



Steve Ballard

Chancellor • (Arizona '70)

Steve Ballard, who was named the 10th chief executive of East Carolina University on March 19, 2004, arrived at the campus in Greenville, N.C., on May 31 and was formally installed as chancellor on March 31, 2005. Already he is beginning to leave his mark on East Carolina, emphasizing an environment that enhances and rewards student success and creating the framework for what he intends to be the leadership university.

Ballard spent his childhood in Galesburg, Illinois, then attended the University of Arizona, where he graduated with distinction in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in history. As shortstop and co-captain of the University of Arizona baseball team, he played in the College World Series during his senior year.

After earning his doctorate in political science from Ohio State University in 1976, he spent the next two years as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Oklahoma.

In 1978, he was named associate director of the science and public policy program at the University of Oklahoma. Nine years later, he was pro-



moted to director of the program and professor of political science.

In 1989, he moved to the University of Maine as founding director of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy, a post he held until 1998. While at the University of Maine, he also served as director of the University of Maine System/State Government Partnership Program from 1990 to 1992 and as chair of

the Department of Public Administration from 1991 to 1994.

He was recruited to Ohio in 1998 as vice provost for research and dean of the Graduate School at Bowling Green State University. Three years later, he was named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

As the University of Missouri at Kansas City's chief academic officer, he was credited with promoting a more student-centered focus and advancing health-sciences education and biomedical research. In the process, he forged university partnerships with local gov-

ernment and other entities that provided new opportunities for student internships and other experiential learning.

His teaching and research have centered on leadership in the public sector, research and development and the innovation process, public policy, and the utilization of scientific and technical knowledge. He has authored five books and more than one hundred professional articles and manuscripts on such topics as environmental regulation, the evaluation of systems for child mental health, and public reactions to strategic defense initiatives and arms-control policies.

He and his wife, Nancy Adams Ballard, have two adult children, Nathan and Laine.

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