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AHEC winter 2016 newsletter

Topics include: HOSA Med-Talk 2016, WMU's new Master of Public Health degree, HPV education for health professionals, introducing AHEC students and interns, links to available WMU scholarships, and more.



HHS on Social Media



Great group of students delivered 4.5 pallets of water. They were personally thanked by Mayor Karen Weaver.

From the [Flint Water Task Force \(School of Social Work\)](#), via [Facebook](#)

In other news

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

- [Supply chain program ranks No. 2 in world](#)
- [WMU makes deep cuts in tuition for future nonresident undergrads](#)
- [WMU board to elect officers for the 2017 year](#)

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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As one of the oldest OT programs in the nation, WMU has produced many of high-quality professionals since 1922. And we are pleased to acknowledge that four people with ties to WMU have made the AOTA's list of influential people.



- [Barbara Hemphill](#) - Professor Emerita. Established the Barbara J. Hemphill Endowment for Student Professional Development and the Barbara Jo Hemphill Endowed Student Book Fund at WMU in 2006. [Read her donor story.](#)
- [Lela Llorens](#) - Class of '53, WMU Distinguished Alumna of 1987. [Read her donor story.](#)
- [Fred Sammons](#) - Inventor, businessman, entrepreneur, clinician, educator and philanthropist. Founder of the [Sammons Center for Innovation and Research in Occupation Based Technology](#) at WMU.
- [Elizabeth Skidmore](#) - Class of '96, inducted into [CHHS Outstanding Alumni Academy in 2016](#). Only occupational therapist to receive the U.S. President (Obama) Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

Congratulations to these four outstanding OT professionals. Thank you for your contributions to your field and for your impeccable representation of Western Michigan University.

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BURIAN LECTURE

The Bill Burian University-Community Lecture Series was established to bring experts to Western Michigan University to engage in meaningful conversations about health and human service issues with leaders and members of the Kalamazoo and WMU communities, including faculty, students and health care and human service practitioners. Previous topics have included health equity, compassionate end-of-life care, the Affordable Care Act and health care in underserved populations.



The topic of this year's lecture is **Health and Well-Being in the 21st Century - Building Bridges for Older Adults in Multicultural Communities**. Edna Kane-Williams, senior vice president for multicultural marketing at AARP, brings to the conversation the insight of more than 20 years of working with older adults and multicultural communities.

The 2017 Burian Lecture will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with a reception immediately following until approximately 8 p.m. **The lecture is free to the public**, but registration is preferred.

More information and registration are available at wmich.edu/hhs/about/lectures.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CONFERENCE:

The theme of this year's biennial conference is **Health and Well-Being within a Diverse Community**.

Faculty and students from the College of Health and Human Services are invited to attend the daylong conference, as are alumni and practitioners from the greater Kalamazoo community who may find value in the topics. CEUs are available for some disciplines.

Edna Kane-Williams returns with the keynote lecture for the conference, titled **Health and Well-Being within a Diverse Community - Reimagining**



Possibilities for Older Adults in Multicultural Communities. That lecture is followed by workshops and poster presentations by CHHS faculty representing a number of disciplines.

The conference takes place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24. **Registration is just \$25 (\$10 for students)** and includes continental breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day.

More information and registration are available at wmich.edu/hhs/about/diversity/conference.

ONGOING COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

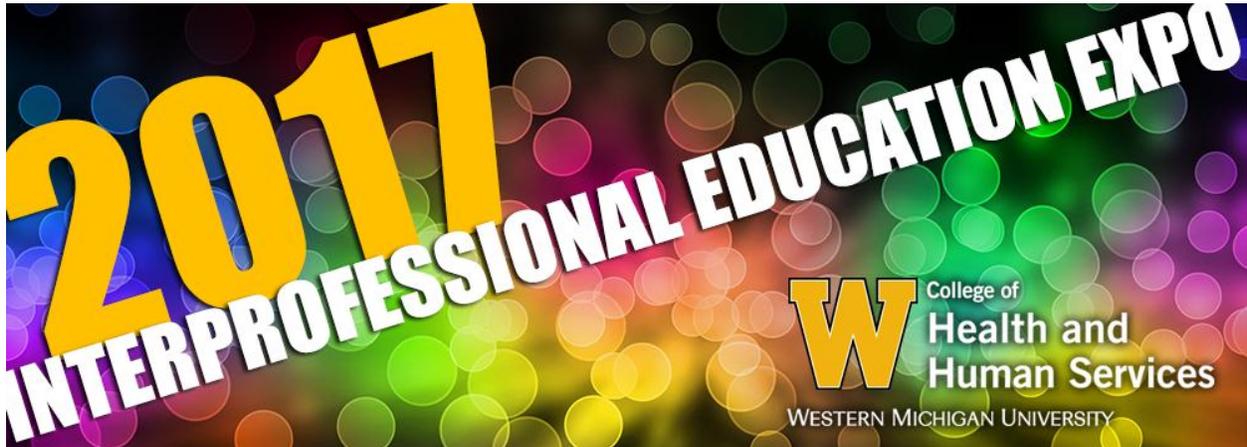
Both the Burian Lecture and the Diversity and Inclusion Conference will set the tone for an ongoing community conversation facilitated by WMU's [University-Community Empowerment Center \(U-CEC\)](#) and AARP Michigan. The two organizations are planning a series of discussions (Older Adults, How You Livin'?) in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids around topics that impact older adults. These topics include:

- Positive Aging
- Financial Security
- Suitable Housing
- Mental and Physical Health
- Caretaking (older adults caring for grandchildren and children – including the growing number of older adults who care for their grandchildren when their children are incarcerated and/or care for their children who return home from prison or end a relationship)

Experts will present at each discussion and engage participants through storytelling to provide enrichment and learned options for future change.

In 2014, the U-CEC hosted a similar [series of events aimed at poverty reduction](#). Those conversations resulted in recommendations turned over to the city and county of Kalamazoo.

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 **March 17** at the College of Health and Human Services. The theme for 2017 is Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. The schedule for the day is TBD and will appear here once determined.

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.

Submission deadline is March 1.