

One year after his death, M.J. Sharp's legacy lives on in growing scholarship fund

Significant progress has been made towards an endowed scholarship at Eastern Mennonite University to honor the memory of peacebuilder Michael Jesse "M.J." Sharp '05, who was ambushed and murdered in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in March 2017. At present, more than \$31,000 has been raised towards the \$100,000 goal, and a new crowdfunding campaign (visit www.emu.edu/crowdfunding) ends May 6.

With a major goal to help those carrying on Sharp's work in Africa, an inaugural award has been made to a Congolese peacebuilder who will begin his graduate studies at EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding in fall 2018. David Nyiringabo Mazimpaka, from the eastern part of the DRC, works as assistant coordinator at Congo Peace Network and deputy coordinator of the Great Lakes Christian PeaceBuilders Network.

Black Student Union kicks off EMU's new neighborhood partnership

Students, staff and one professor have teamed up with Harrisonburg's Northeast Neighborhood Association (NENA) to begin renovations to the Dallard/Newman House. The historic building, which was added to the Virginia Landmarks Register in 2017, was the residence of George A. Newman, a teacher and principal at the former Effinger School. The school educated Harrisonburg-area black students from 1882 to 1938. NENA hopes to purchase the building from owner Robin Lyttle and convert it into a museum, library and headquarters for the nonprofit association.

Biotechnology symposium started by alumnus returns for 25th year

Celebrating its 25th year, the annual Shenandoah Valley Biotechnology Symposium for high school students returned to EMU, which hosted the first one. More than 400 students attended the event featuring several speakers, including National Institutes of Health director Dr. Francis Collins, as well as an afternoon of hands-on lab work assisted by EMU professors. EMU alumnus Myron Blosser, a biology teacher at Harrisonburg High School, started the event in 1994.

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Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Connections to EMU

Undergraduate Students

Ten students from Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference were enrolled in the spring 2018 semester at EMU.

Giving

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference churches gave \$44,524 in matching grants to their students at EMU during the year ending June 2017.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**,
president
- ▶ **Nancy Heisey**, *associate dean*
- ▶ **Kirk Shisler**, *vice president of advancement*
- ▶ **Les Horning**, *director of seminary admissions*
- ▶ **David Yoder**, *admissions counselor*

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