

# ELEVATE

GameAbove Report : April/May 2023









### EMU Marching Band

Faculty First supported the Marching Band's project to record a variety of pieces to document the Band's history and help recruit students. The recordings are now on the Band's website. Faculty First also funded the purchase of a drone that the Band uses to record their performances.

30%

**increase** in Marching Band membership since 2020

180

**average number of hours** each Marching Band member invests in the program each semester

**Executive Certificate In Entrepreneurship & Venture Challenge**

A unique eight-week certificate program delivered in a hybrid format, during the Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 semesters. The program featured exposure to academics, industry experts, mentors, professional coaches and startup investors.

**NEWS COVERAGE**

Channel 7 WXYZ, Channel 4 WDIV, and Crain's Detroit Business



8 Expert Guest Speakers | 22 Expert Mentors | 12 Expert Coaches | 8 Expert Judges



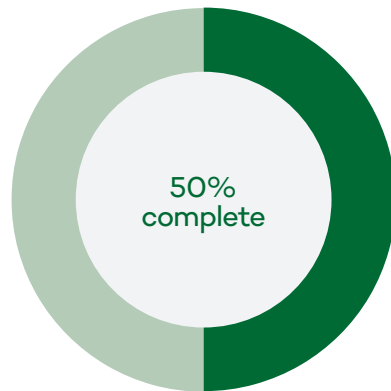
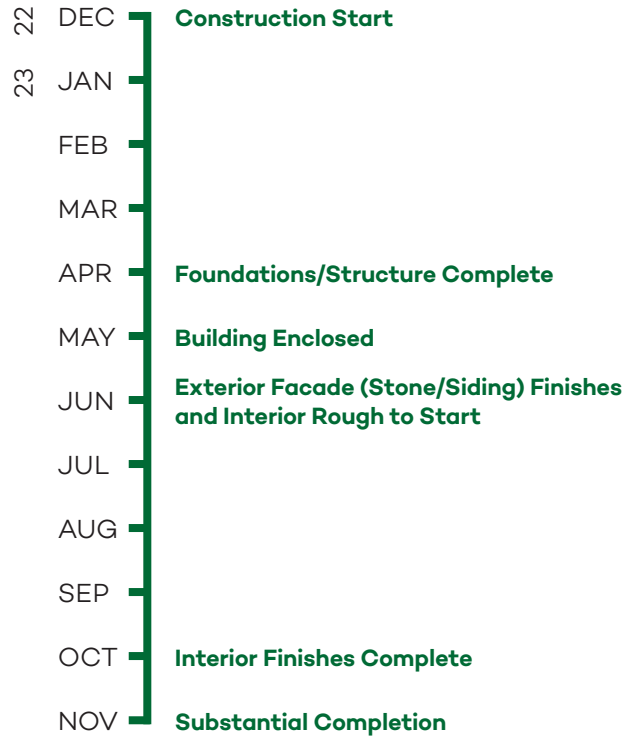
The fall '22 program saw 16 emerging entrepreneurs with a \$25K award to **Achsha Jones** and a \$5K award to **Shelly Watts** to start their businesses.



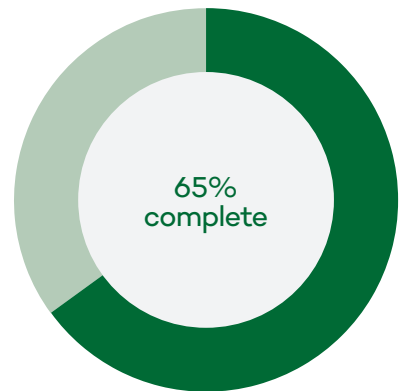
The winter '23 program saw 15 emerging entrepreneurs with a \$25K award to **Emily Dabish Yahkind** to spend on her startup business.

# Golf Facility

## Overall Schedule Summary



**Golf Training Center**



**Eagle Crest Clubhouse Addition**

## Currently In Progress

- Site utilities
- Rough sitework
- Exterior metal framing
- Building systems (MEP) rough in
- Slab on metal decking
- Underground practice range

## George Gervin GameAbove Center Projects

### Wi-Fi

Currently the primary arena Wi-Fi is complete and the VIP suites on the west side are complete. The VIP network on the east side is fully installed and the connecting line will be completed soon. Wi-Fi was available for the return of our Gamers for Giving event in March and was again available for EMU Commencement at the end of April.



### Cell Booster

This system has been installed & configured and is operational. We have tested with AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile. Although we have a few final steps to complete, cell reception has improved significantly inside the arena.

## Student-Athlete DEI Initiative



The first year of the student-athlete DEI initiative was a huge success thanks to support from the GameAbove Faculty First program! Led by Coach Sara Tisdale and EMU's Chief Diversity Officer Doris Fields, student-focused programs engaged student-athletes in many ways, including the ConSENT program with the Title IX Office and student-athletes serving as hosts at the President's MLK Luncheon.



**97% of student-athletes registered to vote through the student-athlete DEI initiative**



**450 student-athletes attended DEI Athletics sessions**