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Montgomery to speak at upcoming community breakfast

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University President Edward Montgomery is the final speaker for this season's Mercantile Bank of Michigan Breakfast Speaker Series hosted by the Haworth College of Business at 8 a.m. Friday, May 18.

Montgomery will give a presentation titled "WMU: Higher Education at the Crossroads" in 1035 Fetzer Center.

The event is free and open to the public and begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required for this event and can be made by calling (269) 387-6059 or at wmich.edu/business/mercantile-rsvp. Free parking is available at Fetzer Center Lot 72F.

MONTGOMERY

Montgomery became the ninth president of WMU on Aug. 1, 2017. He came to the University from Georgetown University, where he had served as dean and professor of economics at that university's McCourt School of Public Policy since 2010.

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics, with honors, from Pennsylvania State University and both master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Harvard University.

During a more than 35-year academic career, Montgomery has held faculty positions at Carnegie Mellon and Michigan State universities as well as the University of Maryland. During his tenure at Maryland, he served for six years—2003 to 2009—as dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.
During President William Clinton's administration, Montgomery served as chief economist, then counselor and assistant secretary for the Department of Labor, before being named deputy secretary of labor. In the latter role, the department's second highest position, he oversaw operations of a $33 billion federal department. During President Barack Obama's administration, Montgomery was a member of the president's auto task force and led the inter-agency White House Council for Auto Communities and Workers. That position put him in a role national media dubbed "the Auto Czar."

**HAWORTH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

WMU's [Haworth College of Business](#), one of the largest schools of business in the United States, is the academic home to more than 3,500 undergraduate students majoring in 18 specialized areas of business. An additional 500 graduate students study business administration and accountancy.

The Haworth College of Business is among an elite group of fewer than 5 percent of business schools worldwide that are accredited at both the undergraduate and graduate levels by the AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. It is among a select 1 percent of business schools worldwide that have additional specialized AACSB accreditation for their accounting programs.

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**First WMU student interning with Parker Hannifin in Germany**

Parker Hannifin in Mainz, Germany.
KALAMAZOO, Mich.—A Western Michigan University student is the first to intern with Parker Hannifin, a U.S. American Fortune 250 leader in motion and control technologies, in one of their Germany locations.

Anna Litvinova, a WMU junior majoring in aerospace engineering and German speaker, is interning abroad with Cleveland-based Parker Hannifin in their Mainz, Germany location. Litvinova is interning with a mentor in Parker Hannifin's aerospace division doing supervised work as well as taking online WMU classes. WMU's partnership with Parker Hannifin started in 2017, making Litvinova the first WMU student to complete this internship. Litvinova's internship runs from January to June of 2018.

Joseph Rasich, assistant director of Study Abroad, worked directly with Parker Hannifin to create the internship experience that would best suit Litinova's education. This partnership creates opportunities for engineering majors, who often struggle to find study abroad programs that fit their curriculum.

"We chose to work with Parker because we were looking to partner with a company that had a presence in Southwest Michigan, but also abroad," Rasich said.

Parker Hannifin has international locations in 55 different countries.

While nearly 600 WMU students study abroad every year, Litvinova's credit-bearing internship is different because she is gaining "on the job" experience. At Parker Hannifin, Litvinova works closely with project engineers on tasks assigned to her every day, providing her with her first hands-on engineering experience.

Litvinova hopes to contribute to the improvement of safety in aviation with the knowledge gained at her internship with Parker Hannifin.

"Studying and interning abroad are good opportunity for students to get out of their comfort zones," Rasich said. "This opportunity will diversify you as an individual in a way that wouldn't manifest itself in the U.S."
Litvinova was a great match for the internship due to her previous experience in Germany. While born in Russia, Litvinova moved to Germany with her mother at the age of nine to complete grades five through 10 and was able to pick up the language and culture fast with the help of teachers and peers.

"The rest of my family are still in Russia and [my mother and I] try to visit them every summer. I speak only Russian at home with my mother and read and write it fluently. Russia is what I truly consider to be my home country even though we lived in Germany for a while," Litvinova said.

When Litvinova's mother received a job as a WMU professor, she moved to the United States to finish the last two years of high school and begin obtaining her bachelor's degree. The diversity of the people and programs on campus influenced Litvinova's decision to study at WMU.

"I decided to study at WMU because it has something to offer every student. Here you can find people with very different interests from your own and learn so much from each other. WMU has a very large international community and I am very happy to be part of it as I have found some of my closest friends here," Litvinova said.

Transitioning to living independently in a foreign culture was still a daunting task for Litvinova despite her previous experiences abroad. Litvinova is living in student housing in the city of Mainz, Germany, right next to Wiesbaden. The cities are separated by the Rhine river.

"For the first time I do not have family or very close friends next to me. Living on my own in a foreign country helps me to become more independent and focus on myself and my own development. I am loving this experience, but of course I am missing my family and friends," Litvinova said.
WMU STUDY ABROAD

WMU Study Abroad, a unit of the Deither Haenicke Institute for Global Education, creates, facilitates and manages academic and internship opportunities outside the continental United States. Students interested in study or interning abroad are strongly advised to attend an information session, held daily in 2425 Ellsworth Hall, browse programs in the Broncos Abroad portal, or to attend an advising appointment during walk-in hours, available during fall and spring semesters.

In addition to raising students' geographical and cultural awareness, study and interning abroad has been linked to cognitive, academic and professional benefits.

Learn more about study and internship abroad opportunities at wmich.edu/studyabroad.

WMU search for diversity and inclusion VP is in full swing

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The search for a new vice president for diversity and inclusion is in full swing at Western Michigan University, with Wednesday, May 30, set as the deadline for submitting nomination and application materials.

A 12-member search advisory committee is in place, and a search website with details about the position and the process has been launched. Dr. Yvette D. Hyter, professor of speech, language and hearing sciences and graduate coordinator for that discipline, leads the search advisory committee.

The successful candidate will replace Dr. Martha Warfield, WMU’s first vice president for diversity and inclusion, who has served in the role since 2010 and announced she will retire at the end of July.
The search website offers a summary of the position responsibilities, which include the charge to "lead institutional efforts in implementing a comprehensive strategic plan of advancing diversity, inclusion and equity at Western Michigan University." The new vice president will be expected to collaborate with students, faculty and staff, as well as with local and global stakeholders to:

- Address systemic barriers to inclusion and equity
- Galvanize institutional constituents to participate in advancing diversity, inclusion and equity.
- Provide intellectual leadership.
- Engage in policy development and implementation.

The website also includes:

- A position description.
- An outline of the process that will be followed in the search.
- A form through which stakeholders can provide their insights, through May 30, about the traits the new vice president should have.
- A mechanism to contact the search committee.

SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In addition to Hyter, who serves as chair of the search advisory committee, the committee includes:

- Dr. Angel Gullon-Rivera, associate professor of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Felicia Crawford, director of Title IX compliance in the Office of Institutional Equity
- Hardy Figueroa, Alumni Relations, Director
- Jayne Fraley Burgett, director of Disability Services
- Ruth Ann Buntin, a graduate student representing the Graduate Student Association
- Lee Panyak, director of study abroad for the Haenicke Institute of Global Education
- Marcy Peake, director of diversity and community outreach initiatives for the College of Education and Human Development
- Patti Sholler-Barber, president of the Kalamazoo Public Schools Board
- Pooja Mandagere, undergraduate student representing the Western Student Association
- Suzie Nagel-Bennett, dean of students in the Division of Student Affairs
- Vun Doublestein, Division of Multicultural Affairs, Director, Mentoring for Success Program

The search committee will review candidate materials and interview those considered the strongest candidates, bringing finalists to campus for the second round of interviews before submitting its report and recommendations to WMU President Edward Montgomery.

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WMU geology efforts lead to national recognition, two publications
KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The Geological Society of America has recognized two strands of Western Michigan University geologic research with the publication of two rare special papers—each focused on an area of WMU faculty expertise.

The unusual publications are among just over 500 such publications in the GSA's 130-year history. Both WMU-related volumes were published in April, making the recognition even more unusual. The two publications each contain multiple papers or "chapters" focused on a single topic. They are:

- "Quaternary Glaciation of the Great Lakes Region," co-edited by **Dr. Alan Kehew**, WMU professor of geological and environmental sciences, and **B. Brandon Curry** of the Illinois State Geological Survey at the University of Illinois. The work focuses on new developments in glacial geology over the past century, with three of the 12 papers written by WMU authors. The volume was published **April 3**.
- "Paleozoic Stratigraphy and Resources of the Michigan Basin," co-edited by **Drs. G. Michael Grammer, William B. Harrison III** and **David A. Barnes**. Harrison and Barnes are WMU professors emeritus, and Grammer is a former WMU faculty member who is now at Oklahoma State University. The volume explores the significant role the Michigan Basin has played in understanding the geologic process as well as outlines the distribution of natural resources in the basin. The volume was published by GSA **April 25**.
Kehew says the publication of a single special paper by GSA is considered a major accolade for both a researcher and his or her department. The fact that two from the same department have been published at the same time is extraordinary. Such GSA publication begins with an invitation from an associate editor at the society to submit a proposal on a topic.

For the Great Lakes volume, Kehew says, that invitation followed a 2015 symposium in Wisconsin that was held to mark the 100th anniversary of a famous U.S. Geological Survey monograph on the glacial geology of the Great Lakes. Following the 2015 symposium, Kehew and his co-editor were asked to compile a volume on the discovery that has taken place since that original publication.

The result is a publication with three of the 12 chapters focusing on work done at WMU. The remaining nine chapters came from colleagues elsewhere in Michigan and from Wisconsin, Illinois, New York and Ohio. The triggering symposium, Kehew notes, was sponsored by the Great Lakes Geologic Mapping Coalition, which is made up of the geological surveys in each of the states. Since 2011, WMU has been home to the Michigan Geological Survey.

Harrison, one of the editors on the Michigan Basin volume, says for his group, the request was to compile a volume that focused on discovery that grew out of WMU's research done through the Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory on campus that catalogs the state's geology through its extensive collection of cores from the drilling of water, oil and gas wells. Harrison directs that facility.

The invitation led them to propose a work based primarily on research by WMU graduate students over the past decade for which the three editors were also co-authors. Of the volume's 15 topics, or chapters, all but two grew out of work at WMU.

For the editors of both volumes, the task required them to arrange for peer reviewers to review each chapter before submitting them to the GSA for additional review and suggestions. The
entire process was three years long for the Great Lakes volume and two for the Michigan Basin publication.

**THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

The Geological Society of America is a global professional society with a growing membership of more than 26,000 individuals in 115 countries. GSA provides access to elements that are essential to the professional growth of earth scientists at all levels of expertise and from all sectors: academic, government, business and industry. The society unites thousands of earth scientists from every corner of the globe in a common purpose to study the mysteries of the planet and beyond and to share scientific findings.

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**Student awarded prestigious study abroad scholarship**

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University junior Alexis Lenderman, of Flint, is among just 1,000 undergraduate students across the country to receive a prestigious [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) to learn overseas.

Lenderman, an entrepreneurship and global and international studies major, plans to use her scholarship money to study Spanish in Quito, Ecuador, this summer.

The [Gilman Program](#) offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad.

"As a first-generation college student as well as a former foster child, I've always had the dream of getting away, traveling and seeing something beyond my circumstances," says Lenderman,
who plans to graduate in spring 2019 and then pursue a master's degree and a career in the U.S. Foreign Service.

In addition to the program in Ecuador, she previously studied in the Dominican Republic, South Africa, India, South Korea and Italy.

As part of the Gilman program, Lenderman will serve as a study abroad alumni ambassador when she returns to WMU in the fall.

"International education is critical to bridging differences and alleviating ignorance, and I am delighted to help expand the impact of the Gilman Scholarship Program," says Lenderman. "I believe my gifts and skills are not for me; they are to serve other people. I look forward to connecting students to services on- and off-campus to ensure the best college and life experiences. I want to see beyond the short distance that I've traveled thus far, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually, and continue to challenge myself each day to be the best form of myself."

WMU offers application advising for students who would like to apply for a Gilman Scholarship.

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WMU's Seita foster youth effort garners national acclaim

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi—the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines—has announced Western Michigan University as the 2018 recipient of its Excellence in Innovation Award.

The $100,000 award, given biennially, recognizes WMU for achievement in finding a powerful solution to expanding higher education opportunities through its Seita Scholars Program.
"Phi Kappa Phi is proud to recognize Western Michigan University for its innovative Seita Scholars Program," said Society Executive Director Dr. Mary Todd. "By lifting up an under-represented population—young people who have aged out of foster care—the University has transformed lives and offered hope to individuals who may never have dreamed a college degree was within reach."

Established in 2008 as a signature initiative of WMU, the Seita Scholars Program is a comprehensive support system that aims to increase successful outcomes among young adults who have aged out of the foster care system in the state of Michigan. Scholars of the program receive a scholarship, year-round on-campus housing and one-on-one campus coaching for academic and personal support throughout their collegiate career.

Expanding on the success of the Seita Scholars Program, WMU established the Center for Fostering Success in 2012. The center conducts research on foster care and higher education and has trained campus coaches for foster youth in nine states. The center is also the home base for a statewide network—Fostering Success Michigan—that focuses on disseminating best practices and supporting other colleges and universities as they provide opportunities to former foster care youth.

WMU, on behalf of its efforts through the Seita Scholars Program and Center for Fostering Success, was selected as the 2018 recipient of the Excellence in Innovation Award by a jury of emeritus college and university presidents during a two-part screening process. The University was first chosen as one of six semifinalists before advancing as one of three finalists. The pool of entries represented inventive, multifaceted projects at institutions across the United States. Each institution was assessed on its project's ability to achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes to create systemic large-scale change.

"We are enormously pleased that Phi Kappa Phi has recognized both the innovative nature and the impact of our Seita Scholars Program," said Dr. Edward Montgomery, president of WMU. "Our Seita Scholars Program has made a real difference in the lives of an amazingly resilient group of young people here on our campus. Through this program, we've learned to rethink student support systems in a way that can be adapted by college and university communities around the nation. We are indebted to our staff and faculty who work alongside these students to make a real difference."

WMU will accept the Excellence in Innovation Award during Phi Kappa Phi's Biennial Convention in Minneapolis Aug. 3.

**SEITA SUCCESS**

Since accepting its first class of former foster care youth in fall 2008, WMU's Seita Scholars Program has grown into the nation's largest and most comprehensive outreach program for young people who have aged out of foster care. The program is named after Dr. John Seita a three-degree WMU alumnus who is a national advocate for foster care youth and whose personal story inspired program founders.
Today, about 150 former foster-care youth are at home on the WMU campus and working toward their degrees. By the time the program hits its 10-year anniversary in September, it will have nearly 150 graduates.

ABOUT PHI KAPPA PHI

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi annually inducts approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The society has chapters at more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify. The society's mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Learn more about Phi Kappa Phi.

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Canadian scholar wins WMU's 2018 Gründler Prize

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—A Canadian scholar who specializes in Middle English literature has won Western Michigan University's Otto Gründler Book Prize for his book investigating the widespread belief in fairies and fairyland in medieval culture.

Richard Firth Green, a Humanities Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus at Ohio State University and the author of three books and numerous articles on the social life, law, and literature of late Medieval England, is the winner of the 2018 Gründler Prize for "Elf Queens and Holy Friars: Fairy Beliefs and the Medieval Church." This year's prize, which comes with a
$1,000 cash award, was announced at the 53nd International Congress on Medieval Studies—one of the world's largest gathering of medieval scholars, which is held annually in Kalamazoo on the WMU campus.

The prize is named for the late longtime director of WMU's Medieval Institute and has been awarded annually since 1997. It is designed to recognize a book or monograph on a medieval subject the selection committee determines has made an outstanding contribution to the field. Authors from any country are eligible for the prize, and nominations are accepted from readers or publishers.

Green's book focuses on an important aspect of medieval culture that has been largely ignored by modern literary scholars. He starts with the assumption that major cultural differences during the Middle Ages were less about the amount of wealth a person had but more about how educated they were. He explores the church's systematic demonization of fairies and details accounts of the church's attempts to suppress or redirect beliefs in such things as alternative versions of the afterlife.

"'Elf Queens and Holy Friars: Fairy Beliefs and the Medieval Church' is a very important book for understanding the culture that produced medieval romance and vernacular literature more generally, as well as for understanding the aesthetic culture of the later Middle Ages, and is well deserving of the 22nd Otto Gründler Book Prize," said Dr. Jana K. Schulman, director of WMU's Medieval Institute, in reading this year's award citation.

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Early registration extended for livable communities conference

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MAY 18, 2018 | WMU NEWS
KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Early registration has been extended through Friday, June 1, for the fifth annual Summer Conference on Livable Communities at Western Michigan University.

The focus of the conference is to explore improving the quality of life by advancing more balanced, affordable and environmentally sustainable transportation systems. The annual event draws transportation researchers, educators, students, advocates, community members, policymakers and transportation practitioners.

Held at Floyd Hall on the Parkview Campus, the event runs Thursday and Friday, June 21-22, and is hosted by the Transportation Research Center for Livable Communities, a Tier 1 University Transportation Center funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. on June 21. Sessions include such topics as innovations on active transportation, safe mobility for the elderly and people with disabilities, public transportation and shared use mobility, pedestrian and bicycle transportation, and technology for people with limited transportation options. In addition, graduate students will share their research on numerous transportation topics and participate in poster presentations.

Fees are $30 for students and $100 for all other attendees before June 1 and $45 for students and $150 for attendees after June 1. Seating is limited. To register or for more information, visit wmich.edu/transportationcenter/programs/conferencehome.

Keynote speakers Dr. Jennifer Mindell, of University College in London, and Eric J. Schneidewind, president of the AARP, will both speak on "Assessing and Valuing the Barrier Effect of Busy Roads."

MINDELL

Mindell is a professor of public health in the Health and Social Surveys Research Group of the Research Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at UCL. She has experience in
epidemiology, general practice and health promotion. Mindell leads the University College's Health Survey for England team and is health lead of UCL's Transport Institute. She supervises doctoral students in both the population health sciences and the civil, environmental and geomatic engineering faculties. Previously, she was deputy director of the London Health Observatory and led health impact assessments of London's Mayor's Transport and other strategies. Mindell was also the principal investigator for a cross-disciplinary project developing tools to measure community severance by road traffic.

She was lead editor of the 2011 report, "Health on the Move2" published by the Transport and Health Study Group and former co-chair of the study group. She is editor-in-chief of Journal of Transport and Health, and she also chairs the UK Faculty of Public Health’s Health Improvement Committee.
TRANSPORTATION CENTER FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

The Transportation Center for Livable Communities is a consortium led by WMU and includes Utah State University, Tennessee State University, University of Texas at Arlington and Wayne State University.

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Sales program again nationally recognized for excellence

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University's sales and business marketing program was identified for the 12th consecutive year by the Sales Education Foundation as a top national program that both prepares students for careers in professional selling and helps elevate the sales profession. With 320 students and more than 1,600 alumni, WMU's program is one of the largest in the country.

"Our faculty works hard to provide a rigorous curriculum, setting our students up to excel," says Dr. Steve Newell, professor of marketing and a member of the sales faculty. "The recent renovation and expansion of the Robert S. Kaiser Sales, Negotiation and Leadership Lab ensure that students have the opportunity to practice the skills they learn in the classroom in a real-life setting, giving them even more experiences to demonstrate their skill and expertise in the field of sales."

One hundred percent of WMU sales and business marketing students find full-time careers or are continuing their education within three months of graduation, and 98 percent of these graduates are engaged in a job related to their degree. The WMU sales program is regularly lauded for its achievements in a number of areas.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Student competition successes**—Teams from WMU consistently place in the top 10 at national sales competitions, with one student recently placing first at the University of Toledo Invitational Sales Competition. In five of the last six years, at least one student has placed first or second in the State Farm Sales and Marketing Competition, and in 2014, WMU’s team placed first overall among the universities competing.

- **Robert S. Kaiser Sales, Negotiation and Leadership Lab**—Students role-play in the state-of-the-art Robert S. Kaiser Sales, Negotiation and Leadership Lab. The lab includes enhanced ability to pinpoint areas for student improvement with detailed notes embedded in videos of the exercises. Students also have the opportunity to share footage with prospective hiring managers.

- **Sales and Business Marketing Association**—The association is one of the largest and most active student organizations in the college with more than 125 members. The group hosts an employer at each weekly meeting, giving students an opportunity to engage with industry professionals.

- **Study abroad**—Sales students are one of the largest groups at WMU to study abroad, gaining a global perspective on business.

- **National recognition**—The program has been No. 1 on the list of Top U.S. Sales Schools by [study.com](http://study.com) since 2007.

For more information, contact Newell at steve.newell@wmich.edu or (269) 387-6166.

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Take advantage of global engagement opportunities in June

**CONTACT: KOREY FORCE**

**MAY 31, 2018 | WMU NEWS**

[CELCIS Conversation Circles](http://wmich.edu) occur all year on the WMU campus and give international students the opportunity to practice social English.
KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University and the extended Kalamazoo community will offer numerous global engagement opportunities in June. Highlights include Tai Chi and dance classes, CELCIS conversation circles, and global talks at the Kalamazoo Public Library.

Opportunities to get globally engaged are published weekly at wmich.edu/global/events by WMU’s Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

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JUNE 2018 OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, June 1

- **2018 KIA Arts Fair**—3 to 8 p.m. in Bronson Park, 200 W. South St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Nearly 190 jury-selected artists from across the country will offer beautiful artwork in Bronson Park. Free and open to the public.
- **Art Hop**—5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Kalamazoo, hosted by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. An evening of art exhibits and events held on the first Friday of every month. Free and open to the public.
- **History Untold: The Famine in the Ukraine—the Ukrainian Holodomor of 1933**—5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Public Library Central Branch, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Public Library. Andrew Koehler, music director of the Kalamazoo Philharmonia, associate professor of music and chair of the Kalamazoo College Music Department, will lead a discussion and lecture about the untold tragedy of the 1933 Ukrainian Holodomor, during which millions of Ukrainians perished needlessly on Stalin’s orders. Free; registration required.

Saturday, June 2

- **2018 KIA Arts Fair**—9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bronson Park, 200 W. South St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Nearly 190 jury-selected artists from across the country will offer beautiful artwork in Bronson Park. Free and open to the public.
- **Tai Chi class**—2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn Tai Chi in a class for all ages. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.

Monday, June 4

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.
- **Afro-Modern dance class**—5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn the basics of Afro-Modern dance. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.
- **Argentine Tango**—6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Public Library Oshtemo Branch, 7265 W. Main St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Public Library. Kick off summer reading with...
Art Downey from Kalamazoo DanceSport. Learn the basics of the Argentine Tango while enjoying good company. Free; registration required.

Tuesday, June 5

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

- "**Establishing a Daily Spiritual Practice** class"—7 to 8:30 p.m. at The People's Church, 1758 N. 10th St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Jewel Heart. Learn Tibetan Buddhist meditative techniques including concentration, contemplative analysis, visualization, mantras and prayer applied daily in a structured format. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, June 9

- **Tai Chi class**—2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn Tai Chi in a class for all ages. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.

Monday, June 11

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

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Tuesday, June 12

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

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Friday, June 15

- **Pride Night at the Kalamazoo Growlers**—6 to 9:30 p.m. at Homer Stryker Field, 251 Mills St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Growlers and OutFront Kalamazoo. Use the code "kzoopride." Proceeds will benefit OutFront Kalamazoo. The first 100 people through the gates will receive rainbow swag from Bell's Brewery. Includes a tailgate party and post-game fireworks. Tickets are $17; open to the public.
Saturday, June 16

- **Tai Chi class**—2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn Tai Chi in a class for all ages. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.

Sunday, June 17

- **Historical tours and speaker series**—2 p.m. at the Celery Flats, 7335 Garden Lane, Portage. Learn about local leaders in the suffrage movement, which operated out of West Michigan. Free and open to the public.

Monday, June 18

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.
- **Afro-Modern dance class**—5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn the basics of Afro-Modern dance. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.
- **"Let's talk about Puerto Rico" discussion**—6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Public Library Oshtemo Branch, 7265 W. Main St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Public Library. Dr. Adriana Garriga-López, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Anthropology at Kalamazoo College, will talk about the history of Puerto Rico and the situation on the island today, nearly nine months after Hurricane Maria. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, June 19

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.
- **"Establishing a Daily Spiritual Practice" class**—7 to 8:30 p.m. at The People's Church, 1758 N. 10th St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Jewel Heart. Learn Tibetan Buddhist meditative techniques including concentration, contemplative analysis, visualization, mantras and prayer applied daily in a structured format. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, June 23

- **Tai Chi class**—2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn Tai Chi in a class for all ages. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.

Sunday, June 24

- **"Global Glass" Sunday tour**—2 to 3 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the KIA. The history of glass is an international story of industrial,
scientific and artistic contributions forging a diversity of achievements both functional and sculptural. Free and open to the public.

Monday, June 25

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.
- **Afro-Modern dance class**—5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn the basics of Afro-Modern dance. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.

Tuesday, June 26

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.
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Thursday, June 28

- **Global Glass: A Survey of Form and Function, opening reception**—5 to 8 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S Park St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the KIA. Visit the new Global Glass: A Survey of Form and Function exhibition, which runs June 23 through Oct. 14, and enjoy refreshments and a curator's talk by Don Desmett. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, June 30

- **Tai Chi class**—2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Rootead Enrichment Center, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Work with an instructor to learn Tai Chi in a class for all ages. The first class is free; cost is $10 per class thereafter. This event is open to the public.

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**Center for Fostering Success announces new partner, transition plans**

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Western Michigan University's Center for Fostering Success, the organizational structure under which the University's award-winning Seita Scholars Program and a statewide college network operates, has announced a new partnership and plans for a summer of transitions, reorganization and personnel changes.

The mission of the WMU center, its Seita program and the statewide network that grew out of the initiative remains the same—to increase the graduation rate and career achievements among youth who have aged out of Michigan's foster care system.

The WMU center is now collaborating with The New Foster Care—TNFC—a Bloomfield Hills-based organization focused on making an impact and spurring positive systemic change in Michigan's foster care system. Over the coming months, TNFC will take over some major functions of Fostering Success Michigan, the statewide network that works to expand collegiate, campus-based support programs.

The decision to recast the organizational structure was triggered by several factors, according to WMU's Dr. Yvonne Unrau, director of the Center for Fostering Success and one of the founders of the Seita Scholars Program. A grant to fund long-term sustainability strategies for the statewide network is in its final year, she notes. In addition, Maddy Day, director of outreach and training for the center who has been the face of statewide network, is leaving WMU on June 30 to pursue national consulting work with the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

"We are excited to collaborate with Khadija Walker-Fobbs, executive director of The New Foster Care, to ensure continuation of the ongoing efforts," says Unrau, "We will be working with her organization to share the systemwide work going forward."

The New Foster Care is slated to take the lead on continuing to build Fostering Success Michigan's statewide network of organizations, professionals and key stakeholders. WMU's Karie Ward, project coordinator for the statewide network, will step up to lead the transition efforts.

The WMU Center for Fostering Success will continue its system change work through its Policy Action Network and research collaborations, which will be led by Dr. Linda Schmidt, WMU assistant professor of social work.
The statewide network, Fostering Success Michigan, was created in 2012 in response to the high volume of interest in campus-based programming for students. Some of the accomplishments of Fostering Success Michigan to date include:

- Growth from five to 18 Michigan higher education institutions with campus support programs for students with experience in foster care, serving an average of 335 students annually and supporting more than 214 students to graduation since 2012.
- Establishment of the website fosteringsuccessmichigan.com, which has become a leading national resource for those working in foster care and higher education and is the host site for the National Postsecondary Support Map.
- Creation of action networks specific to the engagement of higher education institutions and policy advocacy.

"The past six years have been full of success, and we're grateful to the Kresge Foundation and the Havirmill Foundation for the funding support that allowed such progress," Unrau says. "Additionally, we would like to acknowledge the collaboration with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan College Access Network, and the students, professionals and supportive adults who have contributed so much to the success of the Fostering Success Michigan statewide initiative."

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