Welcome to another edition of D-ECU News - the newsletter that will keep you informed of university news, resources, and announcements that affect the distance education community. This newsletter is powered by Emerging Academic Initiatives (formerly known as Academic Outreach).

Attention Students...
~Your ECU E-mail System is Changing Mid May~
ECU is moving all students from our Piratemail system to a bigger and better email system mid May. The new email system is Microsoft Outlook Live, and it features:

- 10GB of mailbox space, which is bigger than you have currently
- 20MB for attachments
- A built in chat system where you can chat with up to 20 friends at once on Hotmail, MSN, Windows Live, AOL, or Yahoo
- 25GB of “Skydrive” space, that will allow you to store documents or photos, and access them from any computer or share them with friends

With the new email service you will be assigned a new PirateID that you will use for all of your activities at ECU. Your new ID will be more personalized and will include your last name, first initial (or additional letters of your first name) and the year that you entered ECU. Your new email address will end in “@students.ecu.edu”. To access your new email account you will open a browser and go to http://mymail.ecu.edu.

Current students can begin using their new Outlook Live accounts the week of May 9-15. You will have access to your old Piratemail account through September 30, 2010 for the purpose of moving any old e-mail, contacts or notes Outlook Live.

The new Login page and Inbox screens are shown below.

New students accepted to ECU after March 17 can begin using their Outlook Live accounts at http://mymail.ecu.edu now.

Please Note:
- You must change your passphrase at https://pirateid.ecu.edu before you begin using your new email account.
~Campus News~
Visit the Campus News page for up to date East Carolina University headlines.
http://www.news.ecu.edu

~Distance Education Student Cards ~
Distance Education Student Cards are now mailed by request only. You can request your card for the Summer Sessions of 2010 by clicking here. The card includes your ECU ID number (Banner ID), along with a place for your signature. The card is included in letter form; you just detach it from the bottom of the letter. The Distance Education Student Card grants access to ECU computer labs and allows you to check out books from the ECU libraries. It also allows you access to the libraries of our sister institutions. Please note that the Distance Education Student Card does not provide access to the Student Recreation Center, Student Health Services, Athletic events, and other activities that are available to on-campus students because DE students do not pay these additional university fees. The Distance Education Student Card is valid for one semester only and must be requested each semester.

~DE Day Has Been Scheduled~
Emerging Academic Initiatives (formerly known as Academic Outreach), is sponsoring its 4th Annual DE Day on Saturday, October 23, where ECU will play Marshall. This is ECU’s Homecoming. Discounted tickets will be available for all distance education students to purchase. Look for more information to come to your email address soon.

We hope you had an excellent semester. Can you believe exams are this week, and then it's summer? Have a safe and happy summer!

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