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SPECIAL NOTICES:

REMINDER TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHO MAY WISH TO CHANGE THEIR PAYROLL EXEMPTIONS: According to Internal Revenue Service regulations, if you are changing your exemption status or withholding allowances for 2013, you are required to complete a new Federal W-4 Form (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate). You can find the electronic form by going to my.emich, click the "Employee Tab" and then click on W4. If you are not making a change you do not need to take any action. For questions, please call 487-2393 or email at payroll.questions@emich.edu.

VOLUNTEERS AND COLLEGE WORK/STUDY EMPLOYEES NEEDED: The EMU Upward Bound Program seeks highly-motivated and caring volunteers or College Work/Study-eligible employees to assist local high school students with studying, motivation and college preparation. Upward Bound has existed at EMU since 1967 serving participants from nearby Willow Run and Ypsilanti High Schools. Volunteers are needed to work directly with students during "College Club", our after-school study program, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. either Mondays & Wednesdays (Ypsilanti HS), and/or Tuesdays & Thursdays (Willow Run HS). Transportation is provided from EMU to the schools and back. For more information, please contact Mark Jackson at mark.jackson@emich.edu or stop by the Upward Bound office located in 201 Boone Hall. To learn more, please go to EMU Upward Bound homepage.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN IN NEED OF DONATIONS: The United Way workplace campaign has been called one of the greatest social inventions in American history. Working together with employers and more than 1,000 volunteers each year, United Way of Washtenaw County invites people to advance the common good and create opportunities for a better life for all.

While donations are accepted throughout the year, our intensive community campaign runs from Labor Day through the end of December. During this time we focus our efforts to tell the story of United Way's impact on the community and how each donation is invested to create lasting change in Washtenaw County.

Our campaign is local, effective, and efficient. Through the efforts of area employers and our campaign volunteers we are able to proactively create change for our community. EMU is currently at \$68K or their \$100K goal. Please take a few moments to share with those in need in our county.

There are 3 ways you can make a donation:

Express Link: <http://uwwc.unitedwayepledge.org/eplledge/emuquick>

Traditional Link: <http://uwwc.unitedwayepledge.org/>. User ID is your emich email address, password is "liveunited." Then, you will be asked to change your password.

Paper donations are also an option. Please see your United Way department representative or contact this year's chair, Kevin Kucera, associate VP of enrollment management, or Linda Moore, coordinator at 487-8892 or email at lmoore14@emich.edu.

EASTERN'S REC/IM HAS A NEW WEBSITE: The Recreation and Intramural Sports Department (Rec/IM) has a NEW website! The new website features a modern, EMU themed layout with more relevant and up-to-date information on Rec/IM happenings such as open swim hours, group fitness classes, club and intramural sports, and more. The new website also features a dynamic calendar with individual categories for aquatics, group fitness, club sports, intramural sports, etc. Users can also sync these calendars to their mail clients and/or mobile devices via the "Subscribe to Calendars" tab on the calendar page. Visit the new Rec/IM website today at www.emich.edu/recim and let us know what you think via our comment form or, friend us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR PATTY McLEAN: The campus community is welcome to attend the retirement party for Patty McLean, today, November 29, from 2 - 4 p.m., in room 300, in the Student Center. Stop by and help celebrate Patty's 32 years with EMU. Contact Margaret Tsilis at 487-3328 with any questions about this event.

POST AN EVENT TO THE EVENTS CALENDAR: To submit a new event, click on Submit an Event, or go to the EMU website, click "calendars," then 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 Debra Johnson at djohn144@emich.edu or call 487-2484. All events are subject to approval.

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.

SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY: Please note, EMU TODAY is a internal daily e-blast sent to faculty and staff only. To submit an announcement or post an event, please forward your entry electronically to emu_today@emich.edu. Please be sure to format your entry with a title and include a description of the event, where the event will be held (room and building), the date and time, and a contact name, phone number and/or e-mail address. For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

NOTE: Asterisk denote new items.

Lectures and Meetings

* STUDENTS FOR LIFE MEETING: Students for Life will meet on Monday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m., in Room 104, in the Student Center. The 180 film will be viewed and plans for next semester will be discussed. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome. For more information, contact emustudentsforlife@gmail.com.

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Graduate Council meetings will be held during the following dates from 2:15 - 4 p.m., in room 203, Marshall. Contact Susan Anderson at 487-0042 or email at sanderson1@emich.edu with questions.

Friday, December 14

Friday, January 18, 2013

Friday, February 15, 2013

Friday, March 15, 2013

Friday, April 12, 2013

DISSERTATION ORAL DEFENSE: Alfred Mansour, from the Psychology Department, will defend his dissertation, "MEG Coherence Imaging in Dyslexia: Activation of Working Memory Pathways," Friday, December 7, 10 a.m., Room 327 in Mark Jefferson Science Complex. For more information, contact Ashley Stauffer at 487-1155.

Seminars and Workshops

OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS: The Office of Research Development (ORD) will have the following development and training modules for faculty. For more information, go to ORD workshops or contact Margie Dargo at 487-3090 (ORD) or email at mdargo@emich.edu to register for the workshops.

Technology Transfer at EMU: Friday, November 30, 12 - 1 p.m., 2nd floor in Starkweather. Presented by Phil Rufe.

Developing the Grant Budget: Friday, December 7, 12 - 1 p.m., 2nd floor in Starkweather. Presented by Susan Campbell.

Activities and Events

* WORLD AIDS AWARENESS WEEK AT EMU: Student Government is hosting World AIDS Awareness Week "Light the Fight" with events starting Saturday, December 1 through Friday, December 7. State Representative Rutledge will be attending the kick-off event, along with many other community members and special guests. Below is the schedule of events for the week:

Saturday, December 1:

Light the Fight Kick-Off: 6 - 6:30 p.m., at the Student Center Auditorium

Lighting Vigil: 6:30 - 7 p.m., Ypsilanti Water Tower

Light the Fight Exhibition: 7 - 9 p.m., Student Center Auditorium

Monday, December 2:

Memoirs of an AIDS Combatant: 6 - 8 p.m., Room 310B, in the Student Center

Tuesday, December 3:

Endgame: AIDS in Black America Documentary: 7 - 9 p.m., Ballroom A, in the Student Center

Wednesday, December 4:

Eat & Defeat: Dine and Donate for HIV/AIDS: 5 - 10 p.m., Tower Inn Pizzeria

Thursday, December 5:

See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil: AIDS in our Community Panel Discussion: 7 - 9 p.m., Room 330, in the Student Center

Friday, December 7:

Hoop for Hope Basketball Tournament: 6 - 9 p.m., at the REC/IM. Teams of 5 with 2 substitutes are \$35.

HIV cases are increasing amongst youth ages 24 and under - 38% in Washtenaw County this year. Suppress the stigma, spread the word and get tested. Help us "Light the Fight." For more information, please contact Megan Cary at mcary1@emich.edu.

EASTERN EATERIES STEAK & EGG BREAKFAST: Please join the Eastern Eateries for their traditional holiday event on Wednesday, December 5, from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Featuring New York strip steak, roasted redskin potatoes, scrambled eggs, Belgian waffles, French toast, fruit and toppings and hot cocoa - just \$7.10. For questions, call 487-3190 or go to the Dining Services homepage or visit their FACEBOOK PAGE.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR NICK BLANCHARD: The campus community is welcome to attend Nick Blanchard's retirement celebration on Wednesday, December 5, from 3 - 4:30 p.m., in Room 217 of the College of Business. Please join us in celebrating Nick's 33 years of service to EMU. There will be light refreshments provided. For any questions, please contact the Management Department at 487-3240.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR DONALD BENNION: All are invited to attend the retirement party for Donald Bennion's, Wednesday December 5, from 4 - 6 p.m., in 300 A/D Porter Building. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by Friday, November 30 via email to Sheri Hillman at shillma1@emich.edu or by phone at 487-2732.

* HONORING DENNIS BEAGEN: The campus community is invited to a retirement party on Tuesday, December 11, beginning at 4 p.m., in Sponberg Theatre to honor Dennis Beagen for his 45 years of incredible service to the University and the Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts. A short program with a musical review of his years at EMU will begin at 4 p.m. in the Sponberg Theatre (please enter the Sponberg from the south side of Quirk). An open house will follow from 4:20 - 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of Quirk. For more information, contact Wendy Kivi at 487-3198 or email at wkivi@emich.edu.

Arts and Entertainment

EMU THEATRE PRESENTS: "WHITE AS SNOW, RED AS BLOOD: THE STORY OF SNOW WHITE": A richly warm and mysterious version of the tale, director Jenny Koppera encourages the magic and depth of V. Glasgow Koste's adaptation of the traditional story. White as Snow, Red as Blood: The Story of Snow White will be at Quirk Theatre starting Friday, November 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 & 9 at 2 p.m. This production is strongly recommended for audiences ages 8+ as some scenes may be scary for younger audiences. Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors, \$9 for mainstage patrons, and \$7 for children ages 8-12, no further discounts apply. Tickets are available by phone at 487-2282, in person at the Convocation Center, the Student Center ticket office or Quirk Box Office. To purchase tickets online visit: www.emutix.com. Please note that there is an additional fee for tickets purchased by phone or online.

For more information about EMU Theatre, our season and directions to our theatres visit www.emich.edu/emutheatre or, fan us on Facebook: Eastern Michigan University Theatre, follow us on Twitter: [emutheatre](https://twitter.com/emutheatre) or call our office at 478-1220.

THE NIGHT 89X STOLE CHRISTMAS: Featuring The Killers along with Tegan and Sara, Thursday, December 20, with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m., at the EMU Convocation Center. Tickets range from \$32.50-\$59.50. Tickets will be available online 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.

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, Wednesday, February 27. Tickets can be purchased online at emutix.com or call 487-2282. Tickets are \$40 for the Main Floor and \$30 for the 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.

Athletics

FALL FITNESS CLASSES AT THE REC/IM: The 2nd session of the 2012 Fall Group Fitness Program is underway and runs through Friday, December 14. 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

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE ON YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING LIST WHO LIKES TO COOK?: The EMU Children's Institute cookbook would be a great gift. Now available and filled with over 140 recipes contributed by families and EMU staffers. The cookbook is only \$10.00 (spiral bound) and \$5.00 for the CD (cash or check). Proceeds go to the Family Scholarship Fund. Stop by the Children's Institute, 1055 Cornell, Suite 101, Fletcher between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact Tracey Buhinicek at 487-2348, or email at tbuhinice@emich.edu.

WINTER 2013 TUITION WAIVER DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting tuition waivers for Winter 2012 is Wednesday, January 16, 2013. 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 Wednesday, January 16, 2013, will not be submitted for approval. For questions, contact Helene Neely at 487-3195, or hneely@emich.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM NOMINATIONS: The 33rd Undergraduate Symposium will be held next year on Friday, March 22, 2013. The online nomination process for students to present at the Symposium is open and you can go to [Symposium Nomination Submission](#) for more information. This one-day event is a showcase of students sharing the results of their research and creative academic activities in a conference format through oral presentations, poster displays or Design Expo exhibits. Email Wendy Kivi with questions at wkivi@emich.edu or call 487-3198.

Scholarships

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

On this day...On this day in 1975 - Bill Gates adopted the name Microsoft for the company he and Paul Allen had formed to write the basic computer language for the Altair.

Quote:"The unknown is what it is. And to be frightened of it is what sends everybody scurrying around chasing dreams, illusions, wars, peace, love, hate, all that. Unknown is what it is. Accept that it's unknown, and it's plain sailing." - John Lennon

Fact: Ypsilanti originally started out as a trading post established in 1809 by Gabriel Godfroy, a French-Canadian fur trader from Montreal. A permanent settlement was established on the east side of the Huron River in 1823 by Major Thomas Woodruff. It was incorporated into the Territory of Michigan as the village Woodruff's Grove.

A separate community a short distance away on the west side of the river was established in 1825 under the name "Ypsilanti", after Demetrios Ypsilantis, a hero in the Greek War of Independence. Woodruff's Grove changed its name to Ypsilanti in 1829, the year its namesake effectively won the Greek war, and the two communities eventually merged. A bust of Demetrios Ypsilantis stands between a Greek and a US flag at the base of the landmark Ypsilanti Water Tower.