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Wednesday, June 26, 2013

SPECIAL NOTICES:

* **BANNER SYSTEM DOWNTIME:** The Banner system is scheduled to be unavailable beginning **Sunday, June 30** at 7 p.m. until Monday, July 1 at 7 a.m. This downtime is necessary to complete financial year end processing. Self-service applications found under the Faculty, Student and Employee tabs in my.emich (including registration) will also not be available during this time. Email services via my.emich or mail.emich.edu will remain available. For more information or questions, please call Margaret Tsilis at 487-3328.

2012-2013 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS DUE AUGUST 31: Performance evaluation season is upon us and you need to be ready to turn in your 2013 performance reviews by **Saturday, August 31**. It is time to begin finalizing this year's evaluation process covering the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The performance management process for AP, PT, AH, AC, CC, CS, CP, and PS employees must be completed and all documents on file with Human Resources by **Saturday, August 31, 2013**.

AP, PT, AH, CC, CS, AC Only:

All performance evaluations are to be completed using the online SuccessFactors system. Instructions can be found at the following link:

<http://www.emich.edu/hr/tod/performance/sfms.php>

Access to SuccessFactors is achieved via the Employee tab of your my.emich portal. Log in to my.emich, click the Employee tab, and the link is located in the right-hand column under the Training and Development logo. Instructor led training is being offered to the campus. Registration is required prior to training attendance and can be completed at the SurveyMonkey link listed below the training dates.

All of training sessions will be held in room 100 of McKenny Hall, Training Suite.

- **Wednesday, June 26**, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 18**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, July 24**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, July 30**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

- **Thursday, August 1**, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 6**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Thursday, August 8**, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 13**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Thursday, August 15**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 20**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 21**, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 22**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 28**, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

To register for a training session follow the link below or copy the link into your web browser.

[Click here, to register for a SuccessFactors class with SurveyMonkey](#)

Additional training sessions will be created if needed, and a subsequent announcement will be emailed. Specific questions may be directed to Anita Schnars, Director Training and Organizational Development at aschnars@emich.edu or Allison Gordon, TOD Assistant at hr_tod@emich.edu.

UPGRADE TO EMU'S REPORTING SYSTEM: A newer version of EMU's reporting system (<https://boe.emich.edu>) will be available on Monday, July 8. While the reports and the data available on the website will remain the same, there are some changes to the interface and how the reports can be accessed. DoIT will be holding information sessions on these upcoming changes starting June 19th. For more details and to register for these sessions go to <http://www.emich.edu/training/reg>. You can also find information about these changes online at <http://www.emich.edu/training/boe/announce/four.php>.

All planned maintenance and upgrades for major EMU systems is scheduled in conjunction with the ERP-Business Operations Committee (BOC). The BOC includes representation from various campus units and Faculty Senate. Please contact Shucha Grover at 487-4466 or sgrover1@emich.edu if you have any questions about this scheduled upgrade. We appreciate your patience during this transition.

TRUEMU WALLPAPER CHOICES FOR NEW CISCO OFFICE PHONES: There are new TRUEMU wallpaper choices for the new Cisco office phones. Refer to your Cisco Quick Reference Guide to learn how to choose one.

EMPLOYMENT PROCESS TRAINING SESSIONS: The Human Resource units on campus have made changes to the processes involving how employees are hired, paid and/or entered into Banner (which will become effective July 1, 2013). The changes are necessary in order to properly monitor hours worked (in accordance with the Affordable Care Act) as well as to be in compliance with the newest version of the Form I-9 (eligibility to work form).

All of the Human Resource units have come together to roll out changes at the same time - as well as to provide support and training for everyone involved. If you have responsibilities which involve the hiring (or originating ePAFs) **OR** approving hires/ePAFs of: student employees, Graduate Assistants (GAs, GIs, GSs, etc.), staff, employee consultants, or independent contractors, please plan to attend the information sessions below:

- **Monday, July 15**, 9 - 10:30 a.m., in the Halle Auditorium
- **Wednesday, July 17**, 9 - 10:30 a.m., in the Halle Auditorium

Contact Sam Buttigieg sbuttigi@emich.edu or Crystal Walrath cwalrath@emich.edu with any questions.

JOHN PORTER SPEAKER SERIES WELCOMES RENOWNED AUTHOR JONATHAN KOZOL: Please join the College of Education in welcoming best selling author and social rights activist, Jonathan Kozol, for his lecture "*Fire in the Ashes: Race, Justice, and the Struggle for Survival in our Urban Neighborhoods*," **today, June 26**, at 1:30 p.m., in the EMU Student Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public. A reception and book signing will follow the lecture. For more information, please visit the [Porter Chair Lecture Series](#) to read more or check out their [Facebook page](#).

EMPLOYMENT PROCESS TRAINING SESSION: Human Resources will hold a training session **today, June 26**, 1:30 - 3 p.m., in the Halle Auditorium. If you have responsibilities which involve the hiring (or originating ePAFs) **OR** approving hires/ePAFs of: student employees, Graduate Assistants (GAs, GIs, GSs, etc.), staff, employee consultants, or independent contractors, please plan to attend the information session. Contact Sam Buttigieg sbuttigi@emich.edu or Crystal Walrath cwalrath@emich.edu with any questions.

SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY: Please note, **EMU TODAY** is an 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: An asterisk denotes a new item.

Lectures and Meetings

DISSERTATION DEFENSE: John Lupinacci, from the Department of Teacher Education will defend his dissertation on, *"The Southeast Michigan Stewardship Coalition: A Deep Design of Eco-Democratic Reform that is Situational, Local, and In Support of Living Systems,"* **Wednesday, July 10**, 1 p.m., room 214 Porter.

DISSERTATION DEFENSE: Lynn Methner, from the department of leadership and counseling will defend her dissertation on, *"The Relationship Between Organizational Culture and the Implementation of Response to Intervention in One Elementary School,"* **Monday, July 15**, 10 a.m., room 300B/C, Porter.

Seminars and Workshops

WEEK-LONG TEACHER SEMINAR OFFERED: Extended Programs & Educational Outreach at EMU is pleased to offer a week-long seminar *"Witnesses to the Holocaust,"* **Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16**, at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, MI. The seminar will build an instructor's content base through the latest academic and instructional practices, making lessons about the Holocaust understandable and meaningful for students. Teachers will become familiar with the extensive primary resources available through the museum survivor network, library, and beyond and will develop a lesson plan to be shared with other participants at the conclusion of the seminar. Space is limited and registration is required by Friday, August 2. Seminar tuition is \$100 (SCECH eligible). For more information, go to <http://www.ep.emich.edu/holocaust>.

Activities and Events

LARRY GATES' RETIREMENT: Please join President Martin and the university community in celebrating Larry Gates' retirement after *almost* 34 years of service at EMU on **Thursday, June 27**, from 2 - 5 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. The formal program will start at 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Chanda Victoria at cbutle13@emich.edu or call 487-0418.

GLENNA FRANK MILLER'S RETIREMENT PARTY: Please join Provost Schatzel and Eastern Michigan University in celebrating Glenna Frank Miller's retirement after nearly 40 years at EMU on **Friday, June 28**, 3 - 6 p.m., at the Student Center Ballroom B. RSVP to Melissa Ginotti at mginotti@emich.edu or call 487-2268.

* BARBARA SCHEFFER RETIRES FROM EMU: After 37 years at EMU, Barbara Scheffer will be retiring. Please join the College of Health & Human Services and the School of Nursing for a reception on **Friday, July 12** from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Marshall Building's 2nd Floor Student Commons. Please RSVP to Dan Burns at 487-0077 or email at dburns@emich.edu.

EMU PLANETARIUM'S SUMMER SHOW LINE-UP: The EMU planetarium has a "star-studded" line-up of movies planned throughout the summer to entertain and educate its audiences. All shows will be viewed in the planetarium, located at 402 Mark Jefferson Science Complex. Tickets must be purchased in advance from any EMU ticket office or online at [EMU Tickets](#). Below are the dates, times and details for each event:

"Cleopatra's Universe" explores the truths and mysteries of Egypt's legendary queen Cleopatra. Experience the life and times of Cleopatra in dramatic fashion as the audience will travel back in time to see stunning re-creations of the Alexandria Library, Cleopatra's Palace, and the Pharos Lighthouse - one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Discover the powerful Greek and Roman influences on the world of Cleopatra. You will also see Eratosthenes figure out the size of the Earth. Show dates and times are as follows:

- **Saturday, July 13**, 3:15 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 10**, 3:15 p.m.

This show is appropriate for ages 13 and up. Run time is 25 minutes. Each "Cleopatra" Show includes "Seasonal Stargazing" with a run time 15 minutes.

"Galileo: The Power of the Telescope" Two eyes and two pieces of glass revolutionized human understanding 400 years ago. The eyes belonged to Galileo Galilei, and the curved pieces of glass were the lenses of his telescope. In "Galileo: The Power of the Telescope," you'll learn Galileo's personal and powerful story, and explore how his discoveries displaced long-held views about the universe. Narrated by Dava Sobel, author of the award-winning biography *Galileo's Daughter*. Show dates and times are as follows:

- **Saturday, July 27**, 3:15 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 24**, 3:15 p.m.

This show is appropriate for ages 13 and up. Run time is 30 minutes. Each "Galileo" Show includes "Seasonal Stargazing" with a run time 15 minutes.

"The Little Star That Could" story is about Little Star, an average yellow star searching for planets of his own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special, and discovers that stars combine to form star clusters and galaxies. Eventually, Little Star finds his planets. Each planet is introduced to the audience with basic information about our solar system. Show dates and times are as follows:

- **Saturday, June 29**, 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 13**, 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 27**, 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 10**, 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 24**, 2 p.m.

Run time is 35 minutes. This movie is appropriate for all ages, and recommended for families. K-6 education guides are available. Each "Little Star" show includes "Seasonal Stargazing" with a run time of 7 minutes. Visit [The Little Star That Could Movie](#) to watch a preview.

"Cosmic Colors" will take you on a wondrous journey across the entire electromagnetic spectrum. Discover the many reasons for color like why the sky is blue and why Mars is red. Take a tour within a plant leaf and journey inside the human eye. Investigate x-rays by voyaging to a monstrous black hole and then back at your doctor's office. You will even see the actual color of a dinosaur - based on recent evidence. Get ready for an amazing adventure under a rainbow of cosmic light! Show dates and times are as follows:

- **Saturday, June 29**, 3:15 p.m.
- **Friday, August 16**, 7 p.m.

Appropriate for ages 13 and up and has a run time of 25 minutes. Each "Cosmic Colors" Show includes "Seasonal Stargazing" with a run time of 15 minutes. Visit [Cosmic Color Video](#) to see more.

"STARS" Every star has a story. Some are as old as time, faint and almost forgotten. Others burn bright and end their lives in powerful explosions. New stars are created every day, born of vast clouds of gas and dust. Through every phase of their existence, stars release the energy that lights the Universe. Journey to the furthest reaches of our galaxy and experience both the awesome beauty and destructive power of stars. Narrated by Mark Hamill, the EMU Planetarium's most popular show makes a special re-appearance this summer. Catch it before it's gone! Show dates and times are as follows:

- **Friday, August 16**, 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 31**, 9 p.m.

Appropriate for ages 13 and up and has a run time of 30 minutes. Each "STARS" Show includes "Seasonal Stargazing" with a run time 15 minutes. Check out the [Stars Movie Preview](#) video.

Visit our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/emuplanetarium](https://www.facebook.com/emuplanetarium). Contact Norbert Vance at nvance@emich.edu or Tom Kasper at tkasper@emich.edu for further details about the planetarium.

Arts and Entertainment

EMU PRESENTS PHOENIX: The EMU Convocation Center is pleased to welcome the band PHOENIX <http://www.wearephoenix.com/> on **Sunday, Sept. 29**, with special guest The Vaccines <http://www.thevaccines.co.uk/us/home/>. Tickets will be on sale Friday, June 14 at 11 a.m. and can be purchased at emutix.com and at ticketfly.com. Main Floor General Admission \$42.50, Lower Bowl Reserved \$35.50, Upper Bowl Reserved \$27.50, Upper Bowl Reserved Student Ticket \$22.50. For more information call the ticket office at 487-2282. Check out their YouTube videos at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL548cHH3OY>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BJDNw7o6so>.

Athletics

GO EAGLES: Visit the [EMU Athletics homepage](#) for information about all Eagles athletic games, schedules, rosters and much more. For ticket information, go to [EMU Tickets](#) or call the ticket office at 487-2282.

Reminders

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES LOOKING FOR 2011 COMMENCEMENT BOOKLETS: The University Archives is looking to obtain copies of the December 2011 Commencement Booklets. If anyone has a copy and is interested in donating please send them to John Clark at 310 Halle Library. If you have any questions, please contact John Clark at 487-2589 or john.clark@emich.edu.

FUNDRAISER TO HELP EMU STUDENTS WITH MENTORSHIP & GUIDANCE: During the month of June, the Yankee Candle Company will donate 40% to the EMU MAGIC (Mentorship, Access, and Guidance in College) program. The program provides support services to EMU students that were once in foster care. You can view the Yankee Candle catalog at [Yankee Candle Fundraising](#), or contact the MAGIC program office at 487-0899 or stop by 301 Pierce Hall to place your order.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED: Your time and talent is what makes EMU such a great place to work and learn. We hope you will take a moment to advance our students and programs one step further by making your annual gift to an area on campus most meaningful to you. The fiscal year ends on June 30th and your gift of any size will help us achieve our goal of 36% giving participation from current faculty and staff. We are currently at 29% participation-- will your gift be the one that puts us over our goal? Go to www.emufoundation.org/give to make a gift of any size and to any fund today. For questions or concerns, please contact Jackie Richardson at jackie.richardson@emich.edu or call 481-2330.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDERS: For questions pertaining to crime prevention, please contact Police Officer Candace Dorsey, Crime Prevention Coordinator at 487-0987 or email at cdorsey@emich.edu. The Crime Prevention office is located within the EMU Police Department at 1200 Oakwood Street. **For emergencies, call 911.** For all other calls, or to report an incident, please call 487-1222. To leave a message on the anonymous tip hot-line, call 487-4847. General questions can be emailed to dps_questions@emich.edu.

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 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.

Scholarships

JULIA NISWENDER ENDOWED TWIN SCHOLARSHIP: In memory of Julia, a scholarship has been endowed and designated to be awarded to a twin, or multiple, undergraduate student at Eastern in any field of study. Applications for the first award of this \$500 scholarship are due by August 1, 2013. Along with an application, a brief resume and an additional 1-2 page essay about what it means to be a twin or multiple must be submitted. Applicant should have at least a 2.5 GPA. For complete criteria and an application, go to <http://www.emich.edu/cmta/scholarships/index.php>. Contact CMTA for further details, cmta_info@emich.edu or 487-3131.

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

On this day...

In 1948, U.S. and British pilots begin delivering food and supplies by airplane to Berlin after the city is isolated by a Soviet Union blockade.

Quote:

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." - **John Dewey**

Fact:

The [CN Tower](#) is a 553.33 m-high (1,815.4 ft) concrete communications and observation tower in Downtown Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It was completed in 1976, becoming the world's tallest free-standing structure and world's tallest tower at the time.