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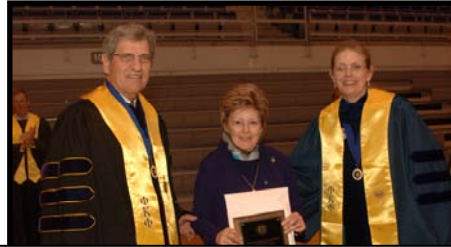
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Eldean Pierce Recognized for Outstanding Service to ECU Chapter of *Phi Kappa Phi* – Graduate Fellowship Named In Her Honor



L-R, Dr. Ron Newton, President, Eldean Pierce, Dr. Holly Mathews, Award Chair (F. Croce photo)

ECU's Chapter of *Phi Kappa Phi* announced the establishment of the **Eldean Pierce Graduate Fellowship** award at the annual induction ceremony in April 2006. For many years, Eldean Pierce served as secretary for the ECU chapter and also took on the role of organizing the annual initiation banquet. She came to ECU in 1974 as an assistant professor of adult health nursing, holding a diploma in nursing from Watts Hospital School of Nursing and the BSN, MS and MSN degrees from ECU.

During her 30 years at the University, Eldean excelled as a master teacher who was sought out by students, faculty and practicing nurses for her knowledge and expertise, particularly in the area of coronary care nursing. She has been the recipient of several advising and teaching awards, and she was named the Nurse Educator of the Year by NCNA and as an Outstanding Mentor by *Beta Nu* chapter of *Sigma Theta Tau* International, an honorary society. Eldean has held several offices in *BN of STT* and has been an active contributing member. She and her husband, Hal, are active in the ECU alumni association.

Phi Kappa Phi Announces Student Award Winners

The East Carolina University Chapter of the Honor Society of *Phi Kappa Phi* is pleased to announce the following awards to students for the 2005-2006 academic years:

The Eldean Pierce Graduate Fellowship: **Ajay Mohan Patel**
Outstanding First Year Student: **Christina Marie Peroutka**
Co-Finalists: Kristen Nicole Evans
Nicole Blythe Moore
Rachel Ann Hardy
Outstanding Senior: Christopher Matthew Smith
Co-Finalists: Anita Gopal Unnithan

Ajay Mohan Patel Awarded Eldean Pierce Graduate Fellowship



L-R, President Ron Newton, Ms. Eldean Pierce, Eldean Graduate Fellowship Winner, Ajay Mohan Patel. Chancellor Steve Ballard (F. Croce photo)

Ajay Mohan Patel graduated in May 2006 with a grade point average of 4.0 and a double major in biology and philosophy. An honors under-graduate, Ajay volunteered as an autopsy assistant at Pitt Memorial Hospital and performed research addressing the extent to which obesity plays a causal role in death by cardiac arrest in NC. He is a co-author on the publication of this work. He has been accepted into medical school in London, and he plans to pursue a career either in family practice, pediatrics or surgery. Mr. Patel received a check for \$1500 and was the ECU chapter's nominee for the national *PKP* fellowship award.

Rachel Ann Hardy Receives Outstanding Senior Award



Rachel Ann Hardy graduated in May 2006 with honors with a grade point average of 3.98 while completing a dual degree in French and in Art. For her honor's thesis, she received an undergraduate research and creative activity award for creating an art exhibit that educates visitors about the influence and prevalence of graphic design in the world around us. Rachel was an EC Scholar, served as Vice President of Omicron Delta Kappa, and worked with EC Friends and Relay for Life. She is pursuing a career in graphic design and will eventually enroll in graduate school. As the outstanding senior award recipient, Rachel received a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

Outstanding Senior, Rachel Ann Hardy (F. Croce photo)

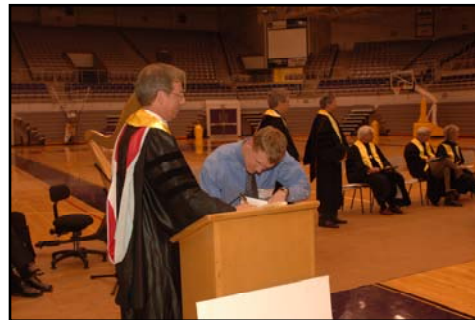
Christina Marie Peroutka Named Outstanding First Year Student

Christina Marie Peroutka is an EC Scholar and an alternate for the early assurance admission program to the Brody School of Medicine. She is majoring in biochemistry with a minor in Hispanic studies. She worked in a research laboratory in microbiology-immunology, and is a volunteer in the emergency department radiology transport program at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Christina also volunteers in a Farmville English-as-a-second language program and tutors Hispanic migrant children. She plans to study abroad in Mexico or another Spanish-speaking country. She is a member of the Student Government Association, Shipmates Leadership Program, the Chemistry Club, and the Alpha Epsilon Delta Medical Honor Society. Her career goal is to be a pediatrician. Christina received a plaque and a check for \$500.



*Outstanding First-Year Student
Christina Marie Peroutka (F. Croce photo)*

ECU Junior-Senior and Graduate Student Scholars Selected for Membership in Phi Kappa Phi



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