU to feel connected with the university, Mountz said, and help make the campus feel smaller.

"You join a group and you get this sort of immediate network of people around you but that network of people that introduce you to other networks on campus," Mountz said.

Panhellenic President Maddie Holt said if students are interested in sorority life, they should get as much information as possible on all chapters offered at ECU. Holt said friendship, service opportunities, leadership opportunities and networking with alumni after graduation are some of the many benefits of membership in a sorority. She said as a freshman, she didn't know how to find opportunities to serve on campus and be a part of



COURTESY OF DENEICE RUSSELL

Sigma Gamma Rho, a sorority in the NPHC, practices for a step show.



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A wall in ECU's Main Campus Student Center shows the emblems of the 44 fraternities and sororities partnered



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The Alpha Delta Pi sorority, whose house is located on the Grid, prepares for one of their events that are sponsored by the organization.



HALIE MILLER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Members of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority sit outside the sorority's house on the Grid, a neighborhood near ECU's campus. Alpha Gamma Delta is one of 10 Panhellenic organizations that can be found at ECU for currently enrolled students.

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an organization.

Panhellenic encourages members to serve their community and to take part in leadership roles, according to Holt. She said members don't have to serve in a set position to be a leader in their chapter and to their community.

"When I was a freshman I didn't really know how to get involved with any kind of service opportunities or getting service hours and things like that," Holt said. "Being in a sorority definitely they give you basically a list of all the stuff you can do and I think that's really helpful so you don't have to go out and look for things yourself."

Sororities on ECU's campus strive to promote inclusiveness for its members, Holt said, given there

can be a stigma around sorority women.

Panhellenic is excited for the 2021-2022 academic school year, Holt said as the COVID-19 pandemic limited the amount of events and philanthropy opportunities available to members of sororities. She said Panhellenic plans to host workshops on diversity, anti-hazing and career building for its members throughout the year.

Holt said sorority chapters have begun to host socials and philanthropy events for its members in an effort to continue to keep the community bond strong.

"Something we focus on definitely is not just kind of individualizing the sororities so kind of like treating it like a whole community instead of sororities against each other because you are the sorority women," Holt said.

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Founding father of East Carolina University's first incarnation, East Carolina Teachers Training School, Thomas Jordan Jarvis, established the original two year school.



After failed attempts from citizens of Wilson and later Elizabeth City to establish the school, State Senator James Leonidas Fleming urged the General Assembly to an act titled: "AN ACT TO STIMULATE HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE AND TEACHER TRAINING."

Robert Herring Wright is named East Carolina Teachers Training School's founding president and serves as the university's longest sitting chancellor.

Teco Echo, declared itself "the first newspaper published by the students of East Carolina Teachers College," which was run by an all-female group and led by Editor-in-Chief Deanie Boone Haskett and Business Manager Frances Smith.



The Whichard Building, located on Wright Circle near the Trustees Fountain, opened as the original library at East Carolina.

Amid expansions of the university's curriculum, the school's name is changed to East Carolina College by the North Carolina General Assembly after it voted to make it a four-year college.

1907

1909

1925

1940

1951

1901

Members of the City of Wilson traveled to Raleigh to petition for an Eastern North Carolina Normal College from the North Carolina General Assembly. Citizens wanted the school in Wilson, however, this request was denied because the general assembly did not want to take money away from the State Normal College.

1908

Ground breaking ceremony is held for East Carolina Teachers Training School around midday on July 2. Governor Thomas J. Jarvis served as chair of the building committee. Other North Carolina legislatures attended as well.



1921

East Carolina Teachers Training School became the four-year liberal arts college East Carolina Teachers College. This change in name coincided with an expansion of curriculum and increased training of instructors.

1932

Teco Echo announced "East Carolina Teachers College's First Football Squad." The team's first coach, C. Kenneth Beatty, did his job without compensation. The team, throughout their first season, would not be able to score a point.

1950

WZMB 91.3 FM develops as the non-commercial radio station at ECU.



1958

East Carolina's art and literary magazine, now known as REBEL, made its way off the press in 1958 and has been published continuously since, making it one of the oldest, most resilient publications on campus.

After previously being prohibited by the Board of Trustees, social fraternities are established at East Carolina.

MOMENTS IN PIRATE HISTORY

# Tracing Back the First



ECU became officially desegregated after the Supreme Court ruling on Brown v. Board of Education. Laura Marie Leary enrolled in the fall 1962 semester as the university's first full-time Black undergraduate student.

1962

North Carolina General Assembly approves legislation that revolutionized higher education by creating four new universities, one of which was East Carolina University.

1967

ECU's first Black fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha is founded. This made ECU one of the only two predominantly white campuses in the south to have a Black fraternity. The initial Eta Nu chapter consisted of 10 members. By the 80s, Alpha Phi Alpha would lead on-campus protests against discrimination.

1971



Halloween is declared an official holiday celebration by students after the first ECU Halloween Riot took place in uptown with mass drinking crowds, car flips and police enforcement.

1975

"East Carolina Gay Community" founded on campus as its purpose was to "promote self-awareness and positive self-image among gays as well as to encourage understanding among all people of different sexual orientations." The organization, despite campus opposition, went on to sponsor counseling services, campus speakers, and participated in the Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men at Chapel Hill.

1979

Joyner Library experiences the architectural expansion of the Sonic Plaza, its iconic clock tower, which included a Sonic Gates, Percussion Water Wall, Media Glockenspiel and Ground Cloud.

1998

1963

The compilation of Ficklen Stadium (later Dowdy-Ficklen) where football games, graduation ceremonies, concerts, campus events and the 4th of July celebration took place.



1968

The Austin Building on campus faces demolition due to students complaining of getting "sea sick" walking up its crooked building foundation. The original Cuploa is advocated to be saved and relocated, however, upon removal due to the unstable building structure it fell to shambles. Years later a gazebo-style replica made its way on the west end of the campus.

1973

Delta Sigma Theta's Kappa Sigma chapter became the university's first Black sorority. The sorority raised money for the JoAnne Little Defense Fund, worked with special needs adults and sought to increase voter registration.



1976

Accreditation for the ECU School of Medicine, later named Brody School of Medicine, was announced after dean Dr. William E. "Bill" Laupus pushed for a four-year medical program.



1985

Expressions is born within another student publication, Ebony Herald, which ran from 1975-1984 as an alternative newspaper seeking to provide campus news, events and social developments related to the African American student body and minority groups at large.

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# Fall 2021 Academic

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First and last day of the semester.



Fall Break



Election Day



Last day to register for classes and make schedule adjustments.



Advising for spring semester 2022



Thanksgiving



Labor Day



Halloween



Reading Day

# Calendar - 15 Week

## October

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**Beginning and end of final exams**



**Commencement Day**



**Winter Break**

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# Uptown offers multitude of dining options

**Giana Williams**  
TEC STAFF

Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, is home to many local eateries, breweries and cafes for students to immerse themselves in the community's culture and to sit and enjoy the taste of Eastern North Carolina just blocks away from campus. A multitude of food and cafe options located around town gives individuals a variety of food choices to pick from according to their craving mods.

The Scullery, located at 431 Evans St., has been part of Uptown Greenville for 10 years since June 11 and has watched the uptown community grow since its opening, according to owner Matt Scully. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Fridays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays as it offers breakfast all day and lunch.

"Everything is homemade, we use lots of local ingredients. Everything we make is from scratch and cooked to order," Scully said. "We've gained a really good reputation by just doing things right, by participating in the community and we really love Greenville, love ECU and love being downtown."

The Scullery's menu stays consist-

ent with options, but tries to switch out some menu items seasonally. Currently, the restaurant is serving a new pancake set called the "Strawberry Shortcake Pancakes," which has a strawberry lemon sugar swirl placed on top of the pancake batter as it cooks and is served with fresh strawberries and whip cream. The restaurant also serves a new salad called the "Super Fruit Salad" which has strawberries, blueberries, cranberries and baby kale.

While the restaurant works to serve students, it works to keep dishes local. The Scullery has a full espresso bar which is supplied by Joe Van Gogh roastery located in Hillsborough, North Carolina. It also serves homemade ice cream made inside the restaurant using milk and cream from Simply Natural Creamery in Ayden, North Carolina and its beef for burgers comes from a local farm, according to Scully.

A new addition to Uptown Greenville, Isahana Japanese Fusion, located at 214 E. Fifth St., serves Japanese style cuisines such as hibachi plates, fried rice, yakisoba noodles and more, according to manager Kimberly Speicher. Isahana is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday to Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 10



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**Sain Kava + Tea Bar offers kava, herbal teas and boba to the Greenville community.**

p.m. Friday and Saturday, according to the restaurant's Instagram.

"The pricing is very reasonable, with it (Isahana) being right here on campus, it's something different downtown, and I just think it's a big change for downtown," Speicher said. "And it's remote for students. Where else are they going to get hibachi within walking distance?"

Uptown Greenville also hosts a variety of cafes, bars and breweries around the area where individuals can sit and catch up on schoolwork or hang out with friends. Blackbeard Roasters on 203 E 5th St, Pitt Street Brewery on 630 S Pitt St and Uptown Brewing Company on 418 Evans St all serve as hangout spots for students.

A newer bar which opened on Feb. 5 this year is Sain Kava + Tea Bar located on 110 E 5th St. The bar, headed by co-owners Mike Wallace and Jermaine Harrison, serves a variety of herbal teas and kava, according to Wallace. The bar is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday

through Saturdays.

"It's (Kava) good for focus, helps keep you calm and also good for anxiety, and even gives you kind of a buzz like you have alcohol but it's not alcoholic and everybody can drink it," Wallace said. "There's no 21 restrictions, there's no liver damage, there's no headaches, there's not anything negative associated with it."

Sain will offer its boba tea in various flavors such as thai, matcha, salted caramel, cucumber lemonade, pink drink and more flavors, according to Wallace. He said people are enjoying it especially with the temperatures getting warmer.

"You can have it healthy, you can have it sweet and indulgent and its a lot of ways you can spin it, so I decided to incorporate that," Wallace said. "And that had really taken off. We are one of the very few bars that do that around here (in Greenville)."



MICHELLE MAZZEI | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

**Isahana Japanese Fusion, a restaurant that opened in 2021, serves hibachi near campus.**

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