



**MEDA conference attendees return inspired to serve communities through business**

“This conference definitely made me proud to be a business major,” said Eastern Mennonite University [business administration](#) major Jessica Vingert. She had the opportunity to meet with CEOs and inspiring business leaders at the Oct. 27-30 [Mennonite Economic Development Associates](#) convention in San Antonio, Texas, and returned with a renewed passion to serve her community.

With the theme of “Women Changing the World,” keynote speakers included two with EMU connections: Nobel Peace Prize winner and [Center for Justice and Peacebuilding](#) graduate [Leymah Gbowee](#), as well as Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary president Sara Wenger Shenk, a 1975 graduate and former Eastern Mennonite Seminary dean. The third, Canadian journalist Sally Armstrong, is a filmmaker and three-time Amnesty International award-winner.

[Jim Leaman](#), [business and economics](#) department chair, said the presence of more women in the program than usual benefited his students and other participants, both males and females. “It was confirming and helpful to be reminded of the positive and considerable influence women have on the business world,” he said. “It was outstanding for young women to see role models and to understand some of the challenges and struggles.”

“Leymah Gbowee spoke about how it’s impossible for one to see the big picture by closing one eye, meaning there is no way to deal with development issues without involving women,” said junior [accounting](#) and business administration major Delight Tigoe.

The MEDA convention provides students from Mennonite-affiliated schools to connect with one another and potential employers and job opportunities. Junior Roy Wenfeng, a business administration, [economics](#) and accounting major, said: “I saw so many outstanding people that encouraged me to work harder. One of my big takeaways is to do one good thing that could be risky or that you are previously unwilling to try each day.”

**Articulation agreements smooth pathways to professional health degrees**

EMU has recently added articulation agreements with Temple University in Pennsylvania and Mary Baldwin

University in Virginia. Students in the MA in Biomedicine program are guaranteed two spots annual in Temple’s School of Podiatry. Both undergraduate and graduate students from EMU who meet entrance criteria are guaranteed interviews with Mary Baldwin’s physical therapy, occupational therapy and physician’s assistant programs.

**Ohio Conference connections to EMU**

**Ohio Constituent Conference Committee Representatives**

Lois Bontrager

**Undergraduate Students**

3 students from Ohio Conference were enrolled in the fall 2016 semester at EMU.

**Giving**

Ohio Conference churches gave \$82,571 in matching grants to their students at EMU during the year ending June 2016.

- **Susan Schultz Huxman**, *president*
- **Phil Helmuth**, *director of church relations*
- **Les Horning**, *associate director of seminary admissions, development and church relations*
- **Stuart Showalter**, *associate director of development*
- **David Yoder**, *admissions counselor*

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