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EMU block party puts Eagle pride on display in Depot Town

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News Reporter

Eastern Michigan University students, staff and faculty painted Depot Town green on Sept. 17, despite gray skies and drizzles.

Part of EMU President Brendan Kelly and Campus Life’s Weeks of Welcome, the first EMU block party was hosted in Ypsilanti to further intermesh the university and the community.

Visitors enjoyed a performance by the EMU Marching Band, a speech from Kelly, vendors and giveaways, as well as the chance to learn about the local offerings of Ypsilanti and EMU’s campus.

The marching band’s performance was one of different songs and genres, even teasing an upcoming circus-themed halftime show.

A myriad of vendors tabled with giveaways and information. The City of Ypsilanti held a table featuring information, resources, free merchandise and a water tower photo opportunity.

Organizations such as Ann Arbor Spark, Vote@EMU, EMU Alumni, EMU Marching Band, Michigan Works, Luscious Cakes, Mr. Pizza, Destination Ann Arbor, Swoop’s Food Pantry and more tabled and offered free merchandise and resources.

Kelly, a two-time alum who began his presidency in the spring, spoke at the event. He told attendees he hoped they would be “walking away with unapologetic pride in Eastern Michigan University and Ypsilanti, Michigan.”

Kelly told *The Echo* that bridging EMU and Ypsilanti is an important part of student experience at EMU.

“I think that you have a university

campus in the city that it is in, and those things are inextricably linked together. It’s really important for us as a university to do two things: one, proactively engage that community. The second piece is to make sure that every single student at Eastern Michigan feels a sense of ownership in this city, and this block party is a way to make that happen,” he said.

Kelly explained that the event wasn’t just for current students: “I want alumni to be able to return to Depot Town to celebrate it. I want students to become more connected to the city, and I hope they are spending more time down in this fantastic place just the way I did when I was a student. And tonight, I hope we are starting a new tradition.”

Jason Folk, is a senior majoring in philosophy. Folk represented Vote@EMU, a university-sponsored initiative under the Engage Office during the dreary weather at the event. He said, “Even if it’s raining, there are still people here, and I think that’s really exemplary of what Eastern is all about.”

Raj Rahman, a mechanical engineering major and psychology and communication double minor said, “I’m looking at the amazing community that is enjoying over here with fruitful vibes and amazing music.”

Ypsilanti Mayor Nicole Brown was also in attendance. An EMU alumna herself, she told *The Echo* that a strong connection between the city and the university is mutually beneficial for both.

“It’s really important for EMU and the city of Ypsilanti as a whole, to have a connection, because as the university grows, so does the city and vice versa. We need to support one another to have a thriving, robust community as a whole, to draw in students to keep



Jackie LaRose, left, EMU professor in education, and Wendy Burke, EMU department head in teacher education, try to get EMU President Brendan Kelly’s granddaughter, Kit Lucky, to dance with them at the EMU Block Party on Sept. 17 in Depot Town. Courtney Prielipp / *The Eastern Echo*

students here, but also to build the community and build community collaboration and connection,” Brown said. “I really want to see increased pride in having the university be a part of the fabric of this city, but also getting awareness about all there is to offer in Ypsi. [There is] so much to do, to see, to eat, to buy. Bringing the university into the community is so important for students and for staff alike.”

Alumni like Sarah Jackson, a pastor with the University Christian Fellowship organization on campus, also came to Depot Town to join in on the fun.

“Connecting the two spaces is really significant and really important for both EMU and for Ypsilanti. As a resident of Ypsi, I’m super thankful. As an alum, I just get stoked, because I love EMU, and as a campus pastor I just love it

because I’m helping these students become citizens and participants in the communities as they grow older and graduate,” Jackson said.

EMU football head coach Chris Creighton said, “[This is a] great celebration in a new era with President Kelly, and I’m excited that we could come down here and join in to be a part of it.”

EMU overhauls 24-hour dispatch center



Kyle Snyder, the dispatch supervisor, stands in front of his new system. Sam Peterson / *The Eastern Echo*

Sam Peterson
News Reporter

Eastern Michigan University’s Department of Public Safety is in the middle of a top-to-bottom remodel of its 24-hour dispatch center, a project the department calls long overdue and central to keeping campus safe.

“The [dispatch] room is really the nucleus in the beginning of the public

safety process,” Police Chief Matthew Lige said. “It’s staffed by very talented people, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we leverage technology with human interaction to provide safety across campus.”

The center had been running on what Lige described as dated technology and furniture for years.

“It worked, but it was becoming inefficient, and those inefficiencies

were starting to show,” Lige said. Power outages and surges caused regular system failures, and outdated equipment meant problems weren’t always caught before they mattered.

The final straw fell when the department exercised a routine test of tornado sirens, and only four of seven sirens sounded.

“We had a breakdown in technology because the technology was dated and we didn’t test it as frequently,” Lige said. “Now we test technology all the time, and we have upgraded those systems.”

That test, along with mounting glitches, pushed the timeline forward.

The renovation was one of the first public safety issues raised with university President Brendan Kelly.

“This was a moment in time where President Kelly recognized the value of public safety on this campus and wanted to make sure we have the tools we need to make campus as safe as he can,” Lige said.

The department estimates the project will cost somewhere between \$150,000 and \$175,000 in general fund spending.

Beyond new furniture and screens, the redesign also changes how the dispatchers actually work. Consoles are being reconfigured so two dispatchers

can operate with more autonomy while still working with each other during an emergency.

Upgraded services are expected to make every system in the room run more smoothly: cameras, radio, alarms and calls.

Dispatchers also monitor Eagle Ready and App Armor security alerts as well as Zero Eyes, an AI camera system that flags potential weapons before routing footage to a separate operations center for human confirmation.

“It is a nice secondary level of verification for us,” dispatch supervisor Kyle Snyder said. “So we are not just immediately jumping to the worst conclusion when it isn’t something it needs to be.”

The center also fields all campus 911 and administrative calls, complete with cell-phone location mapping, and connects to the statewide Michigan Public Safety Communications System, which dispatchers said lets them reach agencies anywhere in Michigan.

A separate but related renovation is underway one workstation at a time: the department has expanded from two dispatch positions to three, though the third is waiting on new 911 technology until it is fully operational.



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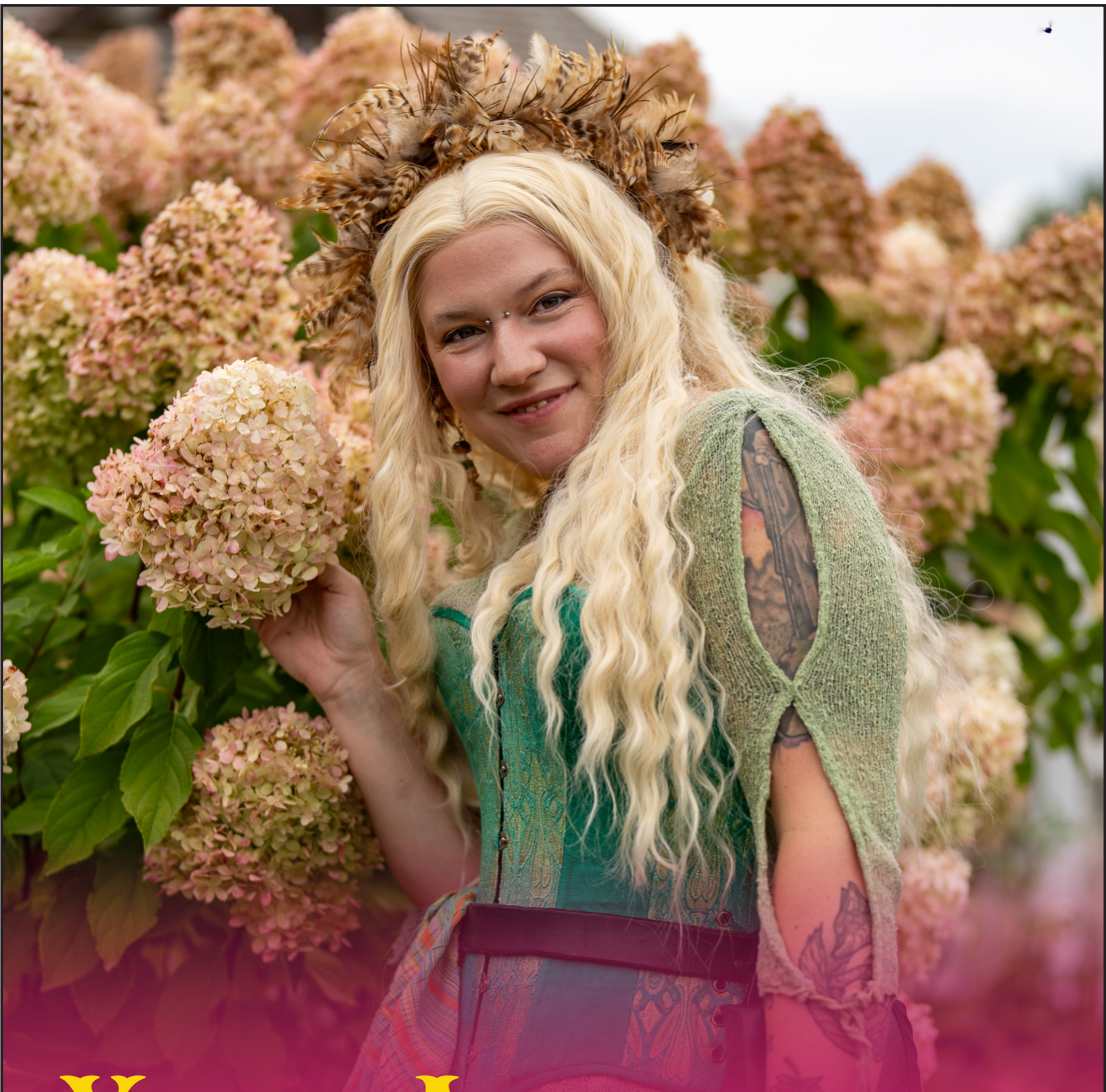
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Meet Michigan's US Senate candidates

Hannah Borders
News Reporter



Lydia Christensen (Libertarian)

Lydia Christensen is running as a Libertarian to represent Michigan in the United States Senate. Christensen is a computer scientist who founded her own company, Iron Fortress LLC.

Iron Fortress LLC is a Michigan-based innovative company dedicated to “building a sustainable, decentralized future through Bitcoin mining, AI compute farms, American manufacturing and advanced connectivity,” its website says.

Christensen’s campaign website says, “As the Libertarian Party nominee for U.S. Senate, Lydia answers to no donor and no machine. This campaign was built the way she built her life: from the ground up, with a small team of dedicated volunteers and less than a thousand dollars. What it lacks in machine backing, it makes up for in authenticity.”

Campaign Issues:

Christensen’s campaign lists 12 main issues with subcategories in each section: civil liberties and privacy, personal freedom, economic freedom, government accountability, foreign policy, economic security, civil rights and equality, immigration, justice system, technology and infrastructure, environment and foundational.

Christensen hopes to defend the Second Amendment, repeal the Patriot Act, create a Digital Bill of Rights, end the 100-Mile Constitution-Free Zone that allows immigration officers to search people without a warrant if they are within a reasonable distance from the border, and end qualified immunity for public officials. She wants to legalize the use of cannabis and psilocybin, decriminalize sex work for consenting adults and end the death penalty.

Christensen aims to end income tax

on earnings under \$150,000, remove tariffs and fossil fuel subsidies and build a strong economy. She wants to restore net neutrality, so internet providers cannot, as she describes, block or slow down websites. Her platform vows to, as she describes, restore Congress’ war powers, encourage transparency and hold executive powers accountable. The campaign promises to keep Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers out of polling places, support rank choice voting, oppose the SAVE Act, and overturn the Citizens United ruling.

Christensen will support social security, Medicaid for All, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ civil rights, the rights of transgender individuals in federal custody, and tribal sovereignty and treaty rights. Christensen promises to work to abolish ICE, reform Michigan’s criminal justice system and end medical neglect in Michigan prisons.

Christensen’s vision includes embracing Blockchain and cryptocurrency innovation, expanding fiber optic access for all, and supporting data centers on the condition that Michigan gets to set the terms under which they operate. She promises to protect the environment, decommission the Line 5 Pipeline and restore food safety by increasing the FDA’s budget.



Abdul El-Sayed (Democrat)

Abdul El-Sayed is running as a Democrat to represent Michigan in the U.S. Senate. According to his campaign website, El-Sayed did not step into his professional career expecting to be a politician — he first studied to be a doctor. During his time working as a healthcare provider, he saw disparities within the system and has since pivoted in his career to focus on the political aspect of healthcare in efforts to promote equality.

He rebuilt Detroit’s Health Department after the city went bankrupt in 2013 and restructured

Wayne County’s Department of Health, Human and Veterans Services. Additionally, El-Sayed co-authored “Medicare for All: A Citizens Guide” alongside physician and health care researcher Micah Johnson.

El-Sayed’s website says, “Abdul is running for U.S. Senate because life in Michigan shouldn’t be this hard — or this expensive. After a successful career of making government work for Michiganders, he wants to take his vision to Washington and make the United States Senate work for you.”

Campaign Issues:

El-Sayed’s campaign focuses on three key points with subcategories in each section. The three areas of focus are: money out of politics, money in your pocket and Medicare for All.

The money out of politics sector of the campaign aims toward banning corporate money in politics, ending partisan gerrymandering and reforming the Supreme Court by imposing term limits and allowing the same number of appointments for each presidential term. To El-Sayed, money out of politics also means abolishing the filibuster and making voting easier by automatically registering people to vote when they turn 18, making election days holidays and allowing no-reason absentee and in-person early voting. The campaign states the importance of protecting the civil rights and liberties of all Americans, abolishing ICE, protecting natural resources and a foreign policy that spends less money on wars, instead investing it elsewhere.

The money in your pocket sector of the campaign focuses on bringing more jobs to Michigan, taxing billionaire wealth and regulating the use of artificial intelligence as means of keeping and providing more jobs, and supporting comprehensive federal zoning guidelines on data centers. El-Sayed intends to build more housing and implement regulations to address homelessness. His campaign says he will work to redirect federal farm subsidies away from corporate agribusiness and toward family farmers.

The Medicare for All sector of the campaign promises to expand resources to veterans, break up big healthcare, reduce the price of prescription drugs, rebuild public health and ensure autonomy in areas like reproductive

health and gender-affirming care.



Timothy Long (US Taxpayers)

Timothy Long is running for United States Senate in Michigan as a member of the US Taxpayers party.



Douglas P. Marsh (Green)

Douglas P. Marsh is running for United States Senate in Michigan as a member of the Green Party.

Marsh is an experienced journalist with a demonstrated history of working in the publishing industry, his LinkedIn profile says. Marsh is skilled in research, informational technology, data entry, English, first aid and CPR. He has a bachelor of arts degree focused in philosophy from the University of Michigan.



Mike Rogers (Republican)

Mike Rogers is a former United States Representative, representing Michigan’s 8th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rogers is running as a Republican to represent Michigan in the United States Senate. Prior to his career in politics, Rogers served as a lieutenant in the United States Army and later worked as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago.

Rogers’ career in politics began in 1994 when he ran for Michigan State Senate and won. While serving as a state senator, Rogers wrote the legislation that created Michigan’s 529 College Savings Program and authored the Respect for Fallen Heroes Act. Furthermore, during his time in the House of Representatives, he served as the Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

Rogers says on his website, “I’ll stand with President Trump to deliver on the mandate given to him by the American people. For too long Michigan has been represented by two-faced politicians, who say they’re ‘moderates’ but vote as radicals when they get to Washington.”

Campaign Issues:

Rogers’ campaign focuses on housing, healthcare and what he describes as rebuilding the American dream, with additional subcategories.

Rogers aims to expand 529 plans to cover college education, vocational training, first-time down payments on homes and help to cover the first year of property taxes. The plan would allow families to open a 529 Plan and contribute at any time for any reason, in addition to eliminating transfer fees and ensuring the funds do not count against PMI eligibility.

Rogers’ vision includes lowering interest rates by allowing families to build credit for timely payments and allowing individuals to defer student loan payments while saving for a home down payment with dollar-for-dollar contribution. Rogers wants to encourage new home building by creating residential housing zones where new construction is completely tax-free, replacing empty lot zoning with residential housing zones and use those policies as a way to create new jobs.

Rogers plans to address healthcare by making costs publicly known to patients before they receive a bill, expand access to Trump Rx, and require insurance companies to publicly report denial rates, approval rates and appeal outcomes, and impose penalties on companies with excessive denials or delays.

Photos are sourced from candidate campaign materials.

Meet the candidates running for Michigan secretary of state

Hannah Borders
News Reporter

The position of secretary of state in Michigan is on the ballot this November, as current officeholder Jocelyn Benson prepares for her departure after reaching her two-term limit.

In Michigan, the secretary of state is the chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer. The secretary of state also serves as a voting member of several state boards and commissions. Some of these boards include the State Administrative Board, Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Commission and Michigan Truck Safety Commission. In the event of an absence from both the governor and lieutenant governor at the same time, the secretary of state would serve as governor.

The secretary of state also administers driver education and traffic safety programs, oversees document certification, manages the notary public program, maintains the state’s official repository of records, state statutes and commercial financing statements, and administers the organ donor registry.

Republican Anthony Forlini, Democrat Garlin Gilchrist II and three third-party candidates are running for the position secretary of state this

midterm election.

Scott Aughney (U.S. Taxpayers)

Scott Aughney is running for Michigan secretary of state as a member of the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

Eric Borregard (Green)

Eric Borregard is running for Michigan secretary of state as a member of the Green Party.

Borregard’s campaign is centered around voting, focusing on candidate debates, rank choice voting and lowering the voting age.

Borregard hopes to have nonpartisan television debates sponsored by organizations like the League of Women Voters instead of debates he describes as being paid for by large media corporations with agendas.

He hopes to implement rank choice voting in Michigan and lower the voting age to 16, his campaign website says.

Rank choice voting allows voters more choice and opportunity to express their values by being able to rank candidates rather than picking one of two extremes, Borregard’s campaign website says; he describes it as eliminating the idea of a wasted vote.

Borregard also wants to lower the voting age to 16 to give young people more power over their futures and

the ability to fight back against the corporate machine, according to his campaign website.

Anthony Forlini (Republican)

Anthony Forlini is running as a Republican for Michigan secretary of state. Forlini is the current clerk of Macomb County and has previously represented the 24th District in the Michigan House of Representatives. He also owns his own business, Design Financial Inc.

Design Financial Inc. is a financial services firm that helps its clients improve their long-term financial success, according to its website. Additionally, Design Financial Inc. is a Michigan licensed agency of health and life insurance.

Forlini’s campaign highlights four main issues: election integrity that builds public confidence, transparency Michigan residents can see, accountability and rule of law, and a high-performing office that respects citizens’ time.

Forlini hopes to support election integrity by ensuring that tabulators are secure, verifiable and properly controlled; providing training and support for election workers; and keeping voter rolls clean. He promises government transparency by pushing for clear public explanations of election processes, tools that make

record requests more straightforward and timely, and transparency practices that reduce speculation by answering questions with facts.

Forlini’s website says he plans to show his commitment to accountability and the rule of law by referring credible violations appropriately and working with law enforcement and prosecutors when warranted; publishing clear standards and performance expectations; measuring performance; reporting progress; and fixing what is not working. He promises to improve the reliability of services by improving standards, modernizing services and communicating better.

Garlin Gilchrist II (Democrat)

Garlin Gilchrist is running as a Democrat for Michigan secretary of state. Gilchrist currently serves as lieutenant governor alongside current Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Prior to being lieutenant governor, he worked as a software engineer at Microsoft, ran for Detroit city clerk and served as the City of Detroit’s director of innovation. Earlier this year, Gilchrist tossed his hat in the ring for the Democratic nominee for governor of Michigan, before suspending the campaign and launching his candidacy for secretary of state.

Gilchrist’s campaign emphasizes four main points: fight for more

legislative action that shines a light on what he calls dark money in politics; modernize licensing and registration by providing smarter, 21st century service; stand tall against big tech companies and the Trump administration, which Gilchrist says want to abuse personal voter registration information or license-plate data; and “hold accountable companies that rip you off when you get your car fixed,” his campaign website said.

Christine Sloan (Libertarian)

Christine Sloan is running as a Libertarian for Michigan secretary of state.

Sloan’s campaign lists four key priorities: accountability in Lansing, individual rights and limited government, privacy and protection from surveillance, and government transparency.

Sloan promises to be loyal to her constituents, not party leaders. She wants to limit the role of government to only protecting rights, maintaining services, and enforcing fair and consistent laws. Sloan promises to restrict the use of government surveillance tools, such as Flock cameras, and hold data collectors accountable. She hopes to push for open spending records, public budget hearings and plain language reporting on how tax dollars are spent.



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Dzanc House offers free art and writing programs for local youth

Hannah Borders
News Reporter

Dzanc House offers a range of free youth programs to give kids resources and space to create and develop their skills in the arts.

Dzanc House is a home and hub for regional and national literary and cultural arts programs. Dzanc House staff and guests host workshops, art galleries, reading events, youth and adult arts programs and more. Dzanc House is a space for artists, writers and community members to create and showcase work, its website says.

Dzanc House offers three different youth programs: Beyond The Binary: Stories That Shift Culture, a high school visual arts and literacy program for LGBTQ+ youth; EmpowerEd, the middle and high school literary arts and critical culture program; and Roots & Wings, the elementary arts and culture program.

“Through our free studio workshops, kids — both big and small — can be inspired to enjoy and produce both collaborative and independent work, discovering new ways of bringing pen to paper, thought to passage, and innovative ideas into the world,” the Dzanc House website says.

Beyond the Binary is a visual arts and literacy program for high school-aged youth. The program is intended to amplify the untold stories of LGBTQ+ youth, and provide them with a pathway to publication and on-air radio

or podcast features, according to Dzanc House’s website.

Beyond the Binary “centers, publishes and uplifts the voices of LGBTQ+ youth, celebrating and elevating our young LGBTQ+ voices, transforming lived experience into a force for cultural change and collective imagination,” Dzanc House website says.

Sessions for this LGBTQ+ youth program are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Remaining 2026 sessions are on Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

EmpowerEd is a year-round creative program divided into seasonal sessions. EmpowerED is open to all middle and high school students, Dzanc House website says. The program focuses on creative arts and offers editorial and publishing experience for participants.

Dzanc House website says participants will “learn and share with our mentors, authors, poets, professors, educators and graduate students, and join the publishing crew, with a celebration publication in print, podcast, or multimedia showcase at the end of each semester.”

Fall 2026 EmpowerED sessions are scheduled for every Sunday, 1-2 p.m., Oct. 11 to Nov. 8, 2026. Winter 2027 EmpowerED sessions are scheduled for every Sunday, 1-2 p.m., Jan. 10 to Feb. 7, 2027.

Roots & Wings is a year-round workshop, divided into seasonal sessions. Dzanc House creates a space



The Dzanc House is at 402 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti. *Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo*

on Sundays for the studio arts program for elementary students, said Charlene Choi, director of development programs and communication at Dzanc House.

Dzanc House’s website says the program focuses on art, games, reading, writing, creating and sharing. Roots & Wings participants create poetry postcards with the poems they write during the program, with many of the post cards also containing visual art.

“Kids can come focus, get a chance

to be in a beautiful space to read, write, create and focus. It’s pretty remarkable what can happen when kids are given that space,” Choi said.

Fall 2026 Roots & Wings sessions are scheduled for every Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m., Oct. 11 to Nov. 8, 2026. Winter 2027 Roots & Wings sessions are scheduled for every Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m., Jan. 10 to Feb. 7, 2027.

To participate in any of the three programs, students can register on Dzanc House’s website.

New EMU gallery shows off playful typefaces by California font designer



James Edmondson, founder of the OH no Type Co., points to unreleased typefaces while answering an audience question about how he chooses his font names on Sept. 17 in the University Gallery at Eastern Michigan University. *Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo*

Laura Meriweather
Managing Editor - Operations

In the print edition of The Eastern Echo, the article you are currently reading is displayed in a typeface called Times New Roman.

Times New Roman has remained a household name in publishing for decades, but when The Echo asked James Edmondson for his thoughts on it on Sept. 17, he smiled and said, “I think you could branch out a little bit. It’s perhaps had its time in the sun.”

If anyone has the authority to make that critique, Edmondson might be in the running. Throughout his career, he has pushed the envelope on typeface design and created a font business with a client list that includes some of the biggest corporation names in the world.

On Sept. 17, Edmondson was standing in the Eastern Michigan University gallery located in the Student Center. In a white-walled room covered 10 feet high with typeface sketches and designs, he flipped through slides on a TV for an audience that stayed largely silent and unmoved through the duration of his hour-long presentation except for occasional bursts of laughter at his jokes.

“Whenever I start talking to someone about what I do for a living, the most common question I get is, how did you get into that?” Edmondson said. “First of all, I want to say, it’s not that weird. There are maybe not that many type designers in the world, but every time you’ve ever read anything that was printed or typeset, you’ve been looking at the work of type designers.”

This moment in Edmondson’s career was the latest culmination of a higher education from the California College of the Arts, which he said that he paid for by selling his first font, and from graduate school in The Hague, Netherlands. When Edmondson held his launch party for the OH no Type Co. in 2015, he only had two commercially available fonts. Over a decade later, he said that his goal was to have at least 100 by the end of his career.

Aya Bazzi, a recent EMU graphic design graduate, was one of the reception’s attendees. As someone who has worked with type design in her own graphics work, she said that typefaces are everything.

“I think typeface design, especially James’ work, which stems from a more traditional standpoint — he starts in all these sketches and things like that

and traditional penmanship — is so important in a time where, first of all, AI is over-generating a lot,” Bazzi said.

Looking at a nearby display that gallery director Danny Baskin described as being like a sketchbook sneezed out onto the wall, Bazzi said that the playfulness of Edmondson’s typefaces is what has always stood out to her.

“I think that he’s not afraid to make a really out-there display type,” Bazzi said, “and his simple fonts are super effective in their readability.”

The commercial success of Edmondson’s relatively understated Degular font has helped his growing family sustain financial demands, but it was an effort of reservation for a designer who has made a career out of creating eccentric, sometimes intentionally illegible fonts. At one point during his post-lecture Q&A, an audience member referred to a typeface behind Edmondson and asked, “What does that one on the left in the middle say?”

There is no job too big, and no task too small for Edmondson and his California-based type company. OH no has created fonts for titans like Starbucks, Meta and Major League Baseball, but Edmonson has still taken the time for side quests like creating a free banner for his mother’s church parishioners club.

During his lecture, Edmondson spoke in detail about how his family and childhood came to shape his work.

Baskin said that, to him, this was one of the signs of a well-done reception presentation.

“Artists can just say, this is my work and I do this stroke of paint because of that,” Baskin said. “But when somebody is willing to open up and share with students and give them a perspective that maybe they can relate to more, maybe they can see that path a bit more for themselves.”

Baskin, who unpacked and arranged the boxes of Edmondson’s work when they arrived from California, said that Edmonson’s Hobeaux Roccoeaux font was his personal favorite.

“I just think it’s so whimsical and goofy and beautiful,” Baskin said.

Edmondson has been working to get his new book off the ground, but said that a shorter book he previously wrote about type design, “Some Tips on Drawing Type from A to Z,” sold out of 1,000 copies in a single day.

The success of Edmondson’s new work, “The Ohno Book: A Serious Guide to Irreverent Type Design,” has yet to be determined, but when an audience member asked, “Are you at the point where you want to be at in your career?” Edmondson, surrounded by his life’s work, replied, “Absolutely, but I’ve been content for a minute.”

The exhibit OH no! The Type Design of James Edmondson & OH no Type Co. is open in the University Gallery on the second floor of the Student Center until Oct. 9, 2026.



Audience members at the Eastern Michigan University gallery titled OH no! The Type Design of James Edmondson & OH no Type Co. listen to Edmonson’s lecture on Sept. 17. *Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo*

What's the Move?

Sept. 22 - 28

Looking for something to do on and around Eastern Michigan University’s campus this week? Here are some local events to attend.

Ypsi Trivia - Sept. 24

Think you know everything there is to know about Ypsilanti? Community volunteers, members of the RAC board and Water Tower Distilling Co. have partnered together to organize Ypsi Trivia. The trivia will feature history, fun facts and interesting Ypsi information, the webpage stated.

Those who wish to put their Ypsi knowledge to the test can attend Ypsi Trivia at Water Tower Distilling Co., located at 23 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti, at 7 p.m. First and second place winners may win a gift card or local swag items.

Tickets can be purchased on the Water Tower Distilling Co. website at \$5 a person or \$35 for a team of four. Ticket sales benefit the Riverside Arts Center.

EMU Gaming Arena: Find Your Party - Sept. 25

Whether a fan of video games, tabletop RPGs or board games, the EMU Gaming Arena will have something for everyone to enjoy. Campus Life, ESports, Athletics and Office of Access & Opportunity are teaming up with student organizations and departments to host EMU’s first Gaming Convention.

Located on the third floor in room 345 of the Student Center from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., students can stop by to play games and meet new people. For those who have questions, contact Juniper Bamrick at 734-487-3045 or campuslife@emich.edu.

Tailgate with Ypsi Meals on Wheels - Sept. 26

Ypsi Meals on Wheels will be hosting a community tailgate event in collaboration with EMU Athletics and Zingerman’s Community of Businesses, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rynearson Stadium prior to the EMU football game against Lindenwood.

Attendees can expect access to pre-game food stations and non-alcoholic beverages, tailgate games with prizes, games and crafts for kids, a game ticket in reserved group seating neat the 50-yard line and a post-game group photo in the End Zone.

Tickets can be purchased online. Adult tickets cost \$40 per ticket, kid tickets cost \$18 a ticket and family tickets are \$100. All proceeds will go to Ypsi Meals on Wheels to support meal delivery to homebound individuals and seniors with disabilities in Eastern Washtenaw County.

Chefs in the Garden - Sept. 27

Growing Hope is hosting Chefs in the Garden, which is a declaration that Ypsilanti deserves fresh, dignified and culturally rooted food, the webpage stated. Organizers offer an evening of gourmet tastings, the website said, in support of Growing Hope’s mission to build food justice in Ypsilanti.

Purchasing a ticket for this event, which can be done on the event’s website, supports Growing Hope’s urban farm, Teen Leadership Program, community Farmers Market and emergency food access initiatives serving hundreds of families across the Ypsi community. Attendees are encouraged to come to Chefs in the Garden on an empty stomach in preparation for some delicious food.

Chefs in the Garden is at 922 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, at 5 p.m.

Compete and Connect - Sept. 28

Students who have a Rec/IM membership and are interested in joining a sport should attend EMU Intramural Sports’ Compete and Connect event. From flag football and soccer to pickleball and euchre, there are many options for students.

To register for the event, students can visit the IMLeagues website.

Located in room 100H Olds Robb in the Rec/IM building, students will be exposed to a variety of games and sports that they can learn about and join.



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Early spark fades as Eagles drop road contest at Wisconsin, 54-10



Eastern Michigan University football team breaks down the cement wall before the game against Sacramento State on Aug. 29 at Rynearson Stadium. Bradan Copeland / The Eastern Echo

Ruby Brannon
Sports Editor

Playing in front of 66,545 fans at Camp Randall Stadium, the Eastern Michigan University football team jumped out to an early lead before falling 54-10 to the University of Wisconsin on Saturday, Sept. 19. Despite a sharp opening drive and early defensive takeaways, an explosive middle-game surge by the Badgers proved too much for the Eagles to contain.

Wisconsin outscored the Eagles 28-0 in the second quarter and added 13 fourth-quarter points to secure the 54-10 victory. Wisconsin quarterback Colton Joseph anchored the Badgers' offense with 362 passing yards and 46 rushing yards, while receiver Tyrell Henry accumulated 160 receiving yards. For Eastern Michigan, quarterback Noah Kim logged 140 passing yards, Joey Mattord led the ground attack with 36 rushing yards, and Nick Devereaux posted 38 receiving yards.

Fast start silences Camp Randall

Eastern Michigan began the contest with high energy after winning the coin toss and deferring to defend the north end zone. Wisconsin's opening possession moved to the EMU 33-yard line before the Eagles' defense forced an incomplete pass on fourth-and-four to turn the ball over on downs.

Capitalizing immediately on the defensive stand, EMU's offense marched 67 yards downfield on an eight-play scoring drive. Kim completed a 13-yard pass to Devereaux and a 23-yard throw to Tanner Lemaster to advance deep into Wisconsin territory. The drive culminated in an 18-yard touchdown pass from Kim to Devereaux, followed by a successful extra-point kick from Rudy Kessinger to give Eastern Michigan a 7-0 lead.

The Eagles' defense delivered another major play shortly after when cornerback Rayquan Adkins intercepted a Joseph pass at the EMU

40-yard line. Wisconsin eventually got on the scoreboard late in the opening quarter with a 39-yard field goal from Gavin Lahm, giving EMU a 7-3 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Second-quarter avalanche shifts momentum

The game swung dramatically in the second quarter as Wisconsin erupted for 28 unanswered points. The Badgers took their first lead on an 11-play, 74-yard drive capped by a four-yard touchdown run from Joseph to take a 10-7 lead.

On Wisconsin's next possession, Joseph needed just one play to extend the margin, connecting on a 75-yard touchdown pass to Chris Brooks Jr. to make it 17-7. The Badgers continued to capitalize late in the half, adding a 10-yard touchdown run by Darrion Dupree and a 13-yard touchdown pass from Joseph to Henry. By halftime, the Badgers held a 31-7 lead over the Eagles.

Second-half battles and final result

Wisconsin maintained its momentum early in the third quarter when linebacker Sebastian Cheeks sacked Kim for a 16-yard loss and forced a fumble. Cooper Catalano recovered the fumble and returned it 10 yards for a defensive touchdown to increase the lead to 38-7. Lahm later added a 41-yard field goal to stretch Wisconsin's margin to 41-7.

Showing resilience, Eastern Michigan responded with a 16-play, 70-yard drive that consumed 9:01 of game clock. Kessinger capped the possession by converting a 38-yard field goal, trimming the deficit to 41-10 early in the fourth quarter. Wisconsin then added 13 unanswered points in the final period to complete the 54-10 finish.

Stat breakdown and looking ahead

Despite the final 54-10 score, Eastern Michigan maintained 28:43 in time of possession compared to Wisconsin's 31:1. The Eagles were also effective on high-leverage downs, converting both of their fourth-down attempts (2-for-2). However, EMU managed to convert just 3-of-12 third downs, while Wisconsin converted on 8-of-12 third-down opportunities.

In individual totals, Noah Kim threw for 140 passing yards for Eastern Michigan, while Joey Mattord led the ground game with 36 rushing yards. Nick Devereaux hauled in a team-best 38 receiving yards alongside the Eagles' lone touchdown. For the Badgers, quarterback Colton Joseph posted 362 passing yards and 46 rushing yards, with receiver Tyrell Henry pulling in 160 receiving yards.

EMU mounted one final 11-play, 35-yard drive late in the fourth quarter that advanced to the Wisconsin 30-yard line before ending in a missed field goal attempt as time expired. Moving forward, the Eagles will look to refine their execution, protect the football and build on their early momentum in their game against Lindenwood University.

Eagle Sports Tips & Tales: Sept. 21 - 27

Ruby Brannon
Sports Editor

Eastern Michigan Athletics embarks on an action-packed week featuring rivalry conference openers, national tournament golf, and home returns across five sports. Here are the essential tales and tips for every Eagle matchup on the schedule from Sept. 21-27.

Early Week Focus: Men's & women's golf (Sept. 21-23)

The Tale: The Women's Golf team travels to Wolcott, Colorado for the Golfweek Red Sky Classic (Sept. 21-23), carrying national momentum following a historic run to the 2026 NCAA semifinals under head coach Josh Brewer. Simultaneously, men's golf heads to Westchester, Illinois for the Highlands Invitational at Chicago Highlands Golf Course (Sept. 21-22) to test themselves against a competitive field.

The Tip: With both tournaments featuring 8 a.m. tee times, track early-round scoring closely; establishing consistency on day one will be crucial on these championship courses.

Tuesday, Sept. 22: Volleyball at Central Michigan (6 p.m.)

The Tale: Volleyball kicks off Mid-American Conference play with a rivalry clash on the road against Central Michigan in Mount Pleasant. Launching conference play away from home against an in-state rival sets an intense tone for the autumn campaign.

The Tip: Focus on middle blocker Azra Eriç at the net during the opening set. Coming off a performance against Cornell University where she posted eight kills with zero hitting errors (.500 hitting percentage) and eight total blocks, Eriç's dominating net presence will be vital for disrupting Central Michigan's offense and hushing the Chippewas' home crowd at McGuirk Arena

Friday, Sept. 25: Tennis hidden duals & volleyball home conference opener

The Tale: Friday brings a double-header in Ypsilanti. Women's tennis hosts the EMU Hidden Duals at The Chippewa Club starting at 9 a.m. (Sept. 25-26), while volleyball returns home to the Gervin GameAbove Center at 4 p.m. for its MAC home opener against Ohio.

The Tip: Head to Gervin GameAbove Center early for first serve at 4 p.m. to support the Eagles as they cap off a swift two-match turnaround to start conference play.

Saturday, Sept. 26: Football vs. Lindenwood (1 p.m.)

The Tale: EMU football returns home to Rynearson Stadium following a challenging Big Ten road contest at Wisconsin. The Eagles host FCS opponent Lindenwood University for a 1 p.m. kickoff on the home turf.

The Tip: This is a brand-new non-conference series. Watch for the Eagles to establish dominance early on the blue turf to set the inaugural series standard.

Sunday, Sept. 27: Women's soccer at Buffalo (1 p.m.)

The Tale: Women's soccer closes out the week with a road trip to Buffalo, New York. Head Coach Taylor Clarke, leading the program in his third season, takes the Eagles into a key MAC conference road test.

The Tip: Historical series data against Buffalo spans 30 matches from 1995 to 2025, with EMU holding a tight 12-11-7 overall record and winning the most recent meeting 1-0 on Sept. 18, 2025. However, EMU is 4-7-3 all-time when playing away in Buffalo, meaning strong defensive organization will be necessary to secure three road points.

Savannah de Bock claims third career MAC Golfer of the Week award for women's golf

Ruby Brannon
Sports Editor

Eastern Michigan University golfer Savannah de Bock has been named the Mid-American Conference Golfer of the Week for Sept. 18. The recognition marks the first MAC Golfer of the Week award for the EMU Women's Golf program in the 2026-27 season.

This honor is the third career MAC Golfer of the Week selection for de Bock, who previously earned the title twice in the 2024-25 season on Sept. 27 and Oct. 31. Her award builds upon a consistent record of conference accolades for Eastern Michigan, bringing the program's total to 13 MAC Golfer of the Week awards since the start of the 2024-25 season.

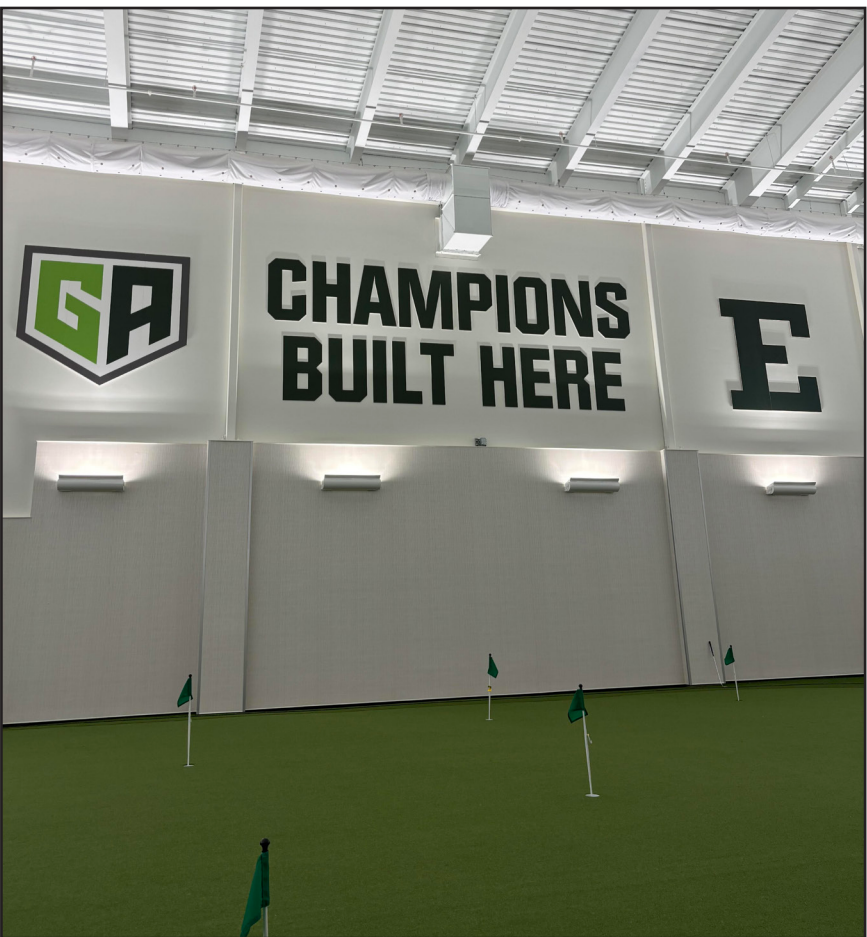
De Bock's selection continues a strong trend set by the Eagles in recent years. During the 2024-25 season, EMU collected three weekly honors, with teammate Riley Kim earning an award on March 7 alongside De Bock's two honors. The Eagles followed that with a dominant 2025-26 campaign, securing nine conference golfer of the week awards. That nine-award total was shared among three EMU golfers: Janae Leovao (Sept. 19, Feb. 20, March 13), Jasmine Leovao (Oct. 24, Feb. 20, March 27), and Baiyok Sukterm (Oct.

10, April 3, April 10).

Entering the final round in fifth place, de Bock fired a 4-under 68 to finish at 7-under 209, clinching the individual title by a single stroke. The performance marked her second collegiate individual title, tied for the third-lowest 54-hole score in EMU history, and secured the 28th individual crown in program history. Supported by de Bock's performance, the Eagles posted a team score of 1-under 863 to successfully defend their Chambers Bay team title, finishing ahead of NCAA Regional qualifiers Oregon State University and Southern Methodist University to claim the program's 31st team championship and 13th overall sweep.

Up next, the Eagles head to Wolcott, Colorado, to compete in the Golfweek Red Sky Classic from Sept. 21-23 at Red Sky Ranch and Golf Club. Ranked No. 20 in the preseason Golfweek Top 30, Eastern Michigan will face a competitive 20-team field that features five other preseason Top 30 programs: No. 2 USC, No. 5 Texas A&M, No. 14 Pepperdine, No. 16 Louisiana State University and No. 30 Arizona.

Editor's note: Savannah de Bock is a current news reporter for The Eastern Echo.



Inside the GameAbove Golf Performance Center is a state-of-the-art training facility designed to elevate EMU's men's and women's golf programs. Elena Davis / The Eastern Echo

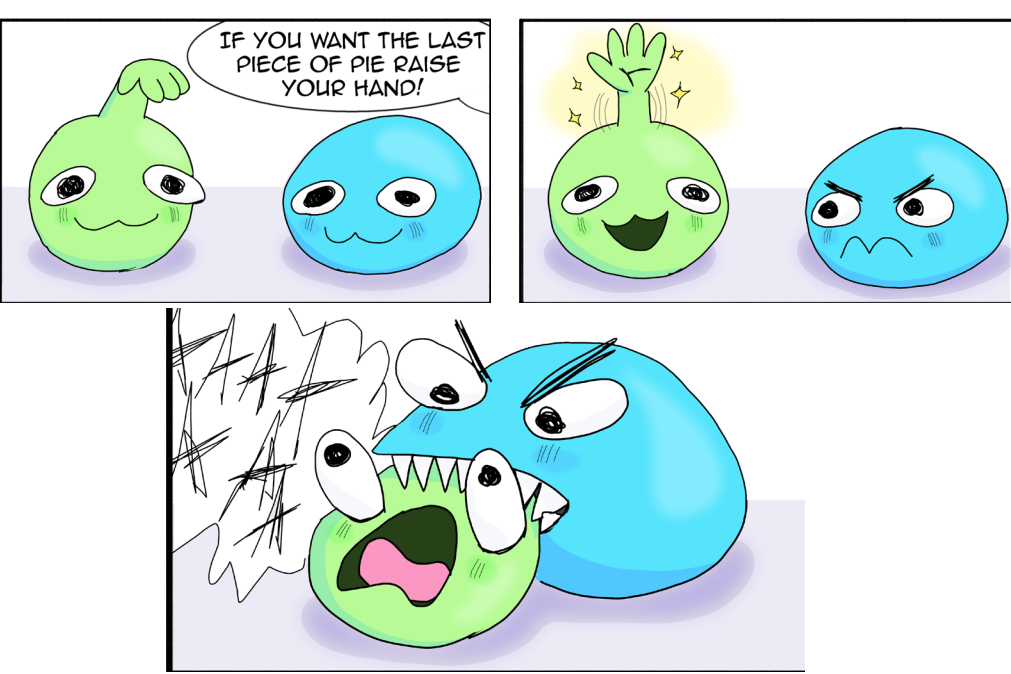
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Last week at Eastern Michigan: serves, celebrations, sexual education



The EMU women’s basketball team cheers on the EMU Marching Band at the first annual EMU Block Party on Sept. 17 in Depot Town. *Courtney Prielipp / The Eastern Echo*



EMU Marching Band feature twirler Maya Parrelly poses while the band plays the Fanfare at the first annual EMU Block Party on Sept. 17 in Depot Town. *Courtney Prielipp / The Eastern Echo*



EMU Police Chief Lige and Ypsilanti Mayor Brown enjoyed meeting community members young and old at the first EMU Block Party in Depot Town on Sept. 17. *Courtney Prielipp / The Eastern Echo*



Lilly Yax talks with Michigan Foster Care Navigators about foster care resources in the state of Michigan at Sex in the Dark in the Student Center Ballroom on Sept. 15. *Lee Hammock / The Eastern Echo*



Attendees are offered a masquerade mask at Sex in the Dark in the Student Center Ballroom on Sept. 15. *Lee Hammock / The Eastern Echo*



Eastern Michigan University's women's volleyball celebrates 19th point in first set during game versus Cornell University September 18 at George Gervin GameAbove Center. *Maddy Makin / The Eastern Echo*



During a volleyball match at the George Gervin GameAbove Center on Sept. 18, Taeley Mahler spikes the ball over the net towards opposing team from Cornell University. *Maddy Makin / The Eastern Echo*

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