

Ben Rivers Selected for National Award Winning ECU Program



East Carolina University junior Ben Rivers has joined the university's Division of Research, Economic Development and Engagement as part of its award-winning RISE29 microenterprise program. The program connects small business ideas with regional community needs, using a mix of student teams, interns and community leaders to launch new businesses, strengthen existing companies with long-term continuity plans, and commercialize new technology.

Rivers, an operations and supply chain management major, will spend the fall interning with Simple & Sentimental in Pitt County. Simple & Sentimental creates unique personalized gifts for any occasion. The company's owner, Taylor Walden, was the winner of ECU's inaugural Pirate Entrepreneurship Challenge, and has focused on strategic growth for her young company.

As part of the RISE29 team, Rivers will help the company develop a strategic business plan that includes financial planning, market analysis, and organizational structure; develop an improved online presence that allows for e-commerce activities and web-based marketing strategies; and create a comprehensive marketing strategy to identify new clients and vendors.

Funded in part by a \$1 million grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation, RISE29 represents a partnership between ECU and the eastern region it calls home. The heart of RISE29 lies with student entrepreneurs responding to community-driven needs based on input from community leaders. RISE29 leverages ECU and partner assets to support these ventures, including laboratories, greenhouses and collaborative spaces at ECU. Regional partners provide expertise alongside regional assets such as human capital, facilities, funding, and existing programming including community colleges, chambers of commerce, downtown development corporations, and small business centers.

The program was honored as one of the best in the nation in early 2020 by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE). USASBE recognized the program for its creativity, quality, sustainability, impact on the communities RISE29 serves. In its first year, RISE29 earned top honors over a field that included the country's No. 1 ranked entrepreneurship program by U.S. News & World Report.

"There's a critical need in eastern North Carolina to develop our homegrown talent through internships and community partnerships," RISE29 Program Manager Derrick Welch said. "Our students are working directly with regional industries to add value to their businesses, creating an engaged, supportive network that becomes a community asset for our region."

Learn more about RISE29 online at rise29.ecu.edu.

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* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

Church News

SEPTEMBER 13 - 16 Revival
 "Take the Mask Off (Not the COVID-19 mask)" with Evangelist Steve Hale at Harmony Community Church, 1984 Pulpwood Rd in Peachland. Sun-9:30am & 6:30pm. Mon-Wed at 6:30pm. Info 704-272-8193

Events

SEPTEMBER 2 Free Groceries
 For families in need Mobile Food Pantry at First Baptist Church, Lee Ave in Wadesboro. Register 8-10am. Call for details 704-694-2445

SEPTEMBER 8 Monthly Meeting Of Board of Elections, 5pm. To appear on agenda provide notice in writing by 5pm on Thursday prior to meeting. Location: 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. Info 704-994-3223

SEPTEMBER 19 Charity Motorcycle Ride to benefit Operation Christmas Child. Registration 9am at Papa Joe's Restaurant, kickstands up 10:30am. \$15 single rider, \$20 double. Info 704-475-0487

SEPTEMBER 22 Drive-Thru Picnic At Grace Senior Center, 10am-12 noon. Bagged lunch, includes hot dog with all the fixings, chips, cookie & drink. Located at 199 Hwy 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. 704-694-6616

SEPTEMBER 26 Event Cancelled
 Music on the Square in Peachland has been cancelled

OCTOBER 20 Goodie Bag Handout - Eat better, eat together at Grace Senior Center, 10am-12 noon. Located at 199 Hwy 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. 704-694-6616

ONGOING EVENTS

Food Commodities Food Distributed Free every Wednesday at 9am & 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr, Hwy 742N across from Burnsville Fire Dept. Info 704-826-8182

Food Pantry Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445

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EVANGELIST: STEVE HALE of Woodstock, Georgia
Sun, Sept. 13 9:30am & 6:30pm
Mon-Wed, Sept. 14-16 6:30pm
"For what is the hope of the hypocrite (mask wearing actor), though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?"
 Job 27:8

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A family may be eligible for WIC based on your household income, even if you do NOT receive Medicaid, Work First Families Assistance, or SNAP.

The following list is income guideline that went into effect June 22, 2020.

• Family of 1:	monthly income \$1,968 / weekly income \$454
• Family of 2:	monthly income \$2,658 / weekly income \$614
• Family of 3:	monthly income \$3,349 / weekly income \$773
• Family of 4:	monthly income \$4,040 / weekly income \$933
• Family of 5:	monthly income \$4,730 / weekly income \$1,092
• Family of 6:	monthly income \$5,421 / weekly income \$1,251
• Family of 7:	monthly income \$6,112 / weekly income \$1,411
• Family of 8:	monthly income \$6,802 / weekly income \$1,570

For a family size greater than 8 please call the office for income information. For income based on annual, Bi-weekly, or twice a month please call the office.

ANSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 110 Ashe Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170 704-694-5188

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Board of Elections Regular Board Meeting Scheduled for September 8

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold the regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the next meeting.

During all board meetings, those in attendance are asked to refrain from comments and questions to the board unless they are called upon by the board. At the end of each meeting the board will open the floor for comments and questions.

For more information call 704-994-3223.

Career Opportunity

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CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION

The Town of Lilesville is accepting applications for a Chief of Police position. Applicants must have completed North Carolina Basic Law Enforcement Training and meet requirements for becoming a certified police officer. Applicant must have at least ten (10) years of law enforcement experience.

Applications will be accepted daily, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until September 4, 2020.

Salary will be negotiable based on experience.

Applicants will be required to submit to an approved background investigation, drug screening, credit history check, psychological examination, and medical screening.

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