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Tuesday, October 16, 2012 SPECIAL NOTICES:

* BENEFITS ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE OPEN ENROLLMENT IS OCT. 15 - NOV. 2: Electronic Enrollment Guides and other open enrollment information is posted on the HR/Benefits web page at: http://www.emich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open-enrollment.php. A copy of the Group Meeting Schedules for designated Employee Groups is also posted. Any benefits eligible employee may come to a Question & Answer Session held by BCBS representatives on Wednesday, October 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or Friday, October 26, 9 - 11 a.m. Both sessions will be in the Board Room, Welch Hall. For additional information, please contact the Benefits Office via email at hr_benefits@emich.edu, by phone at 487-3195 or in person at 140 McKenny Hall.

CYBER SECURITY TIP OF THE DAY: October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. For more cyber security awareness tips and information, go to SANS Security Awareness Tip of the Day. Today's tip.

• Just because your company's spam filter, virus filter and other defenses let an email through, doesn't mean it's harmless.

UNITED WAY PLEDGE DRIVE: The mission of United Way for Southeastern Michigan is to mobilize the caring power of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan to improve communities and individual lives in measurable and lasting ways. United Way recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise, and resources needed to get things done. We advance the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all. Our focus is on education, income and basic needs — the building blocks for a good quality of life. We invite you to be a part of the change. You can give, you can advocate, and you can volunteer. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.

There are 3 ways you can make a donation:

• Express Link: http://uwwc.unitedwayepledge.org/epledge/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.
* NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE: EMU's SWRK 350, a social work class entitled, "Generalist Social Work Practice: Organizations and Communities" have been assigned to work in groups to conduct volunteer work for non-profit agencies. The group selected the Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County (CSS) and will be conducting a non-perishable food drive. Please help by place non-perishable canned food items in boxes that will be located in the foyer area in the Student Center, Halle Library, Marshall, Porter, Pray-Harold, and Welch Hall. All food collected will be donated to Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County in the form of food baskets for those who look to CSS for help this upcoming holiday season. Contact Ralph Nunez at rnunez@emich.edu, or Tammie Glenn at tglenn@comcast.net., or visit the website at  https://sites.google.com/site/swrk350reachoutandhelp.

DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?: The EMU Children's Institute cookbook is now available and filled with over 140 recipes contributed by families and staff. The cookbook is $10.00 (spiral bound) and $5.00 for the CD (cash or check ) with proceeds going 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. Try a new recipe and help a child.

* HEATING SEASON TIPS: As the cold weather arrives, there are a few things you can do to make your space more comfortable - and save energy. As always, dress appropriately for the weather. Open blinds during the day and close them at night. Turn your thermostat down to 68-72 F where possible. If your space is too hot, please contact the Physical Plant at http://mrgreenwrench.emich.edu/. Finally, during milder weather, don't forget to shut your windows at night.

PRO-LIFE DAY OF SILENT SOLIDARITY: Students for Life will participate in a Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity (see http://www.silentday.org/), on today, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Red arm bands and duct tape will identify them and they will carry fliers explaining why they are silent and educate others about the plight of the innocent children we are losing every day. For more information, contact emustudentsforlife@gmail.com

STAR LECTURE SERIES: Please join the Honors College and the College of Arts and Sciences for the 2nd Star Lecture Series of the year "If We Can, Should We? Ethics and Science" to be offered by Dr. Harriet Lindsay, tonight, October 16, 7 - 8:30 p.m., in the Halle Auditorium. In this discussion, Dr. Lindsay will explore specific details about a recent scientific discovery that raised national security issues, and she will engage the audience in considering the larger question of pursuing knowledge that may have dangerous implications. All faculty and students are invited. Both Honors Experience and LBC credit are available.
SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY: To submit an announcement or post an event to EMU TODAY, please forward your entry electronically to emu_today@emich.edu. Please be sure to format your entry using the EMU TODAY style and include a contact name, phone number and/or an e-mail address. Please note - EMU TODAY is sent to faculty and staff (not students). For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

NOTE: Asterisk denote new items.

Lectures and Meetings

* GRADUATE COORDINATOR AND ADVISOR MEETINGS: There will be a graduate coordinator/advisor meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 8:30 - 10 a.m., or Thursday, October 18, 3 - 4:30 p.m., Room 320 Halle Library. For questions contact the Graduate School at 487-0042.

* DISSERTATION ORAL DEFENSE: Christopher Kluse, from the College of Technology, will defend his dissertation, "Third Party Quality Management Audits for Automotive Component Manufacturing; Perceptions and Insights into a Necessary, yet Debatable Practice." Thursday, October 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Room 206 in Sill Hall. For more information, contact Tracy Rush-Byers at 487-2338.

Seminars and Workshops

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CENTER FALL WORKSHOPS: There are several events offered by the FDC. To see a complete list of events, go to FDC Events or contact Kelly Frisch at 487-0020, ext. 2112 or email at aavp_fdc@emich.edu for additional information.

EMU BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS BRIAN OHSOWSKI: The Biology Department welcomes Brian Ohsowski, (EMU alumni), Ph.D. candidate from The University of British Columbia, Canada, Wednesday, October 17, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., 154 Mark Jefferson Science Complex. Ohsowski will speak about "Reclaiming Abandoned Sandpits: Grassland Plant Response to fungal inoculum and Soil Amendments." This event is LBC approved.
RETIREWISE SERIES: The RetireWise Series is a complimentary retirement education opportunity provided by EMU. It offers the tools you need to clarify your goals and take action. There will be 4 Modules offered in this program. All sessions will be 12 p.m. - 2 p.m., in the HR Training Room 100 McKenny. Please see each session for dates.

•Module 3: Establishing Your Retirement Income Stream - Wednesday, October 17

•Module 4: Making the Most of What You - Wednesday, October 24

For registration visit www.metlifeplansmart.com, Enter "EMU” or call 866-801-3547.

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.

•Identifying Funding Sources for your Project: Friday, October 19, 12 - 1 p.m., at the FDC in Halle. Presented by Harriet Lindsay.

•Building Effective Relationships with Program Officers: Friday, November 2, 12 - 1 p.m., at the FDC in Halle. Presented by Harriet Lindsay.

•Involving Undergraduates in your Research: Friday, November 9, 12 - 1 p.m., at the FDC in Halle. Presented by Harriet Lindsay.

•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.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON GRANT BUDGETING: The Office of Research Development will offer a workshop focusing on grant budgets for faculty, principal investigators, project directors and new department heads, Tuesday, October 23 and Tuesday, November 7, 1 - 3 p.m., Room G07C, Halle Library. The workshop will cover how to manage a grant budget using My.Emich budget queries and the BEO reporting system. Attendees will learn how to query for available balance and transaction detail, and how to monitor payroll with the Labor Distribution report.

For more information, click on training session and registration.
WELL-BEING EDUCATIONAL SERIES FOR FACULTY & STAFF: The EMU Benefits Office is pleased to offer the Ceridian Emotional Well-Being Education Series. Join them for the following Lunch & Learn sessions which are currently available for registration. Please call the Benefits Office at 487-3195 to register for one or all of the sessions.

"Silencing the Inner Critic: Building Self-Esteem," - Tuesday, November 6, 12 - 1 p.m., HR Training Suite (100 McKenny). Many people are their own toughest critic. But being too hard on yourself can be damaging to your self-esteem. This seminar offers strategies for tempering the messages that your inner critic gives you. As a participant in this seminar, you will be able to:

• Define & identify sources of adult self-esteem
• Make the connection between irrational thinking and low self-esteem
• Learn how to interpret comments of your inner critic
• Learn strategies for controlling the critic and enhancing self-esteem
• Create a personal plan for developing positive self-esteem

"Understanding the Difference Between Depression and the "Blues," - Thursday, November 15, 12 - 1 p.m., HR Training Suite (100 McKenny). Everyone feels a little down from time to time, especially when dealing with tough life events. But there's a difference between feeling "blue" or "down in the dumps" and experiencing a clinical depressive disorder. If the sad feelings continue for a prolonged period of time and interfere with enjoyment of life, it could be depression. Participants will learn to:

• Recognize the myths about depression
• Clarify the difference between depressive disorders and the "blues"
• Define depression and the various types
• Identify the symptoms, causes, evaluation components, and treatments for depression
• Learn ways to cope with depression and support a family member or friend who is depressed

Activities and Events

EMU HOSTS PANEL OF CHILDREN'S AUTHORS: EMU will host a panel of children's authors Wednesday, October 17, from 5 - 7 p.m., in Room 310A in the Student Center. The authors will speak on "Writing and Publishing for Children and Young Adults." Ann Arbor author, Shutta Crum, and three EMU alumni who have published picture books and novels for younger readers will discuss their experiences writing for younger readers and getting their work published. Nicolas Books will host a book sale and book signing at the event. The event is free and open to the public.
EMU STUDENT GOVERNMENT HOSTS FORUM: The EMU Student Government will host a forum featuring candidates and officials running for elected office on Wednesday, October 17, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the ground floor of the Student Center. Candidates will have the opportunity to speak on campaign platform issues and several plan to offer a question and answer period with students. Here is the line-up thus far:

11:00 a.m. - Judge Connors
11:30 a.m. - Cynthia Kallgren
12:00 p.m. - Judge Woodyard
12:30 p.m. - Carol Kunhke
1:00 p.m - Congressman John Dingell
2:00 p.m. - Judge Johnson
2:30 p.m. - TBD
3:00 p.m. - Judge Fink
3:30 p.m. - Owen Diaz
4:00 p.m. - Judge Schwartz
4:30 p.m. - Michelle Fecteau

For more information or comments, contact Benjamin Elmgren at 487-1470 or by email at belmgren@emich.edu.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JIM STREETER: The campus community is invited to give their best wishes to Jim Streeter, associate athletic director for media relations, at a retirement reception Thursday, October 18, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Room 300, in the EMU Student Center. There will be a short presentation starting at 2 p.m. After nearly four decades of directing the publicity efforts for EMU Athletics, he is retiring from his post effective Oct. 19. An icon of the media relations world, Streeter is the longest tenured Division I sports information director in the state and the dean of Mid-American Conference SID. A native of Albion, MI, Streeter is currently in his 39th year with the EMU Athletic media relations office, with 37 of them as the director.
MBA INFORMATION SESSION: Join the College of Business for a MBA information session to learn about the MBA programs at EMU, curriculum, flexibility, admission, success stories, financial aid/scholarship options and much more, Thursday, October 18, 5:30 p.m., Room 201, at the College of Business. Please RSVP to attend the event by clicking Sign up for MBA Information Session. For questions, please contact Beste Windes at bwindes@emich.edu or call 487-4444.

EMU CHAPTER OF PHI BETA DELTA HOLDING ANNUAL MEETING: The Eta Sigma EMU chapter of Phi Beta Delta will hold its annual business meeting Friday, October 19, 9:30 am, in 420 Pray-Harold. This is an international organization of faculty, staff, and students who share an interest in international activities. The annual election of officers will take place at this meeting, as well as a discussion of our involvement in the activities of International Week in November and the recruitment of new members. For further information, please contact Marilyn Wedenoja from Social Work at mwedenoja@emich.edu or call 734-355-1364.

Arts and Entertainment

EMU THEATRE PRESENTS "MERCHANT OF VENICE": EMU's theatre opens their 2012-2013 mainstage season with Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," one of William Shakespeare's most popular yet controversial comedies, that runs Friday, October 19 through Sunday, October 28. All performances will take place in the Quirk Theatre in the Quirk Dramatic Arts Building located at the intersection of East Circle Drive and Best Hall on EMU's Ypsilanti Campus. Ticket prices are $15 regular admission, $12 for students and seniors, $9 for mainstage patrons, no further discounts apply. Tickets are available by phone at 487-2282, in person at the Convocation Center ticket office, the Student Center ticket office or the Quirk Box Office. To purchase tickets online visit: www.emutix.com. Please note that additional fees apply for tickets purchased online or by phone.

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 or follow us on Twitter: emutheatre.

YELAWOLF: SLUMERICAN TOUR AT PEASE AUDITORIUM: Yelawolf: Slumerican Tour featuring special guests Rittz, Trouble Andrew, Dj Vajra will be coming to Pease Auditorium, Saturday, October 27. Tickets are $20 and can be purchase 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.
MATISYAHU COMING TO PEASE AUDITORIUM: Grammy nominated artist Matisyahu will be coming to Pease Auditorium, Thursday, November 8. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. show. Tickets are available at emutix.com or by phone 487-2282. As one of America's most successful touring artists, Matisyahu has spent the summer months co-headlining with the Dirty Heads and making stops in over 50 cities to support his fourth studio album Spark Seeker, which was released to rave reviews. Spark Seeker debuted at No. 19 on the Billboard 200 chart, No.1 on the Reggae Chart, No.3 on the Independent Album Chart and No. 7 on the Digital Album Chart. Also garnering well-deserved acclaim is album track, "Live Like a Warrior" which sat at No.1 on the Reggae Single Chart and "Sunshine" at No. 2 during Spark Seeker's release week.

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

EMU EAGLES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE: Show your support for the EMU Eagles and attend one or all of the football games. Below are the home and away games or click on 2012 football season. For ticket pricing and/or to purchase tickets, go to 2012 Football Tickets.

• Oct. 20, Army, 1 p.m.
• Oct. 27 (at Bowling Green), 3:30 p.m.
• Nov. 1 (at Ohio), 6 p.m.
• Nov. 10, Central Michigan, 1 p.m.
• Nov. 17 (at Western Michigan), 2 p.m.
• Nov. 23, Northern Illinois, TBA
• Nov. 30, vs. MAC Championship
FALL FITNESS CLASSES AT THE REC/IM: The 2012 Fall Group Fitness Program classes have started and run through Friday, Oct. 26. Check out some of the new classes added for this Fall:

• Total Body Conditioning: This is a cross-fit inspired class that will incorporate elements of power, strength, endurance and agility by utilizing high intensity training mixed with dynamic body movements. This class is designed to burn fat while building muscle, increase strength while improving endurance, and develop power while increasing agility.

• Everything Cardio: Designed to energize the body system, burn fat, increase endurance, and focus on the complete body fitness. Turn your boring elliptical workout into a challenging, specific, and self-motivating routine that you will be able to carry with you beyond the class.

• TRX/Kettlebell: This class combines the best of both kettlebell and TRX classes in a terrific, functional and powerful class. It's perfect for those on the fast track to reaching their health and fitness goals. This is the ultimate class for extreme all-round fitness.

• Spin & Sculpt: Start with an intense cardio blast on the spinning bikes simulating a real-life road course up and down hills, over jumps and through speed intervals followed by targeted strength training routine off the bike designed to “burn and sculpt”.

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

PHYSICAL PLANT KEY OFFICE HAS MOVED: The Key office has moved to Central Operations. The key office is located on the 1st floor of the Parking Structure just of Oakwood. The hours remain the same from Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is closed for lunch. At times there will be meetings that the key office must attend. There will be notification stating that the office will be closed and when it will reopen.

Physical Plant Key Information - The Physical Plant is a fast pace growing Department. We are consistently updating our website. Please visit and get acquainted with the many things we do for you all over campus. We would like you to visit our frequently asked questions. Where do I obtain a key, transfer or clearance form? Is a lock change the same as re-keying a lock? What is the procedure for re-keying? What do I do to report a lost key(s)? Please log onto our website and download the updated key form. This has the updated fax number on the form. Also, did you know you have 30 days to pick up your key(s) when notified? After the 30th day if not picked up the key will be recycled and your department will be billed $25.00 per key. These are just a few of many questions we receive daily. It is important to keep up with the policy and procedure of the keys/lock changes and re-keying. Any questions please contact Kaye Tobias at 487-2494 or email at Kstachlew@emich.edu.
NEW EVENTS CALENDAR ON EMU WEBSITE: Would you like to post an event or happening around campus? A new events calendar has been developed by Integrated Content. The "template" is easy to use and gives any user with a My.emich username and password the ability to submit and manage an event. All events are subject to approval. To submit an event, go to the EMU website, click on "calendars," 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.

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.

Scholarships

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS: The office of Extended Programs and Educational Outreach (EPEO) is now accepting scholarship applications for six Winter 2013 CE Scholarship awards. The deadline for submission is Thursday, November 1. Only students enrolled in a program offered at EMU regional sites or EMU-Online are eligible. For additional information and to find the online scholarship application form, go to the Extended Programs and Educational Outreach homepage. Contact Kathy Graham at kgraham@emich.edu or call 487-0427 if you have any questions.

SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: To find out about current scholarship opportunities, go to search scholarships.

On this day... On this day in 1967 - NATO headquarters opened in Brussels.

Quote: "The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too." Samual Butler

Fact: Felix Baumgartner set the world record for skydiving an estimated 39 kilometres (128,000 ft), reaching an estimated speed of 1,342 kilometres per hour (834 mph), or Mach 1.24, on October 14, 2012. The project was called Red Bull Stratos. Jumping to Earth from a helium balloon in the
stratosphere, Saturday, Oct. 14 - he set the altitude record for a manned balloon flight, parachute jump from the highest altitude, and greatest free fall velocity.