Commencement ceremonies slated

WMU will stage four commencement ceremonies Saturday, April 26, in Miller Auditorium. The scheduled ceremonies are:
- 9 a.m., graduates of the College of Education and Human Development and Extended University Programs; noon, graduates of the colleges of Aviation, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Health and Human Services; 3 p.m., graduates of the College of Fine Arts and Haworth College of Business; and 6 p.m., graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Event to fetes exceptional grad students

Dozens of graduate students will be recognized for their teaching effectiveness or research and creative work during an awards celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in 208-09 Bernhard Center. Visit surveys.questionpro.com/a/fAJ6sM1ZQ4Fm to register for the celebration.

APA announces 2014 award winners

The winners of the Administrative Professional Association’s annual awards are Jennifer C. Hsu, diversity and inclusion; Suzanne V. Beals, development and alumni relations; and Chris Voss, Student Recreation Center. They will be recognized during an awards reception Thursday, April 17, in the Fetzer Center. Registration for the event at wmich.edu/apas has been extended to Monday, April 14.

Free T-shirts offered to runners, walkers

WMU is giving away custom T-shirts to its employees, students and alumni who are registered to participate in one of the 2014 Borgess Run for the Health of It events. The WMU tech-wear shirts are being offered on a first come, first served basis to show support for Broncos registered for the Motivational Mile, Priority Health SK Walk, Borgess 5K Run, Borgess 10K Run, Borgess Half Marathon and Kalamazoo Marathon.

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WMU named finalist for national award

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The event is for recipients of the 2013-14 all-University and departmental Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Awards and Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Awards. The names of these exceptional teachers and scholars are listed online at wmich.edu/gradawards.

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Around campus and beyond

Time to start registering for camps
Registration is underway for many summer camps at WMU. The website at wmich.edu/admissions/camps lists all of them and adds new ones as information becomes available. Deadlines are near for two popular camps.

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Professional instructors name first two Outstanding Administrators

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Relay for Life fundraiser starts April 11

Colleges Against Cancer at Western Michigan University will host the American Cancer Society’s annual Relay for Life Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12.
The fundraiser begins at noon Friday and continues until noon Saturday at Kanley Track and the Student Recreation Center. This year’s participants are competing with Central Michigan University to see which school’s team can raise more money. The contest starts Wednesday, April 9, and runs through noon April 12.

The overall highest fundraiser from either school between those days gets a brand new Fossil watch valued at $100,” says Carolyn Hella, Colleges Against Cancer at WMU president.

“We have a fun and exciting 24 hours planned. Everyone is invited, rather than releasing it into the atmosphere. Calley signed the bill in WMU’s Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education. The repository is a primary source for geological re-
search in the state and was instrumental in the develop-
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ide gas-based enhanced oil recovery technology.

HB 4885 sets a flat 4 percent severance tax rate for companies using the enhanced oil recovery method, recognizing that this technology revitalizes previously marginal wells. Calley also signed three additional bills that promote the use of enhanced oil recovery. Visit legislature.michigan.gov for more information.

Local residents may attend Medieval Congress for free

Kalamazoo residents and members of the WMU community may attend the 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies for free if they register online or in person by Wednesday, April 23. WMU’s congress is the world’s largest annual gathering of people interested in the Middle Ages. The 2014 event will take place Thursday through Sunday, May 8-11. Kalamazoo-area residents and WMU community members may register online or in person at the Miller Auditorium ticket office through April 23 at no charge. They also may register through that date by mail or fax for a nominal handling fee. After April 23, they will be assessed a $50 late fee. Register online at www.michimedieval/congress. For information about registering by mail or fax, call (269) 387-8745.

Lt. governor signs new legislation into law at WMU

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley was at WMU April 1 to sign legislation encouraging the recovery of oil that is difficult to extract from existing wells across the state, making full use of these producing sites in an environ-
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Ralph R. Van Horn, a professor in the Department of Geography, remembers those who have been lost to the cancer. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society’s efforts to make this century the last one for cancer. Because that disease never sleeps, teams of friends, neighbors, families and co-workers commit to keeping at least one team member walking at all times during the relay. The teams set up campsites around Kanley Track and also plan a variety of activities and entertainment at their sites.

To participate, visit Relay for Life of WMU at relayforlife.org/wmumi and register a team or make a donation.

The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, and five years of service during April.

35 Years—Lori S. Greb, logistical ser-
vice, and Alfred K. Ho, building custodial and support services.

30 Years—Peter Thamhauser, mechan-
i cal and aerospace engineering.

25 Years—Richard T. Boyd, power plant; David R. Miller, maintenance services; Leda M. Sverns, Sindecuse Health Center; and Kevin L. Villadsen, maintenance support services.

20 Years—Joseph W. Petro Jr., industrial and manufacturing engineering.

15 Years—Carol E. Bukant, Sindecuse Health Center; Nancy Lou Cardoza, Sin-
decuse Health Center; Linda M. Comrie, Graduate College; Sharon L. Conolly, building custodial and support services; Alicia A. Eby, Sindecuse Health Center; C.J. Glascock, Human Resources; James E. Haun, landscape services; Carolyn L. Lynn, transportation services; Tammy L. Miller, institutional equity; Angela R. Phelps, Graduate College; Yeqing Wang, information tech-
ology and Linda A. Ware, Center for Disability Services.

Five Years—Hernricus M. Allemacke, information technology; Dawn P. Decker, Univedenied, Amy S. Kuder, University Libraries; Thomas Koopsen, West Hills Ath-
etic Club; and Stacey L. Markin. Harwell College of Business.

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Class project results in book of World War II remembrances

A gerontology class project that gathered people’s memories of the World War II era has grown into the book, “There is No Substitute for Victory—Remembrances of World War II.”

It is the result of a spring 2013 class project by students in Janet Hahn’s class, Issues in Aging: Service Learning. The handsomely arranged and illustrated spiral booklet is packed with the reminiscences of nearly 200 area residents who lived through the war.

Twenty-two students conducted the interviews, and Hahn served as editor. Sections include Rationing, Our Troops, Family Life, Our Brave Men and Women, After the War, Patriotism, Rest in Peace, Stories Told From Men and Women Around the World, and Recipes. The idea for the project came from Barbara Rider, emerita in and former chair of occupational therapy, and Ellen Page-Robin, founding director of the Gerontology Program.

The book can be bought for $20 by going to wmich.edu/disabilitycenter and clicking on Online Store and then Center for Gerontology Book.

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University pledges to increase study abroad enrollment

2011-12, according to IIE’s most recent Open Doors Report. That resulted in a study abroad participation rate for undergraduates of 12 percent, more than two percentage points higher than the average national rate.

Wolfgang Schlör, associate provost for the Haenisch Institute for Global Education, says participating in the IIE initiative will strengthen the global engagement pillar of the University’s vision statement by providing increased opportunities for study abroad.

Steps planned to achieve goal

WMU’s efforts will be focused on raising study abroad enrollment from about 600 students per year to 920 students by 2019. “WMU’s student body includes a high percentage of first-generation college students, and 19 percent of students represent minorities,” Schlör says. “Consequently, many of our students do not come to the University with plans to study abroad or have family or friends who encourage them to do so. We need to actively encourage study abroad in all stages of the student experience.”

The steps that WMU plans to take to achieve its participation goal include:

- Launching a new pre-freshman study abroad program;
- Training college-specific peer advisors;
- Expanding teacher education internships abroad;
- Developing study abroad programs targeted at students of migrant parents;
- Working with academic units to increase college-based study abroad scholarships and to identify programs that fit well into major and minor degree requirements; and
- Working with WMU’s longstanding transnational education partners to establish study abroad programs for WMU students that meet major, minor and general education requirements.

On Campus

Continuing with Bradley Horstman

Maintaining a consistent Web presence and training every department on campus to manage its own website content has been the job of Bradley Horstman, Web manager in the Office of University Relations.

“People are the best asset,” says Horstman, who joined WMU 14 years ago. “Give them responsibility and authority, hold them accountable, participate together and things get better.”

His initial responsibilities at WMU included computer systems maintenance and designing and maintaining Web pages. His efforts in recent years resulted in the implementation of a new content management system for websites that allows individuals trained in each department to make changes and updates to Web pages on their own.

“With the right training, it’s as easy as updating your Facebook status,” he says. “People have responded pretty well to it.”

Horstman has been holding face-to-face training sessions as the new system has been rolling out. His next step, beginning this month, will be to set up Elearning for the new system, making it available and convenient to even more faculty and staff. There also will be question-and-answer sessions on best practices.

Along the same lines as having a consistent look to University Web content, Horstman also is involved with developing responsive design with websites—a Web design approach aimed at crafting sites to provide an optimal viewing experience across all devices.

Horstman started in print and multimedia working for marketing and branding firms in Indiana, which also is where he grew up. He holds an associate degree in visual communications from Ivy Tech State College and a bachelor’s degree in fine arts from the University of Southern Indiana.

He and his fiancé, Caitlin Soderstrom, live in Kalamazoo with their four cats. Sweet One, James “Fresh” Townsend, Chum and Tinkadumb. Horstman also has a son, Otto, 8, who lives in Texas.

Outside of work, he likes to unplugs and enjoys playing poker and chess, camping, gardening and traveling.

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WMU named finalist

Among doctorate-granting institutions are the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of North Texas and Ohio State University, according to Second Nature. The four other college categories also are based on higher education Carnegie classifications. Winners will be announced in late spring.

The Climate Leadership Award program features a public, online voting component. Each of the 20 finalists was invited to produce a video that promotes its specific sustainability efforts. The videos may be viewed at planetforward.org/content/climate-leadership-awards-2014. People can vote through that website once daily until Tuesday, April 15.

The WMU video highlights both the University’s long-time strengths in energy savings as well as its commitment to building a culture of sustainability by weaving the institution’s commitment to green and sustainable practices into every part of University life.

Featured in the video are a number of scenes highlighting campus initiatives as well as interviews with Dunn; Harold Glasser, executive director for campus sustainability; graduate student Kate Binder; and undergraduate student Carlos Daniels.

For more information about WMU’s sustainability initiatives, visit wmu@sustainability@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2947.