



News for faculty, staff and retirees

May 29, 2019

TODAY'S HEADLINES



Town hall focuses on integrating arts, humanities and STEM

More than 100 U-M students, staff and faculty members came together Tuesday to discuss the issue of arts integration, what it means, and how to create, evaluate and sustain courses and programs that intentionally integrate the arts and humanities into science, technology, math engineering and medicine.

Former U-M great Juwan Howard returns as men's basketball coach

Former Wolverine All-American and NBA All-Star Juwan Howard has been named men's basketball head coach, becoming the 17th men's basketball coach in the program's history. Howard returns to Ann Arbor for his first collegiate head coaching job after spending his last six years with the NBA's Miami Heat.

Submission deadline policy set for proposals to external sponsors

A new policy governing submission deadlines for proposals to external sponsors will take effect Jan. 6, 2020. It is designed to establish explicit, fair and uniformly applied levels of service for processing for the more than 7,700 proposals submitted each year to external sponsors on behalf of U-M researchers.

Going Blue on Top of The World!



LSA senior Ermelinda Ndoka's photo of her sitting on an old stone wall at the site of her grandparents' house in Albania is the winner of the International Institute's most recent annual photo contest. Said Ndoka: "I showed my Michigan pride while appreciating my family's sacrifices! At that moment, I was most thankful for where I am from, and where I currently a-M!" [View category winners and other submissions.](#)

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An advertisement for a peony garden. The top part features a photograph of pink peonies. The text reads: "Visit the Peony Garden in Bloom at Nichols Arboretum Memorial Day to Mid-June". Below this is a dark blue banner with the text: "MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS & NICHOLS ARBORETUM mbgna.umich.edu (734) 647-7600". There is also a "Learn More!" link on the right side of the banner.

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U-M buildings receive statewide awards for energy reduction

Three buildings on U-M's Ann Arbor campus — the Carl A. Gerstaecker Building, Weill Hall and Medical Sciences II — have earned recognition for reducing energy in 2018 through a competition hosted by the U.S. Green Building Council of West Michigan, the third consecutive year U-M has been recognized.

U-M History — May 20-June 9

Alumna Janet Guthrie became the first woman to race in the Indianapolis 500 on May 29, 1977. Read about some of the other things that happened in U-M history during the weeks of May 20-June 9.

COMING EVENTS

May 29

U-M Precision Health Symposium

Exploring the latest research in the multidisciplinary field of precision health, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., North Campus Research Complex Building 18, Dining Hall



May 30

'The Folly and Madness of War'

Sarah Swedberg will discuss her research at the Clements Library, noon-1 p.m., William Clements Library



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IN THE NEWS

“The likelihood that somebody is going to default on their loan goes up as the size of their debt goes down. So those who are most likely to default on their loans have debts of only a few thousand dollars. What’s remarkable about these students is not the size of their debt but that they dropped out of school after only a few semesters,” said **Susan Dynarski**, professor of economics, education and public policy.



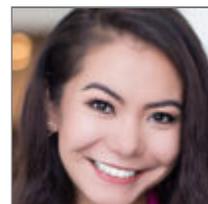
[CNN International](#)

“Falls are a trifecta in terms of reasons why they need an increased focus. They are highly prevalent, cause a lot of damage, including death, and they are preventable,” said **Geoffrey Hoffman**, assistant professor of nursing, whose research shows that fall-related injuries are a major reason why seniors are readmitted to the hospital within a month after being discharged.



[U.S. News & World Report](#)

A study by **Aliya Alimujiang**, doctoral student in epidemiology at the School of Public Health, and colleagues suggests that having a sense of purpose in life lowers the risk of all causes of death after age 50: “There seems to be no downside to improving one’s life purpose, and there may be benefits.”



[Forbes](#)

Research by **Daniel Spratt**, associate professor of radiation oncology, and **Robert Dess**, assistant professor of radiation oncology, debunks the myth that genetics plays a larger role than health disparities in risk of death from prostate cancer for black men. “Black men have similar outcomes to white men once they’re diagnosed with prostate cancer, when you account for differences in access to health care and receiving guideline-recommended treatment,” Spratt said.

[NBC News](#)



Shirli Kopelman, clinical professor of management and organizations, was quoted in a story about how being less eager and not embracing every opportunity can be advantageous in negotiations and career advancement: “Emphasizing the uniqueness of your resources and your collaborative approach can help you more quickly advance your goals.”

[The New York Times](#)



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Curing traffic headaches

Traffic congestion in cities is bad and getting worse. Meigui Yu, a UM-Dearborn data science master’s degree student, thinks part of the solution is rethinking how we use the curbside environment.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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