Prospective students from around the world can now get a thorough tour of campus right from their computers, thanks to a virtual tour on the MUM website that includes interactive 360-degree panoramas, high-quality photos, and videos.

“This virtual tour allows people who aren’t able to come for a visit to get a visual sense of campus,” said Paul Stokstad, MUM webmaster.

The tour can be found at tinyurl.com/youvisit.

The tour includes 14 buildings on campus, such as the Argiro Student Center, Dreier, the Recreation Center, and the Maharishi Pantajali Golden Dome.

In addition, four locations from Fairfield are included to give visitors a sense of the larger community: the Sondheim Center, Revelations, Cafe Paradiso, and the Cambridge Sports Complex.

Apps for the iPhone and Android will also soon be available that will “geolocate,” such that the app will show a particular part of the tour according to one’s location on campus.

Users of the website can view the 360-degree panoramas by dragging their mouse or trackpad, or by clicking an icon that then automatically rotates the panorama.

Mr. Stokstad said that the tour is also enabled for virtual reality, and that in the future MUM will be able to send an inexpensive google Cardboard-like 3D viewer to prospective students to allow them to see campus.

Content will continue to be added.
He will also continue in his role as Prime Minister of the Global Country of World Peace, which includes helping to oversee Transcendental Meditation organizations in countries around the world.

“Dr. Morris’s contributions over the past 36 years have been extraordinary,” said Craig Pearson, executive vice-president. “His leadership has been crucial to the University’s growth and success.”

Under Dr. Morris’s leadership, the University has undergone immense changes, including academic offerings and the campus itself.

Dr. Morris oversaw the expansion of an undergraduate curriculum to a variety of graduate programs at the master’s and PhD levels. Enrollment has grown from around 550 students to nearly 1,700.

The campus itself has been transformed, with scores of old buildings razed and dozens of new ones taking their place, all designed according to Maharishi Vastu® architecture.

Even as he led the University, Dr. Morris continued to play a leadership role worldwide, working with Maharishi on projects and leading many conferences and assemblies held over the years.

He has traveled to more than 100 countries, meeting leaders in government, business, and science, as well as with international leaders of Transcendental Meditation organizations, students at Consciousness-Based education schools, and alumni and friends of Maharishi University of Management.

“Dr. Morris has inspired countless people with his presentations on the knowledge Maharishi brought to light and how Maharishi’s programs are taking root all over the world,” Dr. Pearson said. “He has led a truly remarkable life of service.”

Dr. Morris came to MUM at the suggestion of Maharishi in 1979, and was named president in 1980. He had already spent a number of years working closely with Maharishi.

A new article by MBA faculty members Andrew Bargerstock and Ye Shi yet again shows MUM’s leadership in the field of lean accounting.


It appears in the June 2016 issue of Strategic Finance, the monthly peer-reviewed journal of the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA).

According to Dr. Bargerstock, lean manufacturing is increasingly being adopted in the U.S., but research shows that when those companies don’t also adopt lean accounting, it results in waste and inefficiency.

“This is because variance analysis is replaced by work cell metrics that are considered to be superior methods for production control,” Dr. Bargerstock says.

Despite the advantage of adopting lean accounting, field reports and a 2013 research study conducted by Manjunath Rao at MUM indicate that the majority of mature lean manufacturers continue to use standard costing and variance analysis.

The article by Dr. Bargerstock and Dr. Ye sheds new light on possible reasons for why companies aren’t adopting lean accounting, including lack of knowledge about lean accounting, deeply entrenched institutional histories of standard costing, and inertia sustained by legacy enterprise resource planning systems.

The publication of this article is the latest recognition of MUM’s research in lean accounting by the IMA and annual Lean Accounting Summit.

Dr. Bargerstock was awarded Excellence in Lean Accounting Professor in 2009. Also, Dr. Rao was chosen as the Lean Accounting Student of the Year in 2011 for his PhD dissertation research that was partially funded by IMA.

In addition, Dr. Ye Shi was honored as the Lean Accounting Student of the Year in 2013 for her work in teaching and writing case studies while pursuing her PhD. And in 2011 and 2013, Dr. Bargerstock and Dr. Rao published articles in Management Accounting Quarterly on the lean accounting research conducted at MUM.

Faculty Continue Leading Research in Lean Accounting with New Paper

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— Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Feb. 1, 2006 press conference

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Famous Alumnus to Give School’s Graduation Address

Maharishi School alumnus Ari Berman (class of 2000), author of Give Us the Ballot, named one of the 100 best books of 2015 by the New York Times, will give the Maharishi School commencement address Sunday, June 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Henry Ogden Clark Hall at Maharishi School. The public is welcome.

Mr. Berman is a senior contributing writer for The Nation magazine and a Reporting Fellow at The Nation Institute.

He has written extensively about American politics, civil rights, and the intersection of money and politics. His stories have appeared in the New York Times, Rolling Stone, and The Guardian, and he is a frequent political commentator on MSNBC, PBS, C-Span, and NPR. In April he testified at a Congressional briefing on the threat of voter suppression.

In addition to the recognition from the New York Times, his latest book was named one of the best books of 2015 by the Washington Post, Boston Globe, NPR and Kirkus Reviews.

Mr. Berman’s first book, Herding Donkeys: The Fight to Rebuild the Democratic Party and Reshape American Politics, was published in October 2010.

He graduated from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University with a degree in journalism and political science. He lives in New York City.

Student Teaches Art to Area Seniors

Recognizing that those in assisted living have most of their decisions made for them, student Kenzie Wacknov is offering them the opportunity to make choices and express themselves by teaching art classes to area seniors.

She’s offering an 11-week program at SunnyBrook in Fairfield and in assisted living centers in Ottumwa and Iowa City. The program includes sculpting and painting clay sculptures as well as drawing. Those involved will offer an exhibit at the end of the program.

“I made up this Assisted Living Art Program as something that I felt there was a need for and wanted to carry it into action,” Ms. Wacknov said.

With a double major in art and educational foundations, Ms. Wacknov is interested in a career in art as therapy.

“I’m interested in creating as a vehicle for self therapy,” she says.

Ms. Wacknov invites others to help teach the curriculum. She can be reached at kenzie.rebecca@gmail.com.

School Students Win Sports, Creativity Competitions

Maharishi School students excelled this spring in track, tennis, and a creativity competition known as Destination Imagination.

Twelfth-grader Ross Emmanuel qualified for the state track meet and came in second in the 800-meter race and fifth in the 400, as well as anchoring the second-place distance-medley relay team.

In tennis, the team won the district competition. In addition, Chandre Morales placed third in state singles and the doubles team of Kai Vessey and Daniel Zhu also placed third at state.

The School also had seven Destination Imagination teams win the top award at state, qualifying them for the international competition in Tennessee. Competing against 80 other teams, their senior girls team earned 7th place.

Dr. Heaton Publishes Book Chapter

Professor Dennis Heaton recently published a book chapter titled, “An innovative approach to cultivate responsible next generation leaders: Transcendental Meditation in management education.”

It appears in Innovative Management Education Pedagogies for Preparing Next-Generation Leaders, published by IGI Global.

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Over 350 Expected to Graduate June 18

The public is invited to attend the 2016 Maharishi University of Management commencement ceremony at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 18, in the Maharishi Patanjali Golden Dome.

Over 350 students are expected to graduate, including those who finished their course work in December. The number includes 74 undergraduates in Fairfield, 37 undergraduates in South Africa, 160 students in the MS in computer science, and 80 students in other graduate programs. About 160 are expected to participate in ceremony.

Noted filmmaker David Lynch will offer the 2016 commencement address. His preferred method for public speaking is to take questions from the audience, so four students on stage with him will ask him for his thoughts and for advice for those who are receiving their degrees.

Mr. Lynch is famous for films such as *The Elephant Man*, *Mulholland Drive*, and *Blue Velvet*. His many awards include a Golden Globe for Best TV Series for his 1990–1991 show *Twin Peaks*. He recently finished filming a new season of *Twin Peaks* that will air in 2017.

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