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[Students in Michigan and Ohio retire to new homes](#)

Three Western Michigan University graduate students moved into their on-campus apartments at the beginning of the fall semester. The campus on which they are living, though, is not Western Michigan's. And their neighbors are not college students - at least they have not been for a long time.



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HHS on Social Media

In other news

Here are some other WMU news articles you might be interested in:

- [Dunn set to begin five-day tour of 13 Michigan cities and Chicago](#)
- [Book discussion at WMU precedes visit by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar](#)
- [Campus volunteers needed for Kalamazoo Marathon](#)

CHHS on Facebook and Instagram

The College of Health and Human Services is on [Facebook](#) AND [Instagram](#)! Please take a moment to "like" and "follow" us to stay informed on what's going on throughout the college.



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[View Burian Lecture Replay](#)

Every other year, the Burian Lecture coincides with the Diversity and Inclusion Conference. Ms. Kane-Williams delivered the Burian

Lecture and the keynote session at this year's conference.

More than 200 people registered for the free event. CHHS faculty and students were well represented, as was the greater Kalamazoo community. AARP Michigan chartered a bus to bring nearly 40 people from Metro Detroit to be a part of the conversation.

Ongoing conversation

Teresa Bingman, director of the WMU University-Community Empowerment Center, welcomed the crowd and spoke briefly about the ongoing conversations facilitated the U-CEC and AARP Michigan.

The two organizations are planning a series of discussions (Older Adults, How You Livin'?) in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids around topics that impact older adults. These topics include positive aging, financial security, suitable housing and caretaking.



Room 4010 was nearly at capacity for the 2017 Burian Lecture.

Nursing students simulation with WMed students



Senior BSON students walk first-year WMed students through giving injections

On January 24 and 26, senior students from the WMU Bronson School of Nursing and first year students at the WMU Homer Stryker School of Medicine collaborated for an interdisciplinary, interprofessional simulation related to vaccinations.

Held at the WMed building in downtown Kalamazoo, the nursing and medical students worked together at four stations set up to educate on the topic of HPV vaccinations while offering insight and understanding about the roles each other can play in various situations.

"It was a great opportunity for students to see everyone's role in the scenario," said **Tina Keeler**, clinical coordinator of nursing operations. "We received great feedback from students and faculty from both institutions."

The first station in the simulation had a nursing student and medical student explaining benefits and clarifying misconceptions about the HPV vaccination to a concerned parent. At the second station, the students discussed the situation in a debriefing session with faculty members to learn from the valuable experience.

At the third station, senior BSON students helped to instruct first-year med students how to give injections.

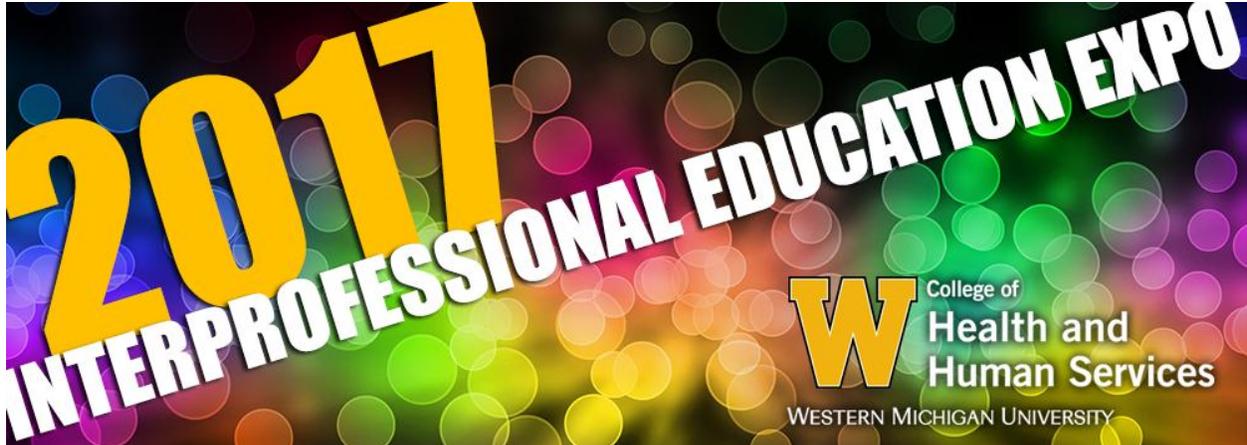
Finally, the fourth station offered the students from the two institutions an opportunity to discuss their curriculum to understand the educational path they each go through.

The simulation was a valuable experience for the students and led to greater understanding of the roles and educational experiences of the two groups.



WMed and BSON students after the simulation

Interprofessional Education Expo at CHHS



Interprofessional education and collaborative practice experiences are becoming an important piece of educational programs for health care professionals. Accrediting bodies are beginning to include interprofessionalism in their standards for accreditation. But maybe most importantly, health care workers today need some level of interprofessional education or practice experience to be effective in their professional roles on health care teams.

The 2017 Interprofessional Education Expo is intended to highlight interprofessional collaboration and teamwork at CHHS. It will offer participants an opportunity to learn with, from, and about other health care professions. Activities include grand rounds and student

research posters. This will be an enjoyable and informative day for any and all CHHS students who attend.

2017 EXPO

The 2017 Interprofessional Education Expo will be held **noon to 4 p.m., March 17** at the College of Health and Human Services. The theme for 2017 is **Post-traumatic Stress Disorder**.

- **Noon** - Grand Rounds featuring a case of PTSD; led by Karen VanDeusen, Ineke Way, Kathy Lewis-Ginebaugh, Delores Walcott, Steve Eberth and Denise Bowen.
- **2 p.m.** - Student research poster presentations in the atrium

Student research posters

Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit proposals for posters. To be considered, the presentation must address evidence-based practice, report on basic or applied research, or critically review a body of literature. Use the form below to submit your proposal.

All poster presenters will be entered into a drawing for a **WMU CHHS gift basket**.

Submission deadline is March 14.

2017 Diversity and Inclusion Conference focuses on caretakers



Diversity and inclusion committee chair, Betty Dennis kicks off the conference.

The 2017 Diversity and Inclusion Conference at the College of Health and Human Services was focused on Health and Well-Being within a Diverse Community. The biennial event, held in conjunction with the Burian University-Community Lecture Series, seeks to bring the University and community together to engage in conversations aimed at change.

Keynote speaker Edna Kane-Williams, who also delivered the Burian Lecture, continued her theme of building bridges for older adults in multicultural communities. She focused on the fact that we are living longer and longer, and as such, we must reconsider our notions about age and what

is old. Her keynote, like the previous night's lecture, was engaging, insightful and suited for the interdisciplinary audience.

"This conference is also an expression of the college's commitment to interprofessional education experiences," said **Dr. Betty Dennis**, chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. "Our theme, the keynote and the variety of professions and disciplines represented here all contribute to this as an interdisciplinary educational experience."

After the morning keynote, the conference included three concurrent morning sessions, lunch conversations and poster presentations, followed by more concurrent afternoon sessions.

The conference was wrapped up with a final, general session focused on racism in the health care workplace. The combination of lecture and roleplaying provided an engaging and thought-provoking close to the day's events.

In the end, nearly 100 people - CHHS faculty and students, along with practitioners and community members from the area - took part in the conference.



Students played out scenarios depicting racism in the workplace.

OT student to attend summer institute



Chanel Raddatz, a second year OT student studying in Grand Rapids was selected to attend the 2017 AOTF/AOTA Summer Institute for Future Scientists in Occupational Therapy, held at Boston University in June.

There is a highly competitive application process, as only 20 students are selected for the cohort. These 20 participants will also attend the sixth annual 2-day Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars at Boston University.

[Learn more about the summer institute.](#)

Candidates for open chair/director positions to present in March

This March, several candidates for open leadership positions in the college will be on campus for public presentations. There will be one presentation for the chair of [occupational therapy](#) and three presentations for the director of the [School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs](#).

In each case, faculty, staff, students and the public are invited to the presentation and to participate in Q&A sessions afterward. A short reception follows each presentation for more informal introductions and conversation.

Chair - Department of Occupational Therapy

- Molly Bathje
Monday, March 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.
CHHS room 1093.

Director - School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs

- Dr. Michael Miller
Monday, March 20 - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
CHHS room 2060
- Dr. Mark Kelley
Friday, March 24 - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
CHHS room 2089

- Dr. Jennifer Harrison
Monday, March 27 - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
CHHS room 2060