

# School of Communication Newsletter

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April & May 2023

## A note from the Director

It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of the 2022-2023 academic year. Congrats to our Spring 2023 graduates!

Please check out our summer course offerings. Stay in touch with us via social media! Have a wonderful summer.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Best, Dr. Laura Privera

## Upcoming Dates

**April 25** Last day of class

**April 26** Reading day

**April 27 - May 4** Exams

**May 5th** University Commencement Ceremony at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at 10 a.m.

**May 6** CFAC graduate recognition ceremony in Minges Arena at 3 p.m.

**May 15 - June 19** First Summer Session

**June 22 - July 27** Second Summer Session

**August 21** First day of Fall Semester

## Introducing the SOC's Living Learning Community

Do you know an incoming First Year Communication student? Tell them about our new Living Learning Community!

First-year LLC communication students are invited to live in Jarvis Hall along with other first year communication students. This residence hall is located only five minutes walking distance from the School of Communication and Joyner East Library.

As a member of our LLC community, students will participate in workshops and activities specifically designed to introduce them to the many opportunities in the communication field. School of Communication faculty, staff and students will provide a personalized experience proving a rich variety of activities that will be academically and socially empowering- not to mention fun! Sign up during the housing process.

## Congratulations, Dr. Keith Richards!

Dr. Keith Richards, the SOC Graduate Program Director, was recently honored with the Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award. This was in recognition of his commitment to supporting and guiding master's graduate students in achieving their academic and professional goals.

## FOLLOW THE SOC ON SOCIAL

Do you want to be featured on our social media? We would love to hear from you. Message us on any of our platforms.



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## Are you interested in continuing your education in the SOC?

### Master of Arts in Communication

Application deadlines: June 15 for Fall & February 15 for Summer

### Accelerated Master of Arts in Communication

#### For more information:

- Visit the SOC Graduate Program Web site at <https://communication.ecu.edu/graduate-home/>
- Contact Dr. Keith Richards / Graduate Program Director at [richardsk@ecu.edu](mailto:richardsk@ecu.edu)

## SOC Internship Opportunities

Start looking for your fall internship now! Internships are beneficial in numerous ways that help prepare you for your future career.

See what new internships opportunities are open for the fall at the SOC blog: <https://sites.ecu.edu/socinternships/>

To learn more about receiving credit for your internship, visit: <https://communication.ecu.edu/internships/> or email Brittany Thompson at [thompsonbri14@ecu.edu](mailto:thompsonbri14@ecu.edu)

## The Center for Communication Excellence

Are you completely comfortable speaking to your professors or advisor? Do you feel anxious about public speaking? Are you ready for internship or job interviews? The Center for Communication Excellence is a FREE resource available to help you improve your professional communication skills.

- **Walk-In or make an appointment:** <https://communication.ecu.edu/cce/>
- **Email:** [commcenter@ecu.edu](mailto:commcenter@ecu.edu)
- 252-328-2790 // 205 Joyner East

## Student Spotlights from Communication Week

The week of April 11 was Communication Week. See what some of our students are saying about their experiences as a SOC student. These students and several others were featured on our social media during Communication Week.



"This is my Senior year here at East Carolina, I will be graduating in May. My major is Communications with a Concentration in Interpersonal Organizational Communication (IOC). Majoring in Communications has allowed me to become an effective and proficient communicator through day-to-day interactions and within the workplace. Personally, I would have to say that my favorite Communications course is Communication Criticism."

### TJ White

Senior / IOC  
Distance Education Student

## NICOLE MCKILLOP

MA in Strategic Communication

"I couldn't imagine myself in any other department other than the School of Communications. The community the students faculty have built here is one of a kind, filled with the most uplifting, inspiring, and supportive people that create an environment I feel so lucky to be a part of! If anyone is reading this and considering Communications at ECU, this is your sign to GO FOR IT!!"

