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After excelling in her coursework and practicum at the Juvenile Detention Home in Kalamazoo, she was selected to serve as the long-term sub when her mentor teacher went out on maternity leave during the last eight weeks of school. She sets high standards for herself and teaches her students to do the same. In a letter of support a peer wrote of Foreman, “she consistently exceeds the expectations of her mentor teacher, professors, classmates, and students.”

She served as president of Kappa Delta Pi: International Honor Society in Education in 2016-17 and is the current president of the Michigan chapter of the Student Council for Exceptional Children Student Board. In her current role, she inspires others to get involved both in the WMU chapter and state chapter of CEC. She works tirelessly to help those with disabilities and shares her joy and passion with others so that they might experience it too.

Previously, Foreman has experience as a youth development worker with Communities in Schools, as a push-in math tutor at Loy Norrix High School and as a summer math teacher at Western Michigan University.

She has dedicated herself to her studies, her peers, her students and her passion to help others. The College of Education and Human Development is proud to call her one of our own.

Foreman will be presented with the Dr. Charles Van Riper Outstanding College Student Award at the 2018 Michigan Council for Exceptional Children’s Conference on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids, MI.

Dean elected to serve on CADREI board of directors

Jan. 25, 2018

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Dr. Ming Li, the Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Western Michigan University, has been elected to serve on the Council of Academic Deans from Research Education Institutions (CADREI) Board of Directors.

CADREI is an assembly of deans of education from research and land grant institutions throughout North America. The purpose of this Council and its affiliates is the preparation of education personnel in all its phases and the discussion and formulation of plans, policies, and programs to make the member institutions of the Council more effective in their work.
KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Dr. Moi Mooi Lew, faculty specialist I, social-cultural studies unit in the Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies department, Dr. James Muchmore, associate chair of the department and professor of socio-cultural studies, and Dr. Regena Nelson, chair of the department and professor of early childhood in the College of Education and Human Development at Western Michigan University, have received a $112,458 STARTALK grant to implement Chinese teacher and student academies.

The teacher academy will include both online and intensive face-to-face learning that will support fifteen current and future Chinese teachers. The student academy will provide a four-week long linguistically and culturally enriched learning experience to fifty students in grades 6-12 in the Kalamazoo area. The program will take place during the summer of 2018.

Principal investigator, Dr. Lew, has more than twenty-five years of experience teaching Chinese in K-12 classrooms, and more than seven years of experience supervising and mentoring Chinese teachers’ practicums in K-12 classrooms and conducting professional development workshops to in-service teachers. Dr. Lew participated in a STARTALK teacher program in Maryland and has visited several other STARTALK sites around the country.

Dr. Muchmore (Co-PI) and Dr. Nelson (Co-PI) each have over twenty years of experience as teacher educators at WMU and have worked with local schools to prepare hundreds of teachers.

STARTALK’s mission is, “to increase the number of U.S. citizens learning, speaking, and teaching critical need foreign languages. STARTALK offers students (K-16) and teachers of these languages creative and engaging summer experiences that strive to exemplify best practices in language education and in language teacher development.”
Known as one of WMU’s greatest basketball players and student athletes, Dr. Emanuel “Manny” Newsome (B.S.’64; M.S.’64, Physical Education) will be honored before the Saturday, January 27 WMU basketball game against Northern Illinois at an indoor tailgate on WMU’s campus. He will also be recognized during a special halftime ceremony in which his #5 Jersey will be formally retired.

Newsome, a basketball legend from Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana, later became the first African American administrator at WMU and led a storied career in higher education in Indiana, Ohio and Florida.

As a player at WMU from 1960-64, Newsome averaged 32.7 points per game as a 3-year varsity player. Newsome finished his career at WMU with 1,787 points, breaking the scoring record by over 500 points in 1964 and holding it there for more than 45 years. During his senior year, Newsome was the “leading scorer” in the nation.

Some of Newsome’s achievements include being selected First Team “All Mid American Conference” during his sophomore, junior and senior years; being chosen as a member of the “All America” Basketball Team in 1963-64 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches; and being a part of the U.S. Olympic Trials Basketball Team in 1964. Newsome was inducted into the WMU Basketball Hall of Fame in 1974, the MAC Basketball Hall of Fame in 1988, and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1994.

After receiving both of his WMU degrees, Newsome began his professional career in the Office of Financial Aid as a Financial Aid Counselor and Field Representative. He then served as the Director of the State Talent Search Program for the State Scholarship Commission in Indianapolis. He later served as Assistant Dean of Students at Indiana State University and went on to earn his Ph.D. in Counseling & Psychological Services in Higher Education from ISU in 1976. Newsome completed Post Doctoral Studies at Harvard University and received a certificate in Management and Development in Higher Education. He served as Dean of Students at the University of Toledo, and Vice President of Student Affairs at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton from 1988-2006. Newsome resides in Boca Raton with his wife Nellie, who also attended WMU.

Members of the community are invited to celebrate Newsome’s basketball career from noon to 2 p.m. at the Stampede Tailgate, and to attend the game at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required for the tailgate, and details, along with early-bird pricing and game ticket information, can be found at MyWMU.com/BBStampede. Game tickets may be purchased from the WMU Ticket Office by calling 1-888-4-WMU-TIX.