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**Yohn again receives nomination for Outstanding Jazz Broadcaster of 2007**

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The Jazz Journalist Association again nominated **Linda Yohn**, program manager/music director at WEMU 89.1, as an outstanding jazz broadcaster in 2007. Yohn has been nominated several times. While she has not won the top award, her recognition as being one of the top four jazz announcers for several consecutive years shows a great consistency of excellence. Awards for this category and several others were presented June 28 at the Jazz Standard in New York City.



**Yohn**

**Stewart Beal**, a 2006 business management graduate from EMU, was recently recognized by Crain's Detroit Business as one of their "Twenty in the Top 100" outstanding business leaders.

"The best advice I've received from my father is to 'take big risks when you're young,'" said Beal. "He has always encouraged me to take big risks and start entrepreneurial ventures."

"When I was 19, he encouraged me to make an offer on 208 West Michigan property owned by the city in downtown Ypsilanti, even though I had less than \$5,000 in my bank account at the time. The offer was accepted and I had to scramble to raise \$100,000 before the deadline. I did, and we developed the property into the West Michigan Loft Apartments, where 20 people now live. Hadn't taken that risk, I wouldn't have completed the project, which may be my greatest success to date."

In addition to the West Michigan Loft Apartments, there will soon be a Mongolian style grill opening. A high-end women's retailer also has secured a letter of intent lease at the site. All of the residential units are occupied.

**John Fallon**, president of Eastern Michigan University, was recently presented the Region 8 "Champion for Children" Award by the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA). The award recognizes contributions to K-12 students in the state of Michigan.



**Fallon**

"Dr. Fallon has embraced this opportunity and is working to create an environment that will result in tremendous learning possibilities for the students of Washtenaw County," said Scott Menzel, superintendent of Whitmore Lake Public Schools, who nominated Fallon for the award.

"I'm proud to accept this recognition as part of the Eastern Michigan University team that actually earned it," said Fallon. "Our team demonstrated its innovativeness, determination and collaborative instincts in conceptualizing this initiative and playing our respective roles. And we feel privileged to represent an important part of our portal of opportunity through which young people can access a lifetime of meaningful work in helping others."

Fallon has been a key partner in the development of the Early College Alliance (ECA) Health Care initiative in Washtenaw County. This initiative constitutes a unique partnership between Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw International School District, four school districts and local health care providers. Through this partnership, high school students will be able to complete a high school diploma while accessing post-secondary coursework at Eastern Michigan University while preparing for careers in the healthcare field. This is the type of program that Governor Granholm referenced in her recent State of the State speech.

