Elizabeth City State University

Mission

Elizabeth City State University, a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, offers baccalaureate, graduate, and professional programs for a diverse student body. The institution's rich heritage provides a firm foundation for its educational endeavors, as well as its role in serving the needs and aspirations of individuals and society. Through teaching, research, and community engagement, Elizabeth City State University provides a student-centered environment, delivered in a manner that enhances student learning, while preparing its graduates for leadership roles and lifelong learning. The university is also a leader in facilitating sustainable economic growth, while safeguarding the unique culture and natural resources of the region.

Campus Description

ECSU is one of 16 public institutions within The University of North Carolina system. Located in the Albemarle region of northeastern North Carolina, ECSU offers students the opportunity to receive an outstanding liberal arts education while enjoying a variety of exciting recreational and cultural events. Favored by a mild climate, ECSU is in close proximity to the world renowned Outer Banks famous for the Wright brothers' first flight and its beautiful beaches. ECSU is known for its small class sizes, personalized attention, and its caring faculty and staff. Students have many opportunities for leadership development and participation in internships, research, and international study abroad.

Voluntary Standards of Accountability Report (VSA)

http://www.collegeportraits.org/NC/ECSU

Campus Web site

www.ecsu.edu

Major Contributions to UNC Tomorrow

Elizabeth City State University is fully committed to various initiatives of the UNC Tomorrow Commission as reflected in the institution's 2009-2014 Strategic Plan. ECSU continues to prepare graduates who are ready to lead and compete in a multi-ethnic global society. To support community economic transformation, ECSU has strengthened and expanded its signature programs in Pharmacy and Aviation. To increase access to higher education, ECSU has acquired funding to expand and enhance graduate programs in math, science and education. ECSU has worked diligently to improve and strengthen collaborative partnerships with local and regional community colleges. To support environment and outreach engagement, ECSU has embarked upon green initiatives with the North Carolina Rural Development Council and has begun the arduous process of securing the prestigious Carnegie classification.

Link to UNC Tomorrow report: http://www.ecsu.edu/docs/unctomorrowmainreportv20508.pdf

Institutional Distinctiveness

From Willie J. Gilchrist, chancellor since March 2007

Elizabeth City State University is very proud of the core programs that ground us in academic rigor. We are especially proud that our signature programs -- pharmacy and aviation -- have attracted top students and faculty to this area

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while increasing our visibility. Most recently, ECSU rose in two of the rankings published by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine's "America's Best Colleges." This year, ECSU is ranked second among Top Public Baccalaureate Colleges in the South, and 11th among the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities. For decades, ECSU has been an integral part of, and has significantly enhanced, the economy of northeastern North Carolina. This university is a leader in providing the intellectual capital needed to enhance the quality of life for our citizens while stimulating the economic growth in this region.