SABBATICAL PUBLIC PRESENTATION
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005
Putney Hall, Fetzer Center (small auditorium, room 1010)

The nine faculty who received approval for replacement funding from the provost office for sabbatical projects of merit this year will introduce their projects to the academic community. Please encourage your colleagues to attend. The sabbatical colleagues will each make a 15 minute presentation, followed by a question-and-answer period. The informal reception will give colleagues an opportunity to talk individually about each project, so that faculty may gain an understanding of the process and assist faculty who are planning to submit sabbatical proposals next September. The workshop is open to the public and all are welcome.

Presentations:
- **John Austin**, Department of Psychology: federal grant proposal to support studies of components of behavioral safety, in collaboration with other scholars in the United States and Brazil.
- **Linda Borish**, Department of History: historical significance of Jewish women in American sport and their advocacy of social change and women’s rights.
- **Yvette Hyter**, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology: complete a language development textbook; analyze social communication data on the CTAC database; develop a clinical forum special issue of a journal.
- **William Jackson**, Department of Biological Sciences: research collaboration with Pierce Foundation at Yale University focusing on arteriole constriction in microcirculation, in preparation for submission of renewal request for NIH grant.
- **Bharti Katbamna**, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology: development of techniques for better understanding of the role of genetic loss or mutation in hearing impairment; pilot data for submission of NIH and NSF grant applications.
- **Iskender Sahin**, Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering: prediction of flow fields in the presence of a ship, submerged marine vehicle, or air cushion vehicle, under the action of surface waves.

Awarded but unable to present:

Everyone is welcome, no RSVP is required. If you have questions, please e-mail Eileen B. Evans, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness at eileen.evans@wmich.edu. Thank you.

Items of Academic Interest

**COLLEGE OF AVIATION**

Global package-delivery giant UPS is putting a piece of equipment to work to make sure the next generation of aviation professionals receive hands-on experience in how to maintain the engine systems that are the backbone of its service network.

The Atlanta-based corporation is donating a 747 aircraft engine to WMU’s College of Aviation for use in the college’s maintenance technology program. The massive engine will be used to familiarize students with the engine systems and components typical of large aircraft engines. “We’re proud to support the University in educating tomorrow’s maintenance professionals,” says UPS Airlines spokesman Mark Giuffre in describing the company’s decision to make the gift.

UPS is donating both the engine and shipping costs of the JT9D Pratt & Whitney
EMERITI COUNCIL

Emeriti Council Textbook Scholarships: The Council began soliciting donations from emeriti for scholarships late in the summer of 2004 after consulting with the WMU Development Office. Vice President Bender and his staff handled all the details of this effort and provided valuable advice about a number of important details. Michelle Saigh, assistant director of Financial Aid, identified a pool of financially needy students with a high GPA and selected those sophomores, juniors, and seniors who would receive awards. The $5500 raised during the fall of 2004 allowed her to make 10 awards of $250 that semester and 12 awards of $250 during the spring semester. The Council will begin a second fundraising effort in May and hopes to double the number of awards during the 2005-2006 academic year. It is clear that the help extended to these financially strapped students was genuinely appreciated.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies is receiving $36,600 to purchase eleven new Braille computers from a non-profit, Braille transcribing organization housed in a Michigan prison.

The announcement follows a pledge of $160,000 in scholarship funds by the MBTF—Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund—whose workers are primarily inmates at the State Prison of Southern Michigan in Jackson, Mich., and produce Braille textbooks for thousands of children with visual impairments around Michigan and the United States.

The $36,600 grant will pay for eleven BrailleNote PDAs—Personal Digital Assistants. The BrailleNote PDA is a laptop-like computer with a Braille keyboard and a voice output, in addition to a single line of Braille that acts as the device's monitor. The operator uses the nine-key keyboard to type in documents or commands similar to how a "QWERTY" keyboard is used on the usual laptop computer. But instead of peering into the screen to read the output, the user reaches down on the near top edge to read a line of Braille dots that pop up through small holes in the case.

The BrailleNote grant comes on top of the $160,000 scholarships. The scholarship funding is being donated in $8,000 awards per student. So far, six students received scholarships, for a total of $48,000 donation to date.

The MBTF has also pledged $20,000 to support a practice teaching program for WMU students to work with Kalamazoo County children with visual impairments this summer.

On Tuesday, April 12 the Bronson School of Nursing held a scholarly event titled, "Promoting Health in a World of Diversity." The event featured student poster presentations and a keynote address titled, "Eliminating Health Disparities: Implications for Education, Research, and Practice," from Dr. Antonia Villarruel, associate professor of Nursing at the University of Michigan.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Music and Dance Library is now offering two online listening services. Classical Music Library offers music from over thirty classical labels, including EMI and Hyperion. Users may browse or search for specific works by composer, title, genre, and several other access points, and create playlists for repeated use. Naxos Music Library offers listeners the entire catalogue of the Naxos label (and several others), with jazz, folk, world, and new age music, as well as a large classical repertoire. WMU users must access the services through the library website, using links at or in WestCat, the online catalog.

As a partner in the process of participating in the recruitment of medallion scholars to WMU, The University Libraries hosted “Medallion Nights - The Best and the Brightest” on the evenings of February 12th and February 19th 2005. More than twenty faculty and staff participated in the planning and implementation of this endeavor, which was very successful.
Faculty Accolades

**COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

Jane Baas, Department of Dance, was chosen by The Media Committee to hold a position on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Dance Medicine & Science. The criteria to hold this position is previous involvement/commitment to IADMS, a noted history of recent publications and proven experience in reviewing articles.

Professor of Music Education, Delores Gauthier’s article, “I’m Only in Treble Choir: A Need for Positive Image Building,” has been accepted for publication in the August 2005 edition of The Choral Journal.

Micha Espinosa, Director of Voice and Speech in the Department of Theatre, will be presenting at the National Conference for Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education in New York on June 4. She has also been invited to present at the Voice and Speech Teachers Association Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, on August 12.

Cat Crotchett, School of Art, is presenting a solo exhibition, titled “Little Mysteries,” at Little Cities Gallery in Kalamazoo. The exhibition contains works on paper and encaustic paintings. The show runs April 1 - May 29, 2005.

Matthew Steel, School of Music, received an invitation to present a paper, “Refrain, Rondeau, or Rondet?: Music’s Role in the Stylization of the Carole in Late 13th-Century France,” to the International Medieval Congress 2005 at the University of Leeds, England, July 11-14, 2005.

Robert Spradling, School of Music director of Bands and professor of Music, has been invited to conduct the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF) All-Michigan Honors Band in May. MYAF brings high school students who have distinguished themselves in their own programs throughout the state to the WMU campus to participate in three days of rehearsals, performances, and exhibitions. Dr. Spradling will rehearse and present a concert with this highly talented ensemble of high school students. In addition, Dr. Spradling has been invited to conduct the 2005 Wisconsin All-State Honors Band during three days of rehearsals in June followed by two days of rehearsals and a performance for the Wisconsin Music Educators Conference in October. This band represents the best high school instrumentalists in the state of Wisconsin as determined by audition.

Carolyn Pavlik, Department of Dance, has been selected to present her dance video work “Lady-boy” at the New Dance Cinema Festival in Seattle, Washington, May 5-8, 2005.

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Professor Debra Lindstrom-Hazel, Occupational Therapy, has been named to the executive council of the Michigan AARP.

Dr. Joyce Thompson, the Bernardine Lacey professor of Community Health in WMU’s Bronson School of Nursing, presented a brief report during an annual meeting of the World Health Organization, which was held in conjunction with World Health Day Thursday, April 7. Each year, the WHO delivers a report on World Health Day. This year’s report dealt with maternal and child health, a topic of great concern to Thompson.

As director of the International Confederation of Midwives’ Board of Management, Thompson serves in the highest elected post for a midwife in the world, a position she has held for the past six years. She is also the co-chair of the Partnership for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health.

The summit she attended was titled, “High Level Meeting on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.” It was sponsored by the Partnership for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health, the Healthy Newborn Partnership, the Child Survival Partnership, and the government of India. Both the prime minister of India and Dr. Lee Jong-Wook, director general of the WHO, were in attendance.

Thompson’s report was on the role of the International Confederation of Midwives and on midwives working collaboratively with obstetricians, nurses, and pediatricians to achieve good health among pregnant women, mothers, newborns, and children.

“My mantra for the past 20 years has been ‘Healthy women lead to healthy children, and healthy children lead to healthy nations. Without healthy women, there will be no healthy nations,’” Thompson says. “My work in the world as a nurse-midwife for nearly 40 years has reinforced this vital connection between the health of women and the health of any society.”

According to the WHO, more than half a million women die from pregnancy-related causes each year. In addition, 10.6 million children die each year, 40 percent of them in the first month of life. Almost all of these deaths are in developing countries, and many deaths could be prevented with well-known interventions, if only they were more widely available.

“It is imperative for nations to grow and develop global attention and that resources be organized and used to guarantee the world’s most vulnerable populations of women and children their rights to safety, security, health and well-being,” Thompson says.

Although her journey to India may seem like a faraway meeting of minds, Thompson makes clear that world health issues also affect us locally.

“We must work everywhere where women and children are vulnerable,” she says.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Professor William Olsen (English) has been awarded a Fellowship for Poetry by the John Simon Guggenheim

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Memorial Foundation. The fellowship, in the amount of $50,000, is one of the nation’s most distinguished literary honors, and will allow Professor Olsen to concentrate for twelve months, beginning in September 2005, on writing new poems for a forthcoming book.

**COLLEGE OF AVIATION**

Blair Balden, associate professor, was a member of the Dean’s List and the Honor Roll at Thomas M. Cooley Law School for the fall semester 2004. He is pursuing a Doctorate degree in Law there on a part-time basis.

**HAWORTH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**


Palthe, J. (Department of Management) was appointed to serve on the Portage School District Advisory Council.


**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Faculty Photography: WMU’s Chuck Comer, assistant professor emeritus in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, was one of 12 West Michigan professional photographers whose work was featured in an unusual exhibit in St. Joseph, Mich.

“2 Cities; 48 Hours” opened March 11, and continued through Sunday, April 17, at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph.

All photos were taken during two days in August 2004 in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich., by the 12 professional photographers as well as by eight amateur photographers and 70 students with disposable cameras. Combined, they captured more than 10,000 images. EPSON was the major sponsor of the project, and most of the work in the exhibit is digital.

Comer says it was a rewarding experience, and efforts are underway to find funding for a similar project in Kalamazoo.

Dr. Josephine Barry-Davis and her students in ED350 and Dr. Louann Bierlein-Palmer have been nominated for the 2005 STAR Volunteer awards. Housing Resources, Inc. has nominated Dr. Barry-Davis and her class for their work collecting and distributing more than $10,000 worth of goods and clothing to homeless families in the Kalamazoo area. Dr. Bierlein-Palmer was nominated by the Reverend Dr. Paul Naumann for her work with St. Michael’s Lutheran Church and School. This award is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo Gazette and honors Kalamazoo-area volunteers who have shown an exceptional commitment of time, creativity, dependability, and impact on their nominating organizations. STAR is an acronym for Sharing Time And Resources. Close to 100 organizations nominate volunteers for awards in 12 categories each year. Nominees will attend a breakfast on Wednesday, April 27 at the Radisson Hotel where final award recipients will be named and honored.

Recent Publications: *Deconstructing Heterosexism in the Counseling Professions: A Narrative Approach* (Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2005) was edited by Jim Croteau, professor in CECP, Julianne Lark, doctoral graduate of CECP, and Melissa Lidderdale, current CECP doctoral student. This book employs the personal narratives of lesbian, bisexual, gay and heterosexual counseling psychologists and counselor educators to deconstruct the heterosexist discourse in the counseling professions, envision a discourse of sexual orientation equity, and make practical suggestions for navigating sexual orientation in professional life. The narrative approach encompasses a diversity of experiences including an emphasis on racial and cultural contexts and a critical examination of the so-called “professional closet.” The narratives and their analyses serve as a means for the individual and collective self examination that is needed to move LGB affirmative practice, training, and scholarship from the margins to the center of what it means to be a counseling professional. Six book chapters are authored or co-authored by CECP faculty and post-graduate students including faculty members Jim Croteau and Phillip Johnson, graduate Julianne Lark, and doctoral students Terri Lance, Melissa Lidderdale, and Kin-Ming Chan.

High Impact Learning (New York: Perseus, 2002), authored by Robert O. Brinkerhoff, professor in CECP, and Anne Apking, won a national award from the International Society for Performance Improvement last year as the Instructional Product of the Year 2004 (only one such product is honored each year). In addition, Dr. Brinkerhoff has published *The Success Case Method* (San Francisco: Koehler, 2003) which outlines a unique evaluation method he created and has also been called “the next big thing in evaluation”, by Michael Scriven in his national newsletter. This is the 13th book that Dr. Brinkerhoff has published since he has been at WMU.

Make a Difference

The spring Make a Difference award ceremony was held on Thursday, March 24. Don Weber (ETS) and Nancy Dyksterhouse (Dean’s Office) were honored with a cash award and commemorative certificate for the roles they play in “making a difference” in the College of Education and at WMU.
Faculty Accolades Continued...

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Dr. Barbara Cockrell, University Libraries, has been selected to serve on the Assessment Committee of the Science and Technology Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, effective June 2005.

Dr. Barbara Cockrell and Ms. Linda Rolls attended the National ACRL conference in Minneapolis where they participated in presentations, workshops, focus groups, etc., related to academic librarianship, with particular reference to the sciences. Cockrell attended a pre-conference: “Information Literacy in the Disciplines: Librarian/Faculty Collaboration for 21st Century Research Skills.”

Profs. Barbara Cockrell and Elaine Jayne presented a workshop through WMU’s Center for Teaching and Learning entitled “Creating a Climate of Intellectual Integrity: Combating Plagiarism in the Classroom.”

Profs. Maira Bundza and Barbara Cockrell presented “Assessment of Library Instruction on Undergraduate Learning Outcomes” at a presentation seminar by Assessment Grant Fellows to the WMU community.

Ms. Judy Kirk, University Libraries, was notified that Artes Draconic, a Middle Kingdom A&S newsletter (Society for Creative Anachronism) which she edits, was selected as this year’s Master William Blackfox Award winner for the Best Special Interest Newsletter. The award states that “this newsletter continues to be the finest Arts and Sciences newsletter in the Known World, and serves as an excellent example of the way a Kingdom can promote the Arts and Sciences.”

Student Accolades

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Eighteen singers from the School of Music received awards at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Michigan state competition on April 2. First place winners included Jaime Adams, Joseph Beutel, Eric Cadena, Molly Crookedacre, Adam DeVries, Breanna Newton, Katie Rohwer, and Rachele Schmieg.

Second place awards went to Galen Bostian-Kentes, Christina Hoekstra, Mimi Lanseur, Adrian Rosas, and Kelley Schreiber.

Third place awards went to Allison Barsamian, Joseph Curry, and Robert Potsic.

Honorable mention honors were given to Stephanie Beinlich and Dan Hanson.

Fumiko Honda (master’s student) has been invited to give a presentation at the 11th International Conference of EAJIS (European Association for Japanese Studies), which is being held August 31-September 3 in Vienna, Austria. Her presentation is entitled “The Emergence of Japanese Women Composers: Breaking Gender Barriers in Japanese Composition.” Additionally, Honda’s composition for horn was selected by the College Music Society to be performed at its international conference in Quebec, Canada, in November, with WMU’s horn professor, Lin Foulk, performing the piece.

Recent graduate Keith Horn (Bachelor of Music in composition) will soon move to Los Angeles to start his new position composing for several hit television shows, including “The Apprentice” (NBC) and “Survivor” (CBS).

Denso Manufacturing Michigan, Inc. in Battle Creek has honored School of Art graduate student Mindi Bagnall with the purchase of her painting, “Options,” which was chosen for the recent 2005 Annual Art Student Show in Dalton Center. Since Denso hires many WMU students, they wanted to honor a WMU art student with the purchase of an artwork for their new recruiting office.

Jennifer Black, art history alumna, is now a graduate student in history. The research paper she wrote for a class taught by professor Mary-Louise Totten (School of Art), “Gendered Anomalies: White Nudes and Female Agency in Orientalist Harems,” has been accepted for two different professional conferences (Rutgers and Cambridge, UK). She has also been successful in obtaining an internship at the National Gallery of Women Artists in DC this summer.

Another composition student, Karen Olson (Master of Music), has been offered a full-time position teaching music composition at Valparaiso University.

Mialtin Zhezha, violinist, sophomore, just won second place in the MTNA national competition held in Seattle, Washington. Recently, he won first place in all of Michigan, and first place in the regionals in Madison, Wisconsin, to qualify for the nationals. Mialtin Zhezha was also semi-finalist for the Corpus Christi, Texas, international string competition last month.

David Story, double bassist, grad student, is invited as a finalist to the International Society of Bassist competition, solo division, next June.

Aaron Tully, double bassist, senior, is invited as a finalist to the International Society of Bassist competition, jazz division, next June.

Daniel Thatcher, recent graduate, is invited as a finalist to the International Society of Bassist competition, jazz division, next June.
Therapy held its fifth annual graduate research poster session in room 205 of the Bernhard Center. This session highlighted faculty-student research projects with the following titles:

"Effectiveness of occupational therapy in treating cognitive deficits in students in alternative education: a pilot study"
Principal investigator: Diane Dirette, Ph.D., O.T.
Student investigators: Shelly Kipke, OTS, Rebecca Wickey, OTS, Kelly Fleming, OTS, Andrea Beers, OTS

"Standardization of the Miller Function and participation scales"
Principal investigator: Lucy J. Miller, Ph.D., OTR, RAOTA, and President Developmental Technologies, Littleton, CO
Faculty supervisors: Sandra Edwards, MA, OTR, FAOTA, and Ben Atchison, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA
Student investigator: Joel Layne, BS, OTR

"A closer look at development of self-awareness and compensatory strategy use in adults with traumatic brain injury"
Principal investigator: Diane Dirette, Ph.D., OT
Student investigators: Seneca Cotterman, OTS, and Brooke Joyce, OTS

"The effectiveness of the 'handwriting without tears' instruction method on handwriting in 1st through 3rd graders"
Principal investigators: Richard Cooper, Ed.D., OTR, FAOTA, and Paula Jamison, Ph.D., OTR
Student investigators: Heidi Randall, OTS, and Emily Selden, OTS

"Resiliency factors among adopted children with a history of pre-adoptive trauma"
Principal investigator: Ben Atchison, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA
Student investigators: Andrea Sequin, OTS, Kristin Sheehan, OTS, Amy Sickles, OTS, and Lynn Martinelli, OTS

"Survey of occupational therapy alumni: 1999-2004"
Principal investigators: Ben Atchison, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA, and Karen M. Schen, BS, OTR

"The effect of a sensory integration protocol on children with neuro-aggressive disorders: observation phase one"
Principal investigators: Cindee Quake Rapp, Ph.D., OTR, and Berit Miller, MS, OTR
Student investigators: Gomathy Ananthan, BS, OT, and En-Chi Chiu, BS, OT

"The effect of therapeutic tricycle riding on upper extremity function in children with unilateral neglect"
Principal investigator: Cindee Quake Rapp, Ph.D., OTR
Community consultant: Kristen Armstrong, OTR
Student investigator: Renee Lyon, BS, COTA

On Sunday, April 17, the Bronson School of Nursing held an induction ceremony for the Lillian Wald Nursing Honor Society. Nursing leaders from the community, Nursing School alumni, and current undergraduate students were inducted.

Student inductees were: Ashley Bolsworth, Suzanne Brentin, Bobbi Ann Chilson, Heidi Lucas Fonger, Kara Greene, Jamie Insalaco, Autumn Korson, Kayla Kryszak, Jennifer O’Bryon, Lissette N. Perez, Ricki Reinitz, Cystal Roets, Kimberly Rogers, Jared Rogge, Shannon Saye, Ethel Serunjogi, Wanda Taylor, Leanne Trainor, and Deanna Versaw.

Jamie P. Falahree was named a Presidential Scholar in Speech Pathology and Audiology. As a youth, she often job-shadowed her mother, a speech-language pathologist. She always enjoyed the experience and now wants to help people in the same way. After graduating in April, Falahree plans to obtain her graduate degree and work in a pediatric clinic. Her chosen profession will allow her to study the development of language in children and conduct research in speech, language, and hearing, while helping others with their communication problems. Falahree, a member of the Lee Honors College, received a Medallion Scholarship, has worked and studied at the Michigan Hearing Center, and currently serves on the Kalamazoo Volunteer Committee. She is excited about the advances now unfolding in her profession and is eager to begin work as a speech-language pathologist. She is the daughter of Charles and Pamela Falahree of Jackson, Mich.

Katrine (Kay) M. Miller was named a Presidential Scholar in Social Work. After her graduation in April, Miller has her sights set on obtaining a master’s degree in social work with a concentration in policy planning administration. She is performing a field internship with Community AIDS Resource Education Services (CARES) of Southwest Michigan, working in the areas of case management, support services, and prevention education. After graduate school, she would like to work as a full-time social work professional in the Kalamazoo area and eventually pursue a Ph.D. with specialization in international social work. Miller is a successful business owner and the proud single parent of four sons. She received a Women’s Coalition Grant, a private donor scholarship, and Robert Barstow Award from the School of Social Work. She has been a volunteer mentor for adolescents, a lunchroom volunteer at Paramount Charter Academy and an office volunteer for CARES. She is a member of Phi Alpha, a social work honors society, the National Association for Social Workers and Pilgrim, an association for environmental change. She is the daughter of Sherlean Nutter of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Erin A. Muston was named a Presidential Scholar in Occupational Therapy. She is part of the 4+1 program in occupational therapy, which leads to a master’s degree in occupational therapy in five years. After her graduation in December, she will begin her master’s degree work. She currently is doing pediatric fieldwork at the WMU Unified Clinics and will also complete fieldwork in the areas of mental health and geriatrics. Muston has been awarded scholarships through the Medallion Scholarship Program and AMBUCS, a nationwide service club. The Lee Honors College member has been active in the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and is a member of Golden Key International Honour Society. She also is an active member in the Student Occupational Therapy Association, serving last year as a faculty delegate and currently serving as president. She is the daughter of Jo Ann and Michael Muston of Flushing, Mich. 

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Jared A Rogge was named a Presidential Scholar in Nursing. Rogge works at Borgess Medical Center as a nurse extern II in the cardiovascular lab recovery unit. As a member of the Lee Honors College, he is examining the stigma of mental illness and attitudes toward the mentally ill for his honors thesis. His findings will be presented in April as part of Nursing Scholarship and Research Day. A member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Golden Key International Honor Society, Rogge has been involved as both a participant and site leader for The Alternative Winter Experience, spending part of his winter break volunteering in another part of the country. Rogge also has worked for the WMU Office of Admissions and Orientation as an orientation student leader and student orientation coordinator, as well as volunteered for Drive Safe Kalamazoo, Bronco Bash, and Bronco Days. After graduating in April, Rogge hopes to receive an internship in critical care nursing and possibly become a physician assistant, nurse anesthetist or educator. He is the son of Marvin and Lorraine Rogge of Owosso, Mich.

Outstanding Adult Learner Awards 2005: WMU Lansing student Ms. Karen Everhart was the recipient of an Outstanding Adult Learner Award (OALA) on Wednesday, April 20 at the Capital Area Higher Education Network (CAHEN) ceremony honoring adult students. Each year, CAHEN recognizes students in the Lansing area with the OALA, acknowledging those who excel at balancing coursework, career, family, and community demands. Consideration for the award is based on GPA, academic work, and community and family involvement.

Ms. Everhart, a student in the Master of Public Administration program, was nominated by WMU faculty and staff for her outstanding coursework, as well as for her high level of involvement with the Lansing community. Ms. Everhart volunteers as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, is an undergraduate advisory board member at the MSU School of Social Work, and is a member of the Tri-County Aging Network. Ms. Everhart also works full-time as a Retirement Living Management Administrator at Nottingham Place in Lansing, Mich.

The WMU Lansing campus is a member of CAHEN. The CAHEN mission is to work collaboratively to promote lifelong learning in the Lansing metropolitan area, foster discussion of higher education issues, and encourage employers to support professional development of their employees. CAHEN’s target audience consists of mid-career adult learners who aspire to earn an undergraduate or a graduate degree in order to advance professionally and remain competitive in the work force. For more information, please contact the WMU Lansing Campus at 517-327-1480.

This year, five male and five female students from the College of Aviation participated at the Women in Aviation International Organization, which has over 7,000 members worldwide. More than 2,000 members attended the conference. The members are aviation professionals including pilots, maintenance technicians, engineers, administrators, and many others, representing all areas of the industry; such as, airlines, military, educators and students, airport managers, air traffic controllers, aircraft and engine manufacturers, the NTSB, FAA, and NASA. Speakers at this year’s conference featured Kim Black, USAF B-1 pilot; Ellen Angleman Connors, Chairman, NTSB; Gretchen Jahn, President, Mooney Aircraft; Colleen Barrett, President, Southwest Airlines; Chandy Clanton, Airshow performer; and Congressman John Mica, chairman of the Aviation Sub-committee, U.S. House of Representatives.

This conference provides an excellent opportunity for our students to learn from a variety of educational sessions, participate in aviation workshops, and network with key people within the industry. Each year many scholarships are awarded to deserving candidates typically for additional flight or maintenance training.

Women in Aviation International began in 1990, and was formally established in 1994, to encourage women to seek opportunities in aviation. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, of the nearly 700,000 active pilots in the United States, less than six percent are women and only slightly more than two percent ATP rated. Women account for only 2.13 percent of the more than 540,000 non-pilot aviation jobs in the United States. For more information about Women in Aviation log on to their website at http://www.wai.org.

A team of Human Resource Management undergraduate students, Jessica Evanski (Captain), Darin Aldrich, and Lindy Peterson, representing the Society for Excellence in Human Resources, came 2nd in the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Michigan HR Games State Competition held recently at Ypsilanti pitted the three Human Resource Management students against 11 teams from colleges and universities throughout Michigan on various Human Resource Management topics using the “Jeopardy” format. The games were sponsored by the Michigan Council of SHRM, local professional SHRM chapters, and Daimler Chrysler.

Senior ISM student Andrea Brown has been awarded the prestigious R. Gene Richter Scholarship. In addition to earning a $5,000 award, this nationally recognized honor provides Brown the opportunity to participate in the Richter Mentoring Program and attend the ISM Power Conference. Applicants are judged on merit, recommendations, and an essay.

CDT Kelly Thompson, senior from St. Johns, Mich., is a Business Management major and was ranked #24 out of 4,500 cadets in the nation this year, the top 1% in all of Army ROTC. CDT Thompson has served with distinction as the Cadet Battalion Commander of the Bronco Army ROTC program and has been recognized at the Great Detroit Awards for her academic and leadership achievements. She is the recipient of the Arvin Merit Scholar Award and the Daimler Chrysler Leadership Award. Seven semesters of Dean’s List and a 2-year member of Lee Honors College.
On Friday, April 1, the WMU Student Alumni Association held “Take a Bronco to Lunch” with the College of Health and Human Services. College alumni dined with students and gave them insights into the future of their fields.

Occupational Therapy alumna Michelle Kauffman, Social Work alumna Carol Johnson, and Speech-language Pathology alumna Kelli Talieska, spoke about their careers, the influence WMU had upon them, and the important work they were doing.

Dr. William Hamman and Dr. William Rutherford will address the senior leadership team of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) on April 18 in Chicago. This presentation will highlight new systems and technologies in the domain of simulation training to support performance improvement in healthcare organizations. Dr. Hamman and Dr. Rutherford are involved with a grant sponsored by the Joint Commission. Additionally, they will be meeting with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation concerning future grants to develop medical simulations.

Dr. Hamman and Dr. Rutherford have been invited to participate in a conference on Patient Safety for Surgical Residents. This conference is being hosted by the American College of Surgeons and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The Joint Invitational Conference will take place in Chicago, May 1-2. Dr Hamman and Dr. Rutherford will share their expertise on the advancement of a culture of safety in aviation and its application to medicine.

Golden Apple Awards: Throughout the years, and particularly during the formal schooling process, most of us have encountered outstanding individuals who challenged us to learn, often to levels beyond our own desire or expectations. Quite often such persons never receive public recognition for their commitment to education, yet their impact has been of immeasurable value and significance.

The Golden Apple Award is given to honor an outstanding individual presently working or retired from the many professions involved in the educational experience. The individuals will be personally selected by their peers as being representative of educational excellence and commitment.

Nominations for the 2005 Golden Apple Awards are due May 1 and anyone who has attended or graduated from the College of Education at Western Michigan University is eligible to receive the Golden Apple. For further information about the nominating process, please go to http://www.wmich.edu/coe/alumni/goldenawd.html.