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OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION



WHAT DEI HAS

BEEN UP TO!





Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid Premiere - A Celebration of Belonging Together was a smashing success. Visit [EMU's Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid website](#) to read the national news article and watch the 30-second commercial and the 6-minute Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid segment.

- A 30-second regional commercial aired during Peak (7:00 am- 11:45 am) and Prime (6:00 pm- 11:45 pm) on the news networks including (CNN, CNN Headline News, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News, Fox Business Network, TLC, Travel and Discovery) between April 4-30, 2024. Additional airings will take place during subsequent months.
- Additionally, the EMU's story of Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid was distributed to the Public Television affiliates nationwide showing the week of April 29, 2024.

Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid, a show broadcasted on Public Television Stations, has handpicked our university to feature in their upcoming season. They recognize the work we do to maintain an inclusive academic environment and want to showcase our DEI story to a nationwide audience. How amazing is that? They even mentioned that our perspective as a faith-informed, peace and justice university is a perfect fit for their series. This isn't just about filming—it's about us coming together as a community to share our journey towards social justice, racial justice, and queer justice. In a 5-8 minute segment, EMU's DEI commitment will be highlighted, reaching households in all 50 states through Public Television Stations. But that's not all! A 30-second educational snippet will also air nationally on major networks during prime time, reaching over 85 million homes. Imagine the impact of our collective voices echoing across the nation, a true embodiment of our mascot Herm the lion's mighty roar. Together, let's make our Roar heard around the world and ignite a wave of curiosity and excitement for this monumental event! Stay tuned, to know when the show will air and how we will celebrate it. The best is yet to come!



The third Lavender Graduation Ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of self-identifying LGBTQ+ undergraduate and graduate students.



The ninth annual Donning of the Kente ceremony celebrates graduates, their heritage and honored mentors.

Sustainable Together - imagining a campus within the climate crisis



Office of DEI's Sustainability Team in collaboration with Creation Care Council, SFI, and Earthkeepers hosted a 1 ½-hour small group discussion with 30 students, faculty, and staff around sustainability at EMU.



We dove into thought-provoking questions such as the intersections of climate change and justice and the responsibilities we hold as a university and campus community in fostering environmental action. Students sparked conversation about how to cultivate a culture of sustainability through empowerment, education, and collaboration/active participation.



In collaboration with the Department of Biology during Earth Day weekend, 40 students, faculty, staff, and community members volunteered to removing invasive species in Park Woods, and hung out with goats that are a part of the invasive removal process. Prof. Jim Yoder heads the project funding with Advancement to raise awareness and community involvement in this urban wood space on EMU's campus.



Student Sustainability Summit



20 EMU students joined for the 3rd Annual Student Sustainability Summit at James Madison University. The summit provided opportunities for the local 5 universities to share initiatives and projects on campus around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. 3 presentations featured students involved in the following projects:

- The Sustainable Food Initiative and their meal packing partnership with the Cafeteria for the Free Food Room
- The Senior Environmental Science Capstone Class and efforts Park Woods, an EMU's wood green space
- The Fashion Design Class showcasing a course project on fashion design that centers sustainability.



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