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The WMU Alumni Association is back! We have a whole new look, and it doesn't stop there - this is YOUR association and we are here for you. MyWMU may be gone, but it is still your WMU! We want to be clear about who we are, what we do, and who we serve. We will continue to offer alumni events, benefits, and resources, but we are also working to elevate the experience for all alumni, friends, fans, and family of WMU. Learn more about the WMU Alumni Association's rebranding on their new website. [READ MORE](#)



WMU RANKS NO. 1 IN GRADUATE EARNINGS

Washington Monthly magazine recently released its 15th annual College Guide and Rankings. WMU was rated Michigan's best public university for graduate success based on 10 years of earnings following enrollment. WMU ranks No. 1 in graduate earnings and No. 2 in graduation rates. These college rankings look at institutions of all sizes and divisions that, as Washington Monthly characterizes, "serve the best interests of the country as a whole—including those that enroll and graduate students of modest means." [READ MORE](#)



WMU AMONG RECIPIENTS OF \$1M NSF GRANT TO BOOST WOMEN IN STEM FIELDS

Dr. Carla Koretsky, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and a team of WMU investigators will be working with their colleagues at Michigan Tech and Iowa State on a nearly \$1 million National Science Foundation grant to develop strategies to increase the number of female faculty in STEM-related disciplines. This project illustrates the kind

of work that is desperately needed across academia to engage women—especially women of color—in pursuing faculty and leadership roles. [READ MORE](#)



TOGETHER, WE ELEVATE: INVISIBLE NEED PROJECT

Medical expenses, unexpected costs, and food insecurity are three very unfortunate, but very real problems many students face over the course of their studies at WMU and on campuses across the country. At WMU, the Invisible Need Project works to help those students who, on the surface, may not appear to be suffering. [READ MORE](#)

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Homecoming is a special time of year for the entire WMU community. This year, College of Education and Human Development student Thomas Delves and alumna Allison Frontczak (B.S.'13, Recreation) helped create that magical feeling of reunion through their work with WMU Athletics. Both Delves and Frontczak will graduate with their master's degrees in sport management this semester.



Frontczak, assistant athletic director for special events, helps coordinate tailgates for companies and former sororities and fraternities, plans events as part of annual reunions to welcome back different athletic teams, and coordinates on-field recognitions during the game. Her favorite part of the weekend is the excitement the community has surrounding our student athletes and football. "It is great to see all the fun events and people coming together along with alumni returning to campus. I love hearing all their stories and how things have changed from when they attended school," she says.

Delves came to Western in 2016 to work on the Western Michigan Athletics staff and is now the assistant athletic director for Bronco Productions. He and his team produce the experience of attending a football game from the way the game is announced, the graphics on the videoboard and the music pumping up the crowd. Through Delves' on-the-job engagement with Dr. Jim Lewis, College of Education and Human Development associate professor of sport management, he decided to get his master's degree in sport management. For Delves, Homecoming and Family Weekend is all about the alumni. Putting on a great show is his way of saying, "thanks for being here, and thanks for being an awesome alum!"

Thanks to Alison and Thomas for continuing the tradition of homecoming success!

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ALUMNI TO RECEIVE AWARDS

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The College of Education and Human Development Outstanding Alumni Award is one of the University's highest alumni awards and is given to alumni who bring distinction to their alma mater through professional achievements and who have enjoyed a high level of success in their careers. The 2nd annual Outstanding Alumni Awards will be presented to Hon. Dennis Archer, Dr. Fritz Erickson, and Dr. Carol Whitney at the WMU Night of Excellence on Friday, Oct. 11. These award winners, along with the Golden Apple and Keystone Award winners, will attend the homecoming football game as honored guests.



The Hon. Dennis Archer (B.S. '65, Special Education), recipient of the College's Outstanding Alumni Award, is chair emeritus of Dickinson Wright PLLC and CEO of Dennis W. Archer PLLC. Since graduating from WMU, he has served as a public school teacher, attorney, Michigan State Supreme Court justice, and the 59th mayor of Detroit. During Archer's two terms in office, he worked to successfully lower unemployment and initiated over \$20.2 billion worth of new projects in city development. While mayor, Archer was named "Public Official of the Year" by Governing magazine and one of the "25 Most Dynamic Mayors in America" by Newsweek Magazine. Archer has served on numerous professional associations, including as president of the American Bar Association from 2003-04, the National Bar Association, Wolverine Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan and the National League of Cities.

Dr. Fritz Erickson (B.S. '80, Elementary Education), recipient of the College's Outstanding Alumni Award, is the 15th president of Northern Michigan University, a position he has held since 2014. At the university, Dr. Erickson is known for his strong student-centered decision-making and for successfully developing university partnerships with the community, businesses, industry and K-12 schools. Prior to his tenure at NMU, Dr. Erickson served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Ferris State University. He also held administrative positions at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Eastern Washington University and Michigan Technological University. Erickson is the author of a technology book series and has written numerous magazine and journal articles. He has published textbooks based on

a pedagogical model designed to enhance learning outcomes, as well as books on the topics of youth suicide and children with reading problems.

Dr. Carol Whitney (B.S.'66, Elementary Education; M.A.'69, Teaching), recipient of the College's Outstanding Alumni Award, is the founder of Gifted Students of Ohio, where she has a practice of gifted students she works with individually. She is also a licensed educational therapist, working with twice exceptional students as a gifted education specialist. She initiated and built the first gifted program in Dublin, OH, and also started the first highly gifted magnet program in Ohio. She then began and built the first gifted program for the Olentangy Local Schools. Dr. Whitney has written four books on gifted education and has been published in numerous journals and textbooks. She has also made several radio and television appearances discussing how to help gifted children reach their potential through skillfully crafted curriculum and motivation techniques.

The College of Education and Human Development will also recognize four alumni at the Golden Apple and Keystone Awards Ceremony on Oct. 10. Golden Apple Award recipients include Dr. Margaret McGlinchey, assistant superintendent of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (B.A.'95, Elementary Education; M.S.'00, Special Education; Ed.D.'03, Special Education) and Dr. Wayne "Rusty" Stitt, superintendent of Schoolcraft Community Schools (M.A.'99, Educational Leadership; Ph.D.'10, Educational Leadership). Keystone Award recipients include Dr. Kirk Brumels, chair of the Department of Kinesiology at Hope College (M.A.'90, Athletic Training; Ph.D.'05, Educational Leadership) and Kristen Johnson Brogan, RD, chief mindful living officer at On Target Living (B.S.'09, Dietetics and Exercise Science).

For more information about the Golden Apple and Keystone Awards please visit the College of Education and Human Development Alumni Awards [webpage](#).

All recipients will attend the homecoming game together to cap off their honorary weekend.

WHY DID WE REBRAND?

The WMU Alumni Association unveiled a comprehensive rebranding in September 2019, complete with a new website. MyWMU may be gone, but it is still *your* WMU! We have a whole new look, and it doesn't stop there - this is **YOUR** association and we are here for you. Read on below and check out the video for more on the efforts.

WMU among recipients of nearly \$1M NSF grant to boost women in STEM fields

Contact: Erin Flynn August 30, 2019



KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University is leading the charge in diversifying science, technology, engineering and math fields.

The University, in collaboration with three other research institutions, was awarded a three-year, \$996,000 ADVANCE grant from the National Science Foundation to develop strategies to increase the number of female STEM faculty across the country.

"It is so exciting," says **Dr. Carla Koretsky**, dean of the [College of Arts and Sciences](#) at WMU. "I think it is something that can really create such significant, systemic, institutional change at Western Michigan University and other institutions like it."

PROMOTING CHANGE



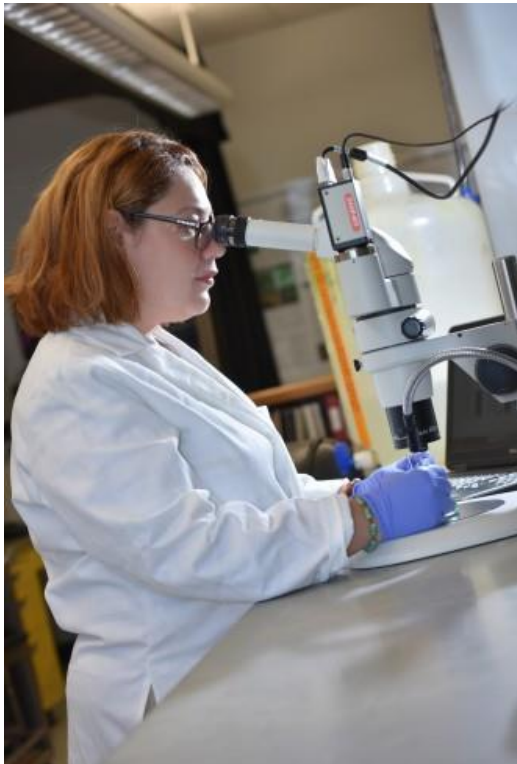
"We know from talking to students it really matters to them when they step into the classroom and they see someone that looks like them," says Koretsky.

Koretsky and other WMU faculty will be working with lead institution Iowa State University, as well as Michigan Technological University and North Dakota State University, to focus on challenges facing women of color and women with family responsibilities.

"There's a lot of research on some of the biases and issues that are disproportionately faced by women. We know that women are very often given larger service loads. We know that there are often biases with respect to things like start-up packages and the sizes of lab space," says Koretsky. "All of these things are challenges that are more significant for women than men. So, understanding and addressing them and finding strategies to really retain and promote women is so important—and women of color, in particular."

The project will examine a number of strategies including developing and implementing training programs for campus leaders, training and developing campus advocates and allies, and developing mentor communities to support female faculty members.

FOSTERING DIVERSITY



In 2018, Dr. Erika Calvo-Ochoa, a WMU biologist, was one of 40 researchers in the nation to be awarded a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in biology.

"As a woman in a STEM field that is one of those largely male-dominated STEM fields, this is something I've always been interested in," says Koretsky, who is a professor of geological and environmental sciences. "So many girls and women get turned off, get the wrong idea about science, don't see role models, and this is such a great opportunity for us to really change that and take advantage of all of the talent that's out there."

The group is in the beginning phases of its collaboration. The goal is to begin implementing some of the strategies next year. Evaluators both within and outside of the universities will collect and analyze data to determine which strategies are having the most impact and have the potential to be successfully implemented at other institutions.

“We know from talking to students it really matters to them when they step into the classroom and they see someone that looks like them,” says Koretsky. “I think it’s so important that we develop that and we recruit more diverse people into STEM higher education.”

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