

# Communication, Media and Theatre Arts Alumni Chapter Newsletter

SEPTEMBER, 2009



*Fall is a great time to come 'home.' There's so much to do! We'll be looking for you.*

## Welcome Back!

### Positive Vibes As 2009-10 Begins

Months in the planing, the academic year at Eastern Michigan and Communication, Media and Theatre Arts began with many positive signs.

From the opening staff meeting on September 8 through the first week of classes, there was a whole lot of fun and a whole lot of love, CMTA style, on campus.



**Much to be happy about!** In these fast facts, you'll see that there is a *lot* to be happy about, both for EMU and CMTA.

### Fast Facts

EMU enrollment is up 4.3%

CMTA Records:

- 89 Full & Part Time Faculty
- 100+ Total Staff & Faculty
- 264 Classes Being Taught
- 1200 Declared CMTA Majors
- 400 Declared CMTA Minors
- 7,000+ Credit Hours Enrolled



CMTA alumnus Brian Carbine, '09, designed this new logo for CMTA this summer. Brian is now working as a Graduate Assistant specializing in Theatre. Thanks for the great design, Brian!

**Inside:** Pictures from the **Welcome Back Party**  
**Meet** those who run our offices  
Schedules of **Fall Events**

**Come home in October!**  
**Homecoming events** and **Teaching Excellence Awards** are reasons to come home in October.

## Welcome Back Party

On the first Thursday of classes, the Department threw a 'Welcome Back' party for faculty, staff and students. Even passers-by were welcome to stop for some food, frivolity and friendship. *Thanks to Pam Cardell for the fun photos.*



## Meet the Good People Who Run Our CMTA Offices



L-R: Nichole Brown, Cherese Colston, Krista Austin, Wendy Kivi and Meggie Brammer.  
Not pictured: Ali Fournier and Corey Kovoch.



L-R: Charlie Jabour, Pam Cardell, Ann Hammerberg, Brian Carbine and Megan Wurster.  
Not pictured: Randy Brown, Kate Ehman, Katrina Kubisiak and Katlyn Watroba.

## What Did YOU Do On Summer Vacation?

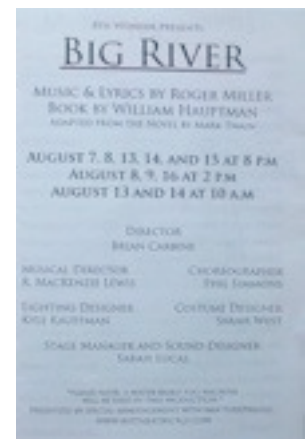
### We were in a Parade

It may be a small town, but Glen Arbor, MI, throws one heck of a parade! Thousands of spectators line the route where hundreds of cars, floats, bands and marchers entertain for 2 hours. CMTA grads John Rice, Pat Barry and Becky Barry joined EMU Gymnastics Coach Steve Wilce and his wife Devvon and dog Bear for the event. *Hooray!*



### We Produced a Show

The beautiful new Cherry Hill Village Theatre hosted *Big River*, a musical adaptation of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Key in the production were CMTA theatre family members Brian Carbine, Ryan Lewis, Andrea Shipp and Phil Simmons. A great show, *Big River* also showcased the incredible talent and motivation of our CMTA crew. *Bravo!*



### We Worked With Kids

In partnership with the DTE Energy Foundation, EMU students spent their summer spreading electrical safety messages to children ages 4-6 throughout Southeast Michigan. EMU alumna Marisa D'Luge is in her 'Louie the Lightning Bug' costume as EMU senior Doug Crandall presents. The CMTA students teams traveled to 44 sites, did 123 presentations and delivered electrical safety information to 4,300 children. *Safety first!*



Wendy Kivi photo

### We Got Married

What would summer be without a wedding? CMTA alumna Amy Clark, '05, '07, married Nate Bearinger on July 31st in Dearborn, Michigan. They are just getting ready to move into their first home. Amy is an adjunct lecturer who teaches and assists Wendy Kivi and Dennis Beagen with EMU's Annual Undergraduate Symposium. *Best wishes!*



Amy Clark Bearinger photo

# Come Home! There's So Much To Do!

## Homecoming & CMTA Chapter Recognition

October 3

- 11 am - 1 pm** We'll have a 'Meet & Greet' table under the **Alumni Tent**. (In front of the stadium entrance.) Come have your picture taken with our Chapter of the Year banner!
- 1 pm - 4 pm** **Football game** versus Temple University.  
**The CMTA Alumni Chapter will be honored during the 3rd quarter of the game.**
- 5 pm - 7 pm** Join us at the **Tower Inn** (on Cross Street, across from Pease Auditorium). We'll have time to make and renew friendships. Dinner and a beverage will be on us. Please **reserve your spot** with Pat Barry at [cmta\\_alumni@emich.edu](mailto:cmta_alumni@emich.edu) or (734) 716-1564.

## Teaching Excellence Awards

October 24

Join us in honoring two of CMTA's finest professors: Pirooz Aghssa and Doris Fields. Show them the love by coming. This is truly an outstanding event that will be gratifying to Pirooz and Doris and very rewarding to you. Please join us!

- 9:30 - 11:30 am** EMU Student Center. \$15.00 for adult, \$8.00 for student. Breakfast and awards. Reserve through Wendy Kivi, (734) 487-3198 or Alumni Relations Office, (734) 487-0250.

### Forensics

October  
3-4 '74 Swing,' Illinois State  
10-11 'A-K Rowdy,' Akron  
23-24 'Age of Aquarius,' Ball State  
30-31 'Autumn Mountains,' Berry

November  
7-8 'Norton Invitational,'  
Bradley University  
21-22 'Birds of a Feather,' CMU

December  
4-6 'Holiday Frolic,' Ohio State  
12 MISL Fall Tourn., Delta

January  
22-24 'Tower Invitational,' EMU

Information: [emu4n6@gmail.com](mailto:emu4n6@gmail.com)

### Theatre

October 23, 24, 25, 30, 31  
*A Funny Thing Happened On the Way  
To The Forum*

### Children's Theatre

December 4,5,6,10,11,12  
*The Prince the Wolf and the Firebird*

Fall Touring Show  
*Jonathan Livingston Seagull*

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### Interpretation/Performance Studies

October 8-10  
LSSU Performance Festival  
'Performing History/Historical  
Performance' theme.

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### Arts Management

November 18-19  
Annual University Arts Festival  
EMU Student Center

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