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Friday, November 30, 2012

**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](http://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](mailto:payroll.questions@emich.edu).

**\* SKANDALARIS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION ACCEPTING ENTRIES:** The Center For Entrepreneurship is accepting entries for the 2013 Skandalaris Business Plan Competition. Students from across campus are encouraged to enter their plans for the chance at thousands in prize money. Finalists will present their plans to a live audience at the Sesi Midwest Entrepreneurship Conference February 8 at the EMU Student Center. The deadline for submitting plans is January 11, 2013. Students can get more information and submit their plans online at [Skandalaris Business Plan Competition](#).

**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](mailto: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.unitedwaypledge.org/epledge/emuquick>
- Traditional Link: <http://uwwc.unitedwaypledge.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](mailto: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](http://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](#).

**OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING WORKSHOP:** The Office of Research Development (ORD) will have a workshop about "*Technology Transfer at EMU*" for faculty **today, November 30**, 12 - 1 p.m., on the second floor in Starkweather. Presented by Phil Rufe. For more information, go to [ORD workshops](#) or contact Margie Dargo at 487-3090 or email at [mdargo@emich.edu](mailto:mdargo@emich.edu) to register for the workshop.

"WHITE AS SNOW, RED AS BLOOD: THE STORY OF SNOW WHITE" OPENS TONIGHT: 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 opens **tonight, November 30** at 7 p.m. 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](http://www.emutix.com). Please note that there is an additional fee for tickets purchased by phone or online. For more information, visit [www.emich.edu/emutheatre](http://www.emich.edu/emutheatre) or, fan us on Facebook: Eastern Michigan University Theatre, follow us on Twitter: emutheatre or call our office at 478-1220.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:dept_directory@emich.edu). For questions, contact Debra Burke at 487-6895 or by e-mail at [dburke15@emich.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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: An asterisk denotes a new item.**

## 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](mailto: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 WORKSHOP:** The Office of Research Development (ORD) will have a workshop for faculty titled "*Developing the Grant Budget*," **Friday, December 7**, from 12 - 1 p.m., on the second floor in Starkweather. Presented by Susan Campbell. For more information, go to [ORD workshops](#) or contact Margie Dargo at 487-3090 or email at [mdargo@emich.edu](mailto:mdargo@emich.edu) to register for the workshop.

## 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 3:

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

### Tuesday, December 4:

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

### Wednesday, December 5:

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

### Thursday, December 6:

- *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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wkivi@emich.edu).

## Arts and Entertainment

THE NIGHT 89X STOLE CHRISTMAS: Featuring The Killers along with Tegan and Sara, **Thursday, December 20**, at the EMU Convocation Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$32.50 - \$59.50. Tickets are available online at [emutix.com](http://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](http://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**

**HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO COOK:** The EMU Children's Institute cookbook is a great gift idea for those on your shopping list who like to cook. The cookbook is 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1936 - London's famed Crystal Palace was destroyed in a fire. The structure had been constructed for the International Exhibition of 1851.

Quote:

"Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she had laid an asteroid." - **Mark Twain**

Fact:

**Samuel Langhorne Clemens** (Nov. 30, 1835 – April 21, 1910), better known by his pen name **Mark Twain**, was an American author and humorist, most noted for his novel [\*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer\*](#) (1876) and its sequel, [\*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn\*](#) (1885).

Twain grew up in Hannibal, Missouri, which would later provide the setting for *Huckleberry Finn* and *Tom Sawyer*. He apprenticed with a printer and also worked as a typesetter and contributed articles to his older brother Orion's newspaper. He achieved great success as a writer and public speaker. His wit and satire earned praise from critics and peers, and he was a friend to presidents, artists, industrialists, and European royalty.

Twain was born during a visit by Halley's Comet, and he predicted that he would "go out with it" as well. He died the day following the comet's subsequent return. He was lauded as the "greatest American humorist of his age."