

### A Word from...



### Dr. Fischer

The 2017-2018 school year is quickly approaching! As I've mentioned a few times, this coming year marks the ECA's 10-Year Anniversary, making this fall a very auspicious time to be an ECA First Year student! We are gearing up for a great year. Next up on our calendar is our annual New Parent/Guardian Social, hosted by ECA Pi (Parent Involvement) members. The event is on **August 22**, and you can sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/ecasocial17>.

Mindset Tip for the Week: As you enter the ECA program, we expect that you'll learn many new skills--academic and "soft skills." You will experience both the "stretch" of this new learning and the satisfaction that comes with it. One skill that I want to emphasize strongly as you prepare to start school with us is the skill of interdependence. Interdependence reflects the reality that human beings (and, indeed, many living things!) can't thrive without the help of others. It can feel kind of paradoxical--that to become successfully independent, you have to learn two things: 1. How to rely on others to help you where needed, AND 2. How the act of helping others actually helps you, too!

At our school, this idea plays out in hundreds of ways--study groups, class participation, office hours visits, reminders, encouragement, carpooling, mutual support among classmates/CORE-mates, student leadership, staff engagement, family support--and many other examples of ways that students both give and get what they (and others) need to be successful.

I hope that the last few weeks of summer gives you many opportunities for relaxation and rejuvenation. Soak up the sun and fill up your reserves of energy; the start of the school year is just around the corner!

See you soon!

~Dr. Fischer

### Important Dates to Remember!

#### Thursday, August 24 ~ Challenge Day for Academy Students

All incoming Academy students will report to the Student Center Ballroom no later than 9:00am. Details on page 2.

#### Wednesday, August 30 ~ Challenge Day for Traditional Students

All incoming traditional students will report to Halle Library, room G03 - group arrival times will be sent out via US mail soon. Details on page 2.

#### Tuesday, September 5 ~ ECA Welcome Day for Incoming students

All incoming students will meet in the McKenny Ballroom no later than 9:00am.

#### Wednesday, September 6 ~ ECA/EMU First Day of Classes



**ECA Enrollment for the 2017-2018 School Year:** We are still accepting applications for students entering the 10th or 11th grade in the 2017-2018 school year. If you know someone who is interested in applying, please pass this information along. Enrollment applications can be downloaded from our website: [www.earlycollegealliance.info](http://www.earlycollegealliance.info).

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## ECA Challenge Day!

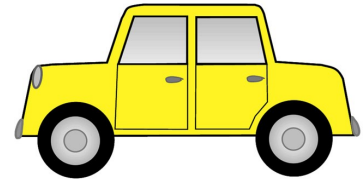
On **Thursday, August 24 (Academy)** and **Wednesday, August 30 (Traditional)** students will participate in the U of M Challenge Program. Please remember:

- ◆ All **Academy** students should report to the Student Center Auditorium **no later than 9:00am!** **Traditional** students will report to Halle Library (G03) and will learn their group arrival time via US mail, shortly.
- ◆ Wear loose, comfortable clothing! **Closed toe, comfortable shoes are a must, and they may get dirty.** So do not wear shoes that you want to keep in pristine condition. Keep the jewelry to a minimum. You will be asked to remove all jewelry that could be a hazard at the UM Challenge program, so be proactive and leave it at home. Buses will transport students from EMU to the UM Challenge Program and back. At the ECA punctuality is a virtue; the buses *will leave on time*, so do not be late!
- ◆ Once students return from the UM Challenge Day they are dismissed for the day.

## Car Pool List

In this mailing you will find a list of families who indicated in Registration Gateway (online registration system) that they are interested in carpooling.

Questions? Email Mrs. Jackson at [jackson@earlycollegealliance.info](mailto:jackson@earlycollegealliance.info).



## Fall 2017 ECA Class Schedule

Your Fall 2017 ECA Class Schedule will be distributed when you check in on Welcome Day (September 5) if you have completed the online Registration Gateway process. If you have not yet completed this, please email Mrs. Jackson at [jackson@earlycollegealliance.info](mailto:jackson@earlycollegealliance.info)!

## New Parent Social

*ECA Pi (Parent Involvement) will be hosting a Parent Social for parents/guardians interested in taking part in the parent organization this year. The event will be held on **Tuesday, August 22** from 6-7:30pm in the King Hall Multi-cultural Lounge. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about ECA Pi, ask questions of parents/guardians and faculty members, and socialize. A short campus tour from the parent perspective will be on the agenda for those interested. Light refreshments will be provided. In order to help the organizers prepare adequately, please **RSVP by August 20 by email to [eca.pi.emu@gmail.com](mailto:eca.pi.emu@gmail.com)**, or by telephone to Mrs. Jackson at 734-487-4290.*

## ECA Tutoring

*The Early College Alliance provides **FREE** tutoring to all ECA students Monday-Friday from 3:30-5pm in 122 King Hall. We will keep a log that tracks student participation in tutoring. CORE Advisors can access this information as well, and can share this with parents, as requested.*



## Pizza Thursdays!!

Pizza Thursdays are here! Come and enjoy pizza for lunch with other ECA students. Pizza Thursdays will be held every Thursday (starting Thursday, September 21) in King Hall's MC Lounge during the ECA lunch break (11:50-12:30). You must purchase a prepaid punch card (which has 5 punches) for \$5 per card. Pizza, pop, candy and water are all one punch each. Punch cards are available NOW in Mrs. Jackson's office (221 King Hall).



## Book Pick-up — (for Fall EMU Classes ONLY!!)

### PLEASE NOTE: ECA TEXTBOOKS WILL BE HANDED OUT IN ECA CLASSES!

For incoming students with an **EMU class**, the EMU sticker pick-up dates for textbooks will be September 5-8 in King Hall's Multicultural (MC) Lounge. Books will not be available before this time frame. The process for picking up books for fall classes is as follows:

**Step 1:** Come to the MC Lounge in King Hall (across from 221 King) on any of the following days/times:

Tuesday, September 5 ~ 10am - 3pm  
Wednesday, September 6 ~ 10am - 3pm  
Thursday, September 7 ~ 10am - 3pm  
Friday, September 8 ~ 10am - 3pm



Volunteers will be staffing the book pick-up during those times ONLY. They will give you a Fall '17 sticker for your ID that will allow you to pick up your books at the Student Center Bookstore.

**Step 2:** Go to the Student Center Bookstore for your books. The Student Center Bookstore will not issue any books to ECA students unless the student can show an ID card with the current semester's sticker.

### EMU Parking Pass Information for NEW ECA Students

Are you a new student in need of a parking pass for the Fall 2017 semester? Starting August 1, 2017, hang tags may be purchased in person at the Parking Department located in the Public Safety Building at 1200 Oakwood between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30pm. You will need to provide your E-Number (located on your ID) and the license plate number(s) for up to 2 vehicles. If you do not have your E-Number, please email Mrs. Jackson at [jackson@earlycollegealliance.info](mailto:jackson@earlycollegealliance.info). Cost for the fall semester parking pass (valid from September through December 2017) is \$155\* and can be paid at that time or the cost can be added to your EMU student account. Students are responsible for paying for the cost of the parking pass.

(\*Cost subject to change).



### New ECA Class

We are very excited to offer a high school level Engineering Technology course this year, to run both fall and winter terms during the 2017-2018 school year. Students who are a good fit for this course are those interested in exploring Engineering as a major (and career), who enjoy hands-on learning, and who are "traditional" first-year enrollees (10th/11th grade for 17-18 school year) or Retuning students with an "ECA" schedule type. The course is the first in a pilot program designed to provide a bridge from the ECA high school courses directly into Eastern Michigan University's Engineering programs. If you (or your student) are interested in this course, please go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffCEYjKnuiHPdGxcadZUb2eTyH9vZuCwxXpYQht-jnlpASqA/viewform> to read more about the course and to express your interest (please email Ms. Jackson at [jackson@earlycollegealliance.info](mailto:jackson@earlycollegealliance.info) for a direct link to this form). There are limited seats available, and Dr. Fischer, in consultation with CORE Advisors, will make the official selection of students for this course.



### Common ECA Definitions

The Early College Alliance (ECA) is a unique educational program, and as such, we have some unique vocabulary terms that we use to talk about our program:

**Cohort:** We refer to students based on when they start the ECA program, using Fall (or F) and the year of their first semester. This year's new students are the Fall 2017 Cohort (F17).

**Educational Development Plan (EDP):** This document lays out a course of study over a student's entire career at the ECA, beginning with the first semester in ECA courses. CORE Advisors and students regularly refer to this document to track progress toward both the ECA Program Completion Requirements and the EMU General Education Requirements. Students are expected to become experts at both short- and long-term planning utilizing this document.

**CORE Advisor:** The role of a Core Advisor is to monitor the progress of students, meet privately on a regular basis to give feedback, support and constructive criticism, even after students transition to all EMU courses.



**PARENTS:** *Want to Lend a Helping Hand to the ECA? We are about to begin the new school year and there are several things we need help with! Take your pick—we couldn't do this without you!*

### Memorial Garden

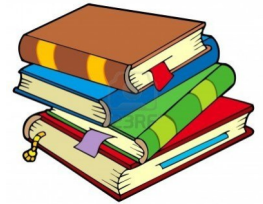


The ECA Memorial Garden needs your help! Please sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/409044ca8ac2fabfd0-memorial> or email Ms. Jackson to help water and care for the garden throughout the summer months.

There is a lot of construction in the grounds outside our building, and none of the sprinkler systems are working. Therefore, the health of the garden is entirely up to Mother Nature and us--and there is **NO ONE** signed up to water during the entire month of August. Please sign up to help, and scroll way down for dates throughout August. Students, feel free to assist with this. ☺ Thank you!

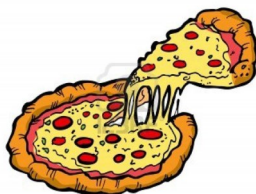
### EMU Book (Sticker) Pickup Volunteers

Attention Parents!! Come help at the Fall sticker pickup for EMU books, going on from **September 5-8**. It is an easy job checking off names as students pick up stickers to receive their books. Please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ca4af2aa31-fall4](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ca4af2aa31-fall4) or contact Ms. Jackson at [jackson@earlycollegealliance.info](mailto:jackson@earlycollegealliance.info) or 734.487.4290 if you can help out. Thank you! ☺



### Pizza Thursday Volunteers Needed

We are recruiting parent volunteers to help with Pizza Thursdays. It is a fun, easy job! Help hand out pizza slices and beverages during lunch on Thursdays. If you can lend just one hour of your time, we would really appreciate your assistance. We have a sign-up sheet online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ca4af2aa31-pizza6> or contact Ms. Jackson at [jackson@earlycollegealliance.info](mailto:jackson@earlycollegealliance.info) or 734.487.4290. Thank you!



### Lunch Room Help Needed



We are hoping to make our "Lunch Room" in King 122 more suitable for our staff and students, and we are reaching out to our community in case folks have things to donate to this cause.

**Items on our list include:** Full-sized refrigerator, hand-dishwashing set-up (dish soap, drainer, towels, scrubbers), napkin holder/dispenser, organizer trays/boxes. If you are a good room organizer, we'd love help getting this all set up in time for the school year, too. Please email Mrs. Jackson if you'd like to help with any of this: [jackson@earlycollegealliance.info](mailto:jackson@earlycollegealliance.info). Thank you!

### ECA Contact List

<b>August 22</b>	ECA Parent Involvement Hosts a New Parent/Guardian Social 6-7:30 MC Lounge in King Hall
<b>August 24</b>	UM Challenge Day for 9th grade Academy students—Report to the Student Center Ballroom no later than 9:00am
<b>August 30</b>	UM Challenge Day for Traditional students—Report to Halle Library, room 603 (time/details will be mailed out soon!)
<b>September 5</b>	New ECA Student First Day Welcome —1/2 Day (Begin in McKenny Ballroom)
<b>September 5-8</b>	Fall Book (Sticker) Pick-up, 10pm-3pm, MC Lounge (for EMU Classes Only)
<b>September 6</b>	First Day of ECA and EMU Classes
<b>September 14</b>	New Parent Orientation - McKenny Ballroom, 6pm ( <b>Mandatory</b> for new students & parent/guardian)
<b>September 20</b>	Half Day for ECA Classes - 12:10 Dismissal (Academy will be Afternoon Adventure Day)
<b>September 21</b>	Pizza Thursdays Start—Every Thursday at lunch (11:50-12:30) in King Hall's MC Lounge
<b>October 6</b>	Teacher Work Day — No ECA Classes; ONLINE CLICK Activity Due
<b>October 4-18</b>	Red Card Week — Red Cards for EMU Classes only Due 10/18!
<b>October 10</b>	ECA Alumni Celebration - Student Center Ballroom, time TBD
<b>October 11</b>	Soft Skill Review Day — No ECA Classes; CLICK Activities 9-12 (Mandatory for 1st year students), Noon dismissal Academy will be Afternoon Adventure Day
<b>October 12 &amp; 13</b>	Student/Parent Conferences — No ECA Classes OR CLICK Activities; Academy Lab Days for 9th grade ONLY: Conferences individually scheduled with CORE Advisor
<b>October 25</b>	Half Day for ECA Classes - 12:10 Dismissal (Academy will be Afternoon Adventure Day)
<b>October 27</b>	Harvest Hangout—King Hall's MC Lounge 3:30-5pm
<b>November 3</b>	ECA First Year Field Trip - Detroit Institute of Arts
<b>November 5</b>	EMU Community United Mural Painting Day
<b>November 20-21</b>	Soft Skill Credential Days; CLICK Activities 9-12 (Mandatory for 1st year students), Noon dismissal
<b>November 22-26</b>	Thanksgiving Recess - No School Students & Staff, ECA Offices Closed
<b>December 13 &amp; 14</b>	ECA Classes - Final Exams Dec. 13 (1st Period: 9-11am, 2nd Period: 12-2pm), Dec. 15 (3rd Period: 9-11am, 4th Period: 12-2pm)
<b>December 15</b>	First year CLICK Celebration Luncheon 11:30-1 (Parents/guardians invited — SAVE THE DATE!); Online CLICK activities; ECA Last Day
<b>December 20</b>	EMU Last Day
<b>December 20 - Jan. 2</b>	Winter Break - No School Students & Staff, ECA Offices Closed

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