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EMU to honor its best and brightest during Salute to Excellence Week

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Eastern Michigan University takes time to honor its best and brightest students, faculty and staff at its annual Salute to Excellence Week, March 23-30.

The **11th Annual Graduate Research Fair** kicks off the Salute to Excellence Week Monday, March 23. The Graduate Research Fair showcases outstanding research and creative projects by EMU graduate students. Presentations or poster/display sessions may include: dissertation research, thesis research, independent study projects, capstone experiences or special projects; examples of art, music and theatrical performances; and outcomes from practicum and internship experiences.

Graduate School Interim Dean Deb deLaski-Smith said that 216 students will participate in the event. When the Graduate Research Fair began 11 years ago, 50 students presented. Every college and a vast majority of the departments will be represented. She also said that the Fair gives many students the opportunity to practice their presentations before presenting at larger conferences.

"The students are sharing their findings, sometimes, with people not in their discipline. It challenges the students to carefully articulate the meaning and the relevance of their work. The audience is not discipline specific. It's the entire University," said deLaski-Smith.

A luncheon is scheduled for 11:45 a.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. Students who have received scholarships throughout the year will be honored. New awards also will be presented. Oral and poster presentations are scheduled 1-5:30 p.m. and take place throughout the Student Center.

Norman Hord, an assistant professor of nutritional sciences at Michigan State University, is the Sigma Xi keynote speaker. Hord will present, "Dietary Guide to Prevent Cancer," at 6 p.m., in the Student Center Auditorium. For more information, call 487-0042.

The **Employee Service Recognition Breakfast** is scheduled Tuesday, March 24, 8:30 a.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the program at 9 a.m. Retirees and employees of EMU will be recognized for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. Each honoree will receive a brochure from which to order an individual gift. For more information, contact Jeanette Hassan at 487-3195.

The **Student Gold Medallion Awards** are set for Tuesday, March 24, 3:30 p.m., in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. The Student Gold Medallion Awards honor students who exemplify the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management's commitment to service and leadership. The ceremony honors students who have made significant, ongoing contributions to the success of divisional programs, activities or services. Award categories include student ambassador, leadership, mentorship, student employee performance, graduate assistant performance, service delivery, advocacy and volunteerism. The Gold Medallion is the most prestigious



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