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FROM THE DEAN

Friends and Colleagues,

We are just a few weeks away from the spring 2023 graduation events, and ECU's campus is in the glory and joy of the season. Flowers are blooming and final exams are looming. We are excited to share in the many celebrations of the activities and achievements of our students, alumni, staff, faculty and friends. In this newsletter, you will find accounts of those celebrations and we hope your Pirate pride soars as you read all about the good things happening! As I look back, one of the most encouraging aspects of this year is the level of engagement and positive energy we have been fortunate to enjoy. Despite many challenges facing higher education and society at-large, members of the HHP community have accomplished so much while building and enhancing relationships that make the "work" worthy and meaningful.

As you may know, ECU has been busy filling many roles that are currently filled by individuals on an interim basis. HHP will soon have our opportunity to conduct a national search for the next "permanent" dean of the college. It is expected that the position will be formally advertised no later than August 2023 for an anticipated start date of January or August 2024. In the meantime, I look forward to continuing as the interim dean and working with you to serve in ways that maintain or enhance our opportunities.

To the right is a snapshot of HHP "by the numbers"



Dr. Stacey Altman
Interim Dean - College of Health
and Human Performance

HHP ENGAGEMENT

We are extremely proud of our strong HHP alumni base and we love to hear from our alums! Visit <https://hhp.ecu.edu/alumni/> to update your contact info and explore different ways to remain connected and continue your Pirate pride and passion.

A great way to connect with fellow Pirates is by joining the official HHP alumni [Facebook group](#) or [LinkedIn group](#). Also, [join Social Pirates!](#) Earn points and compete against other Pirates for the chance to win fun monthly prizes! Want to learn more? Keep up with alumni news and events on social media and via HHP director of outreach Mack Craven at cravenma21@ecu.edu.

We broke records in March during Pirate Nation Gives, the university's annual day of giving. Thank you for helping HHP reach goals, unlock new challenges and receive more than 75 donations to support our Student Professional Development Assistance Fund. We recorded the third-most donors across the university and also won the ECU challenge for the most student support!

Further your engagement by considering joining the HHP [Dean's Advancement Council](#). Council members, faculty, staff, alumni and friends joined April 14 for our Celebration



3,960 students
128 faculty



284 veterans, active military, and/or dependent/
spouse of veteran/active military
168 ECU Honors Program students major in HHP
programs (>17% of total # of Honors students); 16
additional Honors Program students



\$145,950
in HHP scholarships



3 courses
Study Abroad courses (7 countries) planned for
Summer 2023



26 degree programs
15 undergraduate, 9 master's, 2 doctoral
+ 5 graduate certificates
+ Army and Air Force ROTC programs



more than 15,000
Alumni



100%
of HHP students gain practical
experience and workforce skills
through internships, fieldwork,
clinical hours, and service learning



\$7.5 million
awarded to faculty in new
research grants from July 2022
to present, second only to
BSOM; active grant contract
portfolio = \$18,680,548

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of Philanthropy and Service event. Congratulations to all Cornerstone Society members who were recognized along with HHP Outstanding Alumni in Gary Bass, Juliana Harris and Kevin Youngs, and Melonie Bryan, Jennifer Horne and Janice McGowan for distinguished service.

March was Child Life Month and Social Work Month. February was Recreational Therapy Month. This allowed for us to highlight many alums, like Laura Mitchell in Child Life and Heather Burkhardt in Social Work, on social media. Follow @ECUHP on Twitter and other social media platforms to see the alumni spotlights from the spring semester.

Thank you, tailgaters! The College held its 2nd annual ECU baseball alumni tailgate April 15 at the Belk Building and it was a great success. We loved seeing all the interactions, conversations, fun, good food and then the Pirates won the game, 10-0, over the Cincinnati Bearcats. This is an event we look forward to every spring and we will see you again next year!



HHP CLASS OF 2023

Congratulations to all Class of 2023 Spring graduates! We are excited to formally recognize graduates May 6 with a 9 a.m. ceremony in Minges Coliseum for Kinesiology, Recreation Sciences and Social Work, and a noon ceremony in Minges for Health Education and Promotion, Human Development and Family Science and Interior Design and Merchandising.

Outstanding graduates to be honored by their major at HHP ceremonies include: Hannah Faith Stocks, Dennis A. Gregory Jr., Isabel G. Bradsher, Brooklyn E. Hudnell, Liam E. Brew, Sarah Joy Brewington Sudekum, Joshua A. Wade, Kathryn Shaw, Corita Chartier, Anya Yench, Matthew Blount, Leslie Osorio Pascual, Paige Thompson, Adriana Cowell, Cassidy Goff, Allison Poythress, Kayla Clonts, Sydney Proctor, Kelsey Weagel, Brinkley Collier, Laura Pope, Zelfa Harb, Alexa “Lex” Amadi, Martin Hood, Holly Donnelly, Samantha Gaskins, Jennifer Painter, Andrew Swartwood.

Recreation Sciences graduate Lydia Pinto will be one of seven students campus-wide featured by ECU News during graduation week on the website ecu.edu as a Graduate Profile, featuring photos, video and a news story about her collegiate journey. We also highlight the following students who were nominated by our faculty for a Grad Profile by ECU News: Lauren Harrell, Ajala Baker, Leslie Osorio Pascual, Shayia Coltrane, Elizabeth Gardill, Marithza Mondragon, Catherine Colborn, Jackson Cheek, Kelly Skillern.



Recreation Sciences graduating senior Lydia Pinto during the Pirate Entrepreneurship Challenge. (ECU Photo by Cliff Hollis)

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HHP NEWSSTORIES

OnlineMastersDegrees.org recognized ECU for having the [best online master's programs](#) in health education, earning a No. 1 ranking for overall quality, affordability and commitment to student success.

The five-star ranked Nancy Darden Child Development Center [earned accreditation](#) from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The NAEYC is the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children.



All smiles at the Nancy Darden Child Development Center. (ECU Photo by Rhett Butler)

Donors and the merchandising advisory board are [instrumental to the success](#) of students and faculty in IDMR. This feature includes an impact video of how Emma Smith earned a job with Burlington and other students secured internships.

'Super' experience was had by students in the Super Bowl LVII [Event Management class](#) when they traveled to Arizona in February.



ECU alum and assistant professor Dr. Emily Yeager [reconnected with the local](#) community through a pilot opportunity for reflection, introspection and healing racial trauma at Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza.

Social Work associate professor Dr. Abby Schwartz is part of a team that [received \\$1.39 million](#) for a collaborative project that aims to improve access to digital technology and literacy, resources and skills training for residents in 29 eastern North Carolina counties.

Read later in this newsletter about the exciting joint ROTC Living Learning Center involving both Air Force ROTC and Army ROTC. In February, Army ROTC and Kinesiology [hosted the 112th Special Operations](#) Signal Battalion (Airborne) from Fort Bragg. This opportunity presented a range of dynamic conversations in leadership, military, athletics and other topics.

HHP RESEARCH

This fiscal year, HHP has been awarded \$7.5 million in new grant/contract funding that advances our mission of regional transformation, student success and public service. Only the Brody School of Medicine has received a higher dollar amount of awards. The portfolio of grants had a combined budget of \$18.7 million, as of April 11, 2023. Current funders include Albemarle Regional Health Services, American Athletic Conference, Barnhill Family Foundation, Beaufort County, Camp Corral, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Cotton Inc., Craven County Government, Duke Endowment, Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Greene County Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, International Society of Biomechanics, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Metropolitan Congregations United, National Institutes of Health, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina Department of Justice, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation, North Carolina Zoological Society, Office of Naval Research, Operation Smile, Pitt County, Pitt Memorial Hospital

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Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Sound Rivers, Trillium Health Resources and the U.S. Department of Education, as well as subcontracts from other universities.

HHP played a big role in the university's Research and Creative Achievement Week event. [Click here](#) for a full listing of mentors and student presentations.

HHP ADVISING

The HHP Advising Center currently staffs eight academic advisors who are responsible for more than 2,400 students in HHP majors. In addition to providing support to current students to meet student success goals, retention rates and providing resources, we are also hard at work recruiting a new class of prospective HHP students. This year, HHP advisors have traveled from Charlotte to Raleigh to Washington, D.C., with the Admissions Office at "Pirate In Your Town" events. The center has also partnered with our HHP Director of Outreach, Mack Craven, to provide virtual events and in-person events for high school counselors and students. Pirates Aboard Admitted Students Day was held on March 25, when more than 2,000 students visited campus. HHP faculty and staff, advisors and student ambassadors met with these students and their families as well as provided presentations by each department.

HHP's EIGHT UNITS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION (HEP)

Chair - Dr. Michele Wallen; Administrative Support Associate - Wendy Allen.

It has been a productive spring for faculty and students in HEP and we are pleased to share a few highlights from a busy spring semester.

HEP students have been working hard in the classroom with nine Environmental Health (BS and MS) students selected for induction in Epsilon Nu Eta, ECU's Chapter of the National Environmental Health Honor Society. Thirty-seven BS in Public Health (BSPH) majors qualified for membership into ECU's Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, which is reserved for some of the most talented students at the university and 19 BS in Public Health students were inducted into Eta Sigma Gamma, a Health Education Honorary Society.

Luke Thomas (BSPH-Prehealth) received an RCAW award for his research project titled, "Secondhand Electronic Cigarette Aerosol in Vehicles Impacts Indoor Air Quality." Dr. Eric Soule was his research mentor. Ten HEP faculty mentored 21 students who presented their research.

The HEP Diversity Committee hosted a National Day of Racial Healing event in January at the Main Campus Student Center. This interdisciplinary event was an opportunity to create connections, explore the cultures that make up our communities, share the history and current realities of racism, and brainstorm ways to take actions that increase empathy, advance racial equity and build solidarity.

During the week of April 3, HEP faculty and students did an excellent job with educational events and recognizing the contributions of public health and highlighting issues that are important to improving our nation's health as a part of National Public Health Week.

HEP students are taking action to address drug overdose among college-aged students. Students formed a new student organization, Team Awareness Combatting Overdose (TACO). TACO members and faculty mentor, Paige Irons, facilitated education sessions at ECU's Safe Spring Break event and as a result of this event, 195 students received opioid overdose kits. In addition, Jackson Cheek (BSPH-Prehealth) with Drs. Lori Ann Eldridge and Kate Egan delivered an opioid overdose education training to about 50 members of Greek life. The training was developed with an URCA award and will be sustained by Campus Wellness.

Faculty are continually expanding our programs and opportunities for current and future students. Dr. Stephanie Richards (PI), and grant collaborators Danielle Graham (FSU, CoPI) and Arianna Peralta (ECU, CoPI) have been actively recruiting prospective ECU graduate students with the support of a North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation grant. This project will create a summer research immersion pathway program at ECU for undergraduates from minority-serving institutions, provide graduate student scholarship support and match graduate students with

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community- and field-based engaged learning opportunities in underserved communities. Twelve finalists were selected and matched with research mentors at ECU. We look forward to supporting these emerging scholars.

Several HEP students received University awards this spring and we are pleased to share a little about each student and their award. Matthew Blount (BSPH – Prehealth Concentration) received the Robert H. Wright Leadership Award, which is presented by the ECU Alumni Association and is one of the most prestigious awards given to undergraduate seniors at ECU. Taylor Gay (BSPH-Community Health) was selected as one of the 2023 recipients of the Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG)/National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC) Outstanding Undergraduate Major of the Year Award. Several HEP students received awards at the Chancellor's Horizon Award Ceremony in March. Megan Long (BSPH -Community Health) was recognized for completing the State Employees Credit Union Public Fellows Internship. Her project focused on water sampling in New Bern. Matthew Blount (BSPH-Prehealth) and Iyaira Williams (BSPH-Community Health) received the Truist Leadership Center Excellence in Student Leadership Award, which highlights exemplary skills or achievement in campus leadership, positive community impact or helping to address a significant North Carolina problem. Blount helped raise more than \$56,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as the founder of a service fraternity. He will also serve as the 2023-24 student body vice president. Williams has been a Pirate navigator, orientation assistant and resident advisor, and serves on the Chancellor's Student Leadership Academy. As the 2021-22 North Carolina Collegiate Hunger Challenge Ambassador with Food Lion Feeds, she helped spread the word about food insecurity on college campuses. We are looking forward to celebrating our spring 2023 graduates, connecting with alumni over the summer, and planning for another great year in 2023-24.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE (HDFS)

Chair – Dr. Sharon Ballard; Administrative Support Associate – Susan Congleton.

The department of Human Development and Family Science has had another great year and there are many things to highlight! First, in February we welcomed Tawni Mosley as director for the Nancy Darden Child Development Center. She immediately built on the tremendous work of Susannah Berry and Ashley Norris, who served as interim co-directors

of the center during the fall semester and through January. They facilitated the reaccreditation of the NDCDC by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and they are leading efforts in a plan to renovate the existing NDCDC playground into a more natural outdoor learning environment. They received a grant from the state that has facilitated the planning process, and Stage 1 of the renovation will be happening soon. Additional funding is being sought for additional phases of this project.

Norris and Berry were recognized for their work with the NDCDC as recipients of the 2023 ECU Centennial Award for Leadership.

A new grant project funded by the Office of Post Secondary Education in U.S. Department of Education is providing support to ECU undergraduate students who are parents. The program is called COMPASS (Childcare On-campus: Maximizing Parents' Academic Support and Success) and is led by Dr. Sharon Ballard, Dr. Eboni Baugh, Susannah Berry, Ashley Norris, Dr. Alan Taylor and Brandi Harris. COMPASS is a three-pronged model of support, including subsidized childcare in the Nancy W. Darden Child Development Center, support services such as parenting education and specialized academic advising, and a brand-new evening childcare program called the Darden DOCC (Drop Off Child Care). The Darden DOCC will operate Monday – Thursday evenings from 6-9 in the NDCDC. Brianna Webb, a 2022 graduate of our Family and Community Services program, was hired as the new program coordinator for the DOCC. The DOCC initially has been in a soft opening phase to test operations, but will be fully operational May 15. This grant and the COMPASS Program are important steps in ECU being a family-friendly campus!

HDFS continues its tradition as a leader in summer study abroad at ECU with three short-term summer study abroad trips this summer. Dr. Alan Taylor and Dr. Jake Jensen are leading a group of 41 students to Greece and Italy. Dr. Anu Hegde is leading 10 students to Italy to study early childhood and elementary education. Taylor also is leading a program along with Kelly Taylor, Dr. Sandy Lookabaugh and Dr. Lisa Godwin to Australia and New Zealand with 34 to study cultures in human and natural environments.

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HDFS student Darius Wingfield II, a graduate of the BS in Public Health program and a current student in the HDFS MS program, was the student recipient of the ECU Diversity and Inclusion award. Wingfield has a history of involvement and commitment to diversity and inclusion at ECU. Finally, HDFS has been involved in providing inclusive and affirming healthcare through their partnership with the Pride Healthcare Clinic. Medical Family Therapy PhD student clinicians have collaborated with medical professionals in meeting the physical, social, psychological and emotional healthcare needs of LGBTQ individuals and their families at the Pride Clinic. We look forward to continuing to provide effective healthcare to all people through this partnership.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING (IDMR)

Chair – Dr. Amanda Muhammad; Administrative Support Associate – Lauryn Pittman.

The Department of Interior Design and Merchandising launched an initiative for students who need business clothing to check out or select items from a campus clothing closet to use for interviews, events or other opportunities. Current fashion merchandising and consumer science students also would benefit from gaining hands-on and real-world experience through various opportunities such as staging, inventory management, sustainability and market needs. [Learn more here](#) about how to support this project. The department would like to congratulate Rebecca Gill and Dr. Erin Parrish in their roles as program directors. Gill is program director for Interior Design, and Parrish is program director for Fashion Merchandising and Consumer Studies. Interior Design students worked on designing a permanent ECU School of Dental Medicine Clinic Hyde County in Swan Quarter, N.C. The goal of this project is to design the interior spaces of the clinic creating a permanent, efficient and flexible clinic space layout, which allows homey, sustainable, wellness and tranquil space. Assistant professor Dr. Dina Al-Dajani leads this capstone project as part of an interior design class. Students and Al-Dajani conducted a field trip to ECU School of Dental Medicine. This field trip supports the interior design program goal of encouraging students to interact and network with professionals in dentistry.

Students in associate professor Parrish's apparel product development course recently visited Cotton Incorporated in Cary as part of a cotton in the curriculum grant. This grant and visit helped students expand their knowledge

about cotton as they prepare for careers in the textile industry. IDMR faculty members Drs. Al-Dajani and Tiffany Blanchflower were both accepted into the Active Learning and Leadership Spring 2023 cohort.

To strengthen ECU's affiliation with the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA), Al-Dajani is serving as the Program Director of National Kitchen and Bath Association, National and eastern N.C. Under Al-Dajani's guidance, the Interior Design Program has been recognized as an official NKBA Student Chapter and was awarded the NKBA Student Chapter Grant of \$500 to support NKBA Student Chapter activities. Al-Dajani attended and presented research in January at the National Kitchen & Bath Association's Voices from the Industry conference in Las Vegas. A total of nine ECU Interior Design students attended the conference. Al-Dajani also will participate in the Active Learning & Leadership Summer 2023 Program at the Office for Faculty Excellence.

In Study Abroad, Dr. Marina Alexander will lead 15 students to Portugal and Italy.

IDMR representatives also were involved in the 19th annual Apparel and Interior Design Merchandising Organization fashion show held April 18 at Black Box Theater in the Main Campus Student Center.



An IDMR visit to the School of Dental Medicine.

AIR FORCE ROTC (DET. 600)

Commander: Lt. Col. – William Dye; Administrative support associate – Cary Ann Reeves.

A total of 50 Air Force ROTC cadets traveled to three bases in the region this semester. The cadets were exposed to an array of Air Force career fields, and flew on a C-17 Globemaster III. Thirteen cadets earned the opportunity to go to Field Training this summer at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

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This is a major step in their leadership development. In May, Air Force ROTC will commission 10 cadets (soon-to-be Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force).

DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY (KINE)

Chair – Dr. JK Yun; Administrative Support Associate – Elaine Hughes.

Research Day was held April 21. This is an annual event and it showcases many of students' research.

Also, five students and six faculty attended the national SHAPE Conference in Seattle to present.

In February, Kinesiology faculty organized a visit with Army leaders to discuss sport science applications and leadership development practices. This event included a panel with ECU coaches discussing how they implement leadership and culture in their athletic teams.

A full slate of 18 students represented Kinesiology at the American College of Sports Medicine International Health & Fitness Summit in Arlington, Va. Teaching instructor Rhonda Kenny was the faculty leader. Next year's summit is slated to be in Chicago.

With an opportunity to represent ECU, HHP and the department internationally, Drs. Christine Habeeb and Stacy Warner traveled to Uzbekistan to participate in a youth leadership through sport exchange trip, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Their experience included visiting the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent and quality conversations about U.S. sport.



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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION SCIENCES (RCSC)

Chair – Dr. Ed Gomez; Administrative Support Associate – Kim Walters.

February was Recreational Therapy Month and a faculty pie-in-the-face event was fun and plenty successful, raising more than \$500 to support graduate student scholarships. Classroom initiatives in the department included a Tourism Planning & Entrepreneurship Course taught in Spring 2023, leading to develop a Beaufort County Water Trail feasibility study for an advisory group in the county. Also, students filled the Center for Biofeedback on March 30 for a biofeedback stress management clinic. Biofeedback students performed stress tests and conducted relaxation exercises, like guided imagery, for students enrolled in stress management. The result was a space for students to discuss stress at a conceptual level; however, the application of the skills learned in the classroom combined with the visual reinforcement offered by biofeedback was a unique and memorable experience, students reported.

For a report on total number of community hours from our students in the field (Recreational Therapy/Recreation and Park Management interns and volunteer hours from other courses): Spring 2023 RPM Interns – 4,800 community hours; Spring 2023 RT Interns – 11,760 community hours; Spring 2023 RCSC 3003 Recreation Programming – 200 hours with the Boys & Girls Club.

Congratulations to Dr. Emily Yeager for earning one of ECU's 2023 "40 Under Forty" leadership awards.

Garett Creef has accepted a full-time position with Greenville Parks & Recreation upon graduation. Hunter Kossover, current graduate student, has accepted a full-time position as a Recreation Program Supervisor in Surf City.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (SoSW)

Chair – Dr. Kirk Foster; Administrative Support Associate – Brittany Bates.

The School of Social Work launched an interprofessional education course this spring, affording MSW students unique opportunities to co-learn with students in medicine, dentistry and nursing. We have focused on developing key leadership skills – effective communication, conflict resolution, role

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clarity, empathy – in the classroom and practicing those skills in clinical lab settings. In labs, students interact with standardized patients (actors) and high-fidelity manikins to implement and practice skills as individuals and in working as a team. This unique learning environment allows students to practice in a low-stakes environment and receive immediate feedback on how to enhance their practice. While many social work programs engage in interprofessional education, few provide opportunities to practice in these kinds of labs. Jennifer George, MSW student, was awarded third place in the Miller School of Entrepreneurship annual competition. She was courageous and bold as she shared her story and vision for a wellness center focused on bringing wholeness to individuals living with trauma. Her concept is to provide a safe space for physical exercise, talk therapy, physical therapy and nutrition under one roof, especially focused on survivors of sexual trauma. George received a \$5,000 cash prize and additional prizes and support. Josh Wade and Adam May, MSW students, each received a RCAW Award. Kashayia Coltrane, BSW student, was honored with the NASW-NC Equity & Inclusion award.

The School continues to have a significant impact on eastern North Carolina. This year we placed 111 MSW students and 70 BSW students into field education settings. Our students provided more than 92,800 community impact hours through 113 unique agencies for an estimated impact of \$8.3 million. The School is making a significant difference in the lives of many across the region.

ARMY ROTC (Pirate Battalion)

Commander: Lt. Col. – Josh Aeschliman; Administrative support associate – Cary Ann Reeves.

ECU Army ROTC continued to grow and excel this semester. Our cadets have trained vigorously to prepare the juniors for Cadet Summer Training (CST) at Ft. Knox, Ky., and the seniors for commissioning as Second Lieutenants. We will be sending 36 juniors to CST and commissioning 26 additional seniors. ECU Army ROTC will end the year with a school-high of 37 commissioned lieutenants. We are also proud to announce that Army and Air Force ROTCs have come together to form the new joint ROTC Living Learning Center (RLLC). The RLLC will be offered for new and returning cadets to live and grow together in Ballard East. As we close out this school year, we congratulate those entering the Army as new leaders and look forward to the new incoming class of ROTC cadets and future leaders! Go Pirates!

HHP FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Each year, the ECU Serve Society recognizes faculty, staff and students who have contributed 100 or more hours of volunteer service to the community in the previous year. HHP student representatives were Colin Bateman, Matthew Blount and Rutvi Sachania, all from Health Education and Promotion. Faculty recognition went to Dr. Andrew Brimhall, Dr. Runying Chen, Tamra Church, Rose Haddock, Dr. Jake Jensen, Julie Kulas, Dr. Angela Lamson, Dr. Jennifer Matthews, Dr. Melanie Sartore-Baldwin, Molly Robinson Tripp and Jamie Williams. Church commented that she oversees a five-county coalition to build resilient and thriving drug free communities focusing on youth substance use prevention and creating more opportunities for positive childhood experiences.

Dr. Joseph Lee during the Main Campus Faculty Author Book and Affordable Textbooks Awards. (ECU Photo by Rhett Butler)



Faculty and staff awards and updates: **Dr. Kindal Shores** (RCSC) was named Editor in Chief of the Journal of Leisure Research and began a three-year term in January 2023. Between 250-300 manuscripts are submitted to the Journal of Leisure Research each year and five issues are published annually. Shores manages this process for the journal. The journal is an internationally respected forum for research related to leisure experiences and theory. ... **Dr. Mark Moore** (KINE) was a fellow in the Spring Institute hosted by the University of London and University of Western Ontario to address disability and management via a virtual platform. The Institute was five days of rich exchange between scholars

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around the world from March 1-5. Moore said: "The institute was a great experience. It enabled me to accumulate additional social capital in the management field." ... **Dr. Leslie Cofie** (HEP) received the ECU Scholar Teacher Award, which is given to faculty members who effectively integrate research/creative activity in classroom teaching. ... **Dr. Joseph Lee** (HEP) received the Honors College Faculty Mentor Award, which is the most prestigious award given to an instructor working with students in the Honors College. ... **Brian Cavanaugh** (HEP) received the Robert L. Jones Outstanding Teaching Award, which recognizes those who demonstrate characteristics of exemplary teaching at ECU. ... **Dr. Bhibha Das** (KINE) was the faculty recipient of a university Diversity and Inclusion award at the Chancellor's Horizon Awards for Service ceremony. Das was lauded for research that focuses on the promotion of physical activity for improved quality of life, primarily on employee and underserved populations. She is the co-chair of the Chancellor's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Student Access and Success Subcommittee. Das also represented ECU for the first time in attending the 29th annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring in Atlanta last October. Faculty recruitment was a component. Das said: "Our goal was to talk to scholars and show them that ECU could be a potential help for them, whether as a postdoctoral position or a faculty position. We talked to scholars to show them what we do at ECU and we got a lot of questions about what are the DEI initiatives and efforts to not just recruit faculty from underrepresented populations, but also retain them here." ... **Dr. Emily Yeager** (RCSC) was named interim director of the Crisp Small Business Resource Center. It was stated that Yeager's work focuses on rural community development, rural tourism and small-town entrepreneurship. ... **Dr. Cari Autry** (RCSC) was elected to the editorial board for the World Leisure Journal. ... Trendsetter Awards are a REDE-established program to recognize the research and creative work of faculty who have the expertise

and enthusiasm to forge a path and inspire their peers. **Dr. Jacquelyn Mallette** (HDFS) was a trendsetter winner in the mid-career category. **Dr. Stacy Warner** (KINE) was a trendsetter winner in the exemplary category. ... Trendsetter award nominees included **Dr. Kristin Black** (HEP), **Dr. Tiffany Blanchflower** (IDMR), **Dr. Christine Habeeb** (KINE), **Ashley Norris** (HDFS), **Dr. Erin Parrish** (IDMR), **Dr. Jeffrey Skibins** (RCSC) and **Dr. Emily Yeager** (RCSC). ... **Kelli Russell** (HEP) earned a 2022 Treasured Pirates Award in Academic Affairs for leading the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Initiative. For her award recognition, the university highlighted Russell has exhibited the characteristics of a servant-leader as she ensured that the initiative provided for the safety of ECU's students, faculty and staff. ... **Dr. Dina Al-Dajani** (IDMR) earned the Quality Matters Certification for being a QM-Certified Peer Reviewer. ... **Drs. Mary Jackson** (SOSW), **Margaret Arnd-Caddigan** (SOSW) and **Mark Moore** (KINE) were ECU Faculty Author Book Award winners. Also, HHP faculty members **Drs. Tiffany Blanchflower** (IDMR), **Andy Brimhall** (HDFS), **Jennie Cole** (SOSW), **Joseph Lee** (HEP) and **Kathleen Egan** (HEP) were recognized for participating in the ECU Alternative Textbook Program to promote student affordability. ... **Brian Cavanaugh**, **Paige Irons**, **Dewey Pickett**, **Molly Robinson Tripp** and **Kelsey White** (HEP) were nominated by one or more of their students who reside in Campus Living as instructors who have made a significant impact on the educational experience. They were recognized as Honored Instructors by Campus Living.

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