



IMPACT REPORT

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SCHOLAR SUCCESS

EMU College of Education Graduate Jordan Dann Discusses Impact of Brehm Scholarship



Started by William and Delores Brehm, the Dolores S. Brehm Endowed Scholarship in Special Education is the first \$1 million scholarship in Eastern Michigan University's history, providing tuition and research support for graduates and undergraduates studying special education.

Each academic year, the program supports up to 10 students exemplifying outstanding pre-professional skills in the field of special education, coupled with a commitment to serve children and adolescents with special needs. One of the Brehm Scholars in 2017-2018 included Speech Language Pathology student, Jordan Dann.

Dann, now an EMU graduate and state-licensed Speech Language Pathologist, largely attributes his academic and professional success to the Dolores S. Brehm Endowed Scholarship.

"The Brehm Scholarship has affected me in a variety of ways," Dann said, "Firstly, it's

a very generous scholarship that pays for a year of academics. Secondly, it helped me develop a research mind. I feel much more comfortable entering my field as an inquisitive, thoughtful professional, and it's also empowered me to consider a terminal degree later on."

With a goal of creating special education professionals and researchers whose focus is on understanding and exploring best practices for supporting people with disabilities, the Brehm Scholarship requires its recipients to participate in research partnerships with special education faculty members for one year, and to conduct their own research project.

Dann's research project culminated in a master's thesis describing how five speech-language pathologists view the development of self-advocacy in high school learners with autism spectrum disorder.

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Like our student body, the array of scholarships available at EMU is diverse. They cover every college, every discipline, and were established by donors from differing backgrounds. The commonality is that they provide often-crucial support to recipients. Scholarships help ease the growing financial burdens of college while motivating students to excel in their studies and stay on track to graduate. These scholarships exist because you established and contribute to them. This report provides a small snapshot of the impact of your continued support. You ARE the difference. Thank you for your generosity.

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EMU Elite: A Leadership Talent Development Project

With the city of Detroit experiencing a vibrant resurgence and bright future ahead, Eastern Michigan University is uniquely primed to develop its next generation of educational leaders through EMU Elite: A Leadership Talent Development Project.

A partnership between Eastern Michigan University and the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD), the goal of EMU Elite is to provide a pipeline of transformative leaders for the city of Detroit through multimodal programming that includes synchronous enrollment in EMU's Leadership and Counseling Department and co-constructed micro-credentials.

Students in the program receive intensive professional development and on-the-job coaching that is directly aligned with DPSCD's core values of Excellence, Equity, and Service. Participants also receive Michigan Department of Education-approved hours for their participation, a small stipend and credit hours to be applied to a master's or doctorate in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

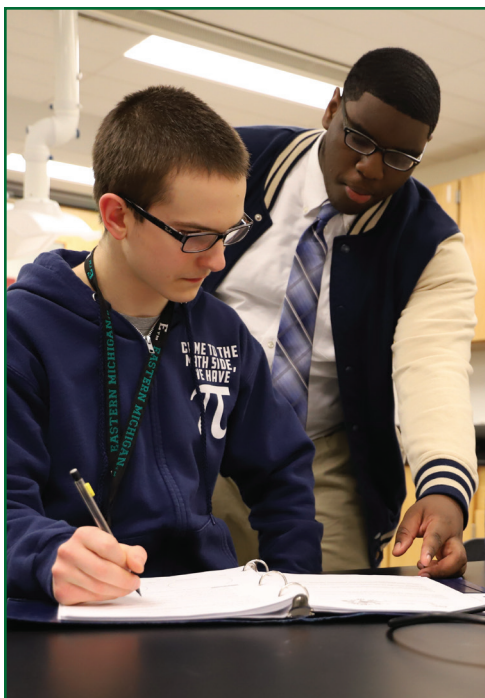
Thanks to the establishment of the Michael G. Morris Endowed Chair within the College of Education, our 2018-2019 award recipient, Dr. Rema Reynolds is one of the many faculty that



Dr. Rema Reynolds, Morris Endowed Chair within the College of Education for 2018-2019.

have had the opportunity to advance the mission and goals of the college through her vision of the talent development project.

This partnership with Detroit affords students a valuable opportunity to learn with aspiring and current school leaders, identify challenges and best solutions, apply transformative theories to practice and position both themselves and EMU as collective change agents.



Pathways for Future Educators

For many, the calling to become a professional educator is acknowledged from an early age. Knowing where to start, however, can be a challenge without a defined structure in place—a fact that Eastern Michigan University addresses in The Pathways for Future Educators Program.

The Pathways for Future Educators Program is a collaborative partnership between Eastern Michigan University and area schools, with the goal of identifying high-school-aged students who are interested in becoming educators and supporting them on their path to a professional teaching position.

Once admitted to EMU, Pathways students receive academic, personal, financial and social support services. Upon graduation, they are guaranteed an interview in their home school or district for available teaching positions. By returning to live and work in their home community, the new teacher will have a profound understanding of the needs and potential in the area.

Pathways for Future Educators is a program offered thanks to the support of generous donors and grant funders like you. Without your assistance, this program would not be sustainable. Visit <https://www.emich.edu/coe/programs/pathways/> to learn more and make a donation to this important program.

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"Research is difficult, and it requires mentorship and a very intensive process," said Dann, "Having been a member of that process, I now feel much more capable."

Scholarship recipients must also attend the Annual Brehm Scholars Research Conference, which begins with an intensive three-and-a-half-day class to develop an understanding of research methods, create a research topic and agenda and cultivate a community of collaboration and support.

During the fall and winter semesters, Brehm Scholars meet to get assistance and support for their research, report progress and prepare for the Brehm Symposium and other events where their work will be disseminated.

Students studying in the fields of special education can apply or learn more about the Brehm Scholarship at www.emich.edu/brehm/scholarship.html



JORDAN DANN

OWOSSO, MICHIGAN, USA

MAJOR: Speech Language Pathology

GOALS: To empower those with language delays, impairments, and limitations to exercise their voice and meet their needs and desires.

WHY I CHOSE EMU: I chose EMU because the graduate program in speech-language pathology had coursework and clinical models aligned with my interests and values. In addition, their program ranked highly in prepping SLPs for the credentialing exam. I am pleased to be an alum.

GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

YOUR Support Gives...

- Students the help they need when life emergencies hinder their educational journeys
- Opportunities to students and professors to bring their research and critical thinking to fruition, impacting educational communities around the globe
- College of Education students hope in completing their degree
- Professors the ability to continue implementing a forward-thinking curriculum focused on producing the best educators since 1959

Your support of our students and professors in the EMU Community is still needed. Through student emergency funds, annual donations, scholarships, endowments, and legacy gifts you continue to touch the lives of many.

Give as generously as you can by visiting www.emich.edu/give as your online gift goes to work right away. **For additional questions or to learn more about ways to give to EMU, contact Christa Reid, Director of Development at 734-487-0496.**

The EMU Foundation is an institutionally related, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization soliciting and managing funds on behalf of Eastern Michigan University. Created in 1989 by the EMU Regents, the foundation is governed by an independent Board of Trustees that elects its own officers.

All trustees serve as volunteers.

Meet Dean Saylor of the College of Education



Micheal Saylor joined Eastern Michigan University as dean of the College of Education on June 1, 2015.

Saylor has served as senior associate dean at University of North Texas since 2011, and has served as associate dean there since 2002.

Saylor, a native of South Dakota, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., and his master's and doctoral degrees in educational psychology from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. Before becoming associate dean at University of North Texas in 2002, he served as associate and assistant professor there for 12 years. Saylor's research interests include educational psychology, and gifted students and their emotional needs and wellbeing.

Meet the Director of Development, Christa Reid



Christa Reid is the Director of Development for the College of Education. Before becoming a staff member at Eastern Michigan University, Mrs. Reid spent over 6 years in direct fundraising and philanthropy efforts in the non-profit and independent school sectors. As a representative of the EMU Foundation, Mrs. Reid will be working to raise crucial funds for the needs and support of the College of Education, students, and the University in its entirety.



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FACTS



EMU is the **2nd oldest university in the state** of Michigan— originally founded as Michigan State Normal College

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The **cost to build** the existing wooden structure of the Geddes Town Hall School in 1895

97 teachers taught in the Town Hall School in the 105 years it was in session