

3. Presentation by East Carolina University StudentsRon Mitchelson
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Situation: The EPPP Committee, in order to stay in touch with campus activity continues to open their meetings by highlighting students from various campuses to speak on their research experiences. The topic of ECU Students will be

Background: NCA&T State University, UNC School of the Arts, UNC Greensboro, NC Central University, UNCW's Onslow Count Extension Program, North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, Western Carolina University, Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina School of Science and Math, UNC Pembroke, and at our last meeting held at UNC Charlotte have presented at the EPPP Committee. The topics of these presentations were widely varied and immensely informative and wonderfully received.

Assessment: These student presentations continue to reinforce the EPPP Committee's understanding and connection to the meaning of their work.

Action: This item is for information only.

East Carolina University – Student Bios

Tori Chapman is a sophomore from Webster, NC. She is majoring in Nutrition. During Tori's freshmen year, she began teaching classes to Pitt County residents about small ways to make changes in their lives. After this experience, she founded a student organization called Pirates Promoting Community Wellness (PPCW). This organization is looking to expand the Freedom for Fitness Grant by offering free fitness and nutrition classes. On a global level, Tori led members of this group on a trip to Honduras during January to offer aid to a small mountain village. This was Tori's second trip to Honduras. This past summer, she spent time in an orphanage caring for young children and working on ways to improve the health and wellness of the community. Tori's long term goals are focused on missionary medicine.

Mansi Trivedi is a senior EC Scholar from Cary, NC. She is a double major in Biology and Religious Studies and will be attending Brody Medical School in the fall. Last summer she studied abroad in Jordan and participated in a Bioarcheological research project led by Dr. Megan Perry. As part of the research project she worked in Petra excavating tombs and helped analyze human remains uncovered in the tombs. As a sophomore, she worked with SEOSA faculty member Dr. Christine Avernarius from the Anthropology department to conduct one on one interviews to assess the various issues surrounding the accumulation of standing water due to poor drain water management in Nags Head North Carolina. She is currently working in a population genetics lab run by Dr. Carol Goodwille in the Biology department. Her senior honors project, under the direction of Derek Maher, will focus on religious perceptions of the human body. Mansi is also very active with many clubs and student organizations and was named an Elite Pirate.

Thomas Vaughan is a senior Applied Atmospheric Science major from Murfreesboro, NC. While at ECU, Thomas spent a semester in Italy through ECU's Italy Intensives program. Thomas was also selected as a 2013 recipient of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hollings Scholarship. This national scholarship program, which is designed for students interested in pursuing careers related to the ocean and atmospheric sciences, provided him with a summer research internship at the Pacific ENSO Applications Climate Center in Honolulu, Hawaii where he completed a project titled, Seasonal Rainfall Variability and Forecasts for the Hawaiian Islands. Thomas is currently weighing graduate school offers at Florida State, Hawaii, UCLA, and other. He is also completing his senior honors project, focused on the 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season.