

News

Reminder: Pat Gotschalk Retirement Reception

Pat Gotschalk, associate dean of students, is retiring after 10 years with Michigan Tech. Her retirement reception is today from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, Ballroom B2-3. Remarks will be made at 2:45 p.m. Please join us in wishing Pat all the best in her retirement. Light refreshments will be served.

Reminder: Asbestos Abatement in Administration Building

by Jim Schulz, Facilities Management

This is a reminder of the asbestos abatement work that will be happening in the Administration building this week. The area impacted will be all offices on the west side of the first floor including the Dean of Students, COMPASS and Financial Aid. We will also be abating the hallway south of the elevators and east of Financial Aid to the bathrooms.

Northwoods Environmental will be the abatement contractor. They are already working in the area to remove carpeting and put up plastic sheeting. No asbestos abatement will begin until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 10, but it will continue around the clock until the work is done Sunday evening. During the abatement, the building air handlers will be shut off and all other safety precautions will be in place. Signs will be posted accordingly on the weekend.

While we do not anticipate any problems we are encouraging people not to be in the building during the weekend. It is possible that with the air handlers being off for the weekend, and depending on temperatures, the building could be cool next Monday. Please consider this as you prepare for work.

Following completion of the abatement work, the general contractor, J. Clark Construction will be onsite to remodel the space. Our anticipated completion date is July 10 with staff back in their offices on Monday, July 15.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at jschultz@mtu.edu.

Thanks again for your patience as we make these building improvements.

Tech's PCMI Still Number One

by Jenn Donovan, public relations director

Michigan Tech ranks as the top Peace Corps Master's International (PCMI) university nationwide for the eighth consecutive year. With 35 PCMI graduate students currently serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, Michigan Tech has earned the top spot in the 2013 rankings of PCMI and Paul D. Coverdell Fellows graduate schools. Tulane University placed second.

The PCMI program enables graduate students to incorporate Peace Corps service for credit as part of their master's degree curriculum. The Coverdell Fellows program provides returned Peace Corps volunteers with scholarships, internships in underserved American communities and stipends to help them earn an advanced degree after they complete their Peace Corps service.

For the whole story, see <http://www.mtu.edu/news/stories/2013/may/story88794.html>

Entertainment and Enrichment

2013 Green Film Series: Issues and DialogueON:

The final 2013 Green Film series movie will be tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Fisher 135. Chasing Ice depicts James Balog's journey to photograph the world's changing glaciers. The film is free, and there will be coffee and dessert along with a facilitated discussion with Sarah Green (Chem).

Seminars and Workshops

Savvy Entrepreneur-Capital Fundraising, May 14

Learn capital fundraising plan best practices from an expert panel and case study discussion via two-way interactive web conferencing. This event will take place Tuesday, May 14, in the conference room of the Advanced Technology and Development Center. Social networking with refreshments begins at 5:30 p.m. with a panel discussion from 6 to 8 p.m.

Don Baker, with Safford and Baker, PLLC, legal advisors to technology businesses, will lead the panel discussion. All participants can get a full copy of Don Baker's article on these CFP best practices. This event is cosponsored by Michigan Tech's Office of Innovation and Industry Engagement, the School of Business and Economics, the Keweenaw Industrial Alliance, the MIT Enterprise Forum of the Great Lakes, Safford & Baker and The Quinn Law Group.

For more information contact John Diebel 906-487-1082 or jfdiebel@mtu.edu.

Regular Features

Job Postings

Staff and faculty job descriptions are available in Human Resources or at <http://www.mtu.edu/hr/job-postings/>. For more information regarding staff positions, call 487-2280 or email jobs@mtu.edu. For more information regarding faculty positions, contact the academic department in which the position is posted.

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Facilities Management

Building Mechanic II
AFSCME Internal Only Posting
Facilities Management

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CTL Tip of the Week

Copying Content from Another Canvas Course

As you prepare for next semester's courses, you may want to use or repurpose previously created course content. Canvas makes it easy for you to copy or import content from one of your courses into another. You can choose to copy all the content (including assignments, modules, files, quizzes, pages, etc.) or you can select individual items to copy.

Imports do not include any student data, enrollments, or input (like assignment submissions, grades, or discussion posts), so it's a good way to use your previously created content for a new class of students. You can import content into new Banner-created courses and easily adjust event and due dates. Another typical use is to manually create a new blank course, copy content into that course, and use it as a template course with contents available whenever you need it.

Check out "How do I import content from another Canvas course?" for an illustrated step-by-step guide to copying content from one Canvas course to another, and "How do I create a new course shell?" from the Canvas Instructor Guides to manually create your own new, blank course. For more general information or help with Canvas at Michigan Tech, and to register for eLearning workshops, visit Canvas One Stop.

In the News

Joshua Pearce (MSE/ECE) and his group's work on greening 3-D printing was featured by the Institute: the member newspaper of the IEEE, which is the world's largest professional association for the advancement of technology: <http://theinstitute.ieee.org/people/profiles/less-expensive-and-greener-3d-printing>

The work of PhD student Chenlong Zhang (MSE) and Joshua Pearce (MSE/ECE) to develop 3-D printable lab equipment was covered in depth by 3D Printing Industry <http://3dprintingindustry.com/2013/05/01/using-3d-printing-to-increase-the-collective-intelligence-of-everything/>