SPECIAL NOTICES:

"TOYS FOR TOTS" DONATION DRIVE: The Student Chapter of The American Marketing Association is proud to sponsor "Toys for Tots" at the College of Business. They are asking for donations of a new unwrapped toy to be delivered to either of the two "Toys for Tots" drop-off locations listed below:

The Cafe in the College of Business
Fourth floor between Marketing Department & Dean's Suite

They will be collecting toys through Monday, December 17. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Hagood at mhagood@emich.edu.

YEAR-END GIFTS: The end of the year is quickly approaching and The Foundation is asking for your assistance so that they can process year-end gifts in a timely manner. If you have any checks delivered to your office, be sure to include the envelope when sending them to the EMU Foundation for receipting. The IRS requires EMU to prove delivery by December 31, 2012 in order to process a 2012 tax receipt. All gifts that arrive to individual departments during the holidays should be delivered to the EMU Foundation on or before the end of the business day, Monday, January 7, to receive a 2012 tax receipt. Please direct any questions to Cherie Burkheiser, Midge Elkins or Garima Sharma at The Foundation at 484-1322.

THOUGHTS FROM PRESIDENT MARTIN ON UNITED WAY: Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is a community-minded university that has a long-standing relationship with United Way. I am very proud to partner with United Way in improving our community through the support of programs focused on Education, Financial Stability and Health - the building blocks for a good quality life.

As Eastern Michigan continues this year's United Way campaign toward our goal of $100,000, we need your help. Your support can play an important role in improving the lives of those who need our help most and I believe that there is no better way to make a lasting difference in our community than through United Way of Washtenaw County.

Why?

When you give to United Way, your gift stays right here in Washtenaw County and is invested in the programs, partnerships and initiatives critical to our community.
Your one gift helps more than one person, one family or one charity - it helps build a stronger community for all of us.

United Way is the collective power of people working together toward long-term solutions, not short-term fixes.

United Way is focused on results - results that will ensure your gift is making the greatest difference possible.

Whether you are a first-time giver or someone who has supported United Way for many years, your gift is appreciated. Please join me as we help advance United Way’s work in our community. EMU will always be a community-minded university!

There are 3 ways you can make a donation:

Express Link: http://uwwc.unitedwaypledge.org/epledge/emuquick

Traditional Link: http://uwwc.unitedwaypledge.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.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Martin
President

HONORING DENNIS BEAGEN: The campus community is invited to a retirement party today, December 11, beginning at 4 p.m., in Sponberg Theatre to honor Dennis Beagen for his 45 years of incredible service to the University and the Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts. A short program with a musical review of his years at EMU will begin at 4 p.m. in the Sponberg Theatre (please enter the Sponberg from the south side of Quirk). An open house will follow from 4:20 - 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of Quirk. For more information, contact Wendy Kivi at 487-3198 or email at wkivi@emich.edu.

POST AN EVENT TO THE EVENTS CALENDAR: To submit a new event, click on Submit an Event, or go to the EMU website, click "calendars," then click the green button labeled "Submit an Event" (located on the bottom left) and enter your event information. If you need help or have questions, please contact Debra Johnson at djohn144@emich.edu or call 487-2484. All events are subject to approval.
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.

SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY: Please note, EMU TODAY is an internal daily e-blast sent to faculty and staff only. To submit an announcement or post an event, please forward your entry electronically to emu_today@emich.edu. Please be sure to format your entry with a title and include a description of the event, where the event will be held (room and building), the date and time, and a contact name, phone number and/or e-mail address. For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

NOTE: An asterisk denotes a new item.

Lectures and Meetings

DISSERTATION ORAL DEFENSE: Karen Stanley-Kime, M.S., from the Psychology Department, will defend her dissertation, "The Enduring Impact of One-Session Exposure Treatment on Selective Processing Bias and Explicit Memory Avoidance in Snake- and Spider-Fearful Participants," Wednesday, December 12, 9 a.m., Room 327 in Mark Jefferson Science Complex. For more information, contact Ashley Stauffer at 487-1155.

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Graduate Council meetings will be held during the following dates from 2:15 - 4 p.m., in room 203, Marshall. Contact Susan Anderson at 487-0042 or email at sanderson1@emich.edu with questions.

  Friday, December 14
  Friday, January 18, 2013
  Friday, February 15, 2013
  Friday, March 15, 2013
  Friday, April 12, 2013
Activities and Events

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JOHN PRESTON: Please join us in celebrating the long and distinguished career of Associate Professor John Preston, who has been with Eastern Michigan University since 1983. The School of Technology Studies and the College of Technology will be hosting a retirement reception in honor of his retirement on Friday, December 14, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., in Sill Hall. For more information please contact Bonnie Jankovic at 487-1161.

RECEPTION FOR DEB deLASKI-SMITH: After 13 years of administrative service, including the past nine years at the Graduate School, Deb deLaski-Smith is returning to the faculty in the College of Technology. Please join us for a reception honoring her many years of work on behalf of the University. The reception is Friday, December 14, 3:30 - 5 p.m., in the Student Commons Atrium of the Marshall Building. For more information, please contact Robertta Goffeney at 487-3201 or email rgoffen1@emich.edu.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION 2013: Tickets are now on sale for the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. President's Luncheon, to be held Monday, January 21, 2013 in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the program starts at 11:45 a.m. The distinguished guest and keynote speaker is anti-racist activist/essayist, author and educator Mr. Tim Wise. Prices for luncheon tickets are $10 for students; $20 for faculty/staff/community members. Tickets can be purchased at the EMU Convocation Center ticket office and the Student Center ticket office, located on the 1st floor. For more information, please contact Ron Reid at 487-2282.

* DOCUMENTARY ABOUT TRANSGENDERED MALES AND FEMALES: EMU's Psychology Department and Human Sexuality Minor present the documentary "Trans: The Movie," a documentary about transgendered males and females, Thursday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the Student Center Auditorium. "TRANS" is a documentary feature about males and females - and everything in between. It is an "Up Close and Personal" view of the transgender community that will change both your mind and your heart. Mark Schoen, the producer of the movie, will be available for a Q & A session following the screening. He will also be selling copies of his movie. A brief reception will follow. Admission is FREE. Seating in limited and reservations are recommended by calling 487-1155. This event is LBC approved. Go to "TRANS: The Movie" to watch the trailer. For questions, please contact Pam Landau at 487-1155 or email plandau@emich.edu.
Arts and Entertainment

THE NIGHT 89X STOLE CHRISTMAS: Featuring The Killers along with Tegan and Sara, Thursday, December 20, at the EMU Convocation Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $32.50 - $59.50. Tickets are 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.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WINTER DANCE PARTY: Campus Life will be taking an excursion to the Max M. Fisher Music Center for a Winter Dance Party with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, January 26, 2013. This winter dance party presents the biggest hits of Richie Valens ("La Bamba"), The Big Bopper ("Chantilly Lace"), and the legendary Buddy Holly. "That'll Be the Day," "Words of Love," "Peggy Sue." "True Love Ways," and more. We will meet at the Information Desk on the 2nd floor of the Student Center for check-in at 6:15 p.m. Our departure time will be at 6:45 p.m and our return time will be approximately 11 p.m. The cost for this excursion is $10 for Students and $35 for the General Public. The cost includes a bus ride and admission. Tickets can be purchased at all EMU Ticket Offices and are limited to 1 per EMU ID. Tickets go fast so please don't miss out.

Each ticket holder's complete participation is required when they purchase a ticket to an Eastern Excursion. This requires the ticket holder to ride the transportation and attend the event with the entire group. To purchase tickets call or visit the EMU Ticket Office at 487-2282. When you have your ticket, you MUST complete an online registration form that can be found at Campus Life Excursions. For more information contact Campus Life at 487-3045, ext. 22038, campuslife@emich.edu, visit campuslife.emich.edu, find us on Facebook at fb.me/EMUcampuslife and check out our Twitter @EMUcampuslife.

TIESTO: CLUB LIFE COLLEGE INVASION TOUR BRINGS DJ TO CONVOCATION CENTER: Tiësto: 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

Visit EMU Athletics homepage for information about all Eagles athletic games, schedules, rosters and much more. For ticket information, go to EMU Tickets or call the ticket office at 487-2282.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MICHIGAN: The EMU Women's basketball team will face the University of Michigan, Tuesday, December 11, at 7 p.m. at the Convocation Center. Televised on All Access and can also be heard on WEMU (89.1 News Radio). For the complete basketball schedule, go to 2012-13 Women's Basketball schedule or click on Women's Basketball homepage for more information. For more information on season tickets for the Eagles, go to EMU Tickets.

Reminders

VOLUNTEERS AND COLLEGE WORK/STUDY EMPLOYEES NEEDED: The EMU Upward Bound Program seeks highly-motivated and caring volunteers or College Work/Study-eligible employees to assist local high school students with studying, motivation and college preparation. Upward Bound has existed at EMU since 1967 serving participants from nearby Willow Run and Ypsilanti High Schools. Volunteers are needed to work directly with students during "College Club", our after-school study program, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. either Mondays & Wednesdays (Ypsilanti HS), and/or Tuesdays & Thursdays (Willow Run HS). Transportation is provided from EMU to the schools and back. For more information, please contact Mark Jackson at mark.jackson@emich.edu or stop by the Upward Bound office located in 201 Boone Hall. To learn more, please go to EMU Upward Bound homepage.

SKANDALARIS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION ACCEPTING ENTRIES: The Center For Entrepreneurship is accepting entries for the 2013 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 February 8 at the EMU Student Center. The deadline for submitting plans is January 11, 2013. Students can get more information and submit their plans online at Skandalaris Business Plan Competition.

RENT-A-TEXT CHECK-IN: Did you rent your fall textbooks from the EMU Campus Bookstore? The check-in deadline is Friday, December 21. Avoid any fees by checking in your titles at the Eastern Eateries between December 10 - 13, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. or at the EMU Campus Bookstore, in the Student Center before December 21. Please review your rental patron account online to verify titles due. Please visit the EMU Campus Bookstore for more information or call us at 483-2850 or email 0976mgr@fheg.follett.com. Visit the EMU Campus Bookstore with your Eagle ID and your non-rental titles to ask about buyback.
HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO COOK: The EMU Children's Institute cookbook is a great gift idea for those on your shopping list who like to cook. The cookbook is filled with over 140 recipes contributed by families and EMU staffers. The cookbook is only $10.00 (spiral bound) and $5.00 for the CD (cash or check). Proceeds go 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.

WINTER 2013 TUITION WAIVER DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting tuition waivers for Winter 2012 is Wednesday, January 16, 2013. All tuition waivers must be submitted to the Benefits Office, 140 McKenny Hall. You can also fax your waiver to 487-4389. Tuition waivers submitted after Wednesday, January 16, 2013, will not be submitted for approval. For questions, contact Helene Neely at 487-3195, or hneely@emich.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM NOMINATIONS: The 33rd Undergraduate Symposium will be held next year on Friday, March 22, 2013. The online nomination process for students to present at the Symposium is open and you can go to Symposium Nomination Submission for more information. This one-day event is a showcase of students sharing the results of their research and creative academic activities in a conference format through oral presentations, poster displays or Design Expo exhibits. Email Wendy Kivi with questions at wkivi@emich.edu or call 487-3198.

Scholarships

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

On this day...On this day in 1946 - The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established by the U.N. General Assembly. The fund provides relief to children in countries devastated by war.

Quote: “Probably my worst quality is that I get very passionate about what I think is right." - Hillary Clinton
Fact: The first recorded sighting of the Aurora Borealis was on this day in New England in 1719. An aurora (plural: aurorae or auroras; from the Latin word aurora, "dawn") is a natural light display in the sky particularly in the high latitude (Artic and Antarctic) regions, caused by the collision of energetic charged particles with atoms in the high altitude atmosphere (thermosphere). The charged particles originate in the magnetosphere and solar wind and, on Earth, are directed by the Earth's magnetic field into the atmosphere.