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ECU receives national award

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East Carolina University has been named the winner of the 2023 Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by The National Association of Foreign Student Advisers.

Assistant Chancellor for Global Affairs Jon Rezek said ECU works in several areas of global affairs. Study abroad programs at ECU as listed by the department of Global Affairs offer the options of long or short term studies and allow for the gain of multiple academic credits, Rezek said. ECU's program in Tuscany is an example, Rezek said.

Additionally, Rezek said ECU's department of global affairs has calculated the university's improvement of recruiting international students as an 80% enrollment increase since last fall. The last time ECU was awarded the Paul Simon award was in 2017, Rezek said.

"This is an extremely prestigious award in our field, and it's almost like a national championship of internationalization," Rezek said. "The award is a great honor, but it also shows that we are very much becoming a national model in this area."

ECU utilizes its growing resources towards acclimating new students to its academic campus by providing services such as English Language Training and making sure students feel included in university culture, Rezek said. Currently, ECU's international students represent 68 countries, Rezek said.

East Carolina's reputation in international studies is also backed by its consistent improvement in its growing alliances with multiple schools, Rezek said. As of this year, ECU is partnered with 51 universities across 37 different countries, he said.

"There's a lot that we've been doing," Rezek said. "I'm really proud of all the efforts of our staff, faculty and administration of the university in order to accomplish all of these things."

Assistant Director of International Recruitment Cathy Knudson said bringing diverse students and academics to campus is a large reason why ECU attained the Paul Simon award.

The university markets itself around the world in dozens of different languages to attract the highest number of students possible, even in countries that are not represented at ECU yet, Knudson said.

"We try to bring global opportunities on to campus to impact our community by having a diverse international student body and also providing international students and scholars a great experience while they're

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Both East Carolina Univniversity dining halls have a salad bar with various toppings which can be a more nutritious food option for students.

Nutrition month celebrated

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Throughout the month of March, East Carolina University's Well-Being Hub will be hosting different nutritional events centered around breakfast in celebration of National Nutrition Month in an effort to promote healthier habits to students, faculty and staff around campus.

According to The Academy of Nutrition and Dieticians website, the original campaign started in 1973 in an attempt to bring awareness to how food and exercise impact both physical and mental health. According to the website, the national theme this year is "Fuel for the Future" in the hopes of advocating for a more sustainable nutrition.

Suzanne McDonald, senior assistant director of fitness and employee well-being at the Eakin Student Recreation Center (ESRC), said one initiative, Breakfast on the Go, will take place on four differnt Thursdays in March for students' wellness.

"At the grab and go, we do have to have an educational piece so that they're not just picking up food. We can explain why breakfast is good, McDonald said.

The informational aspect of the events should be helpful to students as they navigate nutrition and healthy habits, McDonald said. There will be popular drinks there as well for stu-

dents on their way to and from classes, McDonald said, as well as breakfast items like cereal bars and applesauce.

"We'll have Starbucks Nitro Brew in a can, we'll have orange juice, apple juice, granola bars, Go-Go Squeeze, things like that," McDonald said.



Gwen Krause

Month initiatives were well-received by students on campus.

"We did this last year. It was really well received by students, they were very excited. We got a lot of the comments like, 'I didn't eat this morning, this was exactly what I needed,'" Krause said.

The Breakfast on the Go's will all happen from 9 to 10 a.m. at varying locations on campus, Krause said. The first one will be today at the Sonic Plaza, the second will be March 16 on the back porch of the Health Science Campus and the last two are on March 23 and 30 at the Belk Annex and Minges Coliseum, Krause said.

Fresh Food Fridays is a year-round event that works with student nutrition, Krause said, in addition to the options available in the dining halls on a weekly basis and at the Well-Being Hubs that are around campus.

"Breakfast on the Go is more large-scale compared to Fresh Food Fridays, because Fresh Food Fridays is really just like a quick snack almost," Krause said.

Bianca Gutierrez, a freshman at ECU, said she eats more unhealthily than before since coming to college.

"The school is doing the bare minimum for what is considered to be healthy. I know that they have the salad bar and the smoothie bar, the other closest thing would be the home cooked meals. The options just aren't as appealing," Gutierrez said.

Aside from the salad bar and the home-cooked line, Gutierrez said, there aren't many options for her. At both dining halls, she said the salad bar takes a build-it-yourself approach which can be time consuming for students that may be in a rush.

Gutierrez and her friends often go to events that have free food in the advertisement, she said, and she might consider visiting Breakfast on the Go for this reason. She said she thinks events that offer free and quick bites are the most popular for college students because of the easy and cheap accessibility to it.

"I myself get fries and a burger sometimes because it can be easier than making my own salad," Bianca said. "The convenience can outway the benefits of what can be a healthier choice."

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TEC Athlete of the Month: Amiya Joyner

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The leader in rebounds for the East Carolina University women's basketball team (20-9, 11-5 American Athletic Conference) has had a record-breaking season, prompting The East Carolinian to name freshman forward Amiya Joyner as the Athlete of the Month for February 2023.

Joyner has seven AAC Freshman of the Week titles, according to the AAC, and has played 27 of the team's 29 games this season and started in 19 total. She averages 10.9 points per game (PPG) in her 28.7 minutes per game.

The freshman rebound record was previously held by Marcia Girven (1977-1978), which Joyner broke with 249 rebounds in a season, according to the ECU women's basketball record book. Against the University of Cincinnati (9-19, 2-13 AAC) on Feb. 15, Joyner had 15 rebounds to bring her overall to 208, three above Girven's record.

Joyner will tie for third alongside Teanna McKiver with 41 blocked shots in the season. The season high for Joyner was five blocks in a game against the University of Houston (12-15, 9-5 AAC) on Feb. 22. East Carolina's current sophomore forward Iyecz Adams holds the fifth spot in freshman blocked shots (18) but will move down to sixth once Joyner is added to the records.

Under Rosie Thompson, who will be inducted to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in April, Joyner will sit at No. 4 in points in a single season from a

freshman with 293. In an email interview Joyner wrote she was "shocked" to be breaking multiple records in her freshman year.

Joyner wrote assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Mike Morris prepared her during the summer for the upcoming season. She wrote Morris was hard on the team and pushed them to get in shape and stay in shape, but the struggle was worth the result of the season for her.

Surrounding Joyner, there are eight upperclassmen on the team. Joyner wrote her more seasoned teammates help her stay focused and work hard in practice, and overall, she wrote the dynamic of the team is an asset because of how close they are.

"The team is great," Joyner wrote. "We've got great chemistry on the court and that's helped us get to where we are."

After wins the team is often seen dancing and celebrating in the locker room with hype music via Instagram @ecuwbb. Even Coach McNeill is sometimes featured on the videos.

Head Coach Kim McNeill was a deciding factor when Joyner was choosing the right university, she said. In a press conference following the game against Wichita State University (16-12, 6-9 AAC) on Feb. 12, McNeill said she wants Joyner to be Rookie of the Year.

"It feels good (to have McNeills support)," Joyner said. "That's why I came to ECU because Coach supports me on and off the court."

According to ECUPirates, Joyner is tied with

Thompson for a record of seven straight double doubles. She now leads the freshman program record with 13 double doubles and broke the record after her 10th double double, which occurred against Wichita State.

Before coming to ECU, the record-breaking freshman attended Farmville Central High School. According to ECUPirates, Joyner was the highest-ranked recruit in program history at No. 69 nationally and earned four stars from ESPN.

"In high school, I was just playing, but in college I've had to work harder for success," Joyner wrote. "My high school coach was very hard on me so that prepared me for college."

The Pirates ended their regular season on Saturday against Tulane University (17-11, 7-8 AAC) in an upset loss 64-56. The team will be back in action for the AAC tournament. The first round for the Pirates will be on Tuesday in Fort Worth, Texas, at Dickies Arena. The opponent and time is to be determined.

COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

Freshman forward Amiya Joyner walks up the court.

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BRIEFS

Planet ECU to host weekly GEOTalks event

Today, Planet ECU will host its weekly GEOTalks discussion in room 103A of the Graham building. The discussion will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. and will focus on women in STEM.

CCSD to host grief Support Group

Tomorrow, the Center for Counseling and Student Development will offer a space where students can share and gain support from peers. The group will meet at 2 p.m. online, after RSVPing the link will be sent via email.

NAMI to host mental illness discussion

Monday, the National Alliance on Mental Illness will host their weekly online discussion series. The event will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. and can be joined by accessing the link posted on their ENGAGE page.

Greenville to host City Council meeting

Monday, the Greenville City Council will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The meeting will take place in the City Council Chambers and all meeting materials can be found on the Greenville City Council website.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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UHF awards \$3.2M telepsychiatry grant

Eli Baine
TEC STAFF

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper announced on Feb. 14 that the United Health Foundation (UHF) will award East Carolina University’s Center for Telepsychiatry with \$3.2 million to expand the N.C. Statewide Telepsychiatry Program (NC-STeP).

Executive Director of the ECU Center for Telepsychiatry Sy Saeed said NC-STeP has been in operation since 2013.

“It (NC-STeP) provides specialty consults and mental health support, currently to 39 hospitals and 24 outpatient sites across the state of North Carolina,” Saeed said.

The grant will allow six pediatric and primary care clinics to receive funding as host sites, Saeed said, as well as provide mental health and psychiatric support to children and adolescents in underserved areas of NC.

Training programs will also be offered to ECU students at these sites, Saeed said. He said students can shadow medical professionals in their workplace and ask them questions about the practice.

“The whole idea behind this is the workforce for tomorrow,” Saeed said. “It is for them to get a good feel for the work and develop some level of comfort using telepsychiatry.”

The six sites that the grant will go toward are still being decided on, though Saeed said the ECU Center for Telepsychiatry will select the sites by March 30.

“We’re not going to big towns and places where there are already a lot of providers,” Saeed said. “This is for underserved communities.”



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East Carolina University will receive a \$3.2M grant that will assist in its Center for Telepsychiatry.

ECU Center for Telepsychiatry Administrator Ryan Baker said there are several rural counties in NC without a single medical professional.

Private mental health practices in some of these areas could not survive with the majority of the population on Medicare or Medicaid, Baker said. The UHF’s grant would allow child psychiatrists and other mental health professionals to earn a living while working in low population areas, Baker said.

“We’ve done this 24 times with the adult side, so we know how to start programs from scratch,” Baker said. “We have the expertise and the skill-sets of professionals here to utilize and buy the technology that we need for this, along with the manpower.”



Sy Saeed

Director of the Psychiatry Inpatient Unit at ECU’s Medical Center Nathan Harper said the vast majority of children with mental health issues go untreated.

Parents are not always aware of the signs of psychiatric problems, Harper said. Telepsychiatry can help children in rural areas that may have not gotten care otherwise and lift some of the burden from parents, Harper said.

“I think it’s a step in the right direction,” Harper said. “We’ll be able to give kids more direct treatment and access to care from a much more convenient location.”

It is difficult to keep medical professionals in rural areas, Harper said, and the grant may help in training new professionals locally and providing a path for them to serve areas that need them most.

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here,” Knudson said.

Making international students feel welcome at ECU and in America is a priority of the Office of Global Affairs, Knudson said.

ECU offers frequent events and trips for international students to help them transition and learn about American culture, Knudson said. Global Affairs has planned a trip to Washington D.C. this spring and a football tailgating event this fall for international students, Knudson said.

The population of international students at ECU has risen significantly over the recent years, Knudson said. For the fall 2022 semester, 26 new international students from 22 different countries were admitted, Knudson said.

“It’s hard to be an expert in the entire world, and we get applications from all around the world,” Knudson said. “We obviously have to know about different educational systems. We have to be able to request the correct documentation to review them for admission academically.”

Director of Global Academic Initiatives Jami Leibowitz said interna-

tionalization includes study abroad opportunities for domestic students as well.

Studying abroad has become more and more common, Leibowitz said, but the vast majority of students are not given the chance and 85% of ECU students have not had a study abroad opportunity.

“It’s a very small portion of students who get those international experiences,” Leibowitz said. “We’re trying to increase that.”

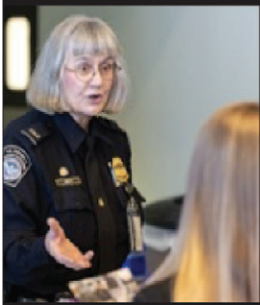
The Office of Global Affairs along with several foreign partner universities have developed global understanding courses students are able to take, Leibowitz said.

Students can take these courses from universities in other countries with topics including family, culture, work life, LGBTQ+ issues and mental health issues, Leibowitz said

“We know that even if students stay here in Greenville, move to New York or move to Shanghai, the chances are they’re going to have to work with, to live with or engage with people who are culturally different from them,” Leibowitz said.

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OUR VIEW

SGA’s Limon,
Blount ticket
endorsed by
Editorial Staff

After neither of the three executive Student Government Association tickets hit 50% of votes in the presidential election last friday, Ticket One and Ticket Two will take part in a runoff election, and The East Carolinian editorial staff is endorsing Ticket One candidates Javier Limon and Matthew Blount.

Ticket One received 38.21% of the votes, totaling to 1,628 votes. Ticket One’s candidates are presidential candidate junior political science major Javier Limon and vice president candidate senior public health major Matthew Blount.

Ticket Two received 45.61% of the votes, which totaled to 1,943. Presidential candidate sophomore construction management major Max Wimberley and vice president candidate sophomore public health major Katie Frizzle led the voting numbers.

Ticket Three had 16.17% of the votes or 698 in total. Presidential candidate neuroscience, psychology and African American Studies triple major George Cherry Jr. and vice president candidate junior public health pre-medical major Anyanso Kalu were eliminated from the runoff election due to lack of votes.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, are in support of Ticket One following the results of the runoff election.

“We want to be active and present,” Blount said. “We want to show that we actually care about ECU by going to organizations and talking to students, our job is to serve and uplift their voices.”

The polls reopened at 8 a.m. yesterday, and they will remain open until 5 p.m. tomorrow. Students may vote by logging into their Engage accounts.

PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse the statements made in Pirate Rants.

My roommate moved out and I can't have the other half of the room that's not going to be used for the rest of the year bc I ain't pay an extra 800 dollars. Really?

I can't stand the thought of going to the bars anymore... the crowds of 18-year-olds is not my cup of tea.

Tip 20% or don't go out to eat.

If you're not a girls girl wyd?

#TeamSelena.

I love this weather but it makes me think of how our earth is dying :(. It's not supposed to be this warm in February.

Parking and transportation has been on another one lately. I saw a car getting towed today. Is it that serious?

that drowning robot probably fed a good amount of fish.

Another year and ECU has still yet to power wash places like the stairs of Flanagan. We just want good looking grad photos please.

AAARG Mateys! This be the Rantin' Pirate here to wish you all a happy spring break and make sure you AAARG being safe! Pirates, swash-bucklers, and crabs be lurkin' about!

The frat beef on yikyak just isn't as good as it used to be man.

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Breanna Sapp at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Submit your Pirate Rants on our website under the opinion tab or scan the QR code.



Established in 2014, East Carolina University's mission as an institution of higher education is to be a model for regional success and transformation.

We often take education for granted

Breanna Sapp
TEC COLUMNIST

Throughout the United States and the western world, access to education has become a mundane aspect of our everyday lives that is often taken for granted.

As a current student in the sphere of public education, I've heard countless times that education in the U.S. nowadays holds little purpose other than to aid in the earning of some corporate position that leads to a miserable, capitalistic lifestyle.

To many, education is now a chore that lacks the luster it once had: standardized testing has decreased the quality of education, private institutions have limited funding and teachers are severely underpaid.

I argue that this exact mindset is what keeps so many of us miserable. Rather than hinder us, education in fact does the complete opposite – it transforms the world around us.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, only 19.1% of all people in the U.S. 25 and older attained a high school degree or higher. By 2015, this number increased to 88.4% of all people 25 and older.

Compare this to more underdeveloped countries like those in South America, Africa and South Asia, where many of the 262.11 million primary and secondary school-aged students that are not enrolled in school reside without easy access to education, according to data on global education collected by the World Bank in 2014.

In a country where almost 90% of adults have attained a high school degree, it's interesting to see such a two-dimensional view on the benefits of public education.

Not only does public education provide students with the skills, resources and knowledge necessary to succeed professionally in the modern world, but it also has a transformational impact on human rights, innovation and the development of ideas, societal advancement and other aspects of the human condition.

Established in 2014, East Carolina University's mission as an institution of higher education is "to be a national model for student success, public service and regional transformation" through its commitment to "education, research, creative activities, and service while being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us."

The results of our university's

mission are easy to miss when focused on our own personal success in the classroom, but it's important to note that institutions like ECU do more than just provide us course curricula, fund Steak n' Shakes and charge for tuition each semester.

They provide underserved communities with health education and patient care. They promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning for K-12 students in rural counties of North Carolina. They create economic activity and growth on both the county and state level. They provide students, faculty and staff with the tools to change the world.

As said by Nelson Mandela, one of the most driven advocates for education and the overall improvement of the human condition, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

With an educated population comes not only individual and professional success, but growth and evolution as a society. It's up to each one of us as Pirates to use the resources given to us to invest in a better tomorrow.

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NC’s gun permit laws save lives

Eli Baine
TEC COLUMNIST

Permits requiring rigorous background checks should be mandatory for the purchase of firearms. Unfortunately, this stance is controversial than one might think.

North Carolina's House Bill 50, also known as the Constitutional Carry act, passed both chambers of the state General Assembly and would remove the requirement of a permit to obtain a handgun or to concealed carry a firearm if passed into law. It would also lower the minimum age for concealed carry from 21 to 18. The bill was introduced by Keith Kidwell, leader of the far-right freedom caucus.

The state House and Senate are now deciding on a final bill to be sent to Governor Roy Cooper. A similar bill has been vetoed by Cooper before, but it is likely his veto would be overridden by a Republican supermajority.

Most citizens should be able to own their own firearms for self-protection, but there should be a bare minimum background check before any purchase of a deadly weapon. This bill seeks to make these background checks optional.

Nowhere in the Constitution's Second Amendment does it state that guns should not be regulated. Ever since the Supreme Court has allowed citizens to own guns for self-defense, federal courts have agreed that gun laws do not infringe on the Constitution.

Still in the wake of the Michigan State University (MSU) shooting on Feb. 13, lawmakers refuse to learn their lesson. The MSU gunman legally purchased two handguns after being arrested for carrying a handgun without a concealed carry permit just two years before.

In 2020, gun homicides in NC have spiked, almost reaching the number of gun suicides in the state, according to Every-Stat. From 2011 to 2020, gun homicides increased by 88%. Mass shootings have

rapidly increased as well. Handguns are involved in around 60% of gun deaths, according to Pew Research Center.

In 2007, Missouri repealed its pistol purchase requirement, and gun deaths increased by nearly 50% higher than the expected rate from 2008-2016, according to the American Journal of Public Health. It has been historically demonstrated that gun permit laws save lives.

Gun violence costs NC nearly \$20 billion each year. This certainly does not reflect Republican's constant touting of "fiscal responsibility," a buzzword selectively used to obstruct any slightly progressive actions by the government.

Since the increase in Republicans in the state legislature, attempts to repeal common sense gun laws have been rampant.

Hyper-partisan and pro-violence elected officials are not giving up soon.

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HOROSCOPES



Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Savor peaceful privacy at home. Listen to your inner wisdom. Plan, organize and prepare over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces.



Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Communication fosters resolution. Your social life booms, with Mercury in Pisces. Over three weeks, friends share valuable information, solutions and advice. Teamwork flowers.



Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Discover career opportunities in conversation over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. There may be a test involved. Market, promote and connect.



Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Pursue personal dreams. Travel and discovery beckon. With Mercury in Pisces, investigate curious subjects. Explore philosophy, metaphysics and unanswerable questions. Try new views and flavors.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Consider options. Collaborate for shared gain. Communication leads to lucrative rewards, with Mercury in Pisces. Discuss potential, opportunities and possibilities. Budget and plan.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Learn from other views. Partnership arises in conversation, with Mercury in Pisces. Collaboration and teamwork flower naturally over three weeks. You're building something wonderful together.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Professional opportunities abound. Listen and learn over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Talk with trusted experts. Balance work, play and health.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Talk about the fun you'd love to have, with Mercury in Pisces. Express creative ideas. Write, record and film. You're exceptionally persuasive. Get playful.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Family fortunes rise. Fix up your place, with Mercury in Pisces for three weeks. Discuss the potential. Invent possibilities. Settle into your nest together.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Collaborate. Indulge intellectual curiosity. The next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces, favor communication, creativity and research. Share discoveries. Network and connect puzzle pieces.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Exercise energizes you. Profitable ideas abound over the next few weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Network, wheel and deal. Discuss and generate lucrative possibilities.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — You're exceptionally brilliant over the next several weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Use your persuasive arts and charisma to advance personal passions.

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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Solution from 2/23

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Solution from 2/23

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TOMORROW

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Uptown Brewing Company
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Christy's Euro Pub

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The Greenville Museum of Art is featuring two East Carolina University master's students in an exhibit that allows each artist to explain their art's inspiration.

GMoA to feature graduate students

Martha Nebab

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The Greenville Museum of Art (GMoA) will host the opening reception of a joint exhibition featuring East Carolina University Master of Fine Arts (MFA) students Anthony Naimo and Morgan Zichettella tomorrow from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sim Asher, GMoA's communications and events coordinator, said the exhibit's opening reception is free to the public and the museum will provide complimentary refreshments to any visitors. The exhibit will also be in conjunction with the museum's First Friday Artwalk event, Asher said.

About once a year, Asher said the GMoA hosts a month-long exhibition that features the works of graduating art students from ECU and Pitt County Community College. Naimo and Zichettella heard of the previous spring exhibition, Asher said, and afterwards the two artists decided to apply for a place in March's exhibit.

"In the case with Anthony and Morgan, they attended last year's exhibition, where they were friends with two of the master's students," Asher said. "They were able to see what the space looks like, how the exhibit is operated. They were interested, they had a conversation with my director, and the conversation led to the execution and here we are."

Asher said the two artists decided to host their "artist talks" during the opening reception at 5:30 p.m. where the artists will explain a few art pieces and the inspiration behind them to the audience. Compared to the past exhibit, where the "Artist Talks" was held on a separate date, Asher said this difference could have the potential

to generate a larger amount of foot traffic.

Because the exhibit will feature a two-dimensional and three-dimensional artist, Asher said the works will "juxtapose" each other.

"Having these types of artists is great because you'll get to see their dynamic," Asher said. "You'll see a lot of diverse stuff from two different worlds."

Naimo, third-year MFA student in metal design, who goes by they/them pronouns, said they're part of the exhibit "Assembly Required" which will include digital collage, multimedia sculptures and metalworks. Naimo said they want to convey themes such as imagination, community reinvention and impermanence through their artwork.



Morgan Zichettella

"A lot of it was inspired by the movies I watched with my grandparents when I was a kid," Naimo said. "Sci-fi, horror, fantasy, entire worlds made out of aluminum, and junked-out military equipment."

Naimo said they first heard about ECU while on a scholarship at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. After sitting down with Bob Ebendorf, an American metalsmith and jeweler, Naimo said they learned more about ECU's metal design programs.

The experience of preparing the artwork for their exhibition was unique, Naimo said, because they never hosted an exhibition featuring their

work before. It's been a learning experience since COVID-19, Naimo said, and they want people in the community to feel inspired by the exhibit to create something of their own.

"I hope that people have a newfound wonderment towards material and want to give it a second or third life through some new context," Naimo said. "That's so incredibly important, to make something and not be afraid if it's good."

Zichettella, a senior MFA student in photography, wrote in an email statement the inspiration for her exhibit are the islands on the east coast of her hometown, Savannah, Georgia. Zichettella wrote she was a local "river rat" who grew up playing in the marshes. The exhibit is called "River Rat," Zichettella wrote, and will consist of 33 river water salt-printed photographs and negatives.

Because of the familial connection with the area she was raised in, Zichettella wrote she wanted to capture the memories she has of the area by using an early photographic technique, where paper is first soaked in saltwater and silver nitrate, then imprinted by objects and finally exposed to light and more saltwater and fixatives to preserve the photo. This results in a unique reaction between the brackish water and silver, Zichettella wrote.

"The marsh has an eerie beauty and a mystery that captivates me, and the water is what unifies us," Zichettella wrote. "This series is the result of my curiosity about what would happen if I used the river water from the areas I am photographing to print my images."

For the visitors that attend her exhibit, Zichettella wrote she hopes to immerse her audience in a "complicated" environment with so much meaning to her.

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CRW hosts intramural trivia night

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East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness (CRW) will be hosting its first music-themed trivia night of March at Uptown Brewery in Greenville, North Carolina tonight from 7 to 9 p.m., where there will be prizes for graduate and undergraduate students.

Justin Waters, senior assistant director of Sport Programs at CRW, said the recreation center's trivia nights were created and are currently led by the department of Intramural Sports. He said his number one goal with Intramural Sports is to get rid of the perception that you have to be a former male athlete to participate.

"The purpose of Intramural Sports is to make some connections and some life-long friends and fulfill that need in your social circle through sports and activity," Waters said.

On average, Waters said every two weeks during trivia, they have around 100 to 150 students at the event with the allowance of teams up to 10 people. He said every trivia night, they have Champion night and people are able to win Champion T-Shirts.

"I think it just kind of brings everyone together," Waters said.

For music trivia, Waters said there will be several ways to play consisting of a total of five rounds. He said the first round will be naming artists, the second round naming songs, the third round finishing the lyrics, the fourth round naming the movie themes and the fifth round singing and duetting.

Kaitlin Carter, junior accounting and finance major, said she works in the Club Sports Office



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Morgan Laketa and her team the Liesure Scientists after winning the graduate student championship.

but also contributes to Intramural Sports behind the scenes. She said she helps manage the event as well as other side duties such as setting up the score sheets for each round, keeping score, setting up the speakers, tables and tablecloths.

Carter said for music trivia she expects questions and or rounds consisting of guessing different songs. She said personally, her favorite genre of music is pop, rap or more modern and trendy songs from TikTok. She said she hopes there will be a good variety of genres so people will be able to participate and try to get a good amount of questions correct.

"I definitely think this semester there were some repeated themes from last semester, like the

music trivia," Carter said. "I feel like it could be a little bit more different than things that we've done in the past semester."

Morgan Laketa, first-year graduate student in recreation sciences, said she is an attendee of a group of graduate students that participate in the trivia nights.

Laketa said she and her peers go to trivia night regardless of the topic and participate mainly for the social occasions.

"Honestly, I think it in a way, brings us closer together because it gives us an opportunity to talk to each other and ask each other questions about each other," Laketa said.

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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

Brendan Cavazos

Sports Editor



ECU baseball hosts LeClaire Classic Friday through Sunday

Score Prediction? 3-0 ECU

Why? The Pirates are on a roll as they host several opponents for the LeClair Classic. After defeating UNC and being dubbed the No. 9 rank, ECU should make it through this weekend over Indiana, Long Beach State and Georgetown.

Chris Long

Sports Chief



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Why? The Clark-LeClair Classic is ECU's premiere in-season tournament and without the threat of ranked talent, the Pirates should continue their strong season to continue to climb the ranks. The Pirates are 10-2 in the Clark-LeClair Classic over the past four seasons.

Nick Bailey

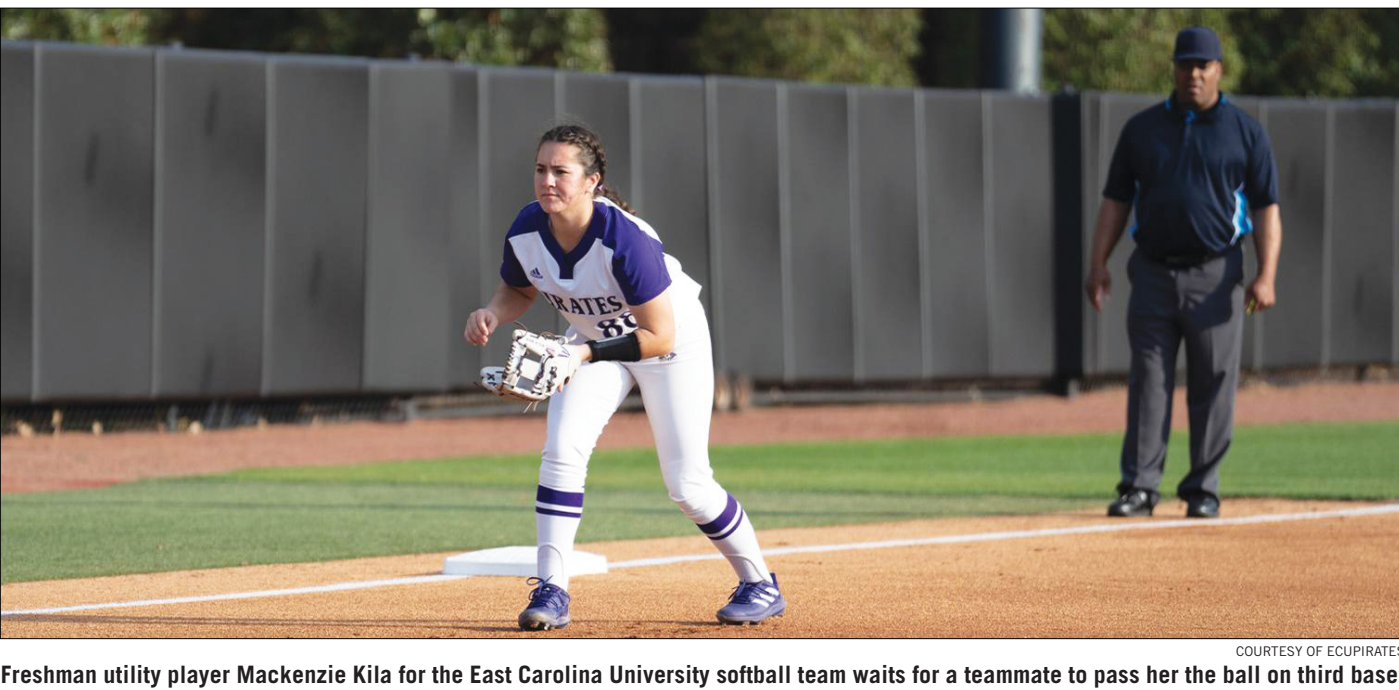
Sports Reporter



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Score Prediction? 3-0 ECU

Why? ECU will be bringing in a number of teams to Greenville this weekend, and I believe the Pirates are leaps and bounds ahead of the clubs they are playing this weekend. The weekend sweep should come in convincing fashion for the No. 9 team in the country.



» ANALYSIS

A look at ECU's 2023 softball roster



Kiarra Crayton

TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University softball (12-3, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) roster switched up a lot for the 2023 season, with four freshmen and four transfers brought in to make up for the loss of seven players from the 2022 season, an addition that could help the Pirates win more than two conference games this season.

All four freshmen, outfield Anna Sawyer, utility Michaela Weber, utility Mackenzie Kila and infield Madison Mercer, committed to East Carolina in late 2021 for the current season, according to ECUPirates. Head Coach of the team, Shane Winkler, said the freshmen would have a rapid effect on the program, describing his excitement for the class.

"This group will not only help us move towards the top of the AAC in the future, but they are also exactly the type of young women we want in our program as they all excel both on the field and in the classroom," Winkler said, according to ECUPirates. "Pirate Nation is going to love watching this class over the next four years."

Of the four freshmen, Sawyer has played and started all 14 games the Pirates have played in this far. There are only four other players on the roster that have done that, all of which are at least sophomores. Sawyer has a batting average of .286, which puts her at fifth on ECU's roster but has had the most at bats (42) and most run batter in (RBI) with 10.

Kila has started 12 of her 13 games played and has a batting average of .261 with six hits in 23 at bats. She is the only freshman to hit a homerun so far this season. ECU sophomore infielder Logan Sutton has hit two homeruns so far this season and is the only other player to have one other than Kila.

Mercer has played four games and no starts with one at bat. Weber does not appear on the Pirate statistics website. Mercer is from Wilson, North Carolina, and in her highschool career at Hunt High School had a batting average of .398 and 45 hits, according to ECUPirates.

While attending New Egypt High School, Weber had a .394 batting average and had 62 strikeouts in her junior year according to ECUPirates.

The ECU softball program brought in another four transfer students for the current season, sophomore utility Taylor Edwards, graduate right-handed pitcher Payton Hudson, sophomore catcher Dafne Mercado and junior infielder Jayci Chamberlain.

Edwards came from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) (17-1, 0-0 Pac 12) and currently owns the highest batting average (.366) for the Pirates. She did not play during the 2022 season. In her time at UCLA, she averaged a .250 at the plate with a slugging percentage of .464. In her seven hits as a Bruin, three of them were doubles and one was a homerun.

As a Pirate, Edwards has had only two games in the 14 played that she did not have a hit in. She is a part of the four players mentioned earlier that has played and started 14 games. Edwards has hit nine RBIs, four triples and one double.

Chamberlain holds the third spot for highest batting average (.308) from East Carolina and has played 10 games this season. In her 13 at bats, Chamberlain had four hits and four RBIs.

She previously attended North Carolina State University (5-10, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) for her first two years. In the 2022 season, she had nine at bats with no hits, however in her freshman season (2021) she had a hit in her three at bats.

Mercado has played in two games for the Pirates and has no hits in the season yet. She transferred from another school within the conference, the University of Memphis (2-12, 0-0 AAC) where she averaged .195 at the plate and had 15 hits in her 77 at bats.

Hudson has only been seen by fans on the mound, as she has no at bats and no hits yet in the season. She has pitched 5.2 innings and has an earned run average (ERA) of 2.47 which puts her at No. 3 in current ECU pitchers for the lowest ERA. She transferred from the University of Louisville (10-4, 0-0 ACC)

During the 2022 season, the Pirates ended with a 20-36 overall, 2-16 conference record.

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» ANALYSIS

Schwartz's first season was successful



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East Carolina University men's basketball (14-14, 5-10 American Athletic Conference) entered this season as a project year under first-year Head Coach Michael Schwartz.

Schwartz joined the Pirates from the University of Tennessee where he served as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. His career spans back to 1999, where he started as a graduate assistant at the University of Texas.

From there, Schwartz's career has brought him to other stops at the University of Texas at San Antonio, the University of Miami, Fresno State University and the University of Tulsa where he has continued to climb the coaching ladder.

This season was his first as a head coach, as he was named the 24th head coach of the ECU men's basketball team on March 17, 2022. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted in favor of the hiring. Schwartz was brought in, in part, to fill the role that former Head Coach Joe Dooley failed to succeed in. Defense doomed Dooley, and as the defensive coordinator of a two-time Kenpom top ten defense, Schwartz was the up-and-coming man for the job.

Schwartz brought with him two transfers to Greenville, North Carolina. Sophomore guard Quinten Diboundje from Tennessee and junior guard Jaden Walker from Iowa State University have become staples of the rotation. Walker played 40 minutes against the AAC conference leader, No. 1 University of Houston.

As a result of his transition into the position of head coach, Schwartz has taken a young roster with room for potential and development to a .500 record with only three games left in the season in the conference with the best team in the country. The difference between Schwartz and Dooley is apparent in their two games, one season apart, against a top-ranked Houston opponent.

Dooley's team was embarrassed against the No. 10 Houston in the 2022-2023 season in a 79-36 loss. The Pirates were outscored 44-14 in the first half alone. The score was the highest point differential that ECU faced that season. Houston held the Pirates to only 16% from the field and 5% from three point range, whereas the Cougars got buckets early and often with 48% from the field and 38% from three point range.

With more time to construct a roster and better offensive game planning, Schwartz can turn this team into a contender in the American, especially with Houston, the University of Central Florida and the University of Cincinnati leaving the conference to join the Big 10. Though teams joining the conference can pose a threat to the future of Schwartz's teams, the competition is sure to be a step down from a perennial contender year in and year out.

Out of conference, the Pirates were 9-4 before beginning conference play, including a win against a Southeastern Conference (SEC) opponent in the University South Carolina (10-19, 3-13 SEC). Facing teams outside the AAC, ECU won and lost in all kinds of ways as the team struggled to string together a bit of consistency.

Schwartz's team has created a stronger record out of conference than in conference, but the American has had a competitive season. With three or four teams circling the March Madness tournament or NIT, the AAC has no shortage of competition. With three games left in the season, the Pirates can still finish in the middle of the pack.

This season's team is a rebuilding team. For the program to face nearly the same record as last year's Pirates speaks strongly of the leadership.

The future of ECU's basketball program is in good hands with Schwartz, and though his first season as a head coach has been one filled with ups, downs, trials and tribulations, he has been able to weather the storm and lead the Pirates through a rebuild into a similar record to Dooley's Pirates.

Time will tell if Schwartz is the real deal, but for now, I believe in him.

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