Friday, October 26, 2012

SPECIAL NOTICES:

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BUFFET: President Susan Martin's office presents the Annual Thanksgiving Buffet, **Wednesday, November 14**, at the EMU Student Center. Tickets are required. There will be two seatings - one at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. The cost for a ticket is $5.00. Tickets will be on sale at the Quirk Building 12 - 5:30 p.m., the Student Center 1 - 9 p.m. and the Convocation Center 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., weekdays from October 19 through November 9. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, EMU's Vision Office will be collecting cash and packaged food donations for a local charity, in front of the Ballroom during the event. For more information click [HERE](http://www.emich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open-enrollment.php).

BENEFITS ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS NOV. 2: Electronic Enrollment Guides and other important information, including group meeting schedules are posted on the HR/Benefits web page at: [http://www.emich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open-enrollment.php](http://www.emich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open-enrollment.php).

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING: The EMU Board of Regents will hold its October meeting **Tuesday, October 30**. The meeting will be held in Welch Hall. The day will begin with Committee meetings as follows:

- 9 - 9:45 a.m. - Athletic Affairs Committee, 201 Welch Hall
- 9 - 9:45 a.m. - Educational Policy Committee, 205 Welch Hall
- 10 - 10:45 a.m. - Student Affairs Committee, 201 Welch Hall
- 10 - 10:45 a.m. - Faculty Affairs Committee, 205 Welch Hall
- 11 - 11:45 a.m. - Finance, Audit and Investment Committee, 201 Welch Hall

The regular Board of Regents meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., Room 201, Welch Hall.
WASHTENAW COUNTY CLEAN-UP DAY: The Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program will hold a regional environmental clean-up day on **Saturday, October 27**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Rynearson Stadium parking lot (799 N. Hewitt Road). Acceptable materials include glass, cardboard, plastic, paper, scrap metal, freon appliances, household hazardous materials, cleaning supplies, motor oil, oil-based paints, furniture, old tires and electronic equipment. For additional information, please go to [www.recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://www.recycle.ewashtenaw.org) or call 734-222-3827. Residents may be asked to make a small donation (depending upon the item(s) being dropped off). Businesses and out-of-county residents are restricted. No household garbage will be accepted.

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](http://www.sans.org/securityAwareness). Today's tip is:

**Don't click the "unsubscribe" link at the bottom of unsolicited emails.**

Spam filters are catching most unwanted e-mail, but some might still reach you. Most spam is designed to get you to respond with your own email or to click a link to "unsubscribe." When you respond or click the "unsubscribe" link, the sender takes your email address and adds it to a SPAM database of active email addresses. You might then start to receive a large amount of SPAM in your inbox. Do not respond or click the "unsubscribe" links.

HALFWAY TO GOAL FOR UNITED WAY: We are halfway to our goal of $100,000 and almost halfway through the campaign. Even a small gift of $1.00 per week, would make a long-lasting impact by 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. We invite you to be part of the solution. WE INVITE YOU TO LIVE UNITED.

There are 3 ways you can make a donation:

- Express Link: [http://uwwc.unitedwayepledge.org/epledge/emuquick](http://uwwc.unitedwayepledge.org/epledge/emuquick)

- Traditional Link: [http://uwwc.unitedwayepledge.org/](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.

DINING SERVICES CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY: Dining Services will conduct a survey starting **Thursday, November 1** through November 21. It is a quick and simple survey of the many dining locations that we offer at EMU. During the survey you will be able to let us know what you think makes us the best college dining experience or even what improvements we can make to increase your dining experience here. There will be prizes that range from free Advantage Meal Cards to high-end electronics devices that include the Apple IPad 3. Don't miss out on your opportunity to shape this campus into the best dining experience available. For questions or comments regarding the survey, please email to [dining_services@emich.edu](mailto:dining_services@emich.edu) or call 487-0418.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED: The Academic Projects Center, an academic support service offering one-to-one writing, research, communication and technology assistance is pleased to announce the addition of communication consulting services for the fall 2012 term. Communication consultants will be available Mondays from 1 - 3 p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1 - 5 p.m., in the Academic Projects Center, 116 Halle Library, now through the last day of classes. Communication consultants offer training and coaching for individual and group speeches/presentations on content, research, writing, and delivery, including work with visual aids and other presentation technologies. Consultants facilitate communication and decision making when project groups are experiencing conflict, and assist students in the management and reduction of speech/presentation anxiety. Services provided through the generous support of a grant from Women in Philanthropy at EMU and a partnership with the Communication Across the Curriculum Program.
EMU CHILDREN’S INSTITUTE FUNDRAISER: The EMU Children's Institute is selling Savory Sweets cookie dough and popcorn through **Wednesday, November 14**. The 3-pound tub of ready-to-bake cookie dough or popcorn costs $12 per tub, (due with the order). Proceeds ($3.25) will go towards the Children's Institute Family Scholarship Fund. Items will be available for pickup Wednesday, December 5 after 12 p.m. at 1055 Cornell, Fletcher Building, Room 160. For more information, call Beth Kahl, 487-2348.

* TESTING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM: The Eastern Michigan University Department of Public Safety will be conducting a test of its mass notification & emergency communications system, **today, October 26**, at 12 p.m. and will last approximately two minutes. Activation of the system will include an audible test message to all outdoor speakers and to designated in-building speakers for Buell Hall and Wise Hall. This test will not include the EMU text and email messaging system. If you have any questions regarding the testing or other emergency management issues, please contact the Emergency Management Office at 487-0799.

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**

DISSERTATION ORAL DEFENSE: Lara Dixon, from the College of Education, will defend her dissertation, "A Comparison of Priorities and Effectiveness of Female and Male Superintendents in K-12 Public School Districts," **Monday, October 29**, 1 - 3 p.m., Room 310, Porter. For more information, contact James Berry at 487-0255.

PHILOSOPHY GUEST SPEAKER AT EMU: Paul Thompson, professor of Philosophy and Agricultural, Food and Community Ethics at MSU will speak **Tuesday, November 13**, 5:30 - 7 p.m., room 216, Pray-Harrold on "Three Challenges in Food Ethics." Hunger, obesity and sustainability of food production are urgent ethical problems whose scope is global. In this talk, Thompson will examine how these challenges, and their solutions, are related to one another. For more information, contact Peter Higgins, at 487-0419 or email at phiggin1@emich.edu.
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.

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.

- **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

ATTENTION FULL-TIME TENURE TRACK FACULTY: Are you interested in engaging your students in community-based learning? Become a Winter 2013 Academic Service-Learning (AS-L) Faculty Fellow! Academic service-learning is a teaching methodology which engages students in community service as a means of helping them gain a deeper understanding of course objectives, acquire new knowledge, and engage in civic activity.

As an AS-L Faculty Fellow you would receive one course released time for Winter 2013, attend a weekly two-hour semester-long seminar of sharing, exploring, and learning about AS-L with other faculty members, and a revised course syllabus or creative/scholarly initiative with students which integrates an AS-L experience. For more information call the Office of Academic Service-Learning at 487-6570 or email Jessica 'Decky' Alexander, AS-L Director at vtomalia@emich.edu. Deadline for receipt of application is November 12, 2012.
Activities and Events

ST. JUDE'S "UP 'TIL DAWN" FUNDRAISER: The campus community is invited to help raise money for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Join this fun event on Tuesday, October 30, 8 p.m., in the ballroom of the Student Center. All you have to do is register a team and then bring 50 addresses to the event and start writing letters. The event will be a Halloween costume party. There will be a live DJ, pumpkin carving and lots of free prizes and giveaways. To register, go to www.myuptildawn.org.

EMU SCIENCE COMPLEX PHASE II CELEBRATION: All are welcome to attend the celebration of the completion of the Science Complex Phase II on Tuesday, October 30, 3 p.m., 158 Mark Jefferson. Learn more about the renovation, enjoy presentations by faculty and staff, and take a tour of the renovated facility. The program begins at 3 p.m., with a reception including light refreshments immediately following. RSVP to Marian Oswalt at moswalt@emich.edu or call 487-2312.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR MARY SCHMALTZ: Extended Programs and Educational Outreach will host a retirement reception to honor Mary Schmaltz and her more than 37 years of service at EMU. Please join them on Thursday, November 1, 3 - 6 p.m., in Room 352, of the Student Center. To RSVP and/or contribute to a gift for Mary, contact Kathy Graham at kgraham@emich.edu or call 487-0427.

MOCK GRE AND MCAT EXAM: The CSIE program will hold a Mock GRE and MCAT exam on Saturday, November 3, at 10 a.m., in room GL7A/GL7B, in Halle Library. Students must RSVP before Friday, October 26 by emailing the CSIE office at csie.info@emich.edu or by calling 487-0281.
FACULTY HONORED AT TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY: The EMU Alumni Association is proud to announce the seven outstanding faculty members of Eastern Michigan University that will be honored at the 22nd Annual Teaching Excellence Awards ceremony on Saturday, November 3, at 9:30 a.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. Breakfast will be served. Tickets are $15 per person, $8 per student, and $5 for children 12 and under. Purchasing tickets in advance is required. RSVP by calling the Office for Alumni Relations at 487-0250.

The Alumni Association will honor seven distinguished professors:

Brigid Beaubien (Teacher Education)

John G. Cooper (Communication, Media and Theatre Arts)

Margaret A. Crouch (Women's and Gender Studies/History and Philosophy)

Anahita Mistry (Health Sciences)

John M. Palladino (Special Education)

John L. Waltman (Management)

Michael L. Williams (Nursing)

These professors have been selected by alumni and students for their outstanding dedication in the classroom. The professors have displayed a scholarly grasp of their subject matter and created a dynamic classroom learning environment. The Teaching Excellence Awards are sponsored by Meemic and Krumm Agency, LLC. They provide insurance coverage specifically for educators. To learn more, visit: http://meemic.com/emu. Questions? Please contact the Office for Alumni Relations at alumni.relations@emich.edu or 487-0250.

* FALL STUDY ABROAD FAIR: The Fall Study Abroad Fair will be held Tuesday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Room 310, in the Student Center. If you have a program going in 2013 or would like to help with exchange programs, please contact Steven Burwood at 487-2424 or email at sburwood@emich.edu. Feel free to bring video, photos or other artifacts to help spur interest and conversation.
**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, running 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](http://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](http://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](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.

U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND AND SOLDIERS' CHORUS AT PEASE AUDITORIUM: The internationally acclaimed United States Army Field Band of Washington, DC, will continue its long history of presenting free public performances when it appears at Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium on **Thursday, November 1**, at 7:30 p.m.

The Field Band's members, selected through a highly competitive audition, represent some of the finest musical talent in America. More than five decades as the military's most traveled musicians have earned them the title, "The Musical Ambassadors of the Army." Accompanying the Field Band will be the Soldiers' Chorus, which was founded in 1957, this 65-member concert band presents a powerful and diverse program of marches, overtures, popular music, patriotic selections, and instrumental and vocal solos.

The Field Band's concert is sponsored by the EMU Department of Music and Dance and EMU Campus Life. Admission is free and the public is welcome. For additional information about the Field Band's performance at Pease Auditorium, please contact the EMU Department of Music and Dance at 734-487-4380 or [emu.music@emich.edu](mailto:emu.music@emich.edu).
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](http://www.emu.edu/convocation/) or visit the [convocation center facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/emuconvocation).

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](http://www.emu.edu/convocation/) or visit the [convocation center facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/emuconvocation).

**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](http://emu.edu/athletics/football/schedule). For ticket pricing and/or to purchase tickets, go to [2012 Football Tickets](http://emu.edu/tickets/football).  

- 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 2nd session of the 2012 Fall Group Fitness Program will start on Friday, October 29 - 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

DONATION DRIVE BENEFITS SAFEHOUSE: Please support a campus-wide donation drive to benefit SafeHouse, a local non-profit organization that helps people who have experienced domestic violence. We are collecting new toiletries, non-perishable food items, and other personal care items. Donations can be placed in marked donation boxes located in Marshall, Porter, Pray-Harrold, First-Year Center, Halle Library, and the Student Center through Friday, October 26. This donation drive is sponsored by PLSC 112 and WGST 200 Service & Leadership LLC classes. For more information, contact Lisa Laverty at llaverty@emich.edu or 487-3113.

FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Eastern Michigan's SWRK 350, in conjunction with Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, will conduct a food drive on the parking lot of the Student Center building on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2012. Please drive into the parking lot between the hours of 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. to donate your food. All food will be donated to Catholic Social Services in the form of food baskets. Your support will be appreciated.

BOOK DRIVE TO HELP MCNAIR SCHOLARS STUDENTS: The McNair Scholars Program is looking for books that faculty and staff wish to donate for use for scholarly research by students. Any book donation could help. They hope to build a library of resources for McNair students. If you have a book to donate, please email Kelli Dowd at kdowd@emich.edu with your office location and the best time to pick-up the books between now and November 1st. They will have a student come and pick-up the books. If you don't have any books to donate but would still like to help, please purchase a book from Amazon (or other bookstore), or donate funds to their library fund which will be used to find books for these students.
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.

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 1990 - Wayne Gretzky became the first National Hockey League player to reach 2,000 points.

Quote:

"It often takes more courage to change one's opinion than to stick to it." - Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

Fact:

In Point Barrow, Alaska, two California gray whales were freed on this day in 1988 after being trapped for nearly 3 weeks in an Arctic ice pack. A team of Eskimos, Soviet seamen, environmentalist and oil workers cut more than a mile of holes through the ice, allowing the whales to reach deeper water. The mission was dubbed "Operation Breakthrough."

In 2012, a film called "Big Miracle" based on this event debuted and starred Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski.