

Pirate Pearls

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Your Pirate Ship is Sailing...

We know you have been hard at work this semester—sailing through your courses, research, assistantship and so much more. Make sure to take time to experience all that is around you—and review your plans for Spring 2018. Here are some helpful reminders of activities and tasks for you to think about!

THINGS TO DO

- Speak with your research or studio advisor to plan for your abstract submission for [Research & Creative Achievement Week](#)
- Speak with your program director or academic advisor to determine course registration for Spring 2018. [Early registration](#) starts Friday November 3, so plan now! It is your responsibility to enroll yourself in Spring 2018 course. We recommend doing this no later than November 15, 2017.
- Register for graduation if you plan to graduate in Spring 2018 (Fall 2017 graduates should be registered already!)
- Fall 2017 graduates should obtain cap & gown information and all other commencement information for [December's ceremonies](#).

EVENTS TO ATTEND

- Attend the [3MT competition](#) on October 24 to support classmates & learn about how you can participate next year!
- If you plan to upload a thesis or dissertation in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018, attend a helpful workshop on [Oct 31 or Nov 1](#) to learn more about [Vireo](#), the online tool you will use for uploading.
- Learn more about your social media presence and how to optimize it for your career! [Join us for a workshop on October 31](#) with a faculty member expert in social media!
- Find a recreational, enjoyable event on campus to release some stress! Use the [University Calendar](#) to find something that interests you!

A Message From the Vice Chancellor For Student Affairs

Dear ECU Graduate Students:

I hope the start of your fall semester has gone well. We are happy to see the number of graduate students growing at ECU and want to do all we can to provide you with the support systems and resources you need to be successful. On behalf of the 29 departments and the more than 300 Student Affairs educators in the division, I want to wish you a great year, but also to share some of the engagement opportunities we provide.

First, a common myth is that Student Affairs services are really only available for undergraduate students. A very high percentage of Student Affairs programs and services are open to all students and, in fact, we are becoming more intentional with creating programming specific to our graduate students.

Campus Recreation and Wellness has hosted a Grad Student Welcome at the North Recreation Complex (NRC) in recent years. The NRC is open for our grad students every day and all you need is your OneCard. There is a beach house, kayaks, canoes, beach volleyball courts, corn hole boards and a zip line. Check out www.ecu.edu/crw for more details.

In addition, Student Involvement and Leadership created graduate student night at Mendenhall Student Center (MSC) where you can enjoy free bowling and billiards. This will occur each month throughout the spring semester. These free grad student only events will be October 26, November 16, February 22, March 22 and April 19. Bowling is from 7:00 – 11:00 PM. Please join us!

Also in MSC, the Student Activities Board provides free movies to our students each Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. These are films that have recently left the movie theater but haven't been released on DVD or streaming. ECU Dining Services has also adapted one of its dining plans to better fit the lifestyle and schedules of our graduate students. Visit www.ecu.edu/dining and search meal plans for options that might suit your busy grad school schedule.

The Division of Student Affairs has also strengthened its focus on creating civil discourse on our campus. An initiative called #ECUUnited was launched in 2016 and has continued to grow. Our graduate student population are welcome to join in and participate in any or all #ECUUnited programs, which include:

- Pledge Purple - a multi-day initiative battling sexual assault, harassment and bullying.

- NC Civility Summit – ECU hosts this program each spring to talk about topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, class, LGBT, privilege, religion and more.

- Cupola Conversations – town hall style programs, which occur throughout the year, focused on creating civil discourse on sometimes difficult and controversial topics.

Visit the #ECUUnited website at www.ecu.edu/ecunited for more information.

To learn more about Student Affairs, visit the website www.ecu.edu/studentaffairs and you can follow us on Twitter (@InnerPirate). If you have specific questions, feel free to email me at vcsa@ecu.edu or call my office at 328-6541. Have a safe and wonderful year!

Dr. Virginia D. Hardy, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs

Career Services Workshops & Virtual Events

Mark Your Calendar!

[ECU CareerNET Contest](#)

October 16—November 20
Online

[Public Speaking Anxiety—a workshop](#)

October 16, 6:00 PM

[Career Leadership Series](#)

October 17, 2017
5:00 PM—7:00 PM
The Croatan Green Room

[Diversity Virtual Career Fair](#)

October 18
8:00 AM—8:00 PM

[Parade of Pirates—Homecoming 2017](#)

October 21
9:00—11:00 AM

[Virtual Career Fair for Internships & Co-Ops](#)

October 25
8:00 AM—8:00 PM



Career Services **ONLINE!**

ECU Career Services has created a new virtual workshop series called Here's How. There are 4 virtual workshops you can use now—in the comfort of your own home!

[Virtual Workshops](#)

Academic Resources

Make writing center appointments early and often!

WE HAVE A 2-3 DAY WAIT FOR ONLINE AND FACE-TO-FACE APPOINTMENTS RIGHT NOW. KEEP CHECKING [ECU.MYWCONLINE.COM](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/writing/uwc/index.cfm) FOR OPENINGS.



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Networking Opportunities



**“Evolution of the Human Genome:
Your Genome and the Snacks You Eat”**

- Chris Balakrishnan

**Oct
20th**



NERD NITE

Tapped- Greenville

7:30-9:30

650 E. Firetower Rd.
Winterville, NC 28590

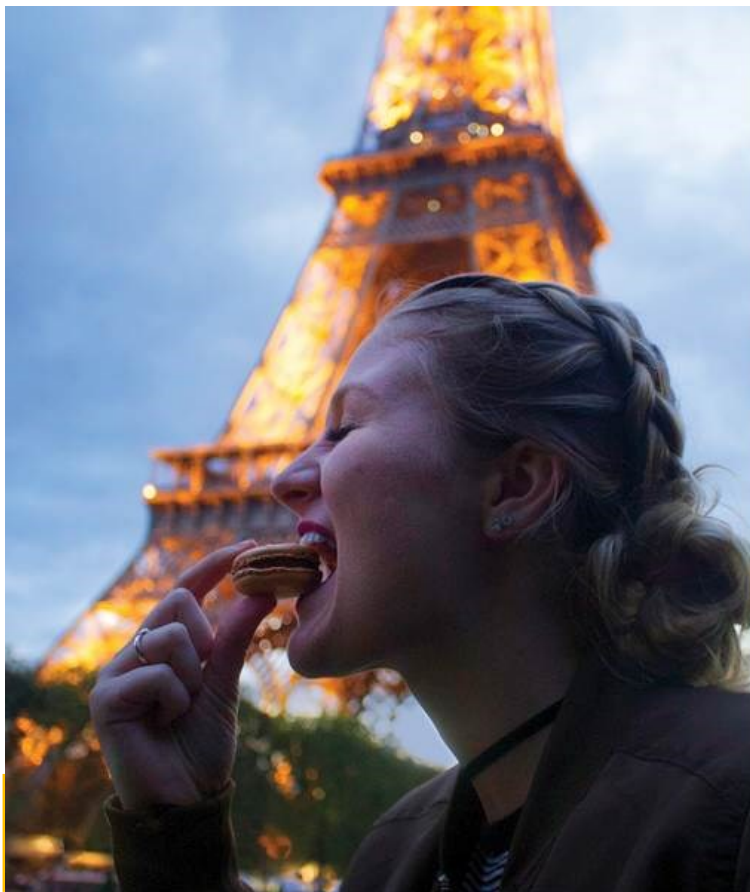
“Be There and Be Square”



**“The Science of
Blackbeard”**



**-Karen
Martindale**



Study Abroad Speed Dating

Get ‘matched up’ with your perfect study abroad location! Learn about different opportunities from study abroad alumni and faculty. Pizza and drinks provided.

5:30–7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

3rd Floor Lounge, Bate Building

#ecuabroad

studyabroad@ecu.edu



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Employment Opportunities & Pirate Techs Info

Great OPPORTUNITIES for motivated STUDENTS developing research-based materials!

The Office of Assessment, Data Management and Digital Learning in the ECU College of Education has a **graduate student position available!**

The Graduate Student supports the team throughout the duration of their student employment through data collection, analysis, report writing, and assisting with [Mursion](#), an educational interactive classroom simulator for educator preparation students.

Graduate Student Job

The Office of Assessment, Data Management and Digital Learning in the College of Education is seeking a Graduate Assistant to assist with Instructional Technology projects including Mursion interactive classroom simulation (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/mursion/>), video editing, grant development, research, instructional design, data analysis, web development, and other project-oriented tasks.

- Desired skills include: Adobe Creative Suite, video editing, HTML, Microsoft Office. All skills are not required, but willingness to learn is.
- Requirements: This is a 20-25 hour per week on-campus position. You must be a current ECU graduate student.

Preferences: Previous teaching experience is a definite PLUS!

Please apply here: <https://ecu.peopleadmin.com/postings/9859>

Need Computer Support? [Pirate Techs](#) to the Rescue!

[Pirate Techs Student Computer Support](#) is a support service with 3 locations across campus to serve students. Pirate Techs can help you with network connectivity, setting up mobile email, Microsoft software installation, and more! You can bring your personal computer right to Pirate Techs and they will help troubleshoot your computer & networking problems. Pirate Techs is a certified, full-service repair center for Dell, Lenovo, and Apple computers with limited hardware support for most other computers.

Student Life Resources



Is your graduate student organization affiliated with the [Graduate & Professional Student Senate](#)? THEY SHOULD BE! This organization is THE VOICE for graduate student issues on campus! They have social events and a funding mechanism for graduate student organizations. [Check out their website](#) and make sure to contact their Board so your club can get involved! Let your voice be heard through the [GPSS](#)!

<https://orgsync.com/27914/events/2035872/occurrences/4851948>

The next meeting is October 25 at 7:00 PM in the Health Sciences Student Center, Grand Room 202. Spend some time at the meeting and then grab a workout! And don't forget to try the slide! YES!! There is a slide in the building for you to use!

[The Division of Student Affairs](#) is the part of the university that coordinates all the events and services that are for YOU! Graduate Students are welcome to all that Student Affairs has to offer!

[Review their website regularly](#) to keep on top of all the great offerings and services!



GRADUATE STUDENT BOWLING NIGHTS

October 26, November 16, February 22, March 22 and April 19. Bowling is from 7:00 – 11:00 PM. Please join us in the basement of Mendenhall Student Center for a night of free bowling! Bring a friend! Bring a professor!



Love these newsletters? We have archived all the past issues from when Pirate Pearls first started—Fall, 2015. Please feel free to review past issues to learn more about ECU and all it has to offer for graduate students! [Here is the link!](#)

Academic Resources

Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Submission Workshops

If you are completing a thesis or dissertation as a formal part of your graduate program, you are required to upload it to the [VIREO system](#). This system allows you to communicate with the Graduate School about format and other structural issues after you successfully defend.

It is wise for you to attend these workshops or watch the online recordings so that you are aware of the process. You are not “done” with your degree until all requirements are completed—and that means the Graduate School has reviewed, approved, and notified the Registrar that your dissertation or thesis has been completed and accepted. [This is done through the VIREO system](#).

October 31 2:00 PM
Joyner Library, Room 1415

November 13:00 PM
Laupus Library (Health Sciences Campus)
Room 2502G

