

President's Report
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents' Meeting
April 16, 2013

Eastern welcomed the largest incoming undergraduate class in 164 years of 5,076 students last fall and at the April 28 commencement ceremonies we anticipate a record number of graduates. Eastern alumnus Scott Reynolds, producer and executive story editor of the hit TV series *Dexter*, will speak to graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology. Eastern alumnus Robert Holman, retired top executive of Discount Tire and the person responsible for the Holman Success Center, will address graduates of the College of Business, College of Education and College of Health and Human Services. Honorary degrees will be awarded to Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, who has championed autism insurance coverage and funding for the Autism Collaborative Center, and philanthropists William (Bill) and Delores (Dee) Brehm, who have endowed the Brehms Scholars program.

It is a bittersweet moment to congratulate and say goodbye to a member of our leadership team who has served Eastern Michigan with distinction for seven years. Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. Derrick Gragg's final day at Eastern is today as he will be leaving EMU to join Tulsa University as vice president and director of athletics. Under his leadership, Eastern Michigan has earned many team championships, honors and awards. He also led student-athlete success in the classroom. The fall 2012 cumulative GPA for all student-athletes was at an all-time high at 3.201. It is great to see Eastern leaders like Derrick leave us to go on to exciting opportunities.

Provost Kim Schatzel joined Eastern in January, 2012. Shortly after arrival, she took on the responsibilities of enrollment management and student affairs. In recognition of her leadership and scope of responsibilities, I am pleased to announce she is now Provost and Executive Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs – truly second-in-command.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of everyone at Eastern Michigan University. Over the last five years, together, the Board of Regents, our faculty, our staff, students and alumni have been dedicated to meeting the needs of our students and to advancing and preserving the history of Eastern Michigan University.

We have hired faculty, increased financial aid, and improved facilities with an unprecedented \$210 million five-year revitalization of our campus, which includes new facilities such as the Science Complex, the total overhaul of Pray-Harrold, upgrades to residence halls and campus apartments, increasing energy efficiency with new windows and heating systems; and expanding wireless capability. And we very recently learned that the Science Complex has received LEED Gold status (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) – a milestone for EMU – the first LEED certified building on campus! But more work lies ahead.

As a result of all of these efforts and the great work of everyone at Eastern, enrollment has been on a steady upswing. This is a time of great momentum, excitement and pride across campus. Together we will continue to create opportunities for people to achieve their dreams and provide an accessible, affordable and excellent education.

Many additional awards and other accomplishments are listed in the Appendix to this Report, which is available on the University's website. Thank you, Chair Parker.

Susan Martin

Recognition:

- **Trevis Harrold**, a sophomore honors student and Presidential Ambassador of the Student Affairs Council, has been selected to serve as an intern in the U.S. Embassy in Pristina, Kosovo's Political and Economic Section during the summer of 2013.
- Current EMU student **Mikalee Welling** is the first student to receive a Schoolcraft College degree through the reverse transfer agreement between EMU and Schoolcraft.
- Marketing professor and department head **Anne L. Balazs** has been named an American Council on Education Fellow for the 2013-14 academic year.
- Gov. Rick Snyder has reappointed **Tsu-Yin Wu**, a nursing professor at Eastern, to the state's Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission. The 21-member commission meets four times per year and works toward equal participation of Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan.
- The **doctoral program in psychology** has received high marks by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. EMU's program is the only doctoral program in Michigan that has a 100% pass rate, and our rates for growth and treatment/intervention are the highest in the state.
- **Gloria Hage** was named as one of the "Top Corporate Councils 2013" in the April 2013 edition of *DBusiness*. She was listed as number 26 of 64 and was the only person named from higher education.
- **Jawan Jackson**, an EMU alumnus, will be starring in Broadway's "Motown: The Musical." It opens April 14 at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre in New York.
- **Zach Wigal** and his Gamers Outreach Foundation charity organization have been mentioned in a recent "Forbes" magazine article that covered a charity gaming event in Michigan.
- **Jim Streeter**, former EMU sports information director, will receive the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Lifetime Achievement Award on June 13 in Orlando, FL. The award will be presented at the Hall of Fame Luncheon.

Gifts & Grants:

- Thanks to an anonymous donor, all donations of up to \$5,000 made by any first-time donor to Eastern Michigan University over the next 1,000 days will be doubled. The initiative will apply to the first \$100,000 in gifts from **first-time supporters of Eastern**.
- The **Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)** has awarded EMU \$50,000 under its Michigan Translational Research and Commercialization program.

- The **American Library Association** has awarded EMU a grant of \$5,000 for "Southeast Michigan as a Region of Study: An Annotated Resource Guide to Detroit in Context."
- The Bruce T. Halle Library and Ypsilanti District Library have been awarded the *Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys*, from the **National Endowment for the Humanities** and the **American Library Association**.

Events:

- **Spring Commencement** will be held on Sunday, April 28, at the Convocation Center. Scott Reynolds, an award-winning television producer, editor and writer, and Robert Holman, a retired executive from Discount Tire company, will be the speakers. Both are EMU alumni.
- "**Subverting Modernism: Cass Corridor Revisited 1966-1980**" will be at the University Gallery until April 28.
- The 7th Annual **Ethos Luncheon** was held in the McKenny Hall Ballroom on Friday, April 12. The event was sponsored by the EMU College of Business. Josh Linkner, CEO/managing partner of Detroit Venture Partners, was the speaker.
- Crime writer **Peter Leonard** spoke at EMU on Wednesday, March 20. He is a 1974 EMU graduate and the son of Elmore Leonard, a renowned Detroit native and crime writer.
- **Salute to Excellence** week was held at EMU March 18-22. There were programs every day honoring graduate student research, faculty, students and staff. The **Undergraduate Symposium** was held all day on Friday.

Of Note:

- The Corporation for National and Community Service has named EMU to the **2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**. The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect exemplary community service and meaningful outcomes.
- The **33rd Annual Undergraduate Symposium** experienced a 20% growth this year, featuring a total of 365 research projects that were nominated to present through oral presentations, poster displays or Design Expo exhibits. To date, more than 5,000 EMU students have taken the opportunity to present at the Undergraduate Symposium. In a little over a decade, advancement initiatives have successfully endowed 18 undergraduate scholarships that are linked to Symposium student participation.

Athletics Highlights:

- **Swimming & Diving:** The men's swim team won their 31st MAC Swimming and Diving Championship. **Jacob Hanson** earned both the Outstanding Senior and Swimmer awards, while **Jeffrey Craig, Mike Fischer, Krzystof Gliski, Andrew Henry, Jacob Hanson, Brian Moore** and **Mike Swain** each earned first team All-MAC accolades. **Erik Gissen** and **Andrew Saunders** earned second team honors. **Jacob Hanson** earned All-American status when he placed in the top eight at the NCAA Championships. He took fourth in the 200-backstroke. **Kelly Hendricks** posted a 356.05 in the three-meter dive, earning her third place overall in the national championships.
- **Men's Track & Field:** The men's track team won the 2013 MAC Indoor Track and Field championship. **Terefe Ejigu** was named MVP, **Grzegorz Kalinowski** was selected as the Most Outstanding Performer, and **John Goodridge** was named MAC Coach of the Year.
- **Women's Basketball:** **Bianca Cage** was selected to the 2013 MAC All-Freshman Team.
- **Gymnastics:** **Khadijah Hudson** finished her freshman campaign on a high note, recording 9.800 on the floor exercise at the NCAA Regional Championship. Hudson was the first EMU gymnast to compete in regional competition since 2011 as well as the first freshman to qualify since 2010.
- **Women's Track & Field:** The women's track team took second place at the 2013 MAC Indoor Track and Field championship.

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