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Tuesday, September 11, 2012 SPECIAL NOTICES:

* BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AND BLUE CARE NETWORK EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS: Starting January 1, 2013, health care options for several employee groups will be modified and expanded. An education session with BCBS to inform Administrative Professional, Administrative Hourly, Athletics Coaches, Campus Police, Clerical Secretarial, and Confidential Clericals about their new health care options will be held Friday, September 14, 9 - 11:30 a.m., in the Welch Hall Regents board room. Open enrollment for the new health care options will take place this fall.

This session will replace the previously scheduled morning and afternoon sessions and will cover the new health care plans during one extended session. The primary focus of this will include:

- PPO
- Health Savings Account (HSA) Eligible PPO
- Blue Care Network (BCN) HMO
- BCBS Pharmacy Initiatives

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Benefits Office at 487-3195.

PLANNED COMPUTING SYSTEM DOWNTIME: There is a planned computing system downtime scheduled for Friday, September 14, 6 - 10 p.m., for a special maintenance window to upgrade hardware. During the hardware upgrade, the following major computer systems will be unavailable:

- EMU Website (www.emich.edu)
- Xtender
- Personal Web Pages (people.emich.edu)
- Shared Folders and Files (commonly known as U:\ and/or W:\ drives)

All other systems and services remain AVAILABLE including:

- Wired and Wireless Internet Access (residence halls, offices, and classrooms)
- My.emich
- EMU-Online course management system (emuonline.edu)
- Online Hiring System (www.emujobs.com)

- EagleMail (mail.emich.edu)

All planned maintenance for major EMU systems is scheduled in conjunction with the ERP-Business Operations Committee (BOC). The BOC includes representation from various campus units and the Faculty Senate. Please contact the Help Desk at 487-2120 or it.helpdesk@emich.edu if you have any questions about this scheduled downtime. We appreciate your patience during this important and required system outage.

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING: The EMU Board of Regents will hold its September meeting Tuesday, September 18. The meeting will be held in Welch Hall. The day will begin with Committee meetings as follows:

- 9 - 9:45 a.m. - Athletic Affairs Committee, 201 Welch Hall
- 9 - 9:45 a.m. - Educational Policy Committee, 205 Welch Hall
- 10 - 10:45 a.m. - Student Affairs Committee, 201 Welch Hall
- 10 - 10:45 a.m.- Faculty Affairs Committee, 205 Welch Hall
- 11 - 11:45 a.m. - Finance, Audit and Investment Committee, 201 Welch Hall

The regular Board of Regents meeting will be from 1 - 2 p.m., Room 201, Welch Hall.

*** YOUTH INSTRUCTORS NEEDED FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** The EMU Bright Futures Program is a 21st Century Community Learning Centers program for students in grades 2-12 in several local school districts (Wayne-Westland, Romulus, Willow Run, and Ypsilanti) is seeking qualified candidates to work with all grade levels. Program times vary depending on site but run after school between the hours of 2 - 7p.m., Monday - Thursday. The job involves forming positive relationships with students, helping with homework, planning/running academic activities (math & writing),and planning and leading various clubs/activities. At this time, our high school programs have a strong need for instructors whom can lead sports and outdoor activities. (High School programs run from 2 - 5 p.m). The overall goal of the program is to provide students with positive after school activities and to improve academic skills and experiences in school.

This is a great opportunity for someone who has an interest in working with youth. You must be a self-starter and have a passion for working with students. This is a high-energy program and ideal candidates will reflect the same. Experience working with youth is **REQUIRED**. Some formal teacher training is preferred.

Important Notes:

- Location: Wayne-Westland and Romulus Schools
- We prefer candidates who are available to work every day, Monday - Thursday, ten hours per week.
- Compensation is \$8.00 - \$10.00 per hour depending on experience and education.

If interested, please send an email to Melissa Calabrese at MCalabr2@emich.edu with your resume attached. Please identify the days, times, grade level, and location you prefer.

* FREE TUTORING HELP WITH ENGLISH AVAILABLE: The International Students Resource Center (ISRC) is now offering one-on-one tutoring for EMU international students who need extra help with their English language skills. The ISRC is open Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The ISRC is located in Room 200, Alexander. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, e-mail esl@emich.edu or call 487-0370.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY UPDATES: If your Department Directory listing is not accurate, please send the updated information to: dept_directory@emich.edu. For questions, contact Debra Burke at 487-6895 or by e-mail at dburke15@emich.edu. Please note that personal directory listings are populated by Banner and you will need to contact Academic HR or Staff HR to update personal listings.

POST EVENTS TO CALENDAR ON EMU WEBSITE: Would you like to post an event or happening around campus? Integrated Content has development a new application for posting events to the university-wide events calendar. The new "template" is easy to use and gives any user with a My.emich username and password the ability to submit and manage an event. All events are subject to approval. To submit an event, go to the EMU website, click on "calendars," click the green button labeled "Submit an Event" (located on the bottom left) and enter your event information. If you need help or have questions, please contact Darcy Gifford at dgiffor2@emich.edu or Debra Johnson at djohn144@emich.edu.

SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY: To submit an announcement or post an event to EMU TODAY, please forward your entry electronically to emu_today@emich.edu. Please be sure to format your entry using the EMU TODAY style and include a contact name, phone number and/or an e-mail address. For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

NOTE: Asterisk denote new items.

Lectures and Meetings

* CONSTITUTION DAY LECTURE: Learn more about The Story of Lawrence v. Texas: How a Bedroom Arrest Decriminalized Gay Americans, Tuesday, September 18, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., in the Student Center auditorium.

This lecture will address the background of the Supreme Court's decision in Lawrence v. Texas (2003), which held sodomy laws unconstitutional. Professor Carpenter teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, the First Amendment, and sexual orientation and the law at University of Minnesota. He is the author of *Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas*, and is a frequent television, radio, and print commentator on constitutional law, the First Amendment, and sexual orientation and the law. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. LBC approved. For additional information, contact Kate Mehuron at 487-4348 or email at kmehuron@emich.edu.

METLIFE PLANSMART FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES: EMU Benefits Office is pleased to offer the MetLife PlanSmart Financial Education Series - Understanding Life Insurance, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 26, 12-1 p.m., HR Training Suite. At this workshop, you will learn about factors to consider in determining how much life insurance you need and about different types of life insurance options. For details about each session or to register, please visit www.MetLifePlanSmart.com or call 1-866-801-3547. If you are prompted to enter your employer's name, please enter it as shown here: EMU. For questions regarding the course scheduling, please contact Chontae Sylvertooth at 487-1052. For questions regarding the course content please contact MetLife at the number above.

Seminars and Workshops

MY.EMICH ELECTRONIC PERSONNEL ACTION FORM LABS: My.Emich Electronic Personnel Action Form (EPAF) Labs will be held twice weekly for anyone who needs assistance entering and approving graduate and hourly student personnel actions. EPAF is a new paperless process that manages personnel actions (e.g. new hire, rehire, change, terminate). Bring your graduate and hourly student personnel paperwork with you to one of these labs where there will be subject matter experts available to walk you through the data entry and approval processes. Visit <http://www.emich.edu/calendar/#conferences-workshops> for a list of "My.Emich Personnel Action Forms (EPAF) Lab" dates, times, and locations. For more information, contact Kathy Robertson at 487-2666 or email krobertso1@emich.edu.

ATTENTION FULL AND PART-TIME LECTURERS: Would you like the chance to learn more about integrating academic service-learning and community into your coursework? If so, apply for the AS-L Community Integration Workshop. This 3-session professional development opportunity will give you the tools to integrate community specifically through academic service-learning, or through identified community based projects. You will receive a stipend for your participation. For more information, call the Office of Academic Service-Learning at 487-6570, or email Jessica 'Decky' Alexander, AS-L Director at vtomalia@emich.edu. Deadline for receipt of application is Monday, September 17.

LUNCH AND LEARN WELLNESS SERIES: EMU'S Benefits Office is pleased to offer a series of four seminars that will introduce participants to the practice of mindfulness and will teach applied skills to be used to assist with the cultivation of present-moment awareness, stress reduction, and mindful eating (associated with weight-loss and maintenance). Presented by Natalie Nugent, doctoral candidate in the EMU's clinical psychology program. The seminars will be held from 12 - 1 p.m., in the HR Training Suite.

Mindfulness Skills Lunch & Learn Series:

- Tuesday, Sept. 18 - Introduction to Basic Mindfulness Skills
- Tuesday, Sept. 25 - Present Moment Awareness
- Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Mindfulness for Stress Reduction
- Tuesday, Oct. 9 - Mindful Eating and Weight Loss/Maintenance

If you have any questions or to register for one or all of the sessions, please call the benefits office at 487-3195.

Activities and Events

* SOFTBALL'S KNOCK CANCER OUT OF THE PARK CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT: All are welcome to participate in the Knock Cancer out of the Park Cornhole Tournament, Saturday, September 15, at 1 p.m., at Varsity Field. \$20 per team includes BBQ lunch. All proceeds will benefit CS Mott Children's Hospital. Pre-register by Thursday, September 13 and pay \$20 or walk-ups pay \$25. To register, contact emu_softball@emich.edu.

GOLF OUTING HONORING GREG O'DELL: Eastern Michigan University will host a golf outing honoring the late Greg O'Dell, former Chief of Police at EMU. The outing is scheduled for Friday, September 28, at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$50 for the dinner only portion. A schedule of the day's events is below:

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Free clinic with golf pro Craig Piscopink
- 10:00 a.m. Shotgun start
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on the course
- 3:00 p.m. Dinner and silent auction

Proceeds from the golf outing will help fund the Greg O'Dell Criminal Justice Student Scholarship, established for students who are pursuing a career in criminal justice. To register for the golf outing or to make a donation, please go to the Greg O'Dell Golf Outing website. Eagle Crest Golf Club is located at 1275 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AND BLUE CARE NETWORK PRE-ENROLLMENT Q&A SESSION:

A Pre-Enrollment Q&A education session is scheduled with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network on Friday, September 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Regents board room in Welch Hall for employees classified as Administrative Professional, Administrative Hourly, Athletics Coaches, Campus Police, and Confidential Clericals. Open enrollment for these new health care options will take place this fall. The changes do not apply to employees represented by certain EMU unions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the benefits office at 487-3195.

ANNUAL EMU GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY: All are welcome to attend the 8th Annual EMU German-American Day, Monday, October 1, in the ballroom of the Student Center. This year's theme: "Celebrating 200 Years of the Brothers' Grimm Fairy Tales and American Adaptions." In 1812, the famous first volume of the "Kinder-und Hausmaerchn" were published. The program is from 4 - 6 p.m., with an authentic German dinner following from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to reserve seat, by Thursday, September 20, to mzinggele@emich.edu.

Arts and Entertainment

SPECIAL SCREENING OF "NOTE BY NOTE: THE MAKING OF STEINWAY L1037": The EMU Department of Music and Dance and the EMU Foundation proudly present a special screening of "Note by Note: The Making of Steinway L1037" at the Michigan Theater on Sunday, September 23, at 2 p.m.

This feature-length independent documentary follows the creation of a Steinway concert grand from forest floor to concert hall. A Steinway L1037 (featured in the film), will be on display following the movie during a reception to raise awareness for the Steinway Campaign at EMU. Tickets are \$10; EMU students with ID, seniors age 55 & older, Michigan Theater Members, \$7. Sales benefit the Steinway Campaign at EMU. Advance tickets are available at Ticketweb or if you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to the Steinway campaign at EMU, please go to EMU Foundation. For more information, contact Amanda Skowronek at 481-2335 or at askowro2@emich.edu.

TIESTO: CLUB LIFE COLLEGE INVASION TOUR BRINGS DJ TO CONVOCATION CENTER: Tiesto: Club Life College Invasion Tour brings the world's biggest DJ for a return engagement to the EMU Convocation Center Thursday, Oct. 11. Tickets will be on sale starting Tuesday, June 26 at emutix.com or call 487-2282. Ticket prices are \$40 for Main Floor and \$30 for Lower Bowl. Students can purchase the lower bowl tickets at a student rate of \$20 in person at any EMU ticket office. For more information go to the convocation website or visit the convocation center facebook page.

YELAWOLF: SLUMERICAN TOUR AT PEASE AUDITORIUM: Yelawolf: Slumerican Tour featuring special guests Rittz, Trouble Andrew, Dj Vajra will be coming to Pease Auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 27. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchase on line at emutix.com, by phone at 487-2282 or in person at any of the EMU ticket office locations. For more information go to the convocation website or visit the convocation center facebook page.

MATISYAHU COMING TO PEASE AUDITORIUM: Grammy nominated artist Matisyahu will be coming to Pease Auditorium, Thursday, November 8. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. show. Tickets are available at emutix.com or by phone 487-2282.

As one of America's most successful touring artists, Matisyahu has spent the summer months co-headlining with the Dirty Heads and making stops in over 50 cities to support his fourth studio album Spark Seeker, which was released to rave reviews. "I'm looking forward to taking the show directly to college kids this fall" says Matisyahu. "I've played a lot of these markets in past summers - to be able to return when school is in session and kids are on campus is something I've wanted to do for a while." Spark Seeker debuted at No. 19 on the Billboard 200 chart, No.1 on the Reggae Chart, No.3 on the Independent Album Chart and No. 7 on the Digital Album Chart. Also garnering well-deserved acclaim is album track, "Live Like a Warrior" which sat at No.1 on the Reggae Single Chart and "Sunshine" at No. 2 during Spark Seeker's release week.

Athletics

EMU EAGLES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE: Show your support for the EMU Eagles and attend one or all of the football games. Below are the home and away games or click on 2012 football season. For ticket pricing and/or to purchase tickets, go to 2012 Football Tickets.

- Sept. 15 (at Purdue), 12 p.m.
- Sept. 22 (at Michigan State), TBA
- Oct. 6, Kent State, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 13, Toledo, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 20, Army, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 27 (at Bowling Green), 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 (at Ohio), 6 p.m.
- Nov. 10, Central Michigan, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 17 (at Western Michigan), 2 p.m.
- Nov. 23, Northern Illinois, TBA
- Nov. 30, vs. MAC Championship

FALL FITNESS CLASSES AT THE REC/IM: The 2012 Fall Group Fitness Program classes have started and run through Friday, October 26. Check out some of the new classes added for this Fall:

- Total Body Conditioning: This is a cross-fit inspired class that will incorporate elements of power, strength, endurance and agility by utilizing high intensity training mixed with dynamic body movements. This class is designed to burn fat while building muscle, increase strength while improving endurance, and develop power while increasing agility.
- Everything Cardio: Designed to energize the body system, burn fat, increase endurance, and focus on the complete body fitness. Turn your boring elliptical workout into a challenging, specific, and self-motivating routine that you will be able to carry with you beyond the class.
- TRX/Kettlebell: This class combines the best of both kettlebell and TRX classes in a terrific, functional and powerful class. It's perfect for those on the fast track to reaching their health and fitness goals. This is the ultimate class for extreme all-round fitness.

•Spin & Sculpt: Start with an intense cardio blast on the spinning bikes simulating a real-life road course up and down hills, over jumps and through speed intervals followed by targeted strength training routine off the bike designed to “burn and sculpt”.

Drop-in day pass (only \$10) or sign up for an all-access pass for \$75 for seven weeks. For more information, call the Rec/IM at 487-1338 or go to all fitness programs. Programs are offered through b.young b.fit.

Reminders

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS CLASS FOR VETERANS: The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) and Eastern Michigan University want to help veterans seeking to start their own businesses by offering a veteran-specific New Venture program for free starting Saturday, October 13, at the EMU Livonia campus. The New Venture class normally costs \$700 per participant. Working in conjunction with VetBizCentral, the New Venture program will be aimed at aspiring and early stage entrepreneurs through the 10-week business development class featuring the nationally acclaimed New Venture curriculum. This program helps entrepreneurs evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning their own business. To apply, go to <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e66geq0uh4zt6g5w/start> or call 734-487-0355. (10/12)

TUITION WAIVER DEADLINES: The deadline for submitting tuition waivers for Fall 2012 is Thursday, Sept. 14. All tuition waivers must be submitted to the Benefits Office, 140 McKenny Hall. You can also fax your waiver to 487-4389. Tuition waivers submitted after the deadline will not be approved. For additional questions, contact Helene Neely at 487-3195, or e-mail hneely@emich.edu.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM SEEKS EMU STUDENTS: The EMU McNair Scholars Program prepares high-achieving undergraduates from first-generation, low-income and traditionally underrepresented families for admission to and success in doctoral studies. We are seeking sophomore and juniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive individual advising, financial support and the opportunity to engage in mentored research experiences. Please send us the name of students who might benefit from McNair services. Contact: Dr. Heather Neff (heather.neff@emich.edu) or call 487-8240 for more information.

WIP GRANT APPLICATIONS DEADLINE OCT. 7: Women in Philanthropy at EMU will be accepting grant applications through Sunday, October 7 for the 2012 grant year. Applications must be submitted by using the online template found on the WIP-EMU grant guidelines homepage website. For further assistance, call Laura Thomas of the EMU Foundation at 481-2323.

FACULTY RESEARCH RESOURCE COMMITTEE OFFERS HELP: The Faculty Research Resource Committee within the College of Business is pleased to offer the services of John Waltman to help prepare articles and presentations for final submission to journals or scholarly conferences. The committee will underwrite the costs of the editing assistance. Waltman will edit and review final versions of articles as well as proposals for conference papers. His efforts will focus on style and grammar as well as bibliographic format checking. The editing services are available now. If you are interested in these services, contact Waltman at jwaltman@emich.edu or call 517-423-7278.

Scholarships

SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: To find out about current scholarship opportunities, go to [search scholarships](#).

On this day... On this day in 1777 - American forces, under General George Washington, were forced to retreat at the Battle of Brandywine Creek by British forces under William Howe. The Stars and Stripes (American flag) were carried for the first time in the battle.

Quote: "Courage is grace under pressure." - Ernest Hemingway

Fact: The Slinky is a toy metal spring that tumbles end over end down stairs and even "walks". It was invented by Richard James in 1943, and quickly became a bestseller. Other Slinky toys were developed such as the Slinky Dog and the Slinky Train. It originally sold for \$1. Slinky has received many toy industry awards and honors over the years. Its television jingle is the longest running jingle in advertising history.

James, a naval mechanical engineer stationed at the William Cramp and Sons shipyards in Philadelphia, was developing springs that could support and stabilize sensitive instruments aboard ships in rough seas. He accidentally knocked one of the springs from a shelf, and watched as the spring "stepped" in a

series of banana splits, to a stack of books, to a tabletop, to the floor, where it re-coiled itself and stood upright. The toy was dubbed Slinky (meaning "sleek and graceful"), after deciding the word aptly described the sound of a metal spring expanding and collapsing.