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## Trustees OK differential tuition rate

Beginning with the spring 2013 semester, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences will adopt a differential tuition model that will boost the cost of tuition, reduce the amount of fees assessed, and preserve and enhance the quality of the student experience.

WMU trustees approved the plan at their Sept. 20 meeting. All revenue derived from the plan will stay in the engineering college, with 75 percent of the funds used to enhance academic programming and 25 percent dedicated to increased financial aid.

CEAS is the third degree-granting college to adopt a differential model. The Haworth College of Business and College of Fine Arts adopted similar plans in fall 2011.

## Funding available for cultural events

The University Cultural Events Committee considers requests for funding of campus cultural events. Faculty, staff and student groups are welcome to apply, but requests for funding should be submitted at least six weeks ahead of the intended event to Julie Nemire, music. Visit [wmich.edu/cec](http://wmich.edu/cec) for more information.

Grants provide partial funding for new or existing programs that enhance the cultural environment of the University. Funded activities must be of interest to a significant number of students in a given discipline or be available to the general student population.

## LGBTQ employee luncheon slated

The Office of Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Student Services invites LGBTQ faculty and staff members and their allies to an informal, brown bag luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Bernhard Center's Faculty Dining Room. Visit [wmich.edu/studentcenter/mainfloor](http://wmich.edu/studentcenter/mainfloor) for a map showing where the meeting room is located.

The event has been scheduled to build community at WMU and strengthen the campus LGBTQ and ally network. Attendees may bring their own lunch or purchase a meal from the Bernhard Center Café. For questions or updates on future luncheons, contact the LGBTQ Student Services coordinator at [lbgt-coordinator@wmich.edu](mailto:lbgt-coordinator@wmich.edu) or (269) 387-2123.

## Free financial planning workshop set

"Saving for College" is the title of a financial planning workshop designed exclusively for WMU employees that will take place at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in 157 Bernhard Center. It will be conducted by Sanford Advisory Services, which provides administrative and consulting services for the WMU retirement plan. RSVPs are required at [julie.ahlberg@raymondjames.com](mailto:julie.ahlberg@raymondjames.com) or (269) 488-6900, extension 28. Visit [sanfordfinancialservices.com](http://sanfordfinancialservices.com) for more information.

## President urges moving forward boldly

Delivering his annual State of the University address Sept. 21, President John M. Dunn urged members of the campus community to continue to be bold and seize opportunities in WMU's new strategic plan to move the University forward and promote a distinctive learning environment for its students.



President Dunn (Photo by Mike Lanka)

The talk, which is posted online at [wmich.edu/president](http://wmich.edu/president), was delivered to a crowd of some 400 people who attended WMU's annual Academic Convocation. Also during the event, 11 faculty and staff members were formally recognized with Universitywide awards.

In his talk, Dunn pronounced the state of WMU as "vibrant, focused, healthy, efficient and committed to the well-being of our students and our nation." He noted that his message was being delivered "at a time of incredible energy and accomplishment."

Dunn also urged the campus to formalize a system that would ensure every student who graduates from WMU would do so having completed an experiential project that would be showcased in a portfolio the student could use as a credential. In addition, he urged members of the University community to support and use the three pillars of the University's strategic plan—being learner centered, discovery driven and globally engaged.

Another point Dunn stressed is the need for faculty, staff and students to join him in being vocal advocates for higher education.

"At no time in our history has there been a greater need for such proactive outreach," he said. "Public perception and understanding of higher education is at an all-time low—even as college attendance has become recognized as a necessity."

## Celebration marks end of three important projects

It's hard to fill a building as large as the new Sangren Hall, but the first-floor lobby was packed wall-to-wall Sept. 28 when well-wishers from the campus and local communities gathered to mark its completion.

The celebration, called "Excellence Renewed," formally marked the completion of that and two other projects in the heart of West Campus: the new pedestrian mall and renovated Lee Honors College Building.

The event included a Bronco Marching Band performance, brief program, reception and self-guided walking tours with knowledgeable guides stationed at various stopping points. Making remarks were WMU President John M. Dunn and Trustee Larry Tolbert; state Rep. Jase Bolger, speaker of the House; and state Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Dunn noted that the three projects will transform the heart of campus and benefit not only the University, but also the local community.

"Sangren Hall—the new Sangren Hall—is literally and figuratively at the heart of our campus. This building, the beautiful pedestrian mall and the newly renovated Lee Honors College have transformed our core campus," Dunn said. "These facilities reflect and enhance all the values we hold dear: intellectual success, discovery, sustainability, excellence and a commitment to both our community and our legacy of transforming lives."

Both the College of Education and Human Development and Department of Sociology are based in Sangren, which is one of the University's most heavily used classroom facilities. The original building was nearly 50 years old. The new four-story, 230,000-square-foot structure was sustainably designed and built with the goal of achieving LEED gold certification.



Entertainment opened the "Excellence Renewed" celebration. (Photo by Mike Lanka)



Among the many retirees who toured the new Sangren were Carolyn Horne, Career and Student Employment Services, and Hal Ray, emeritus in health, physical education and recreation. (Photo by Jeanne Baron)

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# Around campus and beyond

## Acclaimed pianist opens series

Barbara Lieurance will perform a free solo piano recital to open the Distinguished Alumni Concert Series at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Among other works, Lieurance will perform the compositional tour-de-force "Rhapsodies" by School of Music Resident Composer C. Curtis-Smith, the first piece ever to be written for bowed piano.

Piano bows are made of monofilament fishing line and allow pianists to stroke rather than hit the strings, creating fresh new sounds. Lieurance is known for her innovation and daring programming.

## Panel to address climate change

A panel of WMU professors will address climate change as a moral issue at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the University Center for the Humanities, 2500 Knauss Hall. The discussion, free and open to the public, is titled "Climate Change: The Greatest Moral Issue of Our Times" and is part of the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society's fall season.

On the panel will be Paul Clements, political science; David Karowe; biological sciences; and Ronald Kramer, sociology. In part, the trio will examine significant risks associated with climate change and how the global community is failing to take steps needed to avoid the worst impacts.

## Light Center schedules lecture

Albert Dien, a Stanford University professor emeritus, will speak on "The Origin Myth of the Xianbei: The Significance of the Gaxiandong Cave" at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in 2028 Brown Hall. The Gaxiandong Cave is an important

archeological site that includes inscriptions dating back to 443 CE.

## Journalist to give peace lecture

A veteran reporter, editor, columnist and author will deliver the annual Winnie Veenstra Peace Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, in 208-209 Bernhard Center. Bob Koehler from DePaul University will speak on "Peace Journalism." He is a poet, former Chicago Tribune editor and proponent of the human potential movement.

## Democratization focus of lecture

John Ishiyama from the University of North Texas will speak on "Political Parties and Democratization in Developing Countries" at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in 2028 Brown Hall. The talk is part of the Werner Sichel Lecture series, which this year is focusing on "The Political Economy of Good Governance."

## New business speaker series debuts

A new breakfast speaker series devoted to entrepreneurship is unfolding at the Haworth College of Business. Called the Entrepreneurship Forum, the monthly series will bring stories of entrepreneurial success to the greater Kalamazoo community.

The series kicks off at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in 2150 Schneider Hall with Jen Randall, president of the Kalamazoo-based firm Maestro. The free event begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (269) 387-6059. Maestro creates high-impact learning products and apps for mobile learning using the latest 3D, video and animation technologies for its Fortune 1,000 clients.

## Emerita receives national award

Ruth Beall Heinig, emerita in communication, is among the four artists and organizations that received a 2012 Orlin



Heinig

Corey Medallion Award in recognition of significant contributions to children's theatre. The awards were presented by the Children's Theatre Foundation of America Aug. 10.

An accomplished storyteller, Heinig

is an expert on youth-drama textbooks and enhancing education by incorporating theatre in curriculum and teaching.

Heinig has stayed active since retiring from WMU in 1992 after 28 years on the faculty. She has volunteered for a string of local projects; just completed three years as treasurer of the College of Fellows of the American Theatre, to which she was inducted in 1996; and served until 2009 as CTFA secretary, a position she had held for more than 30 years.

## WMU to honor outstanding alumna

Ellen Page-Robin, emerita in community health services and sociology, will be among 12 alumni recognized by the College of Health and Human Services Oct. 5 and inducted into the college's Outstanding Alumni Academy. The event is part of the college's 2012 Homecoming celebration.

Page-Robin spearheaded WMU's Gerontology Program and was director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology, which was eliminated in 2004 due to budget cuts. Just last year, the University revived the Gerontology Program by opening the Center for Gerontology.

A former Faculty Senate president, Page-Robin retired in 1998 after more than 30 years at WMU. She was a prolific researcher, involved in a variety of consulting projects, and active in numerous professional associations.

## Prof contributes to math education



Ziebarth

Steven W. Ziebarth, mathematics, is a contributing author and co-editor of "Approaches to Studying the Enacted Mathematics Curriculum." It was released in August by Information Age Publishing for the series Research in Mathematics Education.

The volume highlights the work of seven different research teams that, during the past decade, have created different sets of research tools for studying the use of elementary and secondary mathematics curricula in school settings. The various tools represent different approaches to how mathematics education researchers interpret fidelity of implementation by teachers of different kinds of curricular materials.

Ziebarth worked with three colleagues from The University of Missouri, Columbia and Horizon Research Inc. to write three chapters in the book and coordinate its overall structure. The research represents work under the auspices of the Center for the Study of Mathematics Curriculum in WMU's Department of Mathematics.

## Employees with college-age children urged to learn more about WMU

Faculty and staff members who have high school juniors or seniors in their families should alert the Office of Admissions to ensure their students receive a full complement of WMU recruitment materials.

With the benefit of tuition remission available to a wide swath of the University community, WMU officials urge employees to make sure their prospective college students are fully informed about the academic programs and resources available on campus. Early notification will ensure students eligible for such events as the Medallion Scholarship competition receive timely information.

Contact the Office of Admissions online at [wmich.edu/admissions/inquiry/freshman](http://wmich.edu/admissions/inquiry/freshman) or call (269) 387-2000 to share the name and mailing address of a prospective student.

Families are also welcome and encouraged to attend the admissions office's campus visit programs, including Fall Open Houses for high school seniors and Spring Spotlight programs for high school juniors. Go to [wmich.edu/admissions/freshman/visit](http://wmich.edu/admissions/freshman/visit) to see all the options.

## Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources website at [wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu.html](http://wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu.html). Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.



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# Legacy Collections Center named for Charles and Lynn Zhang

The soon-to-be-constructed archives facility will bear the names of two of the University's most noted alumni, Charles and Lynn Zhang.

Following formal action by the Board of Trustees Sept. 20, the 16,000-square-foot facility will be known as the Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center.

The \$8 million center, officially part of University Libraries, will be built on WMU's Oakland Drive Campus.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the project, attended by donors, was held July 19, and site preparation has begun.

Major benefactors to the Zhang Center include the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Kalamazoo Community Foundation and Frederick J. and Katharine D. Rogers.

The WMU Board of Trustees naming

policy stipulates that naming opportunities are available when at least half of a facility's construction costs are covered through private gifts.

Both Charles and Lynn Zhang are well known in the international financial arena.

Charles Zhang is regularly ranked among the top 100 financial advisors in the nation by *Barron's* magazine, while Lynn Zhang has been quoted in national media including

CNBC and *Barron's*.

Both have master's degrees from WMU.



Architectural rendering of the Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center.



Charles and Lynn Zhang (Photo by John Greenhoe)

## Trustees approve retirements of 11 faculty, staff members

The retirements of two faculty members and nine staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its Sept. 20 meeting. Trustees also signed off on one faculty promotion as well as the return of three administrators to the faculty.

Both of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Nicholas A. Andreadis, dean of the Lee Honors College, 16 years, effective June 30, 2013, and John H. Cameron, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging, 17 years, effective April 30, 2013. In addition, the retirement date for Bassam E. Harik, economics, was changed from June 30, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

The staff members who are retiring are: Linda D. Baird, development and alumni relations, 21 years, effective Nov. 30; Marlene M. Bolf, WMU Bookstore, 19 years, effective Dec. 31; Margaret J. Hamilton, College of

Fine Arts, 25 years, effective Sept. 24; Esther Newlin-Haus, College of Education and Human Development, 10 years, effective Aug. 31; Michael E. Osborn, maintenance services, 12 years, effective Dec. 31; Denise A. Richards, Fetzer Center, 23 years, effective Aug. 31; Bethlynn Sanders, English, 14 years, effective Sept. 30; Shirley A. Swift, College of Arts and Sciences, 11 years, effective Aug. 31; Shirley A. Vernia, admissions, 30 years, effective Oct. 31; and Gail A. Walker, educational leadership, research and technology, 10 years, effective Sept. 14.

In another personnel move, trustees approved the promotion of Mingming Feng to assistant professor of accountancy, effective Aug. 20.

The three administrators returning to the faculty, along with their old and new positions, are: Haluk M. Aktan, from chair of civil and construction engineering to professor in the department, effective Aug. 20; Keith M. Hearit, from vice provost for strategic enrollment management to professor of communication, effective spring 2013; and R. Paul Vellom, from chair of teaching, learning and educational studies to associate professor in the department, effective July 1, 2013.

## Prizes available to campus United Way contributors

Faculty and staff members who give any amount to the 2012 campus United Way campaign will be eligible for weekly drawings to be held each Friday afternoon from Oct. 5 through Nov. 9.

Prizes include two tickets to any Spotlight Series event at Miller Auditorium, a \$20 gift card from the WMU Bookstore, a \$20 Dining Dollars gift card, and two tickets to a home football game, home basketball game or home hockey game.

Contributors whose pledge cards are returned to the president's office, Mail Stop 5202, by 5 p.m. the Thursday before each drawing will be eligible. Those eligible for the first drawing will continue to be eligible for subsequent drawings, but individuals may only win a weekly prize once.

A grand-prize drawing will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16. Prizes include two tickets to the President's Box for the last home football game, a \$100 gift certificate to any Millennium restaurant and two tickets to the Gold Company's annual performance at Miller Auditorium Feb. 9.

To be eligible, pledge cards must be received in the president's office by 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15.

## WMUK launches fund drive; on-air pledging starts soon

WMU's public radio station, WMUK-FM, will try to "get the story" when on-air pledging begins Wednesday, Oct. 10, in its annual fall fund drive.

As part of the drive, the station will invite listeners who became WMUK members to share their stories about how they became a supporter of the station, while also engaging potential new members.

Brief member stories will be read on the air during the live portion of this year's campaign.

The fall drive raises funds to purchase programs, such as "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered" and "From the Top." Recent successful campaigns have resulted in acquisition of such programs as "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!" This year's goal is \$175,000.

WMUK, broadcasting at 102.1-FM, also will conduct a drawing for an iPad to be given away on the evening of Friday, Oct. 19. No contribution or pledge is necessary to enter the drawing.

Visit [wmuk.org](http://wmuk.org) for more information about the drive and drawing or to make a donation.

## Obituaries



Hardie

**Nita H. Hardie**, emerita in political science, died Sept. 23. She was 83. Hardie retired as chair of the Department of Science Studies in 1992 after 27 years of service.

During her tenure, she served in several administrative roles and was involved in numerous pioneering efforts, including helping to initiate race and culture courses in the 1960s and playing an instrumental role in building the Women's Studies Program in the 1970s.

**Ernesta Hinton**, a former staff member, died Sept. 3. She was 96. Hinton retired as a custodian in 1983 after 10 years of service. She later returned to the University to work at The Oaklands on a periodic basis.

Visit [whitleymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://whitleymemorialfuneralhome.com) and click Services to make a memorial guestbook entry.

**Edwin Ryba**, a former staff member, died Sept. 22. He was 84. Ryba retired in 1989 as assistant chief engineer for television in the Division of Academic Services after 24 years of service.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of Southwest Michigan, South Haven.



Wood

**Jack S. Wood**, emeritus in biological sciences, died Sept. 18. He was 80. Wood came to WMU in 1963 and retired in 1991 after 28 years of teaching and research. He is fondly remembered as the founding director of Western's

Office of Public Service and several other public service initiatives on campus and in southwest Michigan.

Memorial gifts may be made to New Hope Church or a charity of choice. Visit [farleyestedsowdle.com](http://farleyestedsowdle.com) to leave a personal message.

# On Campus with Surangi Pradhan



NEVER OUT OF WORK  
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Even a marathon runner would have a hard time keeping up with Surangi Pradhan, assistant director for employer relations in Career and Student Employment Services.

A liaison between corporate America and WMU, Pradhan spends the bulk of her time arranging on-campus networking events and interviews for local, state and national employers who want to recruit WMU students.

"It's a busy job, but we want it to stay busy for the sake of the students," she says. "There's a huge array of people with a huge array of needs. That's what keeps the job interesting—every day it's a new request from an employer."

Pradhan coordinates CSES' biggest job fair, the annual winter Career Fair, which last year drew 176 participants, the largest number of employers to date. Her skills are also put to the test organizing the semiannual Practice Interview Day, semiannual information session on immigration options for employment, and next-day events for the Career Fair and annual Engineering Expo.

Plus, Pradhan is on the software oversight committee for BroncoJobs, WMU's massive online job posting and event registration database that has more than 15,000 employer accounts and 40,000 student and alumni accounts. In addition, she supervises the employer relations team, co-supervises CSES' information and referral staff, collects job-offer data for the National Association of Colleges and Employers, and assists units across campus with niche career fairs and one-time career-related events.

Pradhan, an annual Make a Difference Award recipient, became a full-time employee in 2005. She's been working in CSES for the past 14 years, the first seven while a student employee earning a bachelor and master degree in business administration.

"I love the work I do because it's a good combination of my prior work experience and educational background. And I truly do love the people I work with. It's a great team," she says. "I've been working in student affairs and have an educational background in business. This job gives me the best of both worlds."

In her limited off hours, Pradhan volunteers at her four-year-old son's preschool and enjoys playing the piano, swimming and reading. She lives in Texas Township with her husband, Prabin Pradhan, also a WMU alumnus. He's a software engineer originally from Nepal, and Pradhan hails from Sri Lanka. They both gained permanent U.S. residency status and after their son's birth here, became U.S. citizens.

## Distinguished Faculty Scholar nominations sought

Nominations are due Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, for the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, the highest honor WMU bestows on its faculty members.

The award is based on outstanding professional achievements. It recognizes those whose work is widely known beyond campus and constitutes a significant body of achievement, most of which has been accomplished while a WMU faculty member. Wide recognition beyond WMU is essential.

Current, continuing board-appointed full- and part-time employees with faculty rank are eligible if they have at least seven

academic years of service to WMU and are not previous winners.

The recipients will be honored during the 2013 Academic Convocation and receive a \$2,000 honorarium that becomes part of their base salaries, a plaque, and an opportunity to present a campus lecture, exhibition or performance.

For more information, visit [www.wmich.edu/research](http://www.wmich.edu/research) and click the Awards link or contact Ernst A. Breisach, chair of the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award Committee and WMU professor emeritus of history, at (269) 344-1734.

## Graduate, professional fair set

The 2012 Graduate and Professional School Fair is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, in the Bernhard Center Ballroom.

The free fair is open to the public, but geared toward junior and senior college students as well as recent alumni.

In attendance will be representatives from WMU and more than 50 other graduate, law or medical schools. Workshops on how to apply to graduate and select professional schools will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. near the fair's main exhibit hall.

Preregistration is not required for the fair or workshops. Visit [wmich.edu/grad](http://wmich.edu/grad) and click Events for more information.

## Development funds available

Technology Development Funds of up to \$20,000 are available for this fiscal year to help researchers prepare their inventions for commercialization.

A signed printed copy of the completed application must be provided by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, to the Office of the Vice President for Research. The office is located in Suite 210 of west Walwood Hall (Mail Stop 5456).

Visit [wmich.edu/research](http://wmich.edu/research) and click Intellectual Property and Commercialization for more information. Direct questions to Michael Sharer at [michael.sharer@wmich.edu](mailto:michael.sharer@wmich.edu) or (269) 387-8218.

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Kelly Schultz, coordinator of the Academically Talented Youth Program in the Lee Honors College, served as a knowledgeable guide for the college's new seminar room. (Photo by Jeanne Baron)

The building has 50 classrooms with 2,435 instructional seats, an education library, and a large grants and research center as well as clinical and office space for several programs. It has terrazzo floors and other sustainable materials inside, such as bamboo wood veneer on doors and cork flooring.

The beauty of the new Sangren is echoed just outside of the building by an expansive pedestrian mall with walkways and benches created from reclaimed granite, set off by lush grasses. One of the mall's other striking elements is a cascading water feature.

Just west of the mall is the expanded and enhanced Lee Honors College Building. It now has double its original number of classrooms, which are outfitted with the latest instructional technology, along with a

cutting-edge learning lab and seminar room, among other new features. Carl E and Winifred Lee provided \$1.1 million in funding for the \$1.7 million project.