Students benefit from annual gifts

Alumni and friends of Central Michigan University play an important role in our students’ educational experience. Each year, our alumni and friends are called upon to make financial contributions to the university. Although the amounts of these gifts vary, the result of this unified effort is the same: countless students benefit from the generosity of our donors.

CMU’s annual phone-a-thon, special mailings, and fund-raising events give donors the opportunity to designate their gifts to specific departments, programs, or academic scholarships within the university. This enables donors to direct their gifts to the university’s funding needs that are most meaningful to them.

In the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, the dean designates a portion of the college’s annual gifts to provide funding for two student awards: the Student Paper Competition and the CHSBS Alumni Fund Award.

Both of these awards provide monetary gifts directly to the college’s students, helping them to reduce the financial burden of a university education and devote more time to their studies.

Student Paper Competition

Each spring, the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences hosts the Student Paper Competition, which provides cash awards to undergraduate and...
Central Michigan University’s Mount Pleasant campus is a place that many of you called home for several years. You might remember the feeling of anticipation mixed with trepidation that you felt on your first day of classes as a freshman. But by your senior year, CMU had become a familiar and comforting place where you recognized many smiling faces as you walked to class each day.

Whether it has been 10, 20, or 50 years since you graduated from CMU, you might be surprised to notice that much of campus looks familiar. Many of the classrooms and faculty offices that you visited regularly are still being used by students, faculty, and staff today. Rooms in Warriner, Anspach, and Powers halls have received fresh coats of paint and new carpeting over the years, but the buildings continue to greet thousands of new students as they eagerly embark on the beginning of their professional careers. We are proud of our current students’ successes, and we are proud of our many graduates who have benefited from a CMU education.

Just as when you were on campus, faculty members in our departments continue to promote student learning. One effective way to accomplish this is to encourage students to engage in active learning: applying the information they’ve learned in the classroom.

I am proud that the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences offers students an award that recognizes their scholarly activities. Each year, the college sponsors the Student Paper Competition to award cash prizes to students who have written outstanding papers. Funding for this award comes from annual gifts from alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the college.

This newsletter also contains information about several generous contributions we received recently. These gifts help us to maintain the excellence that characterizes the college faculty and its students.

I am also happy to announce that the college has a new director of development, Alison Miller. She has extensive experience in development; she comes to us from the College of Social Sciences at Michigan State University. Irene Salata, our previous development officer, left us to accept a position at the University of Michigan.

As dean, one of my roles is to interact with alumni and retired faculty of the college. My goal is to spend more time on this activity. This year the college will host a number of events where I can meet with small groups of alumni, and I encourage you to participate.

In addition, our goal in creating this newsletter is to provide you with updates about our alumni, faculty, and the many exciting events, academic programs, and research activities taking place on campus each semester. In order to maintain our newsletter as an effective communication tool, we will soon conduct a random sampling survey of our readers to determine which stories within the newsletter are most interesting to them.

If you would like to participate in this survey and you do not receive a response card in the mail, you can complete our questionnaire on page 19.

This newsletter is a great resource for us to help keep you connected to CMU and to your former classmates, instructors, or students. I close by inviting you to share with us news about your career or family so that we may share this information with our other readers.

Sincerely,

E. Gary Shapiro, dean
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graduate students who have written outstanding papers during the preceding academic year.

The undergraduate winners receive $500 and the graduate winners receive $750. In addition, the winners’ names are printed on a plaque that hangs in the CHSBS dean’s office.

All of the Student Paper Competition winners and their faculty advisers are formally recognized during the college’s annual meeting each fall.

Eligible entries include essays, theoretical papers, creative works, research papers, and reviews of research written for classes at the 300 level and above. Students also can enter papers that they’ve submitted to or presented at professional conferences. The winners are selected by a committee of CHSBS faculty and emeriti faculty.

“The college places a high priority on recognizing students for taking the knowledge that they’ve learned in the classroom and applying it to creative academic endeavors,” said E. Gary Shapiro, dean of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

“The Student Paper Competition provides an excellent opportunity for us to reward students for extending their knowledge beyond the classroom.”

CHSBS Alumni Fund Award

The CHSBS Alumni Fund Award will provide a $1,000 scholarship to three incoming freshmen students who indicate a desire to major in one of the college’s academic programs.

The first winners of the award, which was established last year, will be selected this spring for students beginning classes at CMU in the fall of 2005.

Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.4 and an ACT score of 25 or higher. They also must submit one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor and an essay indicating their intended major, the reason for selecting that major, and information about why they deserve to receive the scholarship.

Recipients will be selected by a scholarship advisory committee appointed annually by the CHSBS dean.

“The Student Paper Competition and the CHSBS Alumni Fund Award represent excellent opportunities for donors to make a contribution that will directly benefit our students,” said Alison Miller, the college’s director of development.

“Scholarship funds and academic prizes enable our donors to provide much needed financial support directly to our students while also rewarding the pursuit of academic excellence,” said Miller.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the CHSBS Student Paper Competition or the CHSBS Alumni Fund Award should contact the development office at (989) 774-1788 or CHSBS@cmich.edu.

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**2004 Student Paper Competition Winners**

**Undergraduate Winners**

Nina Marie Almasy
“Denial, Destiny, and a Divided Identity: The Life of Werner Heymann”
*Faculty Adviser:* Eric Johnson (History)

Mary Schwarz
“Creating Utopian Visions: The Rainbow Family of the Living Light”
*Faculty Adviser:* David Smith (Philosophy and Religion)

Christina Sivo
“The Iranian Revolution and the Evolution of Women’s Rights in Iran”
*Faculty Adviser:* John Robertson (History)

**Graduate Winners**

Cyrelene Amoah-Boampong
“Blacks Under the Swastika”
*Faculty Adviser:* Eric Johnson (History)

Joel Lewis
“Class Struggle and the Nation: A Historical Study of Scottish National and Class Identity”
*Faculty Adviser:* Brigitte Bechtold (Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work)

Julie Phung
“The Fourteenth Amendment – How Did the Court Get From Equal Protection of the Law to ‘Separate but Equal’ and Back Again?”
*Faculty Adviser:* Joyce Baugh (Political Science)

**Honorable Mention**

Sergio da Silva
“Cardiac Autonomic Control in Sleep Apneas and Risk of Nocturnal Myocardial Infraction”
*Faculty Adviser:* Kyunghee Han (Psychology)

Zsuzsanna Palmer
“Chanting Flowers”
*Faculty Adviser:* Marcy Taylor (English)

David Siwik
“Labor Migration into ‘The Paper City’: The Kalamazoo, Michigan Polish-Immigrant Community, 1900-1930”
*Faculty Adviser:* Tim O’Neil (History)

Kristen Ulmanis
“Descartes’ Mind-Body Union: Dualism in a Different Light”
*Faculty Adviser:* John Wright (Philosophy and Religion)
CMU and Oakland Community College co-host the Griffin Policy Forum on Campaign 2004

Central Michigan University and Oakland Community College co-sponsored the fall Griffin Policy Forum “Campaign 2004: What Will Happen?”

Panelists included (from left to right): Fred Durhal, community resource specialist with the Michigan Economic Development Corp.; Steve Mitchell, chairman of Mitchell Research and Communications; Debbie Dingell, Democratic National Committeewoman; Bill Ballenger, CMU’s Griffin Endowed Chair; Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party; and Paul Welday, chairman of the Oakland County Republican party.

In an effort to make the Griffin Policy Forum more accessible to Central Michigan University alumni and students in southeast Michigan, organizers took the show on the road last fall.

The forum, “Campaign 2004: What Will Happen?,” was co-sponsored by CMU and Oakland Community College on Oct. 19 at the Wallace F. Smith Performing Arts Theatre on OCC’s Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Split mostly along party lines, the panelists gave impassioned cases of support for their candidates and for their positions on Michigan’s two ballot initiatives—gambling and gay marriage.

CMU’s Griffin Endowed Chair Bill Ballenger selected the timely topic to give panelists and audience members a platform to discuss state races and proposals in addition to the heavily debated presidential election.

“Our goal was to get people focused on exactly what was at stake in the election, not only in the presidential race, but in all other races on the ballot,” said Ballenger.

“We talked about what it was going to mean not only in terms of winners and losers, but in terms of policy—in what direction the country and state might be going in 2005 and beyond,” he said.

The panelists, in addition to Ballenger, were: Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party; Debbie Dingell, Democratic National Committeewoman; Fred Durhal, former state representative (D-Detroit) and community resource specialist with the Michigan Economic Development Corp.; Steve Mitchell, chairman of Mitchell Research and Communications, one of Michigan’s top political polling firms; and Paul Welday, chairman of the Oakland County Republican party.

Tim Skubick, host of WKAR’s “Off the Record,” again served as the moderator of the forum.

With such a diverse panel, Ballenger expected—and got—some fireworks.

“These people are not shrinking violets. These are in-your-face, energetic partisans,” he said.

The twice-annual forums are sponsored by the Robert and Marjorie Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government, the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the political science department at CMU.

The Griffin program seeks to build interest and increased engagement in politics among young adults, faculty, and the general citizenry. The endowment honors Robert and Marjorie Griffin, both distinguished CMU alumni.

For more information about the Griffin program, visit www.chsbs.cmich.edu/griffin.

Save the Date!

The next Griffin forum will take place on April 19th at 7:30 p.m. in CMU’s Bovee University Center Auditorium.

Panelists will discuss issues related to the Great Lakes, including commercial bottling of water, control of beach front, pollution, and the invasion of non-indigenous species.

Visit www.chsbs.cmich.edu/griffin for additional details.
The second annual *Michigan Story Festival* was another grand success.

Diverse styles of storytelling—from musical expression to Hmong story cloths to recipe stories to workshops on using stories to help Alzheimer’s patients—were highlights of the festival held on Oct. 22 and 23 in Mount Pleasant.

The festival, a collaboration among Central Michigan University, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Mount Pleasant community, incorporates a wide spectrum of activities related to storytelling, including presentations by national, regional, and local storytellers, workshops for teachers and health care professionals, musical performances, artistic renderings, exhibitions, poetry, and more.

Pamela S. Gates, associate dean of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, was co-chair of the festival planning committee.

Some of the presenters at this year’s festival included Syd Lieberman, Dovie Thomason, the Georgia Sea Island Singers, Len Cabral, Diane Wolkstein, and the Cashore Marionettes.

Performances were held in locations throughout Mount Pleasant and CMU. More than 1,800 people attended the festival, more than doubling last year’s attendance of nearly 800 visitors.

Garrison Keillor, host of public radio’s “A Prairie Home Companion” and “Writer’s Almanac,” visited campus in November. His appearance helped raise money for the Michigan Story Festival.

To learn more about the performers featured at the 2004 Michigan Story Festival, please visit the MSF Web site at: www.michiganstoryfestival.org
‘Congress to Campus’
Students get insider’s view of public office


The “Congress to Campus” program brings former office holders to college campuses to meet with students to promote the rewards of public service and to share their expertise on current political issues.

“Congress to Campus’ enables CMU students to have direct contact with public officials who have played major roles in public policy decisions that affect our lives in profound ways,” said CMU political science professor Joyce Baugh, who helped organize the program at CMU.

“We work hard to provide our students with specific examples to illustrate the fundamental concepts and principles of our political system, but our students benefit significantly from listening to first-hand experiences of individuals who actually participated in our governmental institutions,” said Baugh.

Goldwater and Byron met individually with students and faculty, attended several political science classes and hosted a public forum that was open to the entire community.

They answered questions about the war in Iraq, media coverage of the 2004 Presidential Election, and their experiences as elected officials. The forum was moderated by Bill Ballenger, CMU’s Robert and Marjorie Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government.

“I fear that our students, like the general public, have become jaded about public officials,” said Baugh. “I hope that this program helped them to see that despite all of the news stories about political corruption, there are elected officials who are dedicated public servants. I hope our students will see that public service is a worthwhile endeavor.”

The “Congress to Campus” program was sponsored by CMU’s political science department, the Stennis Center for Public Service, and the Association of Former Members of Congress. The program was last held at CMU in 2002.

CMU hosts sociology conference

The 2004 annual meeting of the Michigan Sociological Association was hosted by Central Michigan University Oct. 22 and 23 in the Bovee University Center.

Students and faculty from colleges and universities throughout Michigan, including several from CMU, hosted sessions on a variety of topics related to the conference theme, “Transforming Consciousness: Sociology and Social Justice.”

During a ceremony on day two of the conference, two individuals with ties to CMU received awards for their work.

E. Michele Whitaker, an assistant professor of criminal justice at Delta College, received the 2004 Marvin Olsen Award for Distinguished Service to Sociology in Michigan. She completed a master’s degree in sociology; social and criminal justice at CMU in 1998.

Nancy J. Herman-Kinney, a CMU sociology professor, received the 2004 Charles Horton Cooley Award for Scholarly Contributions to Sociology.

Following the award presentations, William J. Chambliss, professor of sociology and co-director of the Institute on Crime, Justice, and Corrections at The George Washington University, gave the keynote presentation, “T.R. Young’s Legacy in Critical Criminology: Are we making progress?”

Herman-Kinney and David Kinney, a CMU associate professor of sociology, organized and hosted the conference.

William Chambliss gives the keynote address at the 2004 Michigan Sociological Association’s annual meeting held at CMU.
Students ‘speak out’ on 2004 Presidential Election

CMU students and faculty had many opportunities to voice their opinions about the 2004 presidential candidates.

Organizers of Speak Up, Speak Out: The Current Events Series hosted five forums last fall to engage students and faculty in discussions about the candidates’ opinions on economics, the environment, social justice, and terrorism.

Organizers also held an Election Night party for students and faculty to watch the election results on television, play presidential campaign trivia games, and eat pizza.

Speak Up, Speak Out is a monthly debate series that follows a “town hall meeting” format. Each forum begins with a video presentation to introduce different perspectives on the selected topic and serve as a starting point for discussion. Students, faculty, staff, and community members with expertise in the topic serve as panelists and facilitate the discussion.

When the Speak Up, Speak Out series first began more than four years ago, philosophy and religion professor and series co-organizer Merlyn Mowrey said the situation looked bleak for student political participation on campus.

“By students’ own report they’re not very tuned in to social and political issues,” she said, noting that CMU students were reporting less interest in politics than their peers at other universities. “People aren’t willing to read papers and get informed. It puts democracy itself in jeopardy.”

That’s starting to turn around a bit at CMU since Speak Up Speak Out began, said Mowrey. She credits the popularity of the series to the way it’s formatted.

“The whole point is to get conversation going,” she said. “We’re trying to model critical reflection. And the students in their own responses are showing more critical thought.”

“Things do get rowdy, and we don’t care if they get rowdy,” she said. “Our goal is to get the students engaged and informed so that they will vote.”

The fall forums were sponsored by the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, the Center for Professional and Personal Ethics, Phi Sigma Alpha, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Assessment Council and the Multicultural Education Center.
Ethics Center speakers discuss
Workplace Discrimination and Academic Integrity

As part of ongoing efforts to support the study, teaching, and practice of ethics, CMU’s Center for Professional and Personal Ethics recently welcomed guest speakers to campus to discuss workplace discrimination and academic integrity.

Adele Rapport, a regional attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, visited campus in November to describe the prevalence of workplace discrimination that individuals face because of their race, gender, religion, age or national origin.

Contrary to what some believe about discrimination in the workplace, Rapport has proven that it’s a daily reality for people, including women, people of color, and people with disabilities, said Hope May, director of the Ethics Center.

“Students, in particular, don’t believe discrimination exists, but it’s alive and well,” said May, who had the idea to have Rapport speak at CMU after following a discrimination lawsuit this past summer by a woman against her employer, Morgan Stanley & Co.

In the suit, the employee alleged that she was repeatedly passed up for promotions while her male colleagues advanced in the company, often taking business prospects on golf outings and to strip clubs and excluding female colleagues. The company settled for $54 million.

“What struck me about the case was that this was Morgan Stanley—this was Wall Street. People think discrimination doesn’t exist especially in a place as progressive as Wall Street,” May said.

Rapport is a co-chair of the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section’s Continuing Legal Education Committee and the vice chair for the executive board of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America’s Employment Rights section.

She is a member of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and is an adjunct law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where she teaches employment discrimination and disability rights courses.

Don McCabe, founder of the Center for Academic Integrity, hosted two lectures at CMU in November to discuss his findings on academic dishonesty and what they mean for universities.

“Academic integrity and efforts against plagiarism are both critical aspects of a strong higher educational system, and they are tied to our overall effort to raise academic standards at CMU,” said Todd Zakrajsek, director of the Faculty Center for Innovative Teaching.

McCabe has done extensive research on college cheating, surveying more than 25,000 students over the last 12 years. His recent data suggests that more students are starting to cheat earlier in their college careers.

“It’s important to address academic integrity early and often,” said McCabe.

He also noted that students report higher incidences of cheating when cheating is the campus norm, when the school lacks an honor code, or when students believe their instructors do not support integrity policies or there is little chance of being caught or penalized for cheating.

To help reduce instances of cheating, McCabe said it is critical that faculty take an active role in promoting academic integrity.

“Most students learn about academic integrity policies from their faculty,” he said.

In addition, he said students should play a primary role in developing their institution’s policies so that they generate a sense of ownership for the policies.

McCabe is an organization management professor at Rutgers University. The Center for Academic Integrity is a consortium of more than 300 colleges and universities who are joined together to promote academic integrity among college and university students.

McCabe’s presentations were sponsored by the Ethics Center, the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Faculty Center for Innovative Teaching.

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Ethics Center Web site
To learn more about the Center for Professional and Personal Ethics or upcoming events and lectures, visit http://ethics.cmich.edu.
Medical expert discusses dangers of fast-food diets

You might want to think twice before ordering a burger and fries from your local fast-food restaurant during your next lunch break.

Our genes are coded for a diet rich in fruits and vegetables and not the processed grains, salts and trans fats that are prevalent in most modern diets, said Victor V. Rozas, MD, assistant clinical professor of medicine at Michigan State University, during his presentation at CMU in November.

His lecture, “From Hunting and Gathering to McDonald’s: Our Gene Ancestry and Diabetes,” explained that diabetes rates are rising dramatically in the United States and other industrialized countries where people follow diets much different from that of our early ancestors.

“Hunters and gatherers did not eat at will,” said Rozas. “We eat at will, and we eat too much. Food is now marketed in larger quantities and serving sizes, which has contributed to expanding waist sizes and more cases of diabetes, heart attacks, and kidney disease.”

Rozas is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and is the medical director of the Great Lakes Renal Network. His presentation was sponsored by CMU’s Anthropology Club under the leadership of Sergio Chavez, a faculty member in the sociology, anthropology, and social work department.

Officer describes leadership role in times of conflict

Capt. Shawn Abbe, Company Commander of the 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company of the Michigan Army National Guard, visited Central Michigan University during LEAD Week in November to describe his experiences of serving in Bosnia, Iraq, and Kuwait.

Abbe’s presentation, “Leadership in Times of Conflict,” was sponsored by the military science department and CMU’s Leadership Institute as part of the biannual Col. William B. Nolde Lecture Series.

Abbe said that during times of conflict, soldiers follow orders because they trust their leaders, not because they are given a command.

In order to earn and maintain his soldiers’ trust, Abbe meets individually with all new soldiers to learn about their personal lives, special talents, and incentives for joining the military. He also maintains an open-door policy in his office to encourage all of his soldiers to meet with him regularly.

“When you sit down with new soldiers for five or ten minutes and show them a little bit of personal attention, you start earning their trust,” said Abbe. “If you can keep that relationship on a personal level, you can build that trust.”

After joining the Michigan Army National Guard in 1989, Abbe progressed up the enlisted ranks from a private to staff sergeant. He completed Officer Candidate School in 1999 and was promoted to the rank of captain in 2003. Abbe also has been employed as an electrician for Eaton Corp. for the past 10 years.

The Col. William B. Nolde Lecture Series seeks to promote an understanding of the role of the United States Armed Forces in the life and history of the United States and to recognize the tie between military science and the broader disciplines within the university. The lectures serve as a stimulus to intellectual activity for future leaders both in the military and across the campus and community.

Col. William B. Nolde was the last official casualty of the Vietnam War. He twice served as an assistant professor of military science at Central Michigan University.
English department welcomes new faculty, hosts readings

The English department introduced new creative writing faculty members Kim Chinquee and Mark Yakich to the Central Michigan University community by hosting a public reading of their works of fiction and poetry in the Park Library Baber Room in September.

Chinquee, who teaches creative writing: fiction, has an M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an M.A. in creative writing from the University of Southern Mississippi. She writes short stories, novels, nonfiction, and poetry. More than 60 of her stories have been published in journals such as Noon, Denver Quarterly, North Dakota Quarterly, The South Carolina Review, The Arkansas Review, The Wisconsin Academy Review, War, Literature and the Arts, Cottonwood, The Black Mountain Review, and others.

Chinquee is currently working on her second novel. She received the Henfield Transatlantic Review Award in 2001 and was nominated for the Pushcart Prize and the Best American New Voices in 2003.

Yakich, who teaches creative writing: poetry, has an M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Memphis and is completing a Ph.D. in English at Florida State University. His first book of poems, Unrelated Individuals Forming a Group Waiting to Cross, was a winner of the 2003 National Poetry Series and was published by Penguin Books.

He has worked in the European Parliament and has degrees in political science, West European studies, and poetry. Since 2002, he has been a Reader at the University of California-Berkeley.

After the reading, the students and faculty who attended the event had the opportunity to mingle with the new faculty members, enjoy refreshments, or purchase copies of the authors’ books.

Poet and fiction writer Ander Monson hosted a reading and book signing during his visit to CMU in November.

Monson, who teaches writing at Grand Valley State University, is a widely published author with two books forthcoming. Vacationland, a collection of poetry, will be published by Tupelo Press; and Other Electricities, fiction, will be published by Sarabande Books.

Originally from the Upper Peninsula, which figures prominently in his poetry and fiction, Monson received his master’s degree in both poetry and fiction from the University of Alabama.

Monson’s reading was sponsored by the English department and the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences Writers Series.

Fiction writer Brian Evenson brought his dark stories to CMU for a public reading and book signing in October.

Evenson, who teaches in the creative writing program at Brown University, is the author of seven books of fiction: Altmann’s Tongue, The Din of Celestial Birds, Prophets and Brothers, Father of Lies, Contagion, Dark Property, and The Wavering Knife.

He writes about the seedy parts of the world and says he got this perspective while working as a Mormon missionary. When he was teaching at Brigham Young University, he was told that if he continued to write his dark fiction, he would be fired. He quit instead.

Evenson’s reading was sponsored by the English department and the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences Writers Series.
CMU hosts annual meeting of political scientists

Central Michigan University’s political science department hosted the 36th annual Michigan Conference of Political Scientists Oct. 15 and 16 in the Bovee University Center.

The themes for the annual meeting were globalization and its impact on governance and promoting student research in political science.


The conference’s panel discussions focused on the impact of globalization on the field of political science, the role of international organizations, ethnic conflict in global politics, global security efforts, the international political economy, the role of multinational corporations, and nongovernmental organizations in modern governance and globalization.

Vidu Soni, associate professor of political science and 2004 president-elect of MCPS, organized and hosted this year’s conference.

MCPS represents political scientists from all colleges and universities in Michigan and has more than 250 members.

Scholar discusses Middle East politics and power

Thomas Barfield, chair of Boston University’s anthropology department, hosted a presentation at Central Michigan University in October titled “Lessons from Ibn Khaldun: The Dynamics of Political Power in the Middle East.”

Barfield has done extensive research on Ibn Khaldun, an early modern Arab historian and sociologist. He discussed how Khaldun’s descriptions of the social and political struggles of 14th century desert and urban tribes of the Middle East are relevant to current conflicts in this region.

The event was sponsored by the Honors Program, the Multicultural Education Center, the Office for Institutional Diversity, the political science department, the sociology, anthropology, and social work department, and the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.
New book explores daily life in Nazi Germany

When Central Michigan University history professor Eric Johnson received a year-long Fulbright Fellowship as a visiting professor at the University of Cologne in Germany in 1989, he had no idea he was embarking on a project that would last more than 15 years and would bring him into contact with thousands of individuals who lived through the reign of Nazi Germany.

With the ambitious goal of examining what life in a dictatorship was like for the ordinary citizen, Johnson soon realized his project required a much larger investment of time and financial support. He received grants from several foundations, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and spent an additional five years conducting research in Germany.


Johnson and his co-author, University of Dusseldorf sociology professor Karl-Heinz Reuband, surveyed more than 3,000 people and personally interviewed 200 Germans and Jews alive during the Third Reich. Excerpts from 40 of the 200 interviews are included in the book.

The book answers important questions about the daily lives and experiences of the people who lived under Hitler’s regime, including how much they knew about the mass murder of Jews.

“The biggest question for many is whether people knew the Holocaust was going on, because it was officially done in secret, and we’ve uncovered that it wasn’t done in secret, which is a very painful issue for both sides,” said Johnson.

“While most people from outside of Germany find it hard to believe that German people did not know about the Holocaust as it was happening, most Germans have continued to believe that knowledge about the Holocaust had been kept a secret in Germany—that only a tiny number of directly involved people knew about it. This book provides incontrovertible evidence that the Holocaust was not kept a secret to the mass of the German population,” said Johnson.

The book depicts the stark contrasts between the experiences of Jewish and non-Jewish citizens.

“Difficult as it is to fathom, given most people’s conception of dictatorship, most Germans appear to have led happy, productive, even normal lives in the Third Reich. This indicates that a dictatorship can enjoy widespread popularity among the majority even while committing unspeakable crimes against minorities and others,” writes Johnson in the conclusion of his book.

The book also debunks the idea that German citizens supported the Nazis out of fear.

“The Jews lived in fear and were constantly terrorized as our evidence shows, but the ordinary German population had little to fear,” said Johnson. “Even though nearly all Germans broke Nazi laws by listening to outlawed radio broadcasts, telling unflattering and critical jokes about Hitler and Nazi policies, dancing to forbidden Jazz music and so on, they were very seldom punished for these activities even if they were caught.”

Johnson says his book is unique because it is the first of its kind to systematically survey what the German people—both Jews and non-Jews—thought and experienced.

“We combined my expertise in modern German history and Nazi society with my co-author’s expertise in public opinion and sociological research,” said Johnson. “We devised a study that would conform to the highest principles of social science and survey research design and went out and surveyed thousands of people about their experiences, attitudes, and backgrounds.”

“Historians typically have not used testimonials because they don’t trust their accuracy, but it’s some of the most important, compelling evidence you can have,” said Johnson. “Whether it’s the truth or not, it’s still of interest to hear what a Holocaust survivor who lived through Auschwitz or a concentration camp guard have to tell me about their experiences. It’s very interesting to compare what those people had to say about living in the same dictatorship.”

Johnson has taught courses in modern German history, 20th century Europe, and social science history at CMU since 1976. Two of Johnson’s other published books include Nazi Terror: The Gestapo, Jews, and Ordinary Germans and Urbanization and Crime: Germany, 1871-1914.
CHSBS faculty members receive awards for Outstanding Achievements in Diversity

Two Central Michigan University faculty members have been recognized for their work in helping CMU strive for excellence in matters regarding equity, diversity, and affirmative action.

Joyce Henricks, department chair and associate professor in the philosophy and religion department, and Mary Senter, department chair and professor in the sociology, anthropology, and social work department, are the recipients of the first President’s Diversity Excellence Awards. The award is given to CMU faculty, staff, administrators, or units that have made outstanding contributions toward achieving diversity at CMU.

“These women have served on numerous councils and have been advocates for helping CMU work toward becoming more diverse,” said Maureen Eke, associate vice president for institutional diversity.

Both women are advocates of diversity initiatives at CMU and of developing more classes dealing with race, gender, and social equity in the university program,” said Eke.

Henricks was the first director of CMU’s women’s studies program. Since 1971, when she taught the first women’s studies course at CMU, she has been teaching and helping to develop courses in the program. She was director two more times in the more recent past and continues to serve on the Women’s Studies Governance Council.

She also has developed courses on the Civil Rights Movement, racism, and diversity and is a frequent contributor to panels and workshops dealing with gender and racial discrimination.

Mary Senter, SASW

Senter has been active in the women’s studies program and was instrumental in the establishment of the Multicultural Education Center. As chair of the Academic Senate, she helped edit and approve CMU’s Strategic Plan for Achieving Diversity.

In the mid-1990s, she was asked to chair the Diversity Assessment Study Group and spearheaded a survey of CMU students’ experiences with diversity, which was followed by a series of focus groups. As a member of the Diversity Campus Climate Committee, she was instrumental in the development of the 2004 Diversity Report Card.

Soni receives Michigan Public Service Award

Vidu Soni, associate professor of political science, received the 2004 Michigan Public Service Award for Academia from the Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

She received the award last May at a ceremony for ASPA’s annual commemoration of Public Service Recognition Week.

ASPA is the premier professional association of academicians and practitioners engaged in the teaching, scholarship, and practice of public service.

Last year Braulio Munoz, one of Soni’s master of public administration graduate students, received an outstanding graduate paper award and a $750 scholarship from ASPA.

Loveinger named fellow, receives board certification

Sophie Lovinger (professor emeritus, 1970-1997) was awarded fellow status in the American Psychological Association in June and received a Diplomate in Clinical Child Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology in July. Her husband, Robert Lovinger (professor emeritus, 1967-1998), is protecting the country as a volunteer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Senter has been active in the women’s studies program and was instrumental in the establishment of the Multicultural Education Center. As chair of the Academic Senate, she helped edit and approve CMU’s Strategic Plan for Achieving Diversity.

In the mid-1990s, she was asked to chair the Diversity Assessment Study Group and spearheaded a survey of CMU students’ experiences with diversity, which was followed by a series of focus groups. As a member of the Diversity Campus Climate Committee, she was instrumental in the development of the 2004 Diversity Report Card.

Graduate literary journal available online

Central Michigan University’s creative writing program is proud to announce that Temenos, the graduate student literary journal, is now available online.

The journal features poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and short plays written by the program’s graduate students, as well as work by nationally-known guest writers.

Temenos is published biannually online and annually in print. It is available online at www.chsbs.cmich.edu/creative_writing/temenos.htm.

Faculty Announcements

CHSBS faculty and staff can submit announcements of notable awards to CHSBS@cmich.edu or Anspach 115.
CHSBS Alumni News and Accomplishments

~ 1930s ~
After earning her M.A. in Christian Education from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago Lois (Winterberg) Meyer (BS Sociology, ’39) served as director of Christian education for four Presbyterian churches. She and her husband also taught English at a mission school in Yucatan, Mexico and adopted a 10-year-old Mexican girl. Lois is now widowed, but she continues her missionary work by traveling to three countries each year. She is in excellent health and celebrated her 87th birthday in November. Her mother and two sisters also graduated from CMU.

Lois (Winterberg) Meyer

~ 1940s ~
Eleanor (Fierke) Grindle (BS Ed.: English, ’41) retired from California Social Service. She has traveled to Europe, Africa, South America and all 50 states. She has three grown sons, two of whom are teachers.

~ 1960s ~
Dr. Stephen D. Hart (BS Ed.: Social Science, ’66) maintains a busy psychoanalytic and psychotherapy practice in Elm Grove and Greenfield, Wis. (near Milwaukee). He and his wife, Faith, enjoy long-distance bicycling, light-cuisine cooking, landscaping and gardening.

Trudy (Schertel) Paullin (BA Elem. Ed.: Social Science & Biology, ’66) taught second grade in Minneapolis and was a “stay-at-home-mom” for seven years raising three children. Now she is a real estate broker/owner of Moore/Jensen Associates, Inc. in East Lansing. She and her husband, Bill Paullin, have been married for 39 years.

Agness (Skelton) Schmidt (BS Social Studies, ’65) wrote and published the book Auburn and Williams Township to commemorate the 150-year history of Auburn and Williams Township. Schmidt and her book received media attention leading up to the Sept. 18 – 19 sesquicentennial celebration. A copy of the book is available in CMU’s Clarke Historical Library.

~ 1970s ~
Michael L. Cooper (BS Ed: English, ’72; MA Counselor Education, ’76) has joined mid-Michigan’s Delta College as its director of Disability Support Services, after 22 years as a vocational rehabilitation professional, and senior vice president, with SVRC Industries, Inc. of Saginaw.

As one of few wheelchair-users on campus in the early ’70s, Cooper worked closely with the late Charles M. Westie, sociology professor emeritus, and his wife, Ardhil Westie, a long-time editor of campus publications, to advocate for, design and implement many of the accessibility and barrier-free features that still exist on campus today and have made CMU a positive environment for students and faculty with disabilities.

Cooper says Dr. Westie was “philosophically instrumental in anything I may have accomplished after leaving CMU.”

Michael Cooper

~ 1980s ~
Eric Burkholder (MA Psychology, ’96) successfully defended his doctoral dissertation “A Component Analysis of Total Communication.” He received a Ph.D. in behavior analysis from the University of Nevada, Reno, in December.

~ 1990s ~
Michael G. Knapp (BS History & Military Science, ’78) retired as a major from the U. S. Army Reserve in 2002 and now works as a Middle East intelligence analyst for the U. S. Army National Guard Intelligence Center (NGIC) in Charlottesville, Va. His articles have been published in Parameters (Spring 2003); Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin (July-Sept. 2002); and American Intelligence Journal (Winter 1995).

William (Kit) Moran (BS Sec. Ed.: History & English, ’77) is beginning his 26th year in education as the new assistant principal at Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti.

Marilyn (Osborn) Peters (BS Ed.: Social Science, ’71; MA Elem. Ed., ’78) retired in August of 2002. She is enjoying retirement at home and at her cabin on Elbow Lake.

Bill Sonday (BS Psychology & Sociology, ’75) is director of the Mary Free Bed Hospital & Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids. His wife, Jean Sonday (BS Ed.: Music & Speech, ’75), is a fourth grade public school teacher.

LuAnn VanderLind Arnson (BS Psychology, ’76) received a master’s of social work degree from Western Michigan University in June of 2004. She is a medical social worker at DeVos Children’s Hospital in pediatric oncology and provides therapy to patients with traumatic brain injuries through Worth Rehabilitation Services. Both employers are part of Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

Charlie Gentner (MA Edu. Admin., ’74) retired after 31 years in education, having worked in the Bad Axe, Caro and Tuscola Intermediate school districts. He now is an insurance agent for the Gentner Insurance Agency, Inc. of Mayville, which he has owned and operated for 34 years. The agency offers MEEMIC insurance products to school employees throughout the thumb area of Michigan.
Dunbar named to CMU’s first neuroscience professorship

Psychology professor **Gary Dunbar** has been named the first occupant of the **John G. Kulhavi Endowed Professorship in Neuroscience**.

Dunbar’s appointment was announced by Gary Shapiro, dean of CMU’s College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, during the opening ceremonies for the Brain Research and Integrative Neuroscience Center in October.

“We are very pleased to fill this important professorship with Gary Dunbar, a very talented and dedicated member of the psychology faculty,” said Shapiro. “He is not only a fine researcher, but also an excellent teacher and mentor to our students. I am deeply appreciative for the generosity of John Kulhavi.”

Dunbar, who currently is chairman of his department, is a CMU graduate. He has helped build CMU’s neuroscience program from just two neuroscience-related courses to a strong undergraduate, interdisciplinary neuroscience major.

Dunbar, along with his fellow psychology department colleagues, have made strides with their research into neurodegenerative diseases such as Huntington’s, Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s, with the aid of the department’s new BRAIN Center, located in the Health Professions Building.

Their neurological research was part of what inspired trustee and alumnus John Kulhavi to fund the professorship.

“IT’s truly a great honor to hold the first John G. Kulhavi Professorship,” said Dunbar. “This endowed professorship allows us to really focus on what’s critically important for the program itself. It allows flexibility to utilize time and resources in areas of most pressing concern.”

Kulhavi, a 1965 CMU graduate, was appointed to the CMU Board of Trustees by Gov. John Engler in 2002 to complete a term expiring Dec. 31, 2008. He is senior vice president for Merrill Lynch in Farmington Hills.

Kulhavi also serves on CMU’s Development Board, Capital Campaign Steering Committee, College of Business Administration Advisory Board, and College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences Capital Campaign Committee. He is a member of the university’s Bell Tower Society, President’s Club and Chippewa Club. In September 2003, CMU dedicated the newly constructed John G. Kulhavi Residence Hall, which was named in recognition of his ongoing support of the university.

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**Psychology alumni chapter proposed**

The psychology department has taken the first steps to establish an alumni chapter for psychology graduates.

The purpose of this group will be to provide a mechanism for social and professional networking among psychology graduates as well as with current students and faculty. Events will likely include social gatherings in conjunction with major psychology conferences and CMU’s homecoming and professional outreach to current psychology students.

In order for the psychology alumni group to become chartered, the department needs to document that a minimum of 50 alumni have expressed interest in joining the group. Commitment of participation is not required at this time.

If you are interested in seeing CMU establish a psychology alumni chapter, please give your name and contact information to: **Matt Jans**, psychology alumni liaison, at (617) 822-3063 or **matthew.jans@umb.edu**; or **Chris Austin**, associate director of alumni relations at (800) 358-6903 or **austi1cr@cmich.edu**.

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**Lori Cichon** (BS Psychology & Family Studies, ’98) received a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy from Indiana State University. She is in her final year of pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Indiana State University and has an internship to work with behavior disordered adolescents from the Chicago area.

**Ian J. McKenna** (BS Earth Science & Military Science, ’98) married his CMU sweetheart, **Betsie Blom McKenna** (BS Sociology & Anthropology, ’98), and they now have two children. Ian is serving in Iraq as a captain in the U.S. Army. Betsie is a full-time mom, keeping the family healthy and happy until Ian returns.

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**Kristin Abraham** (BA English: Creative Writing, ’03) received the Rebecca Mason Perry Award, which recognizes outstanding first-year graduate students in West Virginia University’s Department of English. Abraham is pursuing a master’s degree in creative writing at WVU.

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**Memorial gifts create lasting tribute to CMU student**

When Central Michigan University sophomore Joanna M. Russ was tragically killed in an automobile accident on March 11, 2004, her family and friends knew they couldn't let her efforts in conducting research to help children with disabilities fade away.

In a lasting tribute to Joanna, they established the Joanna M. Russ Memorial Undergraduate Research and Presentation Grant through memorial gifts designated to CMU, including substantial gifts from psychology department faculty members and Joanna's parents, Walter and Annie Russ. The annual grant will help offset students' costs of conducting research or presenting the results of their research.

Joanna, a psychology major, wanted to become a psychologist and work with special needs children and their families. She was especially interested in helping children with autism.

"When Joanna was in high school, she worked with a set of autistic toddlers to fulfill her National Honor Society community service hours," said Annie Russ. "She did very well with them, and it just came naturally to her. She would think about things such as what color shirt to wear to get the kids to respond, and she had good luck with it."

Joanna started taking classes at CMU in the fall of 2002, but was unhappy with the lack of activities to keep her engaged.

"She was a very driven, straight-A student, so she needed a lot of activity and stimulation," said Annie.

Looking for a way to get Joanna more involved in university programs, Mike Owens, CMU's associate dean of students, introduced her to psychology professor Tim Hartshorne.

"Joanna was very interested in autism and severe disabilities, so I asked her to join my research team to study CHARGE Syndrome," said Hartshorne, who was in the midst of conducting two simultaneous studies funded by the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation.

"CHARGE Syndrome is a relatively rare condition (1 in 12,000 births is an estimate) that was first identified in 1979. Some of the children with CHARGE display behavior that can be classified as autistic, obsessive compulsive, attention deficit hyperactivity, and tic disorder," said Hartshorne.

"The major challenges with CHARGE are vision and hearing problems resulting in many children being classified as deafblind; swallowing problems leading to the need for feeding tubes; balance problems causing significant delays in learning to walk; and communication difficulties related to the deafblindness."

"Joanna made a big contribution to our study by getting us to include questions on communication. She wondered whether communication skills development and/or the method of communication used by the child influenced behavior or sensory processing. We have found that communication skill problems are related to more severe behavior difficulties," said Hartshorne.

The Joanna Russ research and presentation grant is open to CMU students of all academic majors. Research related to CHARGE Syndrome will be given priority, but projects can fall under any of the following categories:

- The cause of or nature of behavior difficulties in children with CHARGE Syndrome;
- Educational, family, medical, social, or other difficulties experienced by children with CHARGE Syndrome or other genetic syndromes;
- Studies related to autism and autism spectrum disorder;
- Studies related to other low incidence disabilities such as deafblindness.

Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and present evidence of faculty sponsorship. The psychology department will select the number of recipients and amount awarded each year.

Although the loss is unbelievably hard, Annie said the family is comforted by the many letters they've received from Joanna's friends, teachers, and the special needs children and families that she worked with.

"We had no idea that she had touched so many lives, that her influence on others was so encompassing," she said.

The family also finds comfort in knowing that Joanna's compassion for helping special needs children will be carried on by other students at CMU.

"It started out as an 'in lieu of flowers.' We had no idea it would develop into something this big," said Annie. "My husband's co-workers held fund-raisers and raffles to raise more than $3,500. Joanna's high school and college friends and teachers, her roommate's family, and the family of the children Joanna babysat all emptied their pockets to help out."

"Joanna's love for others will live on forever in so many hearts and minds, and it's her love that created all of this. Her spirit, her life, everything that she wanted to do will live on in her scholarship."

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Russ memorial fund should contact the CHSBS development office at (989) 774-1788 or CHSBS@cmich.edu.
Ethics Center receives major gift
Jeffrey Wigand establishes lecture series, moral courage award

Central Michigan University’s Center for Professional and Personal Ethics is making great strides in its mission to offer more opportunities to support the study, teaching, and practice of ethics.

Jeffrey S. Wigand, tobacco control advocate and inspiration for the Oscar-winning movie The Insider, recently contributed $10,000 to the Ethics Center to establish an annual lecture series and moral courage award. He was motivated to make his gift because he believed the Center did not have sufficient funding to carry out its mission.

“A primary goal of the Center is to develop students’ moral understanding to make our communities more honest, fair, caring, and accountable,” said Wigand. “I realized that if the Center had funds to host more activities and guest speakers, then it would have the capacity to make a bigger difference in the lives of students by improving their understanding of morality and ethical character traits.”

The Dr. J.S. Wigand Annual Ethics Lecture Series will assist the Center in promoting campus-wide integrity by giving students, faculty, and community members access to established experts in the fields of applied ethics, character development, and moral philosophy. Wigand’s gift will pay for promotional materials, marketing activities, and speaker fees.

“I believe that morality can be taught and learned, even in adulthood. Guest speakers can inspire students to do the right thing when challenged, provide positive role models for students, and help students to develop their moral sensibilities. The ultimate aim is to help students to make better ethical decisions. This may be the last opportunity to influence students’ moral code before they enter the work force and become productive members of society,” said Wigand.

The Jeffrey Wigand Moral Courage Award will be presented annually to an outstanding individual in the greater CMU community during a formal ceremony on campus. The Ethics Center’s Advisory Board will select the award recipients.

“It is important to recognize individuals or entities that demonstrate a commitment to ethical behavior,” said Wigand. “These individuals are positive role models who provide examples of excellence for others to follow. When people are exposed to concrete examples of ordinary individuals acting courageously in extraordinary situations, they cannot help but recognize the importance and value of these ethical actions.”

The Center for Professional and Personal Ethics was established by the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences in 1999. Hope May, assistant professor of philosophy, is the Center’s director.

In addition to Wigand’s gift, the Center recently received a 4-year pledge of $5,000 per year from a major Michigan corporation that wishes to remain anonymous.

Wigand, who has served as an advisory board member of the Ethics Center since 2003, hopes other corporations and individuals will continue to help the Center sustain its mission. In addition, he hopes his gift will help CMU uphold the university’s new vision statement to be a nationally prominent university known for integrity, academic excellence, applied research, and public service.

“I am bothered by the serious ethical breaches in our society that seem to affect every profession,” said Wigand. “We are profoundly influenced by corporate decisions and professionals in medicine, law, and journalism. When individuals in these professions make improper moral or ethical decisions, we are all affected.”

Wigand has a doctorate from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and a MAT from the University of Louisville School of Education. He has been the Eminent Scholar in Ethics at Auburn University and has taught ethics and moral decision making at numerous law and business schools around the world. He also is founder of the nonprofit foundation Smoke-Free Kids.

The Insider told Wigand’s story about becoming the highest-ranking executive to expose a tobacco company’s neglect of health information in the creation of their cigarettes.
CMU rifle range receives makeover, new name

The rifle range in CMU’s Finch Fieldhouse received a much-needed makeover and a new name thanks to the generosity of CMU Board of Trustees chairman John G. Kulhavi, ’65, and the CMU ROTC Alumni Association.

The newly-renovated Brigadier General John G. Kulhavi Rifle Range officially opened on Sept. 9 following a traditional ribbon cutting and a ceremonial first shot fired by Kulhavi.

Other CMU dignitaries, including President Michael Rao and Board of Trustees members Jerry D. Campbell and Roger Kesseler, also fired rounds at targets in the new range.

With gifts from Kulhavi and other donors, the military science department purchased safety glasses, hearing protection, eight rifles, a new rifle rack, and an automatic target retrieval system, said Capt. William Humes, assistant military science professor. In addition, the facility received a new floor, new lights in the hallway, and a fresh coat of paint in CMU colors.

“Simply put, it was time for the renovations,” said Humes. “The systems were outdated and a face-lift was sorely needed.”

The Kulhavi Rifle Range is used by the CMU Rifle Team, Ranger Club and ROTC juniors for training purposes. The renovations cost more than $26,000.

During the fund-raising effort, Kulhavi matched all gifts—up to $50,000—donated by CMU’s ROTC alumni. His matching gift challenge was part of the department’s ongoing efforts to increase scholarship opportunities and make necessary facility upgrades.

CHSBS welcomes new director of development

I am so pleased to be back on the campus of Central Michigan University. Admittedly, I had not been on campus for many years, prior to this summer. When I first arrived on campus for my job interview, I was astounded by some of the changes I saw . . . and reminisced when I walked past the buildings and landmarks that have been a part of this campus for many years.

While I had read about the Health Professions building, I had never seen it, nor was I aware of the incredible technology and mind-boggling work being done in its interior. Twenty years ago, I had Gary Dunbar for Psychology 100 and, at that time, never gave much thought to the depth of knowledge and contributions he would make toward understanding devastating neurological diseases such as Alzheimer’s and Huntington’s.

My first philosophy class—Philosophy 100—was taught by Joyce Henricks, who I now see every day. In that class, I learned how we make sense of the world around us, and how and why we make certain decisions, based on our values. Little did I know back then that the concepts and ideas taught in that class would become a part of every decision I would make, personally and professionally.

Each time I meet with a CMU grad, I am asked if Professor (fill in the blank) is still teaching. Yes, it’s great to be back on campus and to be around the students and the loyal teachers who have made and will continue to make a difference in the lives of their students. I hope you, too, will have an opportunity in the near future to visit campus again and reconnect with memories and people that you remember from your time here at CMU.

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Capt. William Humes, assistant military science professor, Michael Rao, CMU president, and John G. Kulhavi, ’65, cut the ribbon to open the newly-renovated Brigadier General John G. Kulhavi Rifle Range in September.

Alison Miller, director of development
My job as director of development is to raise money for the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Many people ask me if it’s hard to ask for money . . . “Don’t you get tired of always having your hand out?” . . . “Isn’t it devastating to be told no?” . . . “Are you embarrassed to ask for money?” One person even said to me, “That’s not a real job.” Well, I’m here to tell you all that it IS a job, and I am honored and pleased to be doing it for Central Michigan University.

We all place a value on things important to us. Most of us also allot a certain amount of money to be given to organizations and institutions that are a part of what we value in life. Further, as many of us navigate through life and begin to weave together an estate plan, we include our alma mater as beneficiary of our estate or a portion thereof.

It is not only my job to ask for money, but also to inform and involve you in our college, to introduce (or reintroduce) you to our faculty, to engage you with our students, and to expand our base of stakeholders to further build and strengthen our foundation in a manner that reflects your values.

You may have read that we recently surpassed our $50 million goal for CMU’s New Vision of Excellence Campaign. While that is true, we are still far from fulfilling our departmental goals. With each new scholarship that is established, you provide a worthy student with the financial resources needed to pursue academic success. Faculty support enables our faculty members to continue to expand their research, scholarship, and teaching excellence.

So, if you receive a letter or call from Dean Gary Shapiro or myself asking you to engage with us, and you ask the question, “Is this about money?” my answer will always be “of course,” but it doesn’t stop there. We invite you to engage with us, and ask you to allow us to inform you about our college and its departments, to involve you by providing interaction with our students and faculty, and invite you to invest with us and become stakeholders in your valued and cherished Central Michigan University.
We want to hear from our alumni!

Please fill out the Alumni Update Form on this page or e-mail your news to CHSBS@cmich.edu.

We also encourage you to visit our Web site for announcements on upcoming special events. 
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**Alumni Information Form**

Help us learn more about our alumni. Please send us news of your accomplishments.

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