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Thursday, December 05, 2013

SPECIAL NOTICES:

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING: The EMU Board of Regents will hold its December board meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 10**, at 1:30 p.m., in room 201, Welch Hall. Below is the schedule for the committee meetings. All meetings are in Welch Hall.

- Faculty Affairs: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m., Room 205
- Athletic Affairs: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., Room 201
- Educational Policies: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., Room 205
- Student Affairs: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., Room 205
- Finance and Investment: 11:30 - 12:15 p.m., Room 201

For additional information, please visit the [Board of Regents homepage](#) or contact Vicki Reaume at 487-2410 or email vicki.reaume@emich.edu.

*** SKANDALARIS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION ACCEPTING ENTRIES:** The Center for Entrepreneurship is accepting entries for the 2014 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 Friday, Feb. 14 at the EMU Student Center. Plans need to be submitted by January 10, 2014. Students can submit their plans online at <https://app.pitchburner.com//s1/site//skandalarisBPC>.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN - "MISSION POSSIBLE": Eastern Michigan University's United Way campaign has raised \$51,895.24 with 258 people participating. Please help push us to our goal of **\$120,000** and **50%** participation. Be part of the change for the better in our community. One person, one gift adds up to big results.

Any employee who wishes to give through payroll deduction must complete their pledge by Friday 12/6/13. The pledge site will remain open throughout December but payroll deduction will not be listed as an option after this date. Please login to your my.emich account and click on the United Way logo to make your gift today. For questions, please contact Kevin Kucera or Linda Moore at 487-8892 or Dawn Stovall at 487-1105. Thank you for choosing to **LIVE UNITED.**

PLANNED COMPUTING SYSTEM DOWNTIME: Monthly maintenance of EMU's computing systems will be performed on **Friday, Dec. 6**, from 6 p.m. to midnight. During this month's maintenance program, the following major computer systems will be unavailable:

- Banner
- Banner Self-Service (faculty, student and employee tabs in my.emich)
- my.emich
- BOE
- Library Catalog
- Library Image Database
- IRIM (irim.emich.edu)

For a full list of all systems affected please visit IT's system outage page:

<http://it.emich.edu/portal/systems/index.cfm?fuseaction=all>

All other systems and services remain AVAILABLE including:

- Wired and Wireless Internet Access (residence halls, offices, and classrooms)
- EMU-Online course management system (<http://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 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS: A special thanks to all who attended the Thanksgiving luncheon, and for your generous donations of food and cash. We received over \$130 in cash and over \$1,300 worth of food that has been donated to SOS, all of which helped feed over 200 local families for Thanksgiving and stock the SOS food pantry. This was a great way to kick-off the holiday season.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. HUMANITARIAN AWARDS: Each year, the University presents the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards at the MLK Day President's Luncheon. The 2014 luncheon will be held on **Monday, Jan. 20**. These awards recognize individuals from within the University and the surrounding community who exemplify the values and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nominations for the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards are currently being accepted.

Non-Student Award

Nominations for the Humanitarian Award for non-students must include: (1) a letter of nomination, (2) one letter of support, and (3) a resume/CV of the nominee. Completed nomination materials must be received by the Office of Government and Community Relations, 207 Welch Hall or via e-mail to lgreden@emich.edu by **Monday, Dec. 16, 2013**, at 5:00 p.m. Only completed applications will be considered. Late applications will not be accepted.

Student Award

Nominations for the Humanitarian Award for an EMU student must include: (1) a completed application, (2) a short essay, and (3) one letter of support from an EMU faculty or staff member. The application, requirements and more information can be found at www.emich.edu/finaid/ and at the Office of Financial Aid, 403 Pierce Hall. Completed application materials must be received by the Office of Financial Aid or via e-mail to fa_scholarships@emich.edu by **Monday, Dec. 16, 2013**, at 5:00 p.m. Only completed applications will be considered. Late applications will not be accepted.

EMU has a long and storied tradition of discourse, learning opportunities, creative expression and community building in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. To learn more about the upcoming week's events, please go to <http://www.emich.edu/mlk/>.

ADDITIONAL MIOSHA HAZARD TRAINING SESSIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED: Based upon the demand, and the requirements for receiving the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) Hazard Communication training including the Globally Harmonized System, additional training sessions have been scheduled through the end of the year as follows:

- **Monday, Dec. 9**, 2 - 3 p.m., room 300, Halle Library
- **Thursday, Dec. 12**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., room 300, Halle Library
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17**, 9 - 10 a.m., Halle Library Auditorium
- **Wednesday, Dec. 18**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., room 300, Halle Library

To register, go to environmental_health_safety@emich.edu or call 487-0794.

EMU PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS AND REMINDERS: The EMU Police Department facilitates a variety of community service programs focused on safety awareness for our residential halls, classrooms and campus. These include crime prevention seminars, and training sessions and programs on sexual assault and alcohol awareness for faculty, staff and students.

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. Reporting a crime or suspicious activity can be done anonymously.

- To report an incident, or information anonymously, please call 487-4847 or send an email to dps_questions@emich.edu.
- Call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAKUP (800) 773-2587 or email at www.1800speakup.org or visit the [Crime Stoppers homepage](#).
- For more information on public safety, please visit the [EMU Public Safety Tips homepage](#).
- EMU publishes a Daily Crime Log of all crimes reported to the EMU Department of Public Safety. This information can be viewed at [EMU Daily Crime Log homepage](#). EMU also publishes the [Daily Crime Log for the City of Ypsilanti](#).
- Online, real-time crime mapping covering EMU and the City of Ypsilanti is available at: <http://geodata.acad.emich.edu/Crime/Main.htm>.

Telephone numbers and email accounts listed above 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 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 at 487-1222. **For emergencies, call 911.**

Today's Events

MIOSHA TRAINING SESSION FOR EMPLOYEES: There will be a MIOSHA training session **today, Dec. 5**, 10 - 11 a.m., Halle Library Auditorium. Please contact Environmental Health & Safety at 487-0794 or environmental_health_safety@emich.edu with any questions.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT - LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION: EMU Human Resources is pleased to offer "Conflict Management" Lunch and Learn session **today, Dec. 5**, 12 - 2 p.m., room 301, Student Center. Learn how to understand your predispositions to rely on some conflict behaviors more or less than necessary, as well as strategies to overcome conflict situations successfully. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to the session. Registration for these sessions is completed through [Survey Monkey](#). Please visit the [Human Resource Lunch and Learn Program](#) for a complete description of each session. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Gordon at 487-3430 or email at hr_tod@emich.edu.

FEASIBILITY OF STARTING A NONPROFIT: The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance program will hold a workshop on **Thursday, Dec. 5**, 12 - 1:30 p.m., in the King Hall lounge. The workshop is titled "*The Feasibility of Starting a Nonprofit: What is Step One?*" Please RSVP at nonprofit@emich.edu. Pizza and pop will be provided.

FORUM ON ATHLETICS AT EMU: Eastern Echo sports editor Eugene Evans and managing editor Al Willman will host a panel discussion on the state of football and other athletic programs at EMU **today, Dec. 5**, 6 p.m., in room 216 Pray-Harrod. The editors invite students, faculty, staff and alumni and friends to attend and share their thoughts and opinions, too. Questions and comments may also be submitted in advance via Twitter @TheEasternEcho or by email to managing@easternecho.com or sports@easternecho.com. Sponsored by The Eastern Echo.

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.

Lectures & Presentations

SOUL SPEAK: A GROUP FOR WOMEN OF COLOR: The next *Soul Speak* will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 12 - 1:30 p.m.**, in the Kiva Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Student Center. The environment will provide a safe and supportive space to connect and discuss the unique experiences of being women of color while at EMU. For questions, please contact Joi Rencher at 487-0899 or email jrencher@emich.edu.

ORAL DEFENSE: Daniel R. Taylor, from the College of Technology will present his dissertation on "*Technology Adoption, Multiple Intelligence and Middle-Eastern Youth*," on **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 3 - 5 p.m.**, room 206 Sill Hall.

Conferences & Workshops

SEMINAR FOR FACULTY & LECTURER COLLEAGUES: The Faculty Development Center will offer a seminar on "*Information Fluency Across the Curriculum Seminar: Facilitating Student Development as Researchers and Life-long Learners*," during the Winter semester. Join faculty and lecturer colleagues who are interested in re-thinking how students develop fluency in identifying a need for information, and in locating, retrieving, assessing, and using information efficiently and ethically.

We will develop strategies to improve student research/literature review practices that will allow them to produce stronger research papers and projects. Learn more and apply at <http://www.emich.edu/facdev/Informationfluency.php>. **Applications are due by Friday, Dec. 6.** Contact Suzanne Gray at sgray17@emich.edu or call 487-2517 for more information.

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 the training on **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 8:30 - 10 a.m.**, room 300, in Halle Library. Please register at environmental_health_safety@emich.edu or call 487-0794.

* **WORKSHOP TO HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR FINALS:** The Keys to Degrees program, part of the Academic Success Partnerships Department, is holding a workshop entitled, "Preparing for Finals," on **Tuesday, Dec. 10**, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., in room 104 in the Student Center. The workshop will assist students by revisiting good study habits and test-taking tips. Light refreshments will be served. The workshop is LBC approved. For more information, contact Keys to Degrees at either keys.to.degrees@emich.edu or 487-8041.

EAGLEMAIL TIPS & TRICKS - LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION: EMU Human Resources is pleased to offer "EagleMail Tips & Tricks" Lunch and Learn session on **Wednesday, Dec. 11**, 12 - 2 p.m., room 110, Halle Library. EagleMail has a number of tools that can help you become more productive. The goal of this session is to show EagleMail tools that will help you: Compose professional e-mail messages, organize and classify your data for ease of retrieval, and respond quicker to requests for information. Presenter: Kathy Robertson, Senior Performance Improvement Tech.

Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to the session. Registration for these sessions is completed through [Survey Monkey](#). Please visit the [Human Resource Lunch and Learn Program](#) for a complete description of each session. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Gordon at 487-3430 or email at hr_tod@emich.edu.

Activities and Events

16th ANNUAL STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE: EMU Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) at EMU is excited to host our 16th Annual Student Development Conference on **Friday, Dec. 6**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., room 310B in the Student Center. The cost is \$10 per person and the deadline is Friday, Nov. 29. The price includes lunch, which will be served at 11:45 a.m. The conference is an annual student workshop designed to help students in public relations, communications, journalism, marketing, advertising and other related fields gain valuable knowledge through workshops, speakers, a career building seminar and an internship fair. For more information visit our website at emuprssa.com. Please RSVP to Lisa McClees at lmcclees@emich.edu.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR SKIP LAWVER: Please join the College of Technology Dean's office, and the School of Technology Studies on **Friday, Dec. 6**, 4 - 6 p.m., in the Roosevelt Hall lobby as we send Skip Lawver off into a well deserved retirement. We are accepting donations to establish a Skip Lawver Scholarship to benefit an Information Assurance student. Please make your tax deductible donation to the EMU Foundation. Please bring photos and stories so we can compile a memory book and we may even roast Skip. For questions, please contact Nancy Snyder at 487-2490.

YPSILANTI MEALS ON WHEELS HOSTS 17TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOUR: The Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels will host the 17th Annual Holiday Tour and Downtown Stroll on **Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15**. Enjoy the Saturday evening stroll in downtown Ypsilanti by browsing through unique lofts and festive businesses while enjoy a strolling dinner, "A Taste of Ypsi," prepared by local restaurants. The final stop is desserts, beverages and entertainment at Materials Unlimited. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the YMOW office, Haab's, MIX, and Nelson Amos Studios. Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 -10 p.m. and tickets are \$40. Saturday tickets can also be used on Sunday. Sunday, Dec. 15, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour. All proceeds benefit Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels. For more information visit: www.ymow.org/fundraising-events/holiday-tour-downtown-stroll/. EMU makes the Meals for the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR JOHN CLARK: University Archives will be hosting a retirement party for John Clark who will be retiring after 30+ years of service to the Library at EMU. The event will take place on **Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014**, 2 - 4 p.m., in the Carillon Room, Halle Library. Questions can be directed to Alexis Braun Marks at abraunma@emich.edu or Diane Browning dbrowning@emich.edu.

2013-2014 STAR LECTURE SERIES WELCOMES 5TH GUEST SPEAKER: The EMU Honors College invites all students, staff, faculty and community members to the 2013-2014 Star Lectures: "Manifestations of Poverty." Please join us for the 5th lecture of the series featuring Marty Raymond who will address "Poverty Makes Me Ill," on **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014**, 7 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. This session will explore the complex factors that contribute to personal health including access to health care, nutrition, exercise, community violence, pollution, and health literacy. For additional information, please contact rebecca.sipe@emich.edu.

Arts, Film & Entertainment

EMU PLANETARIUM PRESENTS ITS LINE-UP OF MOVIES: The EMU planetarium has a spectacular line-up of shows that will be shown in the 28-foot dome, located at 402 Mark Jefferson Science Complex. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door, at any EMU ticket office, online at www.emutix.com or by phone at 487-2282. All shows are open to the public. Seating capacity is limited to 37 and all shows will start promptly at their designated times so please arrive early. For questions or more information, please call Norbert Vance at 487-4146 or email Tom Kasper at tkasper@emich.edu. Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EmuPlanetarium>.

Below are the movies, dates and times, along with a brief description for each show:

"THE LITTLE STAR THAT COULD"

"The Little Star That Could" is a story about Little Star, an average yellow star in search 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 your audiences with basic information about our Solar System. Show dates and times are:

- **Saturday, Dec. 7** - Showtime 2 p.m.

Run time is 35 minutes and is appropriate for all ages, recommended for families. K-6 Education Guides are available. Each "Little Star" show includes "Seasonal Stargazing" with a run time of 7 minutes. Please visit the "[Little Star That Could](#)" to see a preview of the movie.

"SEASON OF LIGHT":

The EMU Planetarium presents an all-new show just in time for the holidays. "Season of Light" presentation traces the history and development of many of the world's most endearing holiday customs, all of which involve lighting up the winter season — from the burning Yule log, sparkling Christmas tree lights and candles in windows, to the lighting of luminaries in the American Southwest and the traditional ritual of the Hanukkah Menorah. Show dates and times

- **Saturday, Dec. 7** - Showtime 3:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 10** - Showtime 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 14** - Showtimes 2 p.m. & 3:15 p.m.

The show also recounts the historical religious and cultural rituals practiced during the time of winter solstice — not only Christian and Jewish, but also Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi. It also takes a look at some of our more light-hearted seasonal traditions: from gift-giving and kissing under the mistletoe, to songs about lords a-leaping and ladies dancing, and the custom of decking the halls with greenery and candles. St. Nicholas, Sinterklaas, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, and Santa Claus all drop by as well.

Naturally, there is some astronomy in "Season of Light". Audiences learn a selection of Northern hemisphere winter constellations, and find out why we even have seasons, as we demonstrate the Sun's path across the sky throughout the year, and the Earth's tilt and orbit around the Sun. And of course, the program explores the possible astronomical explanations for a "Star over Bethlehem" in the last quarter of the show: comets, meteors, novae and supernovae, and planetary conjunctions. Appropriate for all ages. Run time is 36 minutes. Each "Season of Light" show includes "Seasonal Stargazing" with a run time 15 minutes. Please visit "[Season of Light](#)" to see a preview of the movie.

DARIUS RUCKER IN CONCERT: Darius Rucker and his *True Believers Tour* featuring Eli Young Band with special guest David Nail will be coming to the EMU Convocation Center on **Friday, Jan. 31, 2014**. For more information, call the EMU Ticket Office at 487-2282 or go to www.emutix.com.

THE ROADSHOW 2014 LINEUP: Skillet, Third Day, Andy Mineo, Jamie Grace and more are coming to the EMU Convocation on **Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014**. The concert starts at 6 p.m. This year, all seats for the Roadshow 2014 Lineup will be reserved and there will be three ways concert goers can obtain their tickets:

- \$10 at the door (pick-up at venue box office)
- \$10 In advance at the venue box office during regular hours
- \$20 online or by phone

There will not be any additional services fees for the tickets for this concert. For more information, call the EMU Ticket Office at 487-2282 or go to www.emutix.com.

JUSTIN MOORE IS COMING TO THE CONVOCATION CENTER: Tickets will go on sale in February 2014 for the Justin Moore's "Off the Beaten Path" tour scheduled for **Saturday, March 15, 2014** at the EMU Convocation Center. Also starring Randy Houser, with special guest John Thompson. For more information on Justin Moore visit www.moorejustinmusic.com.

Athletics

GO EMU EAGLES: The 2013 Fall athletic schedule of events is available for [Men's Basketball](#), [Women's Basketball](#), [Women's Soccer](#), [Women's Volleyball](#), [Men's Swim & Dive](#), [Women's Swim and Dive](#), [Wrestling](#), [Women's Gymnastics](#).

Please visit the [EMU Athletics homepage](#) for more 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. All football games will be broadcasted live on WEMU 89.1.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

- EMU vs. Central Michigan University, **Friday, Feb. 7**, Bowen Field House
- EMU vs. Western Michigan University, **Saturday, Feb. 15**, Bowen Field House
- Eagle Invitation, **Saturday, March 8**, Bowen Field House
- MAC Championships, **Saturday, March 22**, Convocation Center

MEN'S SWIM & DIVE

- EMU vs. EMU Invitational, **Friday, Dec. 6**, 3:30 p.m., Jones Pool
- EMU vs. EMU Invitational, **Saturday, Dec. 7**, 6 p.m., Jones Pool

WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

- EMU vs. EMU Invitational, **Friday, Dec. 6**, 3:30 p.m., Jones Pool
- EMU vs. EMU Invitational, **Saturday, Dec. 7**, 10 a.m., Jones Pool
- EMU vs. EMU Invitational, **Saturday, Dec. 7**, 6 p.m., Jones Pool

WRESTLING

- EMU vs. Olivet College, **Tuesday, Dec. 17**, 7 p.m., Bowen Field House
- EMU vs. Northern Iowa, **Sunday, Jan. 5**, 1 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Northern Illinois, **Friday, Jan. 17**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Kent State, **Friday, Jan. 31**, 7 p.m., Bowen Field House
- EMU vs. Buffalo, **Sunday, Feb. 16**, 1 p.m., Convocation Center

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- EMU vs. Green Bay, **Tuesday, Dec. 10**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Rochester, **Saturday, Jan. 4**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Western Michigan, **Tuesday, Jan. 14**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Akron, **Wednesday, Jan. 22**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Ohio, **Saturday, Jan. 25**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Bowling Green, **Wednesday, Jan. 29**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Kent State, **Saturday, Feb. 8**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Toledo, **Saturday, Feb. 15**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Central Michigan, **Wednesday, Feb. 26**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Northern Illinois, **Saturday, March 1**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Ball State, **Tuesday, March 4**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- EMU vs. Lawrence Tech, **Tuesday, Dec. 31**, 1 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Ball State, **Thursday, Jan. 9**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Western Michigan, **Wednesday, Jan. 15**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Akron, **Sunday, Jan. 26**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Miami, **Sunday, Feb. 2**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Kent State, **Thursday, Feb. 6**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Bowling Green, **Saturday, Feb. 15**, 4:30 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Toledo, **Wednesday, Feb. 19**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Northern Illinois, **Sunday, March 2**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Central Michigan, **Saturday, March 8**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center

Reminders

BEWARE: "RANSOMWARE" COMPUTER THREAT: A new type of malicious computer threat called CryptoLocker is receiving a lot of attention because of its extremely harmful and potentially irreversible consequences. Known as "ransomware," this type of attack encrypts files on infected computers running Microsoft Windows. Victims must pay a sizable "ransom" to decrypt and recover their files. CryptoLocker can seize files on a computer hard drive, as well as on shared network drives, USB drives, and even some cloud storage connected to an infected computer.

CryptoLocker generally infects computers through malicious email attachments, such as fake FedEx and UPS tracking notices. Do not open email attachments unless you can verify that they are safe. Since email addresses can be spoofed, do not open attachments you did not request, even if they appear to be from someone you know and trust. For more information about cyber security and safe computing, visit www.emich.edu/esafe.

WINTER BREAK COURSE BEING OFFERED UP NORTH: Earn up to four credits taking a course at Shanty Creek Resorts over Winter Break—Feb. 23–28. Find your course now at emich.edu/winterbreak. For more information, contact Sarah Painter at spainter@emich.edu or 487-9045.

EXHIBITION TAKES A LOOK AT THE EVOLUTION OF TRACK & FIELD AT EMU: The University Archives has an exhibit on the third floor in Halle Library (outside Archives). The exhibition takes a look at the evolution of the sport on campus, its athletes and coaching staff. The exhibit will be up until the end of the year.

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 2014, 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.

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, please visit the [Community Engagement Survey](#). For questions, please contact Decky Alexander at aa_asl@emich.edu.

EMU ATHLETICS AND FOOD GATHERERS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY FOOD DRIVE: Throughout the month of November, the EMU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is asking students, fans and the community members to donate canned food items to the main atrium area of the Convocation Center. The food donation box is set-up through Food Gatherers of Washtenaw County. All food donations will go to service 150 non-profit agencies and programs providing direct food assistance in the form of hot meals, nutritious snacks and more to low-income adults, seniors and children in Washtenaw County.

HELP HOMELESS FAMILIES IN WASHTENAW COUNTY - DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY: Now through **Friday, Jan. 31, 2014**, EMU has the opportunity to show the Washtenaw County community just how much we care – all while showing our Eagle pride.

EMU's PRSSA is partnering with The Salvation Army to give hope to those in need this holiday season. We are competing against other state universities (including Wayne State University and the University of Michigan – Dearborn) to raise the most money for this noble cause and we are asking for your help.

Please make a tax-deductible donation to the EMU PRSSA online Red Kettle at www.onlineredkettle.org/EMUPRSSA or give “EMUgives” to 71777.

This past year, money raised through the Red Kettle Campaign helped The Salvation Army provide more than 23,500 meals and more than 12,000 nights of shelter to those in need in Washtenaw County. For more information, please follow along with EMU PRSSA on Twitter (@emuprssa) or their website: www.emuprssa.com.

UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM OPEN FOR STUDENT NOMINATIONS: The nomination process for students to present at the Friday, March 28, 2014 Undergraduate Symposium is underway at www.emich.edu/symposium/nomination. This nomination site is open to students through January 15, 2014. To learn more about the value of student presentation of research, here is a link to a special EMUblog post: <http://blogemu.com/kerris-konsciousness-undergraduate-symposium/> by Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellow Kerri Musick. For more information, contact wkivi@emich.edu.

WINTER BREAK COURSE - BECOMING JEWISH IN AMERICA: Earn up to three credits this Winter break traveling to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. learning about the Jewish contribution to America. Visit emich.edu/ust for more information or contact Jen Short at 487-3229 or jen.short@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 homepage, then click on "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

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On this day...

In 1908 - At the University of Pittsburgh, numerals were first used on football uniforms worn by college football players.

Quote:

"Science has not yet taught us if madness is or is not the sublimity of the intelligence." - **Edgar Allan Poe**

Fact:

Albert Einstein, (March 14, 1879 - April 18, 1955), German-born physicist who developed the special and general theories of relativity and won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921 for his explanation of the photoelectric effect. Einstein is generally considered the most influential physicist of the 20th century.