

# What's New @ Public U



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15 Public Universities in Michigan**  
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## Fall 2009 Open House Dates

September 26	Central Michigan University
September 26	Michigan Technological University
September 26	Western Michigan University (1 of 4)
October 3	University of Michigan-Flint
October 4	University of Michigan-Dearborn
October 10	Oakland University
October 16	Western Michigan University (2 of 4)
October 16	Grand Valley State University (1 of 2)
October 17	Lake Superior State University
October 17	Saginaw Valley State University
October 31	Eastern Michigan University
October 31	Grand Valley State University (2 of 2)
November 7	Northern Michigan University
November 7	Wayne State University
November 13	Western Michigan University (3 of 4)
December 4	Western Michigan University (4 of 4)

Note: Ferris State University offers multiple Saturday campus visitation programs called 'Dawg Days'. For more information, visit <http://www.ferris.edu/admissions/dawgday/>. MSU and UM-Ann Arbor do not offer Fall Open Houses.

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## Central Michigan University

### **HEALTH CAREERS CONTINUE TO BE HOT THROUGH 2014**

The pre-physical therapy program at CMU, offers outstanding clinical and classroom preparation to enter a graduate program in physical therapy. Consider these key features distinguishing our program at CMU:

- An intensive curriculum that is responsive to the ever changing health care environment.
- Program graduates continually performing above the national and state averages on the physical therapy licensure examination.
- The CMU Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is fully accredited through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

CMU's pre-physician assistant program provides practical learning and research opportunities in advanced clinical facilities, laboratories, and classrooms equipped with the latest technology and equipment. Other programs in the health related areas which enjoy top job placement are athletic training/sports medicine, communication disorders, health fitness, pre-medicine, dietetics, and sports studies.

### **NEW "GREEN" STATE OF THE ART EDUCATION BUILDING**

CMU's first LEED-certified facility is now open. Our new Education Building consolidates CMU's education related programs. Having the program located under one roof will increase collaboration for research, classes and special projects. The facility is technology-rich and conducive to interpersonal role modeling and team building.

The building will do more than enhance student learning and advance CMU's education programs. It is also earth friendly. The facility will be the university's first certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building – incorporating such sustainable design elements as natural light and a green roof.

### **JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT ADDS PHOTOJOURNALISM AND ONLINE JOURNALISM**

CMU's journalism program is fully endorsed by the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, a distinction held by only one other Michigan university. CMU's program balances classroom theory with service learning and other structured hands-on experiences that help students develop skills required for positions in the media.

In addition to journalism, photojournalism, and the on-line journalism majors, the department offers an interdepartmental Integrative Public Relations major with the School of Broadcast and Cinematic Arts and the Department of Communication and Dramatic Arts.

### **TUITION PAYMENT OPTION**

CMU has a convenient and interest free way to help your family pay for college. Students can enroll online for the new tuition payment plan option, which allows more flexibility with tuition payments. Full tuition was normally due at the beginning on each semester. This new program is a monthly installment plan that allows semester charges to be paid over a series of electronic fund transfer payments, which are deducted once a month.

### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM TEACHES BUSINESS PLAN COLLABORATION**

Students in the College of Business Entrepreneurial Program are given the task of collaborating with classmates to create a business consulting project. This group assignment is one of three capstone projects for entrepreneurship majors. The work is important because in a real world setting business associates have different strengths, and need to use those strengths effectively. One group worked on a project with a Midland resident who in collaboration with CMU Research Corp. is marketing an all Terrain wheelchair so people with disabilities can enjoy nature and the outdoors.

## Eastern Michigan University

### STILL GOING STRONG AT 160

2009 marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eastern Michigan University's founding as the Michigan State Normal School – the first teachers college west of the Allegheny Mountains and the sixth such school in the U.S.

### WORKING TOGETHER TO SERVE AUTISTIC STUDENTS

When Eastern Michigan University's Education Department created the nation's first master's degree in autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in January 2008, it was the University's first major step in addressing a growing need for services for children affected by ASD. The next step is the creation of the Autism Collaborative Center, a partnership between EMU and St. Joseph-Mercy Health System that will provide treatment, outpatient services and support systems for people with autism and their families. When fully operational in fall 2009, the center will offer training for students from eight disciplines across three EMU colleges; conduct research into treatment options for people affected by ASD; and provide much-needed affordable care for individuals across the broad spectrum of autism.

### ENGLISH LESSON

Ron English, former defensive coordinator at the University of Michigan and the University of Louisville is EMU's new head football coach. Coach English's team has won the Michigan MAC Championship each of the past two seasons, and is part of an overall men's athletic program that finished 2008-2009 as the second-ranked program in the Mid-American Conference. According to the *Michigan Chronicle*, EMU is the only Division I school in the country with African-Americans currently working as athletic director, football coach, men's basketball coach, women's basketball coach and baseball coach.

### AMONG THE BEST AGAIN

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) student chapter at EMU was selected as one of the top 10 Outstanding Student Chapter Award winners for the 2008-2009 academic year for the seventh straight year. EMU's student chapter was the only chapter in Michigan to win this honor. "Being recognized in the top 10 (again) demonstrates the quality of students in our program" said Fraya Wagner-Marsh, chapter adviser and head of EMU's management department. "They learn from professionals through internships, mentoring, job shadowing and attending local professional meetings and workshops."

### NURSING MICHIGAN BACK TO HEALTH

Eastern Michigan University School of Nursing has received a \$634,000 grant to produce new classroom faculty and clinical instructors in a 12-to-15 month period instead of four to six years of part-time study. "The EMU award will help to accelerate the plans of study for a master's degree in nursing students who will be very close to graduation, or will graduate, at the end of the 12-month grant program. These graduates will be ready to accept positions as nursing faculty in colleges and universities, which, in turn, will expand the nursing workforce in Michigan," said Betty Beard, interim director of the EMU School of Nursing. In addition to the accelerated faculty-training program, EMU took two additional steps in 2008-2009 to expand its nursing program:

- Beginning this fall, the EMU nursing program will have 70 additional openings!
- Students who earn a RN license at Washtenaw Community College will now be able to earn a BSN at EMU in as few as 42 credit hours, thanks to an articulation agreement signed in April.

### BUILDING THE FUTURE

Construction is well under way on the \$90 million Mark Jefferson Science Complex, EMU's largest construction project in school history. The new world-class science education facility is scheduled to open mid-2011.

### LONG TIME NO SEE

For an hour or a day, EMU is a great place to visit! We have many exciting opportunities for you and your students to stop by.

Daily Tours: Monday-Friday	10 a.m. – noon and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday Tours (Sept.-May)	10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Explore Eastern Open House	October 31, 2009      10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Ferris State University

### **OPPORTUNITY@125 RAISES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED**

Leaders of The Ferris Foundation announced the Opportunity@125 scholarship effort to assist Ferris State University students who have been severely affected by the challenging circumstances of today's economy. The object of the Scholarship program is that no student enrolled at Ferris should decide to leave school and no student accepted for admission should decide not to attend Ferris because of the financial difficulties of their families. Ferris State University was founded as a place to transform lives, and that is exactly our concern now when students need our assurance of opportunity. For more information, please contact the Office of Scholarships at 1-800-433-7747 or [scholarships@ferris.edu](mailto:scholarships@ferris.edu).

### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

The College of Technology at Ferris has changed its name to the *College of Engineering Technology*. The name change reflects the college's need to remain competitive and more accurately represents the extensive and applied aspects of the college's programs and curricula. As parents and students look at schools and programs, they are increasingly looking for bachelor degree offerings. The American Society for Engineering Education Profiles in Engineering & Engineering Technology Colleges lists Ferris State University as awarding the most bachelor's degrees for Engineering Technology, the second highest University to award women with Engineering Technology degrees and the highest enrollment for an Engineering Technology school.

### **MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY IS BUILDING**

A vision is becoming reality as Ferris State University breaks ground for the new facility which will house its Michigan College of Optometry/Center for Collaborative Health Education. The new 87,000-square-foot modern health-care facility will feature a ground-floor eye and vision care clinic offering clinical training for optometry interns and optometric/medical eye care to area residents; optical and contact lens dispensary where student interns receive practical hands-on training in the fitting of optical devices; a laser surgery room for staff ophthalmologists allowing student interns to gain experience on campus in the handling of pre- and post-operative care of patients undergoing eye surgery; classrooms, laboratories and faculty/administrative offices; distance-learning facilities; research laboratories; and an Optometric Center for Lifelong Learning and Competency for the continuing education of MCO/FSU graduates.

### **WATCH US GROW**

The newest design in campus housing is arriving at Ferris State University; East Campus Suites, currently under construction is opening Fall 2010. With quiet wooded surroundings, the East Campus Suites will surely become the housing of choice for generations of Ferris students to come. Each of the three 3-story buildings, yet to be named, will be home to 100 students. Each building will have 4 entrances located on both the front and back and on either end of the building. Exterior doors will be locked 24/7 utilizing the same card swipe access and blue light/call box phone security system as our residence halls. Each building will house 24 4-bedroom suites and 2 2-bedroom suites. Every student will have their own furnished bedroom and will share a full bathroom with one other student. A furnished living room and full kitchen compliment the feeling of home each suite provides.

### **THE ROCK CAFE CREATES A NEW DINNING EXPERIENCE**

The Rock Café, one of three student dining facilities, has been renovated and now offers a Marchè style dining experience. Marketplace concepts also referred to as a Marchè concepts or food emporiums, are the new generation in student dining. A marketplace concept provides an integrated food production and dining experience with an emphasis on fresh ingredients and made-to-order preparation. It is characterized by exhibition cooking at several distinct food platforms. This concept incorporates European-style marketplace décor where cooking aromas, product freshness, and abundance are prevalent. An emphasis is placed on food merchandising, and it also includes casual Café-style seating. Now a student's Ferris dining experience will be nutritional, filling, *and* fun!

## **Grand Valley State University**

### **A GRAND VALUE**

Grand Valley State University offers a wide array of liberal arts and sciences as well as professional degree programs in which the focus is on teaching and learning enhanced by active scholarship. A strong liberal education serves as the foundation for all undergraduate and graduate programs, fostering critical thinking, creative problem solving, and cultural understanding.

### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE = GREAT ROI**

Students come to Grand Valley prepared to learn and leave well prepared for the next stage of their lives. The middle 50 percent of the entry class for Fall 2008 earned high school grade point averages ranging from 3.3 to 3.8 and ACT composite scores of 21 to 26. At Grand Valley students take classes taught by faculty members, not graduate assistants, who have outstanding academic credentials and a genuine desire to help students succeed. And succeed they do – more than 98 percent of Grand Valley alumni are successfully employed or pursuing advanced degrees.

### **MEETING DEMAND**

Grand Valley showed its ability to respond to a changing economy by adding undergraduate majors to its College of Health Professions in the in-demand areas of radiation therapy, radiologic and imaging sciences, and diagnostic medical sonography. Grand Valley is the only university in Michigan to offer a diagnostic medical sonography bachelor's, and the only one in the country to offer pediatric echocardiography as part of a bachelor's degree. Also, the Seidman College of Business added a supply chain management major that combines courses that were previously offered as concentrations in two separate programs, allowing for the required courses to be offered twice each year, helping students graduate more quickly.

### **KEEPING IT GREEN**

Grand Valley State University was the only Michigan school cited in the new "cutting-edge green" colleges and universities listing of the Kaplan College Guide 2009, which this year focuses for the first time on environmentally responsible schools and green careers. Grand Valley's projects and programs that support the sustainability initiative include building nine buildings to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards and establishing a thriving partnership with the Rapid transit system. In the classroom, Grand Valley has established an environmental studies minor and a sustainability emphasis within the liberal studies major, and has signed the AASHE Presidents Climate Agreement and the Talloires Declaration.

### **IMPROVING PATIENT CARE**

Grand Valley's Kirkhof College of Nursing welcomed its first cohort of students to its new Doctorate of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree in Fall 2009. A terminal degree, the D.N.P. creates opportunities for advancement in nursing including clinical and health systems leadership, changing health care delivery, improving patient outcomes, and clinical teaching in higher education. The D.N.P. curriculum is consistent with the national agenda to transform American health care through interprofessional collaboration, health care policy advocacy, patient-centered care, quality/safety initiatives, and use of informatics.

### **BEST IN THE NATION**

Grand Valley won its record sixth consecutive Learfield Sports Directors' Cup in Division II, the prestigious award presented to the nation's best overall collegiate athletics programs. The Lakers placed in 14 postseason championships, tallying 1,014.50 points, a total second all-time only to the Lakers total from the previous year. Grand Valley finished second in women's cross country, women's indoor track and field, and women's golf, third in volleyball, fourth in women's outdoor track and field, fifth in men's cross country and football, seventh in baseball, and ninth in soccer, women's swimming, and men's swimming.

## Lake Superior State University

### REGIONAL CHAMPS...AGAIN!

For the second year in a row, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at LSSU were crowned SIFE USA Regional Champions this April in Chicago. The event was one of 16 regional competitions being held across the United States in March and April. SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. Its teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that focus on market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills, and business ethics.

### A UNANIMOUS DECISION

The LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club added another award to its belt this year by being recognized by the American Fisheries Society as the most active subunit in the north central division, which encompasses 16 states and provinces in the region. This is the second year in a row LSSU has been recognized with this distinction. According to the awards committee, LSSU was the unanimous winner among the nominated student subunits, some of which are composed of graduate students. The club was commended for well-rounded programs that balance fisheries management experiences, professional development, and community outreach. The past year's activities included lake sturgeon tagging and radio tracking with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and LSSU's Aquatic Research Lab, timing fish migration out of the St. Mary's River rapids, attending five professional meetings, and organizing two half-day interactive "underwater safaris" for third- through sixth-graders at LSSU's summer science camp.

### CINDERELLA STORY. OUT OF NOWHERE. IT'S IN THE HOLE!

LSSU is proud to announce the return of NCAA golf for the 2009-10 school year. Led by local golf pro, Jamie Davison, LSSU is looking forward to the return of men's golf, and for the first time, women's golf as well. LSSU, which has offered men's golf off-and-one since 1951, last competed in the sport during the 2004-05 school year. "We've been weighing the pros and cons of adding sports for the past two and one-half years, and adding golf was by-far the best option," Dunbar said. "We want to add something that is popular in northern Michigan, offered by most GLIAC schools and has a relatively low per-player cost. There are plenty of great golf courses within an hour's drive, and golf is something our student-athletes can play for a lifetime."

### FOUR SURE

LSSU recently approved four new degree programs, including a bachelor of science in conservation biology, bachelor of arts in conservation leadership, a bachelor of science in electrical engineering technology and an associate's degree in electrical engineering technology. "When we first discussed this, I was surprised to see the conservation leadership offered as a BA instead of a BS degree," said Trustee Chuck Schmidt. "But as we went through it, I thought it was very intriguing to have a degree in the sciences such as this. It sets us apart a little bit and provides unique opportunities for students." LSSU Biology Professor Dennis Merkel said the conservation leadership degree would be valuable for persons interested in positions such as the head of a watershed council, where he or she would be a one-person office and would need skills in finances, public relations, communication, grant-writing and more. The conservation biology program, on the other hand, focuses on the biology of genes, organisms, populations and their landscapes. It has a strong field biology base that offers practical experience, knowledge and skills to address concerns of biodiversity, fragmentation, invasive and endangered species, ecosystem analysis, management, and restoration. As such, its foundation is in biology. LSSU Engineering faculty have indicated that the Electrical Engineering Technology (EET) program will offer students engineering basics needed to understand how electricity and electronics work in a hands-on and engaged learning environment. Students studying EET will learn the design, drafting, and technical skills they need to assist engineers and put engineering ideas into action.

### LSSU IS SOUTHBOUND

LSSU will once again have a presence in Gaylord as part of an agreement between the university and the Gaylord University Center. The five-year agreement will allow students in the Northern Lower Peninsula to study toward degrees in LSSU's College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, including environmental management, forensic chemistry, geology, general engineering and criminal justice. More degree offerings may be added in the future. The Gaylord University Center is unique from other centers of its type since it is independent of any university or community college. Although several other colleges and universities offer programs at the center, LSSU will be an anchor university there.

## Michigan State University

### MSU IN DETROIT

Michigan State University will expand its presence in Southeast Michigan this fall, establishing Community Music School Detroit with classes for area youths and adults and a new headquarters for College of Education teaching interns and programs in Detroit schools. The facility, located on Woodward Ave., will also house offices for admissions, advancement and governmental affairs, and will provide some space for faculty research in Detroit. MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon said Southeast Michigan has always been important to MSU and that the new facility represents a new level of engagement. "We are – and have been – engaged with Southeast Michigan on a variety of levels," Simon said. "From our work at YouthVille to expansion of the College of Osteopathic Medicine to serving more than 500,000 individuals annually through our extension offices, we are an established presence in the area."

### STUDY ABROAD

For the fourth year in a row, MSU leads the nation in study abroad participation among public universities. MSU is one of only four public universities in the nation that rank in the top 10 for both study abroad participation and international student enrollment, according to Open Doors 2008, the annual report on international education released by the Institute of International Education.

### FRESHMAN SEMINARS

This summer, the very first course some new MSU freshmen will take will be in such faraway places as South Africa, Ireland and New Zealand. Or right here in Michigan, taking part in seminars in Detroit or MSU's Kellogg Biological Station in Gull Lake. Michigan State University's Freshman Seminars give new MSU students the opportunity to see research in action, and the impact it has in our Michigan communities and throughout the world. Freshman Seminars are designed to give first-year students a taste of how universities use scholarship and research – even before these students begin their first year on campus.

### TRUMAN SCHOLAR

Nada Zohdy, a junior from Rochester Hills, Mich., is MSU's 16<sup>th</sup> recipient of a Truman Scholarship. The \$30,000 award is given to students who have extensive records of public and community service and is to be used to fund graduate study. MSU students have had phenomenal success in major national and international scholarship recognition programs, a legacy that also includes 27 Goldwater Scholars, 16 Rhodes Scholars, 16 Churchill Scholars, 12 Marshall Scholars, 8 Udall Scholars, and 2 Gates Cambridge Scholars.

### LIVING LEARNING PROGRAMS

Most people are familiar with Michigan State's residential colleges – James Madison College, Lyman Briggs College, and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities – but did you know that MSU has many other living-learning communities like the Arabic Language Instruction Flagship (ALIF) and the American Sign Language (ASL) residential option? The ALIF program at MSU is a unique language learning opportunity for undergraduate students interested in developing superior-level proficiency in Arabic. Students major in a subject of their choice while completing specialized coursework in Arabic language and culture through the four years of their college experience, developing the language skills necessary to function professionally in Arabic. The ASL living-learning option is for students from all majors who have some proficiency in American Sign Language. This environment provides students with opportunities to live together and practice American Sign Language during daily communication, as well as study and engage in activities and events focused on ASL and the deaf culture.

### BRODY RENOVATION

Work has begun on an extensive renovation of the Brody Complex on MSU's campus. Home to almost 2,500 students, the Brody Complex is undergoing a series of renovations beginning with a \$49-million facelift for Brody Hall, including the cafeteria. Once known for being the largest nonmilitary cafeteria in the world, the new Brody cafeteria will feature 10 different food stations with a variety of customized entrees. Following the renovation of Brody Hall, work will begin in 2010 on the residence halls that are part of the Brody Complex.

## **Michigan Technological University**

### **TECH TO OFFER NEW DEGREES IN COGNITIVE AND LEARNING SCIENCES, COMPUTER ENGINEERING, BUSINESS**

In the spring, Michigan Tech's Board of Control approved nine new degree programs—most of them in computer engineering and business. The degrees include a Master of Science and PhD in Computer Engineering; a Master of Science and PhD in Applied Cognitive Science and Human Factors—an emerging discipline critical to technological development; and Bachelor of Science degrees in accounting, finance, management, management information systems, marketing and operations and systems management—areas that were previously concentrations within the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree.

### **GIVING STUDENTS MORE OPTIONS: TECH MAKES AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN MIDWEST**

The School of Technology at Michigan Tech is signing agreements with community colleges to facilitate students transferring from two-year associate programs to Tech's four-year bachelor's programs. So far, collaborating institutions include Macomb Community College, Mott Community College, Bay de Noc Community College, Northwestern Michigan College, Fox Valley Technical College in Wisconsin, and the College of Lake County in Illinois. "It's a great advantage to have a smooth transition for students to join our bachelor's program," said Assistant Professor Nasser Alaraje, of Michigan Tech's School of Technology. "We envision a great effort to expand this opportunity."

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM COMPETES IN ELITE EIGHT**

In March, the Michigan Tech women's basketball team won the Midwest Regional Championship, earning them a spot in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division II National Championship. Michigan Tech has qualified for the NCAA Tournament two years straight and four times in the last five seasons. "Since 1987-88, we haven't had a losing season," said Wes Frahm, director of athletic communications and marketing at Michigan Tech. "We've made 14 trips to the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament and won 75 percent of our games." Coach John Barnes noted: "This team is a very special one. They are very focused, not only on the court, but also in the classroom." Tech women's basketball is one of the top four teams in the country academically, with a grade point average of 3.64.

### **GREAT LAKES RESEARCH HAS A NEW HOME AT TECH**

Michigan Tech is building a Great Lakes Research Center on the banks of the Portage Waterway, right on campus. The \$25 million project will create a home for research and education about the Great Lakes, now conducted in departments and schools all across campus. Hands-on education for K-12 teachers and students will also be based there. The Great Lakes Research Center is the hub of a new collaborative research and education project involving Michigan Tech and the US Army Corps of Engineers' Environmental Laboratory in Vicksburg, Miss.

### **TECH STUDENTS RAISE MONEY TO BUILD SCHOOLS IN AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN**

Students at Michigan Tech have formed a group to help bring education to children, especially girls, in remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Tech T.E.A., a chapter of the national nonprofit organization T.E.A. (Taking Education Abroad), has been raising funds since the beginning of this year to benefit the Central Asia Institute, founded by author Greg Mortenson. The institute is a nonprofit that promotes and supports community-based education in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The founding students were inspired to lend a hand after reading the book Mortenson coauthored on his experiences abroad, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*, and listening to Mortenson speak at Tech last fall.

### **BUILDING A CLEANER, QUIETER SNOWMOBILE**

Michigan Tech placed second in its best finish in five years at the 2009 SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge. The Clean Snowmobile Challenge is a collegiate design competition sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers and held annually at Michigan Tech. Engineering students from participating schools take a stock snowmobile and reengineer it. Their aim: to reduce emissions and noise while maintaining or boosting performance. The Tech team also received the BlueRibbon Coalition Award for Most Practical Solution, awarded to the team with the best balance of cost and reduction of noise and emissions.

## Northern Michigan University

### **HAPPY 110<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY NMU**

Northern Michigan University turns 110 years old this fall, having first opened its doors in September 1899. NMU is the eighth oldest of Michigan's 15 public universities. The first class of 32 students studied on a 22-acre campus and had one major – education. Today, NMU's nearly 9,400 students enjoy a 360-acre campus and can choose from 180 academic programs. A team of NMU public relations students have been working on preparing a yearlong (but low-cost) plan to celebrate the milestone. [www.nmu.edu/aboutnmu](http://www.nmu.edu/aboutnmu)

### **HIGH-TECH HITS 10 AT NMU**

Northern is also celebrating another milestone – the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its campus-wide technology program, which includes a notebook computer, all software and hardware, Internet access and nearly 24/7 help desk service for full-time students as part of tuition and fees. This fall, NMU will unveil its new Wi-Max network. Wi-Fi, which most people are familiar with, allows wireless capabilities for about 150 feet from an access point, but Wi-Max has much deeper penetration, sometimes allowing connection miles from an access point (depending on several geographical factors). Northern is one of very few universities in the nation granted the EBS license required to build a Wi-Max network. When it's live, it will enable off-campus students to use their NMU laptops to access the Internet without going through a cable or phone company, thus saving students money and increasing technology-dependent educational opportunities away from campus. [www.nmu.edu/tlc](http://www.nmu.edu/tlc).

### **PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS**

Northern's revamping of its prestigious Presidential Scholars Competition last year was a success for both the university and students. While the qualifications to compete are high, the rewards are substantial: one in four competitors earns a scholarship that ranges from a full ride to \$500 per year for four years. The competition dates this year are Nov. 1-2 and Nov. 8-9. The scholarship program is just one way NMU works to maintain affordable access to a high-quality education. In addition to having the second-most affordable tuition and fees in Michigan, NMU's average financial aid package is \$9,400. While on campus, scholarship competitors should check out NMU's nationally recognized leadership programs – the Student Leader Fellowship Program and Superior Edge, Honors Program, Freshman Fellows Program (which provides stipends for freshmen to do academic research with faculty), and the more than 300 student organizations. [www.nmu.edu/presidentialscholars](http://www.nmu.edu/presidentialscholars), [www.nmu.edu/slfp](http://www.nmu.edu/slfp), [www.nmu.edu/superioredge](http://www.nmu.edu/superioredge), [www.nmu.edu/honors](http://www.nmu.edu/honors)

### **RESEARCH DISCOVERIES**

NMU's biology department and Marquette General Hospital's neuroscience team joined several years ago to create the Upper Michigan Brain Tumor Center. After UMBTC studies done in part by NMU students confirmed that the Zbtb7 gene is present in brain tumors, the center's focus has now turned to ways to silence the Zbtb7 gene. Also last year, Honors Program student Kirstin Meyer helped to discover a new species of African crab as part of her Freshman Fellowship work. [www.nmu.edu/biology](http://www.nmu.edu/biology) [www.nmu.edu/freshmanfellows](http://www.nmu.edu/freshmanfellows)

### **OLYMPIC BOUND**

To get to the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, the world's best short-track speedskaters must compete at NMU's Berry Events Center. Northern is the site of the short-track Olympic Trials (Sept. 8-12) and an ISU World Cup (Nov. 12-15). The latter event is the last Olympic qualifier and more than 30 countries are expected to participate. Students will be involved in nearly every aspect of putting on these events, from taking blood samples in the doping area to interviewing Olympian Apolo Ohno in the media center, working with the physics department to test the new rink pads to serving as translators for foreign visitors. [www.goldrushskate.com](http://www.goldrushskate.com)

### **LEED CERTIFIED**

You may already know that NMU has three of only about 10 campus residence hall renovations in the U.S. to achieve the U.S. Green Building Council's "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)" status. Meyland and Van Antwerp Halls received "certified" and "silver" designations, respectively, and Hunt Hall is up for "silver" status. Recently, two NMU students – Jim Conlin and Bobby Mantz – and two staff members passed testing to become LEED certifiers. [www.nmu.edu/tos](http://www.nmu.edu/tos) and [www.nmu.edu/housing](http://www.nmu.edu/housing)

## **Oakland University**

### **AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION**

Named one of the nation's 83 doctoral/research institutions by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Oakland University offers a research and academic environment that rivals pricier universities. Oakland also maintains a rich campus atmosphere complete with residence halls, Greek life and Division I athletics. Global opportunities, progressive IT services and career-focused learning experiences mean OU graduates are more marketable than ever. In fact, nearly 90 percent are employed within six months of graduation.

### **YOU CAN AFFORD THIS**

In light of financial hardships many students and families are facing, Oakland administrators and staff worked to ensure that obtaining a high quality education is not among the sacrifices that must be made. University officials developed a comprehensive plan to provide fall 2009 incoming students with new scholarships and increased existing ones, and made it possible for some students to attend OU without the burden of loans. Additionally, Oakland is the only public university in Michigan that doesn't charge fees. No activity fees, no recreation fees, no registration fees -- not even an application fee. Bottom line: Oakland University makes a world-class education available at a truly affordable price.

### **A COST-SAVING PARTNERSHIP**

Created in 2006 by Oakland University and Macomb Community College, Macomb 2 Oakland (M2O) is the first joint admission and concurrent enrollment program in Michigan. M2O offers Macomb County residents the opportunity to earn an associate's degree from Macomb Community College and a bachelor's degree from OU while beginning their education near their home or workplace. Through this award-winning program, eligible students have the opportunity to save more than \$12,000 on their educational investment by simultaneously attending both institutions.

### **IT'S ALL HERE**

With its easily accessible location in Rochester, Michigan, near major expressways and the hub of research and business activity in Oakland County, Oakland University offers a high quality education right in the community. Our location in Michigan's "Automation Alley" puts OU students in prime territory for professional skill building. Oakland students have gained hands-on experience at such prestigious organizations as Beaumont Hospitals, Comerica, EDS, Ernst & Young, Penske Logistics, PricewaterhouseCoopers, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Valassis and others. Rochester and its surrounding communities also offer an abundance of entertainment, cultural and social opportunities, making Oakland County and Rochester a great place to live, work and go to school.

### **INNOVATIVE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, targeted to begin accepting student applications in 2010 pending LCME accreditation, will train physicians to adapt to and embrace the changing needs of patient care with an emphasis on lifelong learning, technology, research, preventive care, treatment and management of chronic disease, and teamwork. The school will be a member of an elite group -- one of just 129 M.D.-granting medical schools in the country.

### **MOVIE MAKERS AND SHAKERS**

Oakland's Board of Trustees approved a new bachelor of arts degree program to begin in fall 2009: cinema studies. Amid growing tax incentives and national interest in film production in Michigan, the development of the cinema studies major is certainly timely for students who are seeing increasing opportunities in the film industry and in the academic field of cinema studies. Students armed with this degree will be prepared to begin a career in the field or move on to graduate coursework in cinema studies, higher education, curatorial, research and archival positions. Possible career options include film criticism, education, production, film archiving, screenwriting, story editing, film-related public relations, advertising, marketing and legal representation. Graduates also would be suited to pursue professional degrees in law and business. Set in a field that is bringing new jobs to the state, the cinema studies major attacks the problem of losing educated students to jobs elsewhere. A major goal of the program is to attract the best students to the area and keep them here after graduation.

## **Saginaw Valley State University**

### **BIG HEARTS**

In 2008-2009, students raised staggering amounts of money for worthy causes, including "Battle of the Valleys" (\$48,000) for "Habitat for Humanity" and "Relay for Life" (almost \$45,000) for cancer research.

### **GREEN'S THE THING**

The College of Science, Engineering & Technology's Pioneer Hall was the first "LEEDS" certified building in the Great Lakes Bay region (as awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council).

### **PROGRAMS OF DISTINCTION**

The Student Research & Creativity Institute is an opportunity for students to obtain significant funding (up to \$10,000) for original projects in the arts, humanities, sciences, professional disciplines and community service. Recent funding has included such diverse projects as a biology/pre-med student's travels to Ghana Africa to help fight the spread of AIDS/HIV, and a classroom-based healthy lifestyle project in an urban setting elementary school, created and managed by two exercise science majors. In the Honors Program, student Jennifer Flynn received Outstanding Undergraduate Research Oral Presentation for her honors thesis and co-published an abstract, "The Association between time study, grade point average, and physical activity in college students."

### **STATE-OF-THE-ART HEALTHCARE FACILITY**

With classes scheduled for Fall 2010, work is well underway on the new College of Health and Human Services. The \$28 million building (\$21 million State of Michigan, \$7 million SVSU) will house kinesiology, health science, nursing, occupational therapy and social work. Almost 90,000 gross square feet of floor area will include 13 labs, 12 classrooms and 55 staff/faculty and administrative offices. [www.svsu.edu/nursing](http://www.svsu.edu/nursing)

### **MORE HOUSING (again)**

To keep up with the demand for residential facilities, SVSU will again open doors to new housing in Fall 2009. Living Center Southwest will house an additional 210 freshmen. [www.svsu.edu/housing](http://www.svsu.edu/housing)

### **AND THE BUILDING CONTINUES....**

Since our last update, two new buildings have opened --- new classrooms and offices have been added to the Arbury Fine Arts Center and in July, the new University Health Center, under an operating agreement with Covenant Health Care, opened for the campus community and general public.

### **DOLLARS AND "SENSE"**

SVSU continues to offer the lowest tuition and fees of the state's fifteen public universities, and we awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships to our freshman class for the Fall 2008 semester. Additionally, more than \$8 million in scholarships was awarded to all students for the Fall 2008 semester. [www.svsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.svsu.edu/financialaid)

### **TAKE A BOW**

More than 1500 students from several states attended the 2009 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, hosted at SVSU. The group will return in January 2010.

### **AND THE WINNERS ARE.....**

AY 2008-09 was a great one for Cardinal athletics. The women's softball team captured the 2009 NCAA Midwest Regional Championship (GLIAC Division). SVSU claimed the American Collegiate Hockey Association men's Division 3 club ice hockey national championship. Head volleyball coach Will Stanton was named Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, and the SVSU cheer team, for the first time in school history, qualified for the National Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Nationals. [www.svsu.edu/athletics](http://www.svsu.edu/athletics)

## University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

### UNIVERSITY EARLY RESPONSE ADMISSIONS OPTION

Freshman applicants will continue to learn if they are accepted to the University with the Early Response option being offered by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. U-M will guarantee admissions decisions will be released by no later than December 24<sup>th</sup> to freshman applicants whose completed applications are postmarked by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Early Response decisions are not binding. All admitted students will have until May 1, 2010 to accept the offer of admission and all applicants, including Early Response applicants, are free to apply to additional schools who offer an early program (such as Early Action or Early Decision.) We will continue to offer our regular, rolling admissions option, in which students can apply anytime up to February 1<sup>st</sup> and received an admission decision by no later than mid-April, after completion of their applications. FAQs and related information on this program available on our website at [www.admissions.umich.edu/early/](http://www.admissions.umich.edu/early/) **NOTE: High School Counselors may submit recommendations and transcript electronically by utilizing [ecredentials@umich.edu](mailto:ecredentials@umich.edu).**

### U-M PROVIDES SUPPORT DURING TOUGH FINANCIAL CRISIS

"In these tough economic times, we are working closely with Admissions, and incoming students and their families to be sure U-M is accessible to those with financial need, and to ensure that the demonstrated financial need of every admitted Michigan-resident student is met," says Pamela Fowler, executive director of the Office of Financial Aid. "The university's 2009–2010 general fund budget includes \$118 million dollars in centrally funded financial aid, a \$10 million-dollar increase over last year. This includes \$73.7 million, an 11.7 percent rise, in centrally awarded financial aid available to undergraduate students. We are doing everything we can to put those dollars in the hands of students and their families who need it," Fowler says.

### MICHIGAN ENGINEERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP: DoGood iPhone APP

Student-run company Mobil33t has developed the iPhone application DoGood, which pushes a good deed out to users each day. More than 15,000 people have downloaded the app as of July 1. Mobil33t is one of a dozen student-run businesses calling the new incubator TechArb home for the summer.

### NEW CENTER FOR GLOBAL AND INTERCULTURAL STUDY (CGIS)

The mission of the new Center is to integrate opportunities for global and intercultural engagement and learning into the experiences of all students, extending the campus to the world, and bringing the world directly into a Michigan education. The Center will work in close collaboration with faculty and departments to make it possible for students to fulfill concentration and degree requirements through global and intercultural study.

### NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The BFA in Interarts Performance is a new interdisciplinary undergraduate degree jointly offered by the School of Art & Design and the Department of Theatre & Drama in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance. This is the program for adventuresome students who have interests in both the visual arts and theater as well as a desire to create original performance pieces. In this new degree program, students will be introduced to a diverse range of art forms and creative practices from new media to traditional acting skills, with the aim of generating work that blurs boundaries between the visual arts and performance.

### 2009 LSA THEME SEMESTER, "MUSEUMS IN THE ACADEMY"

Coordinated by the Museum Studies Program and the Museum of Art, as part of a continuing celebration of the renovation and reopening of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology and the Museum of Art earlier in the year.

### NEW NORTH CAMPUS RESEARCH FACILITY

Like a big empty garden, U-M's new North Campus Research Complex (NCRC) — the former Pfizer property — is 174 acres of fertile ground ready to be planted with seeds of research opportunity. University officials hope to grow the massive, 30-building complex into a center for innovation, housing cutting-edge research, and interdisciplinary teams of scientists. The university closed on the \$108 million purchase in mid-June, taking possession of about 2 million square feet of laboratory and office space, located near Plymouth Road and Huron Parkway. Up to 3,000 new faculty and staff positions could be created in the next 10 years at the campus, now dubbed NCRC. It also will provide much needed space for current research and attract new projects and faculty to U-M, which now is the fifth-largest research university in the nation.

## University of Michigan-Dearborn

### **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS: BUILDING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE**

From 2009-2010, UM-Dearborn celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Founded in 1959 with a gift of land and \$6.5 million from Ford Motor Company, UM-Dearborn has grown into an integral part of the University of Michigan as well as the metropolitan Detroit region. For more information, visit [www.umd.umich.edu/50years/](http://www.umd.umich.edu/50years/).

### **A TOP 100 BEST VALUE**

UM-Dearborn has ranked among the Top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges" according to Kiplinger, a Washington, D.C.-based publisher of business forecasts and personal finance advice.

### **NEW ACADEMIC OFFERINGS**

- Ph.D. program in Automotive Systems Engineering
- Ph.D. program in Information Systems Engineering
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate
- Public Relations Certificate
- Medical Sciences Certificate

### **ONLINE APPLICATION STATUS CHECK**

Students who apply using the online admissions application can now check the status of their application 24/7.

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER (ECEC)**

The Child Development Center was renamed the Early Childhood Education Center and relocated to a new facility shared with Oakwood Health Care System's Center for Exceptional Families. It serves as a model teacher preparation and child study facility for University students enrolled in a variety of UM-Dearborn education courses. For more information, visit [www.umd.umich.edu/ecec/](http://www.umd.umich.edu/ecec/).

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

The School of Management was renamed and upgraded to a College of Business. Changing the designation to a College of Business reflects the substantial scope and scale of our undergraduate and graduate business degree programs and the impact our applied research centers are making on the region's economy. In addition, the BBA curriculum has been revised to include project management, corporate/social responsibility and career planning.

### **FINANCIAL AID FRIDAYS**

In Spring 2009, the Office of Financial Aid offered "Financial Aid Fridays," where admitted students and their families experienced an optional 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a financial aid counselor. During the personalized meeting, students and their families learned about the overall financial aid process, including a review of payments options, financial aid offers and information on private scholarships.

### **TAU SIGMA HONOR SOCIETY FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS**

UM-Dearborn became the first school in the state of Michigan to establish a chapter of this honor society, which promotes the academic excellence of transfer students. For more information, visit [www.umd.umich.edu/tausigma](http://www.umd.umich.edu/tausigma).

### **W.O.W.: WOLVES. ORIENTATION. WILDERNESS.**

Members of the Fall 2009 incoming freshman/transfer class ventured into the woods for an optional 4-day canoe adventure designed as an extension of the orientation experience. They were joined by members of the University administration and the goal of the trip was to further connect students to the University and their peers. For more information, visit [www.umd.umich.edu/WOW](http://www.umd.umich.edu/WOW).

### **STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER (SSC)**

A coalition of 4 offices within the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Life, the Student Success Center is a new place on campus where students can receive counseling, training, workshops, and resources to help them succeed. For more information, visit [www.umd.umich.edu/success](http://www.umd.umich.edu/success).

### **HILLEL @ UM-DEARBORN**

Hillel of Metro Detroit, an organization for Jewish college students, became a part of the UM-Dearborn by establishing a presence on our campus.

## University of Michigan-Flint

### OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

Downtown Flint has more college students than the communities that are home to Princeton and Yale combined. Around 25,000 college students are currently enrolled among Flint's four main institutions of higher learning. With more and more of these students choosing to live on or near campus, local community and business leaders are responding by providing this growing population with the services and amenities college students expect. In recent months, five new restaurants including an Irish pub, pizza and sub eatery, Mexican restaurant and two new bar and grilles have opened for business. Downtown Flint is also home to a great Cultural Center with the Flint Institute of Arts offering a free membership to all UM-Flint students.

### RENOWNED VISITORS

**Critical Issues Forum.** Each year nationally and internationally recognized speakers in their field visit UM-Flint to participate in the *Frances Willson Thompson Critical Issues Forum*. The campus and community are invited to hear presentations on topics ranging from the economy and health to political and environmental issues. Speakers in the past have included: Newt Gingrich, John Stossel, Bob Woodward, Ken Burns and Judy Woodruff.

**Writers on Campus.** Each year, The Myron and Margaret Winegarden Visiting Professorship brings individuals of national and international reputation to campus. This year two world renowned writers, Tariq Ali and Christopher Paul Curtis will teach and/or interact with classes, participate in meetings with students and faculty, conduct lectures for students, faculty, staff and the community. The Myron and Margaret Winegarden Visiting Professorship was established in 2001 through a generous gift from the estate of Margaret Winegarden.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**Chemistry Club.** In February 2009, UM-Flint hosted the "Battle of Chemistry Clubs". With faculty advisors Jessica Tischler and Monique Wilhelm, the UM-Flint Chemistry Club won the competition.

**Communication and Visual Arts Awards.** The Speech and Debate Team competed in six regional tournaments through the end of January, in both debate and individual events. The team came home with six awards in the areas of duo interpretation, debate speaker and dramatic and prose interpretation.

In addition, six Visual Arts students who participated in this year's ADDY's (the advertising industry's largest and most unique competition hosted by the American Advertising Federation or AAF) won silver and gold awards. The gold medal winners automatically move on to the regional ADDY awards.

### FACULTY RECOGNITION

Heather Laube, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and the recipient of the Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) Faculty Community Service-Learning Award. The annual award and the highest MCC bestowed on faculty in the State of Michigan, recognizes a recipient's influence on students to be engaged in community service or service-learning through modeling, influencing, and instruction.

### FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

**Education Department.** Pat Gallant has published her article, "Too Much, Too Soon, Too Fast! Kindergarten Teachers Speak Out!," in *Reading Horizons*, as well as two other articles in press and several conference presentations this academic year. Li-Hsuan Yang published an article entitled, "Lighting the Way Through Scientific Discourse," in *Science Teacher*.

**Department of Nursing.** Professor Arlesia Mathis passed the National Board of Public Health Examiners examination to become Board Certified in Public Health (one of only 500 in the nation).

**Media Experts.** School of Management faculty Keith Moreland and Mark Perry have become our media experts in the field of business. Communication and Visual Arts faculty Chuck Apple and Marcus Paroske have also appeared in the media for their expertise in areas such as the presidential debates, various City of Flint issues, and more.

## Wayne State University

### SCHOLARS DAY

Since 2004 Wayne State University has held a series of Scholars Day programs on campus in early February. High seniors should be admitted by January 15, 2010, to participate. Students with at least a 3.50 grade point average will be invited to compete for the Presidential Scholarship – a total value of at least \$32,000. All students who attend Scholars Day will be guaranteed the Wayne State Scholarship, worth \$8,000.

### NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Wayne State has offered full scholarships to National Merit Finalists since 2005. Fall 2010 marks Wayne State University's debut as a sponsoring institution with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Seventeen National Merit Finalists have enrolled for Fall 2009. Their scholarship package includes full tuition and housing, book stipends each year, a laptop computer, and a study-abroad option through the Irvin D. Reid Honors College.

### MEDSTART PROGRAM

Now in its fifth year, this highly competitive program attracts freshmen from all parts of the country. Students selected by the Medical School faculty receive mentoring and guidance from Wayne State physicians and medical researchers throughout their four years of study and are admitted to WSU's Medical School after receiving their baccalaureate degree. **Information at [www.honors.wayne.edu](http://www.honors.wayne.edu)**

### NEWS FROM THE MED SCHOOL

Groundbreaking research in obsessive compulsive disorder conducted by a Wayne State University faculty member, Dr. David Rosenberg, was highlighted on "Primetime" on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Dr. Valerie Parisi has been named the School of Medicine's interim dean – the first female dean. Until this appointment she was vice dean of Hospital Relations and Clinical Affairs. Two Wayne State University researchers are combining the worlds of medicine and physics to speed bedside treatment of bacterial infections and reduce the world's overuse of broad spectrum antibiotics that could be fueling drug-resistant bacteria.

### DUAL ENROLLMENT

Wayne State University is developing plans for a High School Academy to be housed at the Oakland Center campus, Twelve Mile and Farmington Road. General education courses and others specifically requested by high school administrators will be offered during the day. Oakland County high school administrators participated in a planning meeting in August. Winter 2010 is the tentative opening date.

### TOURS AND OPEN HOUSE

Every weekday tours leave the Welcome Center, at the corner of Warren and Woodward, at 10:00 and 2:00. Students and families do not need to reserve ahead of time, but large groups should visit [www.admissions.wayne.edu](http://www.admissions.wayne.edu) and click on "tours." Special accommodations will always be made.

Wayne State's Fall Open House will be held on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 to 2:00.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

Wayne State takes good care of transfer students who choose to attend a community college for their first year or two after graduation from high school. **WayneDirect**, an early admission program for community college students, is active at Wayne County Community College District, Henry Ford Community College, and Macomb Community College. There is also a financial aid partnership between Wayne State University and Macomb Community College, which allows students to receive the maximum amount of aid if they are concurrently enrolled at both institutions. [www.transfercredit.wayne.edu](http://www.transfercredit.wayne.edu)

### RETIREMENT OF ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR

Susan Zwieg, senior director of undergraduate admissions and orientation, will retire from her position on October 1. During Susan's seven-year tenure at Wayne State she held several positions, including executive director of admissions and financial aid. Susan has a love for urban colleges and universities, having spent thirteen years in similar positions at Milwaukee Area Technical College and at the University of Houston. A search for a new director is currently in place.

## Western Michigan University

### **HAWORTH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CAREER CENTER**

The new Center at WMU's Haworth College of Business offers resume writing, interview skills and connects students to employers. The \$2.6 million center, opened in April 2008 and built entirely with private funds, was designed to offer WMU business students and those trying to recruit them the kind of resources commonly found in the nation's leading business schools. The setting allows students to build on their skills to land the job they want and employers to maximize their return on their recruiting dollars. [www.wmich.edu/business/thecareercenter/](http://www.wmich.edu/business/thecareercenter/)

### **TOP LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

By the time they graduate, WMU students have a chance to build resumes that are the envy of all. They include standouts such as an exceptional ROTC cadet picked for the Future Heroes Program, an intensive summer internship run by the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association; a student chosen as one of 24 nationwide for the Society of Automotive Engineers International Leadership Development Program; and 16 students honored at the ninth annual Integrated Supply Management Services Conference--to name just a few. Student accomplishments also include a trombone student's top honors in the U.S. Army Band's National Trombone Solo Competition, regarded as one of the two foremost competitions for young trombonists; and a student recipient of the prestigious Richter business scholarship for students seeking an education in supply management, supply chain management or procurement. [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/top/index.html](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/top/index.html)

### **A TRADITION OF HONORS**

When it comes to collegiate honors education, WMU holds a special place. Its Lee Honors College is one of the oldest collegiate honors programs in the nation. The 1,100-plus students who call the Lee Honors College their academic home have academic credentials that rival many of the most elite private colleges in the state and nation. Once on campus, WMU students continue their academic achievements. That's one reason WMU is among only 100 public universities in the nation authorized to have its own chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious academic honorary organization in the country. [www.wmumich.edu/honors/](http://www.wmumich.edu/honors/)

### **ALL THAT JAZZ**

When it comes to jazz, Western Michigan University music students are in a class all their own. Students in the WMU Jazz Studies Program won a pair of awards in the 32nd annual Student Music Awards. Results of the annual competition are in DownBeat's June 2009 issue. WMU's Spiro Sinigos Quartet won the Jazz Group College Winner category, and one of its graduate music students took home Engineered Studio Recording College Outstanding Performance honors. In repeat of the past couple of years, WMU is the only university in Michigan to win an award. For the past 14 years, WMU students have won multiple awards in the national contest. [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/06/010.html](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/06/010.html)

### **FOSTER YOUTH OPPORTUNITY**

Students who have aged out of foster care qualify for a special scholarship at WMU that has received national attention. In fall 2008, 51 former foster youth enrolled in the program that offers free tuition and provides campus housing during breaks as well as other support services. These Seita Scholars have enrolled in the program named for Dr. John Seita, a WMU alumnus and nationally known advocate for foster care youth. Other universities around the state and nation have been closely watching the WMU program, which is one of the largest and most extensive programs mounted on behalf of students who have aged out of foster care. [www.wmich.edu/fyit/scholarship.html](http://www.wmich.edu/fyit/scholarship.html)

### **TREE CAMPUS USA**

Maintaining a beautiful campus environment has always been a priority at WMU, and it shows. The National Arbor Day Foundation announced in January 2009 that Western Michigan University was named the 12th Tree Campus USA institution in the nation and second such campus in Michigan. The designation recognizes WMU for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. The honor is similar to the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. Both Kalamazoo and Portage, Mich., number among the nation's more than 3,300 Tree Cities. The program aims to foster the next generation of tree stewards by drawing national attention to colleges and universities that promote healthy forest management and engage their campus and local communities in effectively managing their campus trees. [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/03/007.html](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/03/007.html)