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July is normally a month when the Office of Information Technology is busy upgrading technology all over campus in preparation for fall and the start of the new academic year. It is usually a month when OIT staff are filled with excitement and energy. Sadly, that was not the case this year. On July 21, John Racine, a 28 year employee at Western Michigan University and the Office of Information Technology, died unexpectedly.

John was responsible for the Bernhard Center and University Computing Center computer labs. These are the two largest computer labs on campus. John supervised on average over 100 student employees every year and was regularly nominated for student supervisor of the year. John

was well liked by his students and his peers and was always willing to go the extra mile to help students, faculty, staff, friends, family and strangers. John's Hawaii themed wardrobe was symbolic of the warmth John's smile regularly brought to the campus community. John was an exceptional human being who will be missed by everyone who knew him.

More information about John's amazing life can be found at [Langelands](#). Funds are being raised to honor John during the 2015-16 student appreciation week. If you would like to contribute, please contact [Delores Minshall](#).