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Monday, October 28, 2013

SPECIAL NOTICES:

*** CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT ON SAFETY AND SECURITY:** Eastern Michigan University President Susan Martin will be available to answer questions and provide updates about safety and security at Eastern during two talks with the EMU community **today, Oct. 28**, from 9 - 10 a.m., in room 320, Pray-Harold and from 3 - 4 p.m., in room 318, Owen Building (College of Business). President Martin will be there with Police Chief Bob Heighes and Provost Kim Schatzel to provide updates and answer any questions students or staff might have.

*** EMU POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDERS:** The EMU Police Department facilitates a variety of community service programs focusing on safety awareness in residential halls, classrooms, crime prevention seminars and training sessions to faculty, staff and students. These include programs on sexual assault and alcohol awareness. EMU Police use high visibility foot patrols, mobile patrols, bicycle patrols and an extensive video monitoring system to help deter crime. It is important to report crimes or suspicious activities immediately -- police have a better opportunity to apprehend suspects and solve crimes. Please review the information below and report any crimes or any suspicious activities. This can be done anonymously.

- Report an incident, or information anonymously by calling [734.487.4847](tel:734.487.4847) or send an email anonymously to dps_questions@emich.edu.
- Call Crime Stoppers at: (800) SPEAKUP ([800.773.2587](tel:800.773.2587)) or email at: www.1800speakup.org. Please visit the Crime Stoppers website at: <http://www.emich.edu/publicsafety/police/crimeinformation/crimestoppers.php>.
- To read the EMU Public Safety Tips, please visit: http://www.emich.edu/publicsafety/police/services/prevention/safety_tips.php.
- Eastern Michigan University publishes a Daily Crime Log of all crimes reported to the Eastern Michigan University Department of Public Safety. This information can be viewed at: <http://www.emich.edu/publicsafety/police/crimeinformation/crimelog.php>. Eastern also publishes the Daily Crime Log for the city of Ypsilanti at: <http://www.emich.edu/publicsafety/police/crimeinformation/ypsicrimelog.php>.
- Online, real-time crime mapping covering Eastern Michigan University and the city of Ypsilanti is available at: <http://geodata.acad.emich.edu/Crime/Main.htm>.

Telephone numbers and email accounts are set-up specifically for those who wish to report a crime or information related to a crime. **Your identity will remain anonymous.**

For questions pertaining to EMU Safety Tips or crime prevention, please contact Police Officer Candace Dorsey, Crime Prevention Coordinator at [734.487.0987](tel:734.487.0987) or by email at cdorsey@emich.edu. The Crime Prevention office is located within the EMU Police Department at 1200 Oakwood Street. Police Dispatch: [734.487.1222](tel:734.487.1222). **For emergencies, call 911.**

*** EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & WELLNESS FAIR:** All EMU employees are encouraged to attend the Employee Benefits & Wellness Fair on **Thursday, October 31**, between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. For questions, please contact the Employee Benefits Office at 487-3195.

ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2014 BENEFITS: The annual open enrollment period for 2014 benefits for EMU employees begins **Friday, Nov. 1 through Friday, Nov. 15**. The selections you make during this time will take effect January 1, 2014. During open enrollment, you can:

- Change your health plan elections
- Change your dental plan elections
- Elect to contribute to a flexible spending account (FSA) for 2014
- Change your life insurance elections (increases require evidence of insurability)

See the [Open Enrollment Meeting Schedule](#) or for more information, please call HR Benefits at 487-3195 or visit <http://www.emich.edu/hr/benefits/self-service.php>.

YOU.COMMUNITY.STORY - PLEASE TAKE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY: Please share how you engage or have engaged with our local, state, national and global communities. The Community Engagement Survey was sent to your emich.edu email box on 10/23. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. To learn more about the survey, its value and impact by visiting <http://www.emich.edu/asl/carnegieclassification>. For questions, please contact Decky Alexander at aa_asl@emich.edu.

HELP THE EMU CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE HELP ORPHANED KITTENS: The EMU Children's Institute has teamed up with the Michigan Orphan Kitten Rescue and Shoe Box Recycling to help local orphaned kittens. Please donate usable pairs of men's, women's and kids shoes to the Children's Institute, located at the Fletcher School on Cornell. The money raised from the sale of the used shoes will be donated to the rescue. To date the Children's Institute has helped raise over \$500 for the Michigan Orphan Kitten Rescue through shoes that have been donated. For questions or additional information, email mokr@mikittens.org or visit the [Michigan Orphan Kitten Rescue homepage](#) or go to the [Michigan Orphan Kitten Rescue Facebook page](#). You can also contact Tracey Buhinicek at the Children's Institute at 487-2348 or email at tbuhinice@emich.edu. <http://mikittens.org/>

FLU VACCINES ON EMU CAMPUS: The University Health Services would like to remind the campus community that the fall season is a prime time for a variety of health concerns such as flu and pertussis (whooping cough). Take steps to reduce your risk of illness and infection, especially by proper hand washing and making sure your immunizations are up-to-date. You can get a flu vaccine on **Thursday, Oct. 31**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Ballroom A, Student Center.

EMU employees with BC/BS coverage can get a vaccination for FREE. (Important – You must bring your insurance card with you when you come to get vaccinated.) For non-BC/BS policyholders, the cost is \$30. Students on the EMU student health insurance plan and those with BC/BS coverage can also get the vaccine for FREE (by presenting their insurance card).

Methods of payment are cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover card. Students can bill the charge to their student tuition account (E-bill). For information or questions, call University Health Services at 487-1122.

DEGREE COMPLETION & RETENTION PLAN FEEDBACK: Please plan to attend one of the following [Open Forums](#) on the **second draft** of the Degree Completion & Retention (DCR) Plan. This draft will incorporate feedback to date, and will be available on the [DCR website](#) on October 22. A survey for feedback on this second draft will also be available on the website from October 22. The open forum schedule is below. All forums will be held in the Student Center Auditorium:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 29**, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 29**, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30**, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30**, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN - "MISSION POSSIBLE": The United Way Campaign has begun on Eastern's campus. Every donation, regardless of how small is critical in addressing the underlying causes of problems and helping people who are faced with challenges move from crisis, to stability - to independence. When families are stable, when children succeed, when individuals stay healthy, our community is stronger. That's why United Way focuses on income, education and health - the foundation of stable families.

UNITED WAY does what no single organization alone can do. We bring together leaders from government, corporations, human service providers and the community to develop innovative solutions to local issues. We leverage funding for the network of programs that - together - can make a meaningful, measurable difference. TOGETHER, we can accomplish more than a single person, group or organization. United, we can inspire hope and create opportunities so that everyone can become independent. Our mission is to make our "local dollars change local lives."

It is quicker and easier to donate than ever before! From your My.Emich account, click on "[Click here to donate](#)" and follow the steps. Paper donations are also an option. Please see your United Way department representative or contact this year's chair, Kevin Kucera or Linda Moore at 487-8892 or Dawn Stovall at 487-1105.

REQUIRED MIOSHA TRAINING FOR ALL EMU AND STUDENT EMPLOYEES: MIOSHA has updated the Hazard Communication Standard (Employees Right to Know) by adopting the Global Harmonization System. These changes to the standard require all employees to receive updated training by the December 1, 2013 deadline. Please plan to attend one of the following mandatory training sessions:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 5,** 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., in Strong Auditorium
- **Wednesday, Nov. 6,** 4 - 5 p.m., room 201, in Pray-Harrold
- **Monday, Nov. 11,** 4-5 p.m., room 201, in Pray-Harrold
- **Wednesday, Nov. 13,** 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in Strong Auditorium
- **Monday, Nov. 18,** 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., in Strong Auditorium
- **Monday, Nov. 18,** 4 - 5 p.m., room 201, Pray-Harrold
- **Monday, Nov. 25,** 4 - 5 p.m., room 201, Pray-Harrold
- **Wednesday, Nov. 27,** 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in Strong Auditorium

If you would like to schedule a training session for your department, please contact Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) at 487-0794 or environmental_health_safety@emich.edu. EHS will work with departments to ensure all EMU employees are trained by the deadline.

CAMPUS SAFETY AWARENESS & HAZARD COMMUNICATION TRAINING: All new employees of the University are required to participate in the Safety Awareness & Hazard Communication Training presented by Environmental Health Safety (EHS). Please plan to attend one of the following sessions. All training sessions will be held in room 300, Halle Library.

- **Monday, Nov. 11,** 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 10,** 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Please register at environmental_health_safety@emich.edu or call 487-0794.

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"SWOOP-IN" - ACADEMIC ADVISING SESSION FOR STUDENTS: The EMU Academic Advising Career Development will offer academic advising to students on **Monday, Oct. 28,** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Phelps/Sellers breezeway. For questions, please contact the University Advising Career Development Center at 487-0400.

SUBMISSIONS IN EMU TODAY: Please note, **EMU TODAY** is an internal daily e-blast sent to faculty and staff. 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.

On this day...In 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in the New York harbor by U.S. President Grover Cleveland. The statue weighs 225 tons and is 152 feet tall. It was originally known as "Liberty Enlightening the World."

Quote: "Learn from the past, set vivid, detailed goals for the future, and live in the only moment of time over which you have any control: now." - **Denis Waitley**

Fact: The St. Louis Police Department became the first to use fingerprinting in 1904.