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So who is excited that WMU is migrating from the current Webmail Plus email system to W-Exchange, a Microsoft Office 365 solution? Hopefully everyone! I've been using W-Exchange for a month now and I have nothing but high marks for the 60+ member committee who recommended Office 365. I am looking forward to the entire campus being migrated so WMU can fully leverage the collaboration power of this unique Microsoft environment. Below is the latest news with respect to Western's move to W-Exchange. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to me at tom.wolf@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3838, and as always, Go WMU, Go Broncos!

W-Exchange email project update: After working through a few technology glitches, the W-Exchange email project began migrating accounts from Webmail Plus to W-Exchange in mid-April. By mid-May, roughly 39% of WMU's 62,721 email accounts had been migrated. Most of those migrated have been either admitted students or summer I semester students. The project team plans to start migrating staff beginning the week of May 23. The project team is also planning to publish a migration schedule on the project website, wmich.edu/email/migration. There will also be announcements in WMU Today and post cards in all employee campus mail boxes. The migration schedule will be a living document so check the website regularly for updates. By mid-July all students, staff, retirees, emeriti and alumni should be migrated as well as faculty members whose department has requested they be migrated. Most faculty will migrate in October. As someone who has been migrated, I would encourage you all to start preparing by reviewing the pre-migration checklist. This is critical to the overall success of your individual migration. If you have any questions about the email project, you may always contact me directly. If you have specific questions about your individual email account, please call our Help Desk at (269) 387-4357, option 1.

WMU Guest Wi-Fi: WMU Guest is a Wi-Fi service created to provide all students, faculty and staff with a way to quickly grant their campus visitors access to the Internet. This service uses a generic username of WMUGuest (case-sensitive) and a password that changes on the first day of each month. The password may be found in the Wi-Fi at WMU portlet in GoWMU, located in the second column just below the announcements portlet. WMU Guest is intended for visitors only. All WMU students, faculty and staff are encouraged to use WMU Secure Wi-Fi service when accessing the Internet with their personal or WMU-provide devices. More information about WMU Guest. Learn more about WMU Secure.

Did you know? The Office of Information Technology offers Web pages to help students, faculty and staff better understand personal security concepts like identity theft. These pages include information on avoiding identity theft and actions to take if victimized by an identity theft crime, such as a fraudulent tax filing. Find out more.