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# Council Communique



  
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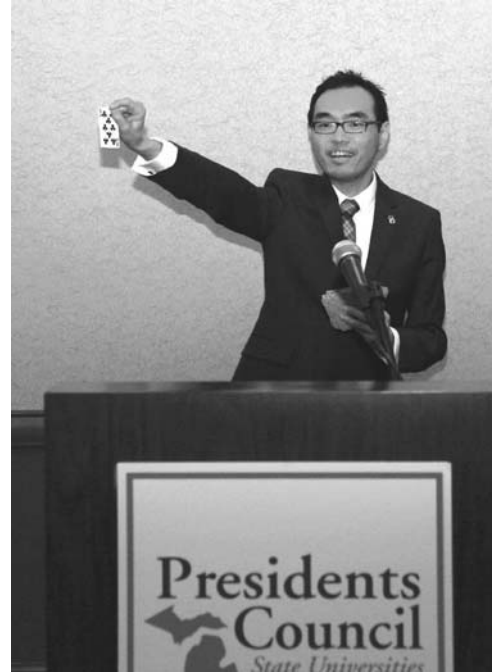
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## Distinguished Professor of the Year Award Ceremony

The Presidents Council hosted the third annual Distinguished Professor of the Year Award ceremony on May 14th at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. This year's recipients were Dr. Eddie Cheng of Oakland University, Dr. Erik Goodman of Michigan State University, and Dr. Steven Wright of University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Dr. Eddie Cheng demonstrates to the audience one of his many methods for teaching math to his students at Oakland University.

To see more pictures from the ceremony, check out the [PCSUM web site](#).



## Upcoming Dates

### Academic Affairs Officers Retreat

June 4-5, 2009  
Northern Michigan Univ.

### Council for Continuing Higher Education (CCHHE)

June 5, 2009  
Oakland University

### Public Information Officers Meeting

June 8, 2009 10:00 am

### State Relations Officers Meeting

June 9, 2009, 1:00 pm

### Michigan Student Financial Aid Administrators Summer Training Conference

June 21-24, 2009  
Shanty Creek Resort

### State Relations Officers Meeting

June 23, 2009 1:00 pm

### Presidents Council Board of Directors Meeting

June 24, 2009, 9:30 am

## Japan Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) study abroad program is a product of the strong sister-state relationship between the State of Michigan and Shiga Prefecture. Located on the shore of Lake Biwa in the City of Hikone, Shiga Prefecture, Japan, JCMU programs build relationships between Japanese, Americans, and many other nationalities through active learning and participation in language, culture, family life and society. JCMU has been welcoming students since 1989, with this year marking the 20th anniversary. The anniversary celebration began in Hikone, Japan on May 18th and concluded with a reception and dinner at the Hikone View Hotel on the 20th. The anniversary program reflected the academic programs and community enrichment that students experience while studying abroad at JCMU. A detailed story with photos will be in next month's Communiqué.

## Provost Receives Top Award

Congratulations to Grand Valley State University's provost, Gayle Davis. Dr. Davis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, was named recipient of the top annual award from a statewide association for higher education. Dr. Davis will receive the Distinguished Women in Higher Education Leadership Award from the Michigan ACE (American Council on Education) Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education at its June conference in Lansing. The award, first presented in 2001, recognizes significant contributions women have made at Michigan's colleges and universities and their communities.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

## General Counsels Receives National Awards

At the National Association of College and University Attorneys

(NACUA) conference, three of our own will be receiving awards:

- Kenneth McKanders, General Counsel at Eastern Michigan University - Distinguished Service Award
- Jack Bernard, Assistant General Counsel at the University of Michigan - First Decade Award
- Eileen Jennings, General Counsel at Central Michigan University - Life Membership.

They will be honored at this year's conference, June 24-27, in Toronto.

## **Presidents Council hosts Bi-Partisan Freshmen Caucus Discussion**

The Bi-Partisan Freshman Caucus, Michigan House of Representatives, gathered on May 6 at the Presidents Council offices to talk about their efforts at bipartisanship and important issues facing Michigan. The event was hosted by the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Detroit Public Television taped the discussion, which can be seen at [mivote.org](http://mivote.org)

## **What's New with the Council Committees**

### **Executive Assistants Conference 5/14/09**

On May 14, 2009 Oakland University graciously hosted the fifth Michigan Public Universities Executive Assistants Conference at their campus. The event was well attended with many of the 15 public universities represented. This year's conference, "Managing in Lean Times," focused on the current economic situation. Oakland's Provost Virinder Moudgil opened the conference by reminding support staff how important their role is in promoting their respective universities. The conference also provided a venue for a wide range of key support staff to come together to network as well as share ideas on how to meet the challenges facing our universities as a result of the financial crisis.



The Executive Assistants from Oakland University.

## **New PCSUM Web Site**

Don't forget to check out the new PCSUM web site - [www.pcsun.org](http://www.pcsun.org). The site is updated regularly with news from our 15 public universities and information about the Presidents Councils activities. PCSUM is also on Twitter promoting higher education in Michigan - if you or your university has a Twitter account, please let us know.

### **Best Wishes**

The Presidents Council would like to wish the following individuals the best in their new endeavors:

- Michael Rao, CMU President who is moving to Virginia to become the president at Virginia Commonwealth University
- Scott Amos, LSSU Provost, who is moving to the University of South Dakota. Scott is serving as LSSU's Interim President this month
- Julia Wallace, CMU Provost, who is moving to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- Don Loppnow, EMU Provost, who has moved to his new position as VP for Advancement at EMU
- Jack Kay, UM-Flint Provost, who is moving to EMU to be Provost and Executive Vice President