Fall enrollment up slightly compared to 2010

The size of WMU’s student body inch ed up this fall to 25,086, reflecting stability in the size of both the undergraduate and graduate student populations.

Conducted Sept. 14, the official 2011 enrollment count shows an overall gain of 41 students compared to last year.

The total tally illustrates a number of emerging enrollment trends, including fewer beginning students and more diversity in the student body.

Notable items from this fall’s census include:

• A beginning freshman class of just over 3,300.
• A 2.4 percent increase in the number of new fall transfer students.
• A 10.2 percent increase in the number of minority students.
• A 10.5 percent increase in the number of international students.

• A 14.2 percent increase in the number of students enrolled in online courses.
• A 3 percent increase in the number of beginning Lee Honors College students, adding to this college’s better than 40 percent enrollment increase over the past three years.

“Our students are smart, slightly older, diverse, technically savvy and globally connected,” says WMU President John M. Dunn. “The influx of international students reflects the regard in which this University is held around the world.”

Some of the enrollment trends represented in this year’s fall count reflect the ongoing annual decrease in the number of graduating high school seniors in Michigan that began in 2007-08 and will continue through 2014. The census also reflects the popularity of online classes and growth in community college enrollment, which brings students to the University later in their academic careers.
New goals set for campus United Way campaign

A goal of $300,000 has been set for this year’s campus United Way campaign, which began Sept. 10. WMU also hopes to see a 10 percent increase in the number of employees and retirees who contribute.

WMU’s United Way Advisory Board began distributing pledge cards to all faculty and staff members and retirees earlier this month. Gifts can be made as one-time donations by cash, check or credit card or as pledges, payable by payroll deduction, donations by cash, check or credit card or direct billing from United Way.

WMU began its United Way campaign in 1972 and its United Way Advisory Board was established in 1983. WMU United Way contributors who give a new or increased gift of at least $50 this year will be automatically entered into a drawing or increased gift of at least $50 this year will be automatically entered into a drawing or increased gift of at least $50 this year will be automatically entered into a drawing or increased gift of at least $50 this year will be automatically entered into a drawing or increased gift of at least $50 this year will be automatically entered into a drawing. The winner of the weekly prize drawing will be selected from the names of those who give any amount and return their pledge cards to the president’s office by 5 p.m. the Thursday before each weekly prize drawing will be eligible for that week’s and future week’s drawings—until they win a prize. There also will be a grand-prize drawing at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. All campus contributions go to the Greater Kalamazoo United Way, and for every dollar given, 87 cents directly supports programs that improve Kalamazoo County.

Jason Derulo appearing at Miller Auditorium

Jason Derulo is scheduled to perform at the Miller Auditorium, 221 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. Tickets cost $25-$50. For more information, visit millerauditorium.com or call 269-381-1234.

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Pedometer challenge winners announced; fall contest launched.

Some 420 walk-ers completed this summer’s Stepping up to Better Health Pedometer Challenge, more than enough to inspire another employee walking program this fall. Participants in the summer initiative, referred to as the 10K Fall Tour Pedometer Challenge, which ran from Sept. 21 through Oct. 9, with artworks from Gilly’s in the B.O.B. to WMU-Grand Rapids facility will take place during the opening weekend of that city’s 2011 ArtPrize competition.

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35 Years—Christin Ann Fawley-Zehner, Dining Services-Valley #1, and Gary Mathews, social work.

30 Years—Bernadette Ballard-Reid, Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center; Jane L. Harrison, admissions; Sylvia R. Horton, Dining Services-Valley #2; and Margaret J. Watson, information technology.

25 Years—Shashanta James, financial aid and scholarships; Nancy A. Kroes, information technology; and John Racine, information technology.

20 Years—Janice Evans, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Denise M. Forman, Facilities Management-landscape services; Senora Jones, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Janet M. Keyes, Dining Services-Valley #1; and Matthew A. Knewstob, theatre.

15 Years—Kevin Abbott, information technology; Bonnie S. Aldrich, Dining Services-Valley #1; Lynda M. Baker, Dining Services-Bernhard Hall; Stacey M. Doxtater, Registrar’s Office; Megan McCoy, catering; Todd Lenard Noeske, public safety; and John Stidham Petrovich, mathematics.

10 Years—Shirley L. Everett, residence life; Betty J. Hughes, University Libraries; Esther Newlin-Haus, College of Education and Human Development; and Wendy W. Pooschel, development and alumni relations.

Five Years—Ann M. Ganz, Haenicke Institute; M’Myia Hughes, College of Education and Human Development; Anastasia V. Kaml, Haenicke Institute; Willie J. Mitchell, WMU Foundation; Lucretia S. Mitchell, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Dianna Elena Sachs, University Libraries; Juan M. Tavarez, Haenicke Institute; Sarah E. Windsor, accessibility services center; and Pamela J. Zeller, GEAR UP Learning Centers.

The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during September.


Graduate center wrapped in art to celebrate ArtPrize.

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The Epic Broncos, created by Durham, N.C.-based artist Revere La Noue, will be unveiled during an ArtPrize After Party at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the WMU-Grand Rapids Graduate Center, 220 Ionia Ave. S.W. The event is open to the public and will include food, drink and jazz performances. Tickets are $15 per person and available for purchase by calling (269) 387-8746.

Grand Rapids’ ArtPrize, now beginning its third year, is the only international contest for public art that is solely decided by public vote. More than 1,200 artists have entered their work this year’s ArtPrize, which runs from Sept. 21 through Oct. 9, with artworks on display citywide.

Art related to the WMU building

Jazz guitarist set to perform

Gene Bertoncini will perform at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. WMU’s Tom Knific, music, Bertoncini’s partner on bass for more than 20 years, will join him. Visit www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/arts for costs and other details.

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WMU is the first college in Michigan to be featured by La Noue’s Mascot Gallery. Visit www.mascotgallery.com for examples of La Noue’s mascot artwork.

Three opportunities remain to meet and hear from La Noue in Grand Rapids:

• He will lead a 90-minute walking tour from Gilly’s in the B.O.B. to WMU-Grand Rapids at noon Saturday, Sept. 24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Both will include viewing of a video on the artistic process involved in the making of the “Epic Bronco” installations.

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Third dual-degree partnership launched

WMU and Cooley Law School have launched their third dual-degree partnership, providing Western Michigan with its first-ever Master of Social Work/Juris Doctor program.

Graduates of the program will earn an MSW from WMU and a J.D. from Cooley. The program is expected to be offered in fall 2012 and could require nine to 15 fewer credits than if the two degrees were earned separately.

Under the new partnership, students will take their law classes at Cooley's campus in Grand Rapids, Mich., and their social work courses at WMU’s regional locations in Grand Rapids or Benton Harbor, Mich., or at its main campus in Kalamazoo.

“This is an example of a program designed to fulfill the needs of students who have unique career objectives that can be best met by completing two degrees instead of one,” says Linwood Cousins, director of WMU’s School of Social Work.

For more information about the new MSW/J.D. program, contact Linwood Cousins, director of WMU’s School of Social Work, at linwood.cousins@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3171.

Two high-profile speakers coming to campus

An Africa expert and a major defense industry player are among the high-profile speakers who will be giving free, public talks at WMU during the next few weeks.

First up will be David H. Shinn, a 37-year veteran of the U.S. Department of State. He will speak on “U.S. Policy Toward the Horn of Africa” at 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, in 2028 Brown Hall.

Shinn has served as ambassador to Ethiopia and Burkina Faso and was coordinator for Somalia during the international intervention in the early 1990s. He also served three years as director for East African Affairs, developing and implementing American policy for 12 countries.

Next up will be the business-oriented talk by defense-industry executive Michael L. Gulino at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in Schneider Hall. Those planning to attend should register by Friday, Sept. 30, at shawnn.cassada@wmich.edu or (269) 387-6059.

Gulino will present “Experiences, Technologies and Foundations” as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series.

The 30-year defense-industry veteran now serves as chief development officer for ITT Defense and Information Solutions, a top-tier defense contractor.

Anthropology open house set

New archaeology labs and an anthropology mural will be on display at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7. The free event will be in 1060 Moore Hall.

In addition to featuring the mural by local artist and WMU alumna Conal Kaufman, the open house will highlight three new labs in the space that formerly housed the Writing Center, which has moved to Ellsworth Hall.

One lab will be dedicated to the Fort St. Joseph archaeological project, directed by Professor Michael Nassaney. Another will be for the Farmstead Archaeology project in the Finger Lakes National Forest in New York, directed by anthropology Chair LouAnn Wurst. The last new space will be used as a wet lab to process artifacts recovered through other local projects by faculty members and students.