

President's Report
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
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Chair Newton and Distinguished Members of the Board of Regents:

I want to take a moment to recognize this year's Homecoming, which carries special significance as we celebrate Eastern Michigan University's 175th anniversary. This milestone is a powerful reminder of the traditions, accomplishments, and strong community we've built over the years.

Homecoming Week is filled with a diverse array of activities that engage students, alumni, faculty, and families – yes, we are also celebrating Family Weekend this week—from cultural events and academic and culinary showcases to the much-anticipated Homecoming football game. These events highlight the spirit and unity of our University. We've had great enthusiasm to start the week and I look forward to seeing our students and campus community members at some of the many events taking place. I encourage everyone to visit our dedicated websites for a complete schedule of [Homecoming](#) and [Family Weekend](#) events.

Now, let's focus on some key initiatives and strategic matters that speak to our continued commitment to academic excellence, student success, and institutional growth.

Today's action by the Board of Regents to approve the \$53.8 million General Fund Scholarships proposal for the 2025-26 academic year reflects EMU's commitment to support students and families. The approved amount represents a 12% increase from a decade ago.

University financial aid supports more than 60% of our total student population, and about 90% of our first-year students. Our high level of financial support exemplifies the University's mission as an institution of opportunity.

U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges" rankings continue to recognize the excellence of our programs. This year, the undergraduate nursing program climbed 79 places in the national rankings. We were also ranked as a "Best" in undergraduate engineering and psychology. Earlier this year, U.S. News ranked our online business and education programs among the best in the nation.

We're proudly featuring 21 Presidential Scholars who have joined our community. Individual profiles of the students are being posted on EMU Today. Two of the profiles are currently posted. [Khatab Alkhashali](#) from West Bloomfield plans to pursue a degree

in mechanical engineering. [Caroline Buxton](#), originally from New Hampshire and raised in Arkansas, plans to explore theatre and artistic interests.

The EMU Presidential Scholarship is Eastern's most prestigious award, covering full tuition, fees, and room and board for four years. Presidential Scholars are active and engaged members of The Honors College at EMU. Follow EMU Today for profiles of the remaining 19 Presidential Scholars.

Eastern's three refugee students from the Welcome Corps on Campus initiative are off to a strong start in their academic journeys. As announced over the summer, EMU was the first university in the U.S. to participate in the initiative, which aims to support students from refugee camps around the world whose studies have been interrupted.

This fall, the students from Syria, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, arrived on campus. The U.S. State Department launched the program in partnership with six national non-governmental organizations, including the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration.

We proudly lead this national effort and welcome these students to our campus. Providing refugee students with the resources and support they need to succeed in their academic journeys is not only a humanitarian effort but also a valuable addition to the diversity and richness of the Eastern Michigan University community. It exemplifies our "All Are Welcome Here" commitment, visible on signage throughout the campus and community.

Before I close, I'd like to thank the tremendous effort our teams have put into preparing for our Oct. 26 [Explore Eastern Open House](#). This event is a vital part of our strategy to attract the next generation of Eastern Michigan students and help them achieve their dreams and careers as we have done for thousands of students in our 175 years.

Additional information and accomplishments are listed in the appendix to this report on the University's website.

Thank you, Chair Newton.

James M. Smith, Ph.D.
President

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Recognition

- EMU senior and full-time nurse **Sherry Young** won **Praise and Worship CD of the Year and Special Event CD of the Year** at the **2024 Rhythm of Gospel Music Awards** for her instrumental flute album, "Solid Rock."
- The **Information Assurance Student Association** celebrated consecutive wins in the spring **2024 National Cyber League** competition. Competing against more than 500 participating colleges and universities, **EMU placed seventh in the nation and first in Michigan.**
- Eastern has been awarded the title of **Grand National Champion** at the **2024 U.S. Open College Beer Championship**. The championship is an annual competition showcasing the talents of college and university brewing programs nationwide. The beers entered in the competition were designed as a part of an advanced course in EMU's **Fermentation Science** program. Competing against eleven schools nationwide, EMU earned **three gold medals** in the open competition and secured a third-place finish in the head-to-head competition.
- **Christina Marsack-Topolewski**, associate professor of **Social Work**, recently presented her groundbreaking research on family caregiving for autistic individuals at the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) meeting at the **National Institute of Mental Health**, a part of the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**.
- **Tsu-Yin Wu**, professor and director of the **Center for Health Disparities Innovations and Studies at Eastern Michigan University**, was recently invited by **The White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Office of Public Engagement** to participate in a pivotal in-person roundtable focused on assessing and addressing the impact of gun violence on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities.
- **EMU Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships** have been awarded to 41 faculty members. Receiving fellowships were **Eric Acton, Amanda Allen, Jin Bo, Jessica Elton, Bradley Ensor, Bilquis Ferdousi, Jason Ferguson, Maria Luz Garcia, Jessica Grimmone-Hopkins, Ana Claudia Harten, Deborah Heyl-Clegg, Holly Hopkins, Kathryn Hughesdon, Christine Hume, Chris Hyndman, Khairul Islam, Jesse Kauffman, Myung-Sook Koh, Natasa Kovacevic, Renee Lajiness-O'Neill, Hailee Lauritzen, Rebecca Louick, Lois Mahoney, Laxmikant Manroop, John McCurdy, Laura McMahan, Aesha Mustafa, Margaret Paauw, John Palladino, Eric Portenga, Michael Reedy, Jodonnis Rodriguez, Nick Romerhausen, Rechel Schroeder, Eric Schulz, J. Michael Scoville, Brian Sellers, Ourania Spantidi, Tom Suchan, Christina Marsack-Topolewski, and Guey-Meei Yang.**

- **Eastern** has been ranked **24th in the nationally accredited Master's in Human Resources** programs in the nation by **Intelligent.com**.
- Eastern's **Nursing** program jumped 79 spots in the rankings in the nation by **U.S. News and World Reports**.
- The **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency** has recognized EMU's **Military and Veteran Services** as among the **best in Michigan** for its commitment to improving experiences for military-connected learners and fostering innovation in support of veterans. The gold status recognition reflects Eastern's exceptional commitment to providing innovative programs and services for veterans.
- The **College of Business** has been named one of the nation's **best graduate business schools** for the 20th consecutive year by the **Princeton Review**.
- Eastern has been recognized as one of the nation's top 390 colleges and a leading institution in the Midwest, according to the 2025 rankings **Best 390 Colleges: 2025 Edition** by the **Princeton Review**.
- EMU has been recognized as a leader in student voter engagement by the **ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge**, earning three prestigious awards from the **Mid-American Conference** for the 2022 midterm elections. Eastern earned **Highest Voter Turnout, Highest Voter Registration, and Most Improved Voter Turnout**.
- Eastern was the **first university in the nation** to announce its participation in the **Welcome Corps on Campus** program. Launched by the U.S. State Department in partnership with six nationwide NGOs, including the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, the program aims to support refugee students whose studies have been interrupted.
- The Eastern Michigan University **Department of Athletics** was selected as the winner of the **1-MAC Institution Award** for the 2023-24 academic year. This marks the first time EMU has been honored with this prestigious recognition, highlighting its efforts in fostering diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) within its athletic programs.
- For 44 years, **John C. Fountain** was the "Voice of EMU Athletics," telling the stories of countless triumphs, heartaches, and memorable moments in EMU sports. On September 21, EMU dedicated the broadcast booth inside Rynearson Stadium to this legend—fittingly naming it the **John C. Fountain Broadcast Booth**.
- EMU has been named to **Forbes' List of America's Best-In-State Employers 2024**. The ranking is based on an independent survey from a vast sample of over 160,000 employees working for companies employing at least 500 people

within the U.S. The ranking is open to companies from all industry sectors. Around 4.4 million employer evaluations were considered.

- **Ypsilanti** was ranked **5th Best College Town** in the country by **Zillow**. Ypsilanti's high ranking is a testament to its vibrant community, historical charm, diverse festivals, and dynamic arts and music scene.
- EMU Theatre Arts alumni **James Bolosh** (BS91) and **Michael Page** (BS02) each scored big professional wins at the 2024 Tony Awards ceremony. Bolosh is one of the producers of "Stereophonic," which won Best Play, and Page is the general manager of the Lincoln Center, which hosted the event.
- EMU alumna **Rachel Evans**, BFA, Graphic Design, turned her senior class project into an expertly designed and self-published book. The project began as an assignment to explore the University's archives and design a booklet based on the content that intrigued her, then grew from a classroom project to a 238-page book, ***Pictorial History of Eastern Michigan University***.
- The Eastern Michigan University E-Club Alumni Chapter, the official varsity athletic letter winners club, has announced the addition of four new members to the **E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame**. The Class of 2024 includes **Kory Hallas** (men's basketball), **Tavelyn James** (women's basketball), **Matt Shoemaker** (baseball), and **Gina Tempro** (women's track and field).
- Former EMU football players **Chad Ryland** and **Sidy Sow** have been inducted into the **EMU Football Ring of Honor** at Rynearson Stadium.

Of Note

- Eastern Michigan University has been awarded **\$371,976** by the **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services** (MDHHS) as part of a statewide initiative to increase the number of master's degree-level social workers in the behavioral health workforce. Under the initiative, Eastern's **Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) to MSW Program** will offer a \$30,000 stipend to bachelor's-level social workers to seek their master's. The program, designed to meet the increasing demand for qualified behavioral health professionals across the state, provides financial support to students who enroll in Eastern's full-time advanced standing MSW program and commit to at least two years of full-time employment in public sector behavioral health in Michigan.
- The **Southeast Michigan Stewardship Coalition (SEMIS)** at Eastern Michigan University has been awarded a **\$75,000 grant** from the **Bosch Community Fund**. The funding will help support the Coalition's mission to broaden the reach of Eco-STEM place-based learning, engaging more students and educators in the region with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education to improve local environmental conditions and practices.

- **Eastern** received **\$25,000** from the **Whirlpool Corporation for 10 Whirlpool Brotherhood Sisterhood Scholars Scholarships**. This gift was one of three contributions to support the institution's scholarships and programming. Whirlpool also contributed **\$10,000** to the **EMU Black Alumni Endowed Scholarship** program, and an additional **\$10,000** to sponsor this year's **Black Homecoming** events.
- The **Bruce T. Halle Library** has undergone a significant transformation, made possible by a generous donation from the **Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation**. The contribution funded the creation of new, innovative spaces to enhance student support, foster collaboration across the campus, and **strengthen community engagement**.
- The **Preservation Studies** program has officially embarked on the second phase of a comprehensive survey of Detroit's African American civil rights history. This initiative, supported by a **National Park Service grant**, will concentrate on the city's east side. The project began with a review of historical records from the Detroit Black Historic Sites Committee, covering documents from 1971 to the present. Places identified in these records will be integrated into EMU's Black Heroes of Detroit geodatabase, a comprehensive historical geographic information system documenting Detroit's African American heritage sites. The research team will map the results and engage with residents and groups in three historically Black neighborhoods on Detroit's east side, inviting them to share their knowledge of other significant sites. This collaborative effort will uncover lesser-known places and open new research avenues. Findings will be showcased through an online driving tour and a final illustrated report.
- The **College of Arts and Sciences** has appointed **Joey Quiñones** as the 2024-25 **McAndless Distinguished Professor Chair in the Humanities**. Quiñones, a nationally recognized artist and scholar and the head of fiber at Cranbrook Academy of Art, will lead the "Marking Place" project, an interdisciplinary initiative involving discussions, public lectures, exhibitions, and collaborative artistic experiences centered around the role of public monuments and sculptures on EMU's campus and throughout Ypsilanti.
- While the world shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic, journalists remained on the front lines, informing the public with every developing news angle. **You Li**, associate professor of Journalism, completed a **new oral history project that features 33 women journalists from 25 countries and regions** identified by the Coalition for Women in Journalism. These women, representing freelancers as well as staff journalists from major outlets like *The New York Times* and the *Associated Press*, shared their unique stories of covering the pandemic while managing loss, isolation, and professional inequities.
- **Dr. Thomas Traynor** has been named the interim dean of the **College of Business**. Traynor previously served as dean of the Raj Sooin College of Business at Wright State University in Ohio.

- **Nine McNair Scholars** students attended the **2024 National McNair Conference hosted by UCLA**. The event provided opportunities for McNair Scholars nationwide to network, explore potential programs of interest at a graduate opportunities fair, and engage in culturally immersive experiences in Los Angeles.
- Nine Eastern students traveled to **Slovakia** in June to teach local youth English and the importance of active citizenship. In association with the **Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)** program, the week-long trip allowed participants to work with international students from Slovakia and Spain to develop their skills as future educators.
- EMU served as a second home during the summer for international students pursuing careers in health care from **Chang Gung University in Taiwan**. The one-month visit is part of a **cultural exchange program** to introduce students to Western medicine and American culture and foster the sharing of ideas to enhance patient care. This year's program, led by **Deanna Gower and Melissa Kachaturoff** from EMU's **Nursing program**, was funded through an educational grant awarded to the participating university.
- 18 members of the **EMU Honors Crochet and Knitting Club** completed 177 community service hours during the 2023-2024 academic year while creating 26 hats, 16 blanket squares, and 2 baby blankets. The items were donated to two different charities: **Knit Michigan and Warm Up America**. Knit Michigan sends comfort care items to cancer centers and hospitals throughout Michigan, while Warm Up America distributes clothing, winter warmth items, and comfort items to those in need. Plum Tree Yarn Shop, located in Milan, MI, donated the majority of the yarn used by the group. The shop collects yarn donations from members of the community and assists the club in distributing the items it produces. The club also receives donations from friends, family, and members.
- **USRowing** announced Ypsilanti Township as the destination for USRowing's **2025 RowFest National Championships**. In partnership with the Ann Arbor Sports Commission, Eastern Michigan University, and Ypsilanti Township, RowFest – one of the nation's largest rowing community events – will see racing commence at Ford Lake, with community, learning and development, and social events hosted in Ypsilanti Township and the Ann Arbor area.
- **EMU Athletics** unveiled the **Ypsi Connect program**, an innovative branding initiative designed to strengthen the connection between EMU Athletics and the surrounding Ypsilanti community. The Ypsi Connect program introduces a new alternate branding identity that celebrates Eastern Michigan's rich history and deep roots in Ypsilanti.
- **EMU Athletics** secured more than **\$14.5 million** in pledges and commitments during fiscal year 2024 through the unwavering generosity of alumni, fans, and friends, marking the highest total in the Department's history.

- Self-care and fear of failure are the subjects of recent episodes of “**Enlighten U**,” a mental health podcast for students. The podcast can be found on EMU’s YouTube channel and is available from podcast services.
- A new four-legged staff member, **Tinker**, a “Paws With A Cause” facility golden retriever, has arrived on campus. Tinker will provide emotional comfort and relief to students and the EMU campus community. Facility dogs are professionally trained and work with a trainer or handler to serve multiple people who need social interaction, recovery motivation, comfort, and a feeling of safety.

Events

- EMU hosted a watch party on October 16 to spotlight the achievements of 10 EMU students starring in **Amazon Prime’s “The College Tour,”** a show that highlights the diverse and inspiring journeys of students across the country. Students featured in the show are **Elena Davis, Hamzah Dajani, Aniseh Jaber, Wynton Love, Kyle Martin, Lamarr Mitchell, Arnecia Paul, Fah Pitaktouyhan, Christina Trotta, and Vheena Villareal.**
- The world-renowned vocal group, **The Temptations**, performed alongside the EMU Marching Band during the football game against Miami University on October 12 at Rynearson Stadium. Adding to the excitement, EMU alumnus and Detroit native **Jawan M. Jackson**, who joined The Temptations in 2022, returned to his alma mater for this highly anticipated performance.
- The **College of Business** hosted its second annual **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Justice speaker series** featuring EMU alumnus **Michael Pugh**, president, chief executive officer, and a board director of Local Initiatives Support Corporation, on October 2. Pugh shared his story of climbing the ranks of some of the nation’s largest financial institutions and his experience leading community investment programs that scaled opportunities for millions of people.
- The **LGBT Resource Center** celebrated its 30th anniversary on October 2 with a reception and exhibit of the Center’s highlights since its founding.
- The **EMU Marching Band** held its annual **March-A-Thon** in the streets of Ypsilanti on September 28.
- The **GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology** hosted a **TechTalk** featuring alumni **Brian Turnbull**, mayor of the City of Northville, and **Doug Wallace**, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, on September 25. They discussed how the city of Northville and Northville Township are driving transformative redevelopment and infrastructure improvements through Public-Private Partnerships.

- **Dr. Ron Flowers**, professor of Leadership & Counseling, discussed the components of communities of caring on September 25 as part of the **Star Lecture** series in the **Honors College**.
- The **Center for Jewish Studies** dedicated its newly renovated office space with a special event on September 24. The event, held at the Center's new location in Halle Library, recognized a major naming gift from **Art and Mary Schuman**.
- Southeast Michigan journalists **Nolan Finley** and **Stephen Henderson** inspired thought-provoking conversation on the value of civil discourse and understanding diverse viewpoints during the **Upshur Institute for Civic Education's Constitution Week Celebration** on September 19.
- Eastern participated in the “**Detroit, Selma, and the Civil Rights Movement**” symposium to explore the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement and address contemporary social justice issues, on September 16. The event featured an impressive lineup of Civil Rights Movement veterans and expert speakers, offering attendees deep insights into the historical connections between Detroit and Selma and sparking critical dialogue on the future of civil rights, social justice, and voting rights. The event was co-sponsored by the **Department of Africology and African American Studies** and the **EMU Civil Rights and Social Justice Center**.
- A dedication ceremony for the new **Windgate Arts Complex** was held on September 12 to celebrate the Windgate Foundation's **\$3.4 million contribution**, pivotal in funding the cutting-edge facility, as well as honoring the many private large donations made by friends of EMU's **School of Art and Design**. The 23,000 sq. ft. facility on the northwest corner of campus houses various art programs such as ceramics, sculpture, digital fabrication, and furniture design, offering students fresh resources in a state-of-the-art environment.
- A public screening of the critically acclaimed documentary “**Class of Her Own**” was held on September 10. Directed by **award-winning filmmaker Boaz Dvir**, “Class of Her Own” tells the story of a highly innovative teacher working in an under-resourced elementary school. The film showcases how Gloria Jean Merriex revamped the curriculum using methods like hip-hop, dance, and call-and-response to better connect with her students and improve their learning outcomes. The screening was sponsored by the **Department of Africology and African American Studies**.
- In a new initiative to create a global classroom experience, the **GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology** hosted a **virtual “Cybersecurity in Aerospace Engineering” workshop** on August 28, connecting with students from the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay**.
- Eastern's annual **Eaglefest** was held on August 27. The event is for students to explore the hundreds of student clubs and organizations on campus.

- **Eastern** and nonprofit partner **STEM Flights** collaborated to inspire the next generation of aerospace professionals with **Aerospace Day** at Willow Run Airport. More than 50 local high school students participated in the flight experience on August 16.
- **Eastern** celebrated **TruEMU Night with the Detroit Tigers** who took on the Kansas City Royals on August 1 at Comerica Park. The event drew more than 500 alumni, students, employees, and supporters for a night of baseball and Eastern Michigan University pride.
- The **GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology** hosted its inaugural **Order of the Engineer** Ceremony on August 10. The event brought together alumni and recent graduates of the college, celebrating their transition from students to professionals. By taking the Obligation of the Engineer and wearing the stainless steel ring on their working hand, participants publicly pledged to practice integrity, fairness, and respect in their professional endeavors.
- To celebrate **EMU's 175th anniversary** **Eastern** hosted a **historic walking tour** of campus on July 24. The tour focused on instructional spaces that have played a significant role in EMU's history.
- EMU alumnus **Ryan Place** transformed his vision of celebrating books "Detroit-style" into a reality with the **Detroit Bookfest** event on July 21 in Eastern Market. The inception of Bookfest was driven by Place's desire to unite Metro Detroit's diverse group of book dealers, bookstores, authors, collectors, and readers.

Athletics

- Baseball (Men): **Nick Chittum, Logan Hugo, Bobby Jones, Blake McRae, Logan Milene, Glenn Miller, Cory Taylor, and Cooper Vance** were named to the **Academic All-MAC Team**.
- Baseball (Men): The team earned the American Baseball Coaches Association's **(ABCA) Team Academic Excellence Award**.
- Cross Country (Women): **Isabella Brent, Esme Davies, Alyson Davis, Fleur van der Linden, and Tabatha Walford** were named to the **CSC Academic All-District Team**.
- Cross Country (Men): **Ronnie Brandal, Kyle Martin, Callum Robinson, Linus Vennemann, and Almighty Williamson** were named to the **CSC Academic All-District Team**.
- Football (Men): **JT Killen** was named to the **Shrine Bowl 1000** list. The East-West Shrine Bowl is the longest-running college all-star football game in the

nation and provides top college players a chance to showcase their talents to NFL scouts.

- Football (Men): **David Carter Jr.** is one of 178 nominated for the **2024 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team**, an organization that recognizes college football student-athletes for their unwavering commitment to community service and their "good works" off the field.
- Football (Men): **Jesus Gomez** set a **school record with a 57-yard field goal** against the University of Washington. Gomez also kicked another 50-yard field goal, completing a double 50+ for the first time in program history.
- Gymnastics (Women): The team ranked **14th in the country** on the **WCGA Scholastic All-American** list. **Gianna Antonio, Cassie Bergin, Raisa Boris, Abigail Brushwood, Katherine Butler, Gwendelyn Cantu, Ella Chemotti, Genae Daniel, Alana Fisher, Jordan Jankowski, Priya Karle, Emma Lewis, Kyrie Lowe, Trinity Macy, Brooke Maycroft, Anna McCullough, Molly Parris, Jacquelyn Patterson, Sophia Rios, and Taylor Wetherbee** were named **WCGA Academic All-Americans**.
- Lacrosse (Women): The team was named to the **Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Academic Honor Squads** list.
- Rowing (Women): USRowing selected Eastern as the host of **World University Championships USRowing Training Camp**. Eagles Head Coach Kemp Savage coached the women's team, which included EMU student-athlete **Lily Wilhelm**. After training on Ford Lake from June 5-30, American student-athletes went to Rotterdam, Netherlands, and competed from July 3-6 against student-athletes from around the globe in the World University Championships. **Coach Savage and Lily Wilhelm led the United States women's eights boat to the gold medal.**
- Swimming & Diving (Women): The team earned the **Scholar All-America Award** from the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) for the 2024 spring semester, marking the Eagles' 22nd time garnering the award.
- Track & Field: Five student-athletes competed against some of the world's best U20 athletes at the **2024 World Athletics Championships**, held in Lima, Peru, on Aug. 27-31. **Paige Marchant** competed for Canada in the 1500m event. **Nikol Antoniadi** represented Greece in the 100m hurdles. **Fiaku Ezechukwuchiri** competed for Nigeria in the high jump. **Ryan Johnson**, Team USA, and **Jake McEachern**, Team Canada, competed in the hammer throw.
- Tennis (Women): The team has been named to the **2024 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team** list. Individual players named to the list were **Sabrina Brichackova, Regina Mendez, Andrea Quiroz, and Vidisha Reddy.**

- Track & Field (Women): The women's team was named to the **USTFCCCA All-Academic Team** list. Individuals also named to the All-Academic Team were **Miranda Cadwell, Esme Davies, and Anita Zaro.**
- Track & Field (Men): The men's team was named to the **USTFCCCA All-Academic Team** list. Individuals also named to the All-Academic Team were **Ronnie Brandal, Brendan Hill, Ryan Johnson, Jake McEachern, Callum Robinson, and Almighty Williamson.**
- Volleyball (Women): For the 20th consecutive academic year, the team has earned the **American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award.**
- Track & field alumna **Brittini Mason** completed her second **Paralympic Games**, earning **two silver medals** in the T47 100m dash and T47 200m dash
- Former Eastern Michigan University Men's Track & Field student-athlete **Donald Scott** qualified for the **United States' 2024 Olympic Team.** Scott completed competition in his second Olympic Games, placing 14th in the preliminary round of the men's triple jump in Paris.

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