

School of Communication

Student Newsletter

February & March 2025

SAVE THE DATE: SOC Career Fair & Career Panel

Join us to meet potential employers, explore internships, learn about the SOC graduate program, and hear from successful alumni.

Thursday, February 20

Career Panel- 1:00-2:00 PM

Main Student Center, Blackbox Theater

Panelists:

- **Chris Stansbury:** Sr. Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and former TV news anchor
- **Antwan Staley:** New York Jets reporter for the New York Post
- **Summer Mitchell:** Managing partner, GrowthStack Media and host of the "Badass Tech" podcast

Career Fair- 2:00-3:30 PM

Main Student Center, Ballroom A



Scan the QR code to register for the SOC Career Panel & Career Fair today!

ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 or ada-coordinator@ecu.edu

Follow the SOC on social!



Are you interested in being featured in the next newsletter or on social media? We enjoy sharing our students' stories. Email Kelsey Sands at rhodeskel17@ecu.edu.

Student Resource: Professionally Purple Closet

Do you need professional clothing for the career fair, for a presentation, or for an upcoming interview?

Students visiting the **Professionally Purple Closet** can choose from a wide array of attire. Each item is carefully curated to meet varying industry expectations and trends, ensuring students look and feel their best during critical career moments.

Location: Rivers 143

Hours of Operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-5 PM; Wednesdays by appointment.

Save the date: CFAC Graduate Recognition Ceremony

Friday, May 9 at 1:00 PM
Minges Coliseum



Spring 2025 Important Dates



Wednesday, February 12

ECU Job & Internship Fair
1:00-4:00 PM, Greenville Convention Center

Thursday, February 20

SOC Career Panel & Fair
1:00-3:30 PM Main Student Center

Wednesday, March 5

10 AM-Noon Internship coffee and donut drop in
Joyner East Conference Room (first floor)

March 9 - 16

Spring Break

March 17 - 21

Advising for Summer & Fall 2025

March 31, Monday

Registration for Summer & Fall 2025



Center for Communication Excellence

Upcoming Workshops:

Lunch & Learn: "Navigating Difficult Conversations"

Thursday, February 13
12:15-12:45 PM
205 Joyner East

"Effective Presentations" Workshop

Thursday, March 20
4:00-4:30 PM
205 Joyner East

We are open for individual and group appointments for one-on-one assistance with communication needs. Visit our website to schedule an appointment today!

Our services are always free.
communication.ecu.edu/cce/



Join ECU's PRSSA Chapter!

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is a pre-professional organization that provides opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience and make valuable connections in the PR industry.

How to Join: Head to the PRSSA Website where you will find a tab labelled, "Member Benefits", and you'll find the link to join! Any questions can be directed to martineza23@students.ecu.edu.

Upcoming Meetings: We have biweekly Thursday meetings from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, students can go to The Pirate Experience to get more details.

Social Media: Follow ECU PRSSA on LinkedIn and @ecuprssa on Instagram.

Continue your education in the SOC!



Master of Arts in Communication

Application deadlines: June 15 for Fall

Accelerated Master's of Art

Application deadlines: July 1 for Fall

For more information:

- Visit the SOC Graduate Program Web site at communication.ecu.edu/graduate-home/
- Contact Dr. Keith Richards, Graduate Program Director at richardsk@ecu.edu

SOC Student Highlights



Kristin Outland
SOC Graduate Student

Through ECU's Communication program, I have learned valuable experiences and developed a broad range of skills that I can apply to any career. I strongly believe these experiences have prepared me to enter the workforce in the near future.

I am currently finishing up my last semester of the Master in Strategic Communication program at ECU. I currently serve as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for Professor Catalano's Fundamentals of Public Speaking courses and Professor Sands' Interpersonal Communication course.

After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in higher education. I hope to fulfill an academic advising role or a similar position in higher education.



Khalil Esparza
Interpersonal/Organizational Communication

Being a Communication student has opened my eyes to how useful communication is in our everyday lives. Through ECU, I've been able to be a part of the Air Force ROTC Program and have developed my leadership skills in the process. Using the lessons

I've learned in my communication classes, I feel better prepared when having to convey ideas, foster an open and inclusive environment amongst a team, and overall communicate effectively whenever necessary. In accomplishing the AFROTC Program, I aim to commission as a Logistics Readiness Officer, which deals with the transportation of materials and personnel from specific Air Force Bases to potentially all across the world.