

THE UPDATE

Vol. 40 No. 49

August 27, 2012

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday **August 27**

First day of weekday classes
Change of schedule or late registration

Tuesday **August 28**

Change of schedule or late registration

Student Development & Orientation...
New Student Convocation 7 p.m. Fain Fine Arts Theater

Wednesday **August 29**

Change of schedule or late registration

Friday **August 31**

Athletics...
MSU Classic:
Women's Soccer vs. Fort Lewis (Colo.) 5 p.m. MSU Soccer Field

Athletics...
Men's Soccer
vs. Texas A&M-International 7 p.m. MSU Soccer Field

Sunday **September 2**

Athletics...
MSU Classic:
Women's Soccer vs. Colorado Mesa 1 p.m. MSU Soccer Field

Athletics...
Men's Soccer Alumni Game 3 p.m. MSU Soccer Field

AROUND CAMPUS

Student Convocation Ceremony

Curtis Zimmerman, award-winning author and speaker, will deliver the keynote address at this year's New Student Convocation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 28, in Fain Fine Arts Theater. Zimmerman is the author of *I Believe... What do you Believe?*, *Keys to Success in College and Life*, and the new bestseller *Life at Performance Level*. University President Dr. Jesse Rogers will welcome the new students to our university community as the Class of 2016. New students will receive a new maroon Class of 2016 MSU T-shirt and a special maroon and gold tassel to represent the goal of timely graduation

and development of positive class identity. Faculty are encouraged to announce this event to all first-year students. Credit for attendance is not expected, but much appreciated. Contact the Office of Student Development and Orientation at ext. 4500 for more information.

Print Shop Inventory

The University Print Shop will be closed Friday, August 31, for inventory purposes. Although the office will be closed, staff will be available by phone or email.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Holiday

University classes and offices will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

CAMPUS NEWS

Faculty and Staff Four Dollar Fridays

Beginning Friday, August 24, and continuing through the fall semester, MSU faculty and staff can take advantage of Four Dollar Fridays in Mesquite Café. Enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat lunch with drink included for only \$4. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please present a valid MSU Campus Card to receive the discount. Contact Dining Services at ext. 4203 for more information.

2012-2013 Hangtag Information

The University Police Department re-ordered new hangtags that should be available by September 10. Employees who used payroll deduction or paid online will receive hangtags via campus mail. For employees who received a defective hangtag, please return the tag to the University PD via campus mail, and it will be replaced with a new hangtag. Please continue to display the 2011-2012 faculty/staff hangtag until the new ones are issued. New employees may receive a temporary permit until the new hangtags arrive.

Important Information Regarding Transition from BCBS of Texas to United Healthcare

Transitional Benefits

If you are in the third-trimester of your pregnancy, have a high-risk pregnancy, or are in the middle of treatment or surgery during the transition to United Healthcare and your provider is not part of the United Healthcare network, you will need to complete a Transition of Care form and mail it to United Healthcare by September 30. Please note that you will complete part of the application and your physician(s) will complete part of the application. If you have questions regarding whether or not your treatment qualifies as transitional, please see the ERS information below or call United Healthcare at (866) 336-9371.

If you qualify for transitional benefits you will have 90 days from September 1 to complete the treatment or surgery at the non-network doctor and receive network benefits. The 90-day period may be extended if you are receiving a transplant, have a terminal illness, or are undergoing bariatric surgery. Transitional benefits include:

- Acute care following trauma or surgery
- Chemotherapy treatment & radiation
- End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and dialysis
- Pregnancy – 3rd trimester
- Pregnancy – high risk, any trimester
- Prescheduled surgery
- Psychiatric treatment
- Terminal illness
- Transplants (solid organ and/or bone marrow)

You do NOT need to complete this form if your provider is in the United Healthcare network. To determine if your physician(s) are in the United Healthcare network, please visit the United Healthcare Provider website.

Primary Care Physician Designations and Referrals

Per ERS, primary care physician designations and current referrals to specialists should transfer from BCBS of Texas to United Healthcare effective September 1, however, please remember that it is the member's responsibility to ensure that this happens. If you have any questions regarding your primary care physician designation or referrals, please call United Healthcare at (866) 336-9371 beginning September 1, to confirm this information. Per ERS, your new HealthSelect/United Healthcare card should arrive prior to September 1. Call Judy Salazar, Benefits Coordinator, at ext. 4784 for more information.

Register for WeaveOnline Work Session

Visit <http://institutionalresearch.wufoo.com/forms/weaveonline-work-sessions/> to register for a WeaveOnline work session. The purpose of these sessions is to provide a quiet, uninterrupted space to work on 2011-2012 program assessment plan(s) due November 1. In these sessions, Institutional Research staff will be available as a resource to answer questions regarding WeaveOnline data entry. The work sessions will not include instruction, rather are intended as work sessions with IR staff available as support. Newly hired staff members who have been assigned the responsibility of inputting assessment data into WeaveOnline, please email Christi Klyn at christi.klyn@mwsu.edu to schedule a WeaveOnline training date. For more information, call ext. 4342.

2012-2013 Staff Senate

The following staff members will be serving on the 2012-2013 MSU Staff Senate.

EEO 1

Michael Mills (Parliamentarian),
Housing & Dining Services
Dirk Welch (Chairperson),
Career Management Center & Testing Services

EEO 3

Peggy Brennan (Secretary/Treasurer),
Administration & Institutional Effectiveness
Dawn Fisher, Human Resources
Reagan Foster, Counseling Center
Patricia Lowry, University Development
Chris Stovall (Vice Chairperson), Business Office

EEO 4

Gayla Aldrich, Alumni Relations
Marilyn Brown, Dillard College of Business Admin.
Lucy Davis, Radiologic Sciences
Sue Witherspoon, Student Development & Orientation

EEO 5

Lynn Sosebee, Information Technology

EEO 6

Mike Deming, Facilities Services

EEO 7

Ernest Cooper, Facilities Services
Jermaine Causey, Facilities Services
Jamie Fowler, Facilities Services

JOBS

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

Registrar Assistant III (on campus only)
Open only to current benefit-eligible faculty/staff

Department: Office of the Registrar
Starting Date: As soon as possible
Starting Salary: \$1,893 monthly, plus benefits