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Upcoming Events

Arbor Financial Education Forum

Nov. 30, 2016

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

1750 Sangren Hall

Register at mywmu.com/edforum

Join us for a viewing of the DVD "Wounded Places" that shows the types of trauma children in impoverished neighborhoods experience. A panel of teachers and experts from Parchment School District, Child Trauma Assessment Center and WMU's Special Education and Literacy Studies department will share resources and discuss local intervention programs that have helped children who have experienced trauma heal and be successful in the classroom.

Other News

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Anonymous donor reveals himself to students who want to be teachers

by Cheryl Roland

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Six recent graduates of Kalamazoo high schools have just had an opportunity to meet those behind a new Western Michigan University scholarship they are the first to receive.

The Western Michigan University-Kalamazoo Public Schools Future Educators Program will help the students become educators and enhance the diversity of the Kalamazoo Public Schools' teaching staff. At an Oct. 6 luncheon for the first six scholarship recipients, the previously anonymous benefactor for five of the scholarships revealed his identity and met and congratulated the students benefiting from the program.



From left: Veach, Acosta, Oropeza, Pickard, Taylor, Giramia and Tomlinson

Dr. William F. Pickard, of Bloomfield Hills, a WMU alumnus and recently appointed University trustee, initiated a \$250,000 grant to the program announced in April. That grant funds five \$5,000 scholarships annually for five years for Kalamazoo Promise-eligible students who plan to become teachers. The grant was provided by the Pickard Family Fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

A sixth program scholarship was funded by the Advia Foundation. **Janet Veach** from Advia greeted students at the meeting as well. The six students awarded named scholarships through the program this year are all graduates of KPS high schools. They are:

Pickard Scholars

- Amos Acosta, who is majoring in elementary education.
- Sarah Giramia, who is majoring in secondary education, English and history.
- Alinah Oropeza, who is majoring in secondary education.
- Matthew Redriguez, who is majoring in elementary education.
- Victor Taylor, who is majoring in elementary education.

Advia Scholar

- Lynn Tomlinson, who is majoring in career and technical education training.

Future Educators program

The long-term goal of the Future Educators program is to increase the number of underrepresented minority teachers in Kalamazoo schools. As undergraduates, selected future educators in the program will have regular involvement in KPS schools as volunteers and teaching interns. They also will have KPS teacher mentors, and individual and group tutoring sessions with WMU faculty and staff. The Future Educator scholarship funds will support students in residential teacher education living-learning communities and in completing the required unpaid teaching internship. The funds also will help with costs associated with state teacher certification tests, as well as other expenses associated with higher education but not covered by the Kalamazoo Promise, such as books, fees and transportation. Students who successfully complete the program will be guaranteed a job interview with KPS. If hired, the new teacher must commit to at least three years of teaching in KPS.

William F. Pickard

A well-known Detroit entrepreneur, Pickard has spent the past three decades building business success. In 1999, he launched Global Automotive Alliance LLC, a company that operates six manufacturing entities with eight plants in four states and Canada.

In 2002, he was honored by the Detroit News as Michiganian of the Year for his mentorship of new entrepreneurs and his leadership at Global Automotive and with a variety of civic, community and business organizations. In 2010, Hour Detroit Magazine honored him as a Detroiter of the Year for leadership and philanthropy, particularly in the areas of the arts, education and entrepreneurship. Pickard is also a trustee of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Pickard, who was honored in 1980 as a WMU Distinguished Alumnus, also earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan and a doctoral degree from Ohio State University. He has taught at U-M's Ross Business School and at Wayne State University. Appointed in June by Gov. Rick Snyder to be a member of the WMU Board of Trustees, Pickard's visit to campus this week includes a presentation as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series.

Advia Foundation

Advia Credit Union announced the formation of The Advia Foundation in January 2016. Its mission is to provide financial advantages by enhancing financial literacy, furthering education, and improving quality of life in the communities it serves. In addition to the \$25,000 funding for the Future Educators Program, this year the Foundation is funding 25 \$1,000 youth scholarships to high school seniors who are attending college or trade schools and has allocated \$5,000 to a newly created scholarship program for teachers to improve financial literacy in the classroom.

016 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Judge Gershwin A. Drain (B.A. '70, Secondary Education)

Judge Gershwin A. Drain (B.A. '70, Secondary Education) has spent his career advancing through the court systems to his current position as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judge Drain attended Western Michigan University on a football scholarship and played for the Broncos from 1967-70. Upon graduating from WMU, he earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School in 1972. In the same year, Judge Drain began his career as a law clerk for the Third Circuit Court of Michigan.

In 1973, he became counsel for the Detroit Department of Transportation, and in 1974 became an attorney in the Federal Defender's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. For the next 12 years, Judge Drain would represent defendants charged with felonies in federal court for approximately 144 cases. In 1986, he was appointed to the Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit, where he presided over felony prosecutions. In 1997, Judge Drain was elected to Michigan's Third Judicial Circuit Court in Wayne County. In 2012, Judge Drain was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by senate for his current position as a U.S. District Court Judge.



“As a fellow Judge, who has known Judge Drain in both the state court and the federal court, I can personally attest to his outstanding credentials. Judge Drain has had an extraordinary career because of his integrity, scholarship, empathy, hard work, and good judgement.” Judge Richard Allen Griffin recalled when nominating Judge Drain for the WMU Distinguished Alumni Award. Judge Griffin is a 1973 WMU alumnus and 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

Aside from his courtroom duties, Judge Drain has been a columnist for the Michigan Chronicle, and was named Michiganian of the Year by the Detroit News in 1997. He has served on the boards of Southfield Christian School, Highland Park Baptist Church, InnerChange Freedom Initiative and Justice Fellowship (divisions of Prison Fellowship Ministries), New Creations Community Outreach, the Wayne County Criminal Advocacy Program, and Cornerstone Schools.

Judge Drain is a member of the Michigan Judges Association, the Wolverine Bar Association, the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, the Michigan Bar Association, the Prison Ministry

for the Mound Correctional Facility, and is a lifetime member of the NAACP. He is a member of the WMU W Club.

Judge Drain also earned a Masters of Judicial Studies from University of Nevada-Reno in 1991. He and his wife, Meredith, have two daughters, both of whom are lawyers.

James M. Field, II (B.B.A. '85, Accountancy)

James M. Field, II (B.B.A. '85, Accountancy) has enjoyed a successful career in the business industry, currently serving as President, Agriculture and Turf Division – Americas, Australia, and Global Harvesting & Turf Platforms at Deere & Company.

As a student at Western Michigan University, Mr. Field studied business and became a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honors fraternity for financial information professionals. Upon graduating from WMU, Mr. Field accepted a position at Deloitte & Touche.

“I hired Jim in 1985 to work for Deloitte & Touche – a major international accounting, tax, and consulting firm. Jim started in our Chicago office and quickly moved up the ranks in our organization. I worked with Jim serving several of our clients and he always impressed me with his capabilities, character, personality. Unfortunately, he impressed John Deere & Company as well,” recalled Rick Carlson when nominating Mr. Field for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Mr. Carlson is a 1971 WMU alumnus and 1993 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.



In 1994, Mr. Field accepted the position of manager, consolidations at Deere & Co, one of today's most highly admired businesses. Founded in 1837, the company has grown to become a major producer of agricultural, construction, and forestry machinery; diesel engines used in heavy equipment; and lawn care equipment. Annual revenues are in excess of \$29 billion.

Throughout the years, Mr. Field has held various positions at Deere & Co. in accounting, treasury, business development, and planning; including chief financial officer of Deere's former Timberjack Group; comptroller; vice president and comptroller; and president, Worldwide Commercial & Consumer Equipment Division. In 2009, he was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer. In 2012, he accepted his current position.

Today, Mr. Field is responsible for sales and marketing regions of U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the Latin American Region (South America, Central America, and Mexico) and product platform groups consisting of crop harvesting products and turf and utility products.

Mr. Field is a member of the Illinois CPA Society and the American Institute of CPAs. He also serves on the St. Ambrose University Board of Trustees and is very active in his community of Bettendorf, Iowa. Mr. Field and his wife, Jayne, have two children, Julia and Joe.

WMU alum and former trustee wins U.S. legal profession's highest award

by Cheryl Roland

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The American Bar Association has awarded its top accolade to Western Michigan University alumnus and former trustee **Dennis W. Archer**.

Gathering in San Francisco for its annual meeting in August, the ABA honored Archer with the 2016 ABA Medal for his lifetime of achievement. Given for outstanding service to the law and legal profession, the medal is regarded as the association's most prestigious award. Previous recipients include U.S. Supreme Court justices Oliver Wendell Holmes, Felix Frankfurter, Thurgood Marshall, William J. Brennan Jr. and Sandra Day O'Connor.



Archer speaks at the 2016 ABA annual meeting.

Archer, a 1965 alumnus of WMU, has been a Michigan Supreme Court Justice, two-term mayor of Detroit, chairman of his firm and the first African-American president of the ABA. Introducing Archer during the award ceremony, ABA Immediate Past President Paulette Brown noted that Archer "exemplifies the 'conspicuous service to the cause of American jurisprudence' the ABA Medal recognizes."

In accepting the award, Archer credited his parents for instilling in him a deep commitment to education and giving him the foundation he needed to succeed.

Dennis Archer

Archer was raised in Cassopolis and said "at a very early age I was taught I was going to college by parents who never set foot on a college campus."

Archer recounted the path that took him from WMU to a teaching career in Detroit, a law degree from the Detroit College of Law and ultimately national acclaim in the legal profession.

"The practice of law has been a calling," Archer told the ABA gathering. "Thanks to the ABA, it has given me and others a chance to participate in and be an advocate for what we believe are the right and proper things that will make America even stronger."

Archer has remained close to his alma mater during his career. He was appointed in 2005 by then-Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm to serve an eight-year term as a WMU trustee, and he was chair of the WMU Board of Trustees in 2011. A longtime member of the WMU Alumni Association, Archer was honored by that organization in 1982 as a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

He is chairman and CEO of the law firm Dennis W. Archer PLLC of Detroit and chairman emeritus of the firm Dickinson Wright PLLC, also in Detroit. Archer also has served on corporate boards for Johnson Controls Inc., Compuware Corp. and Masco Corp.

About the award

The ABA Medal recognizes exceptionally distinguished service by a lawyer or lawyers to the cause of American jurisprudence and is given only in years when the ABA Board of Governors determines a nominee has provided exceptional and distinguished service to the law and the legal profession. Archer expressed thanks in his remarks to those who nominated him and supported that nomination. They included three former Michigan governors, one chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, the current and 11 former presidents of the ABA, and "a 2016 U.S. presidential candidate."

In addition to the U.S. Supreme Court members honored over the years with the ABA Medal, previous recipients have included Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski; human rights activist Father Robert Drinan; co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, William H. Gates Sr.; and prominent attorneys David Boies and Theodore Olson.

A video of Archer's introduction by Brown and his acceptance remarks in San Francisco can be found at americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2016/08/first_african-america.html.

Protacio and Miron Receive Emerging and Distinguished Scholars Awards in the Field of Education and Human Development

Kalamazoo, MI, Nov. 2016

College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) is honoring Dr. Maria Selena Protacio, assistant professor of literacy studies in the Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies, and Dr. Gary Miron, professor of evaluation, measurement and research in the Department of Education Leadership, Research and Technology, for their influential scholarship.

Dr. Maria Selena Protacio, the 2016 CEHD Emerging Scholar Award recipient, has been employed at Western Michigan University (WMU) since 2012 and has been an associate professor since 2013. She has given 29 presentations and published six peer reviewed articles, three book chapters, and one encyclopedia entry.

Protacio's research interest include literacy engagement, the education of English learners, the preparation of mainstream teachers to education diverse learners, and immigrant parent involvement. She received an Honorable Mention for the Student Outstanding Research Award of the Literacy Research Association (LRA) in 2013 and was also an LRA Scholars of color Transitioning into Academic Research institutions (STAR) Fellow.

The [Emerging Scholar Award](#) recognizes one individual with outstanding scholarly accomplishments and the potential for continued excellence. The recipient must be a full-time, board-appointed faculty member in CEHD at WMU. At time of nomination, faculty member must not be tenured.

Dr. Gary Miron, the 2016 CEHD Distinguished Scholar Award recipient, has been employed at WMU for 19 years. He first worked at the Evaluation Center and for the past 13 years has been a professor. He has brought in 47 grants and contracts worth just under \$5 million dollars. He has published 9 books or monographs, close to 50 peer-reviewed articles, chapter or policy papers, and more than 100 non-peer reviewed technical reports and policy papers. Miron has been included in the Education Week and the American Enterprise Institute list of top 200 most influential education scholars in the United States, with his highest ranking at 33 in 2013. He also received a rank of 8 in the sub-field of school governance and education policy in 2014. After being on sabbatical for several years, Miron expects to move back up the list.

Miron is recognized as a national and international expert in the fields of evaluation theory and methods, education policy, and school reform. He is a fellow with the National Education Policy Center and has served on the editorial board for Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis. His current research has focused on charter schools, virtual schools, and school reform both in the United States and abroad. Some of his most cited works are technical reports from evaluations of state education reform. Miron has been invited to testify before Congress and legislative committees in Michigan and Kentucky based on his research.

The [Distinguished Scholar Award](#) recognizes one individual with a body of outstanding scholarly accomplishments that has had an impact on the field. The recipient must be a full-time, board-appointed, tenured faculty member with a minimum of seven years of service in CEHD at Western Michigan University (WMU).

In 2015 Dr. Robert Bensley won the Distinguished Scholar Award and Dr. Regina Garza Mitchell won the Emerging Scholar Award.

For more information about the CEHD Distinguished and Emerging Scholar Awards, [click here](#).

CECP Faculty Continue Work with KPS

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Dr. Joseph R. Morris and Dr. Mary Z. Anderson (left) continued their work with the Kalamazoo Public Schools this summer. For the second consecutive year, Drs. Morris and Anderson trained facilitators to deliver training to increase culturally responsive practices among professional staff, including teachers, administrators,



counselors, speech pathologists, school psychologists, in the Kalamazoo Public Schools. Last year only secondary professional staff members were trained. This summer secondary personnel received additional training while elementary staff were introduced to the training. Over 1000 individuals were trained.

Training started with a keynote address by Dr. Morris to all KPS staff members focused on the importance of teacher-student relationships to academic achievement, stereotype threat and the relevance of mentoring and culturally responsive practices. The keynote address built on Dr. Morris and Dr. Anderson's experiences supporting culturally responsive leadership for building principals, partnering to introduce a male mentoring program for KPS students, and Dr. Morris' longstanding work at Washington Writers' Academy. Drs. Morris and Anderson appreciate the assistance of counseling psychology doctoral student Michelle Stahl with data analysis.

Local WMU Alumni, including Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell, Honored with Golden Apple/Keystone Awards

Kalamazoo, MI, Sept. 2016

Western Michigan University's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) is honoring five local alumni: Robert "Bob" Ezelle, Tesea Neal, and Von Washington, Jr. with Golden Apple Awards, and Mayor Bobby Hopewell and Tim Terrentine with Keystone Awards. This year's group of recipients are unique in that all five work within an hour of the university, and are influential members of the west Michigan area. The recipients exemplify CEHD's mission to develop exceptional education and human development professionals who positively impact our global society.



The Golden Apple Award is given to honor outstanding individuals who attended or graduated from the CEHD and are presently working or retired from the many professions involved in the educational experience. The award winners have been personally selected by their peers as being representative of educational excellence and commitment.

Robert "Bob" Ezelle (BS, '94, Physical Education, Health Education minor) is the Chief Operating Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kalamazoo, a position he has held for more than thirty of his forty plus years there. A lifelong Kalamazoo resident, Ezelle's dedication to instilling a sense of worth and value into each of the Boys & Girls Club's members and providing a safe environment that fosters holistic growth opportunities for Kalamazoo youth has impacted thousands of lives and inspired the respect of local, state, and national leaders. Ezelle will retire at the end of this year.

Teresa Weatherall Neal (MA, '00, Educational Leadership) is the Superintendent of Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS). A Grand Rapids native, Superintendent Neal attended GRPS

and has worked in the school system for over forty years. She has been instrumental in developing and implementing programs and initiatives that wrap support around students in need. She has a love for both the students of Grand Rapids and the city itself and charges her staff to take ownership over their students and city as well.

Von Washington, Jr. (MA, '94, Educational Leadership) is the Executive Director of Community Relations for The Kalamazoo Promise. Washington, Jr.'s works closely with key community stakeholders to develop and promote ongoing initiatives around a common vision of making Kalamazoo a leading education community. The Kalamazoo Promise is a one of a kind scholarship program that provides resident graduates of Kalamazoo Public Schools with up to 100 percent of their tuition and mandatory fees for up to 130 credits at Michigan's public universities, fifteen private colleges and universities, and community colleges.

The Keystone Awards were created to recognize accomplished alumni of human development programs in the CEHD whom have either demonstrated outstanding professional achievements and distinction in the field of human development (Keystone Meritorious) or achieved substantial professional growth and advancement over a short period of time in his or her chosen profession in the field of human development (Keystone Early Career).

Kalamazoo Mayor, Bobby Hopewell, (MA, '14, Organizational Learning and Performance), recipient of the Keystone Meritorious Award, is also the President and CEO of Mobile Health Resources. Born and raised in Kalamazoo, Mayor Hopewell has spent his entire adult career in the service of others. From his professional positions in healthcare to his board memberships and civic responsibilities, he has demonstrated leadership and passion for improving the lives of all citizens in Kalamazoo.

Tim Terrentine (BS, '04, Family Studies), recipient of the Keystone Early Career Award, is the newly appointed VP of Development and Alumni Relations and the Executive Director of WMU Foundation and WMU Alumni Association. Previously, Terrentine worked with Southwest Michigan First as the president of the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce. His career success is marked by expertise in strategic planning, passion for empowering individuals through leadership programs, and the ability to inspire others to action.

The College of Education and Human Development at Western Michigan University is a diverse and vibrant institution of professional education, preparing individuals annually for leadership in their fields. The college is comprised of six departments: counselor education and counseling psychology; special education and literacy studies; family and consumer sciences; human performance and health education; teaching, learning and educational studies; and educational leadership, research and technology. Approximately 100 regular full-time faculty serve 2,500 undergraduate and over 1,300 graduate students, with majors enrolled in programs leading to bachelor's, specialist's, master's and doctoral degrees.

For more information about the Golden Apple and Keystone Awards, including past recipients, [click here](#).