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For and about WMU faculty and staff

June commencement scheduled

Two commencement ceremonies will be held Saturday, June 28, in Miller Auditorium. The 9 a.m. event is for graduates of Extended University Programs and the colleges of Education and Human Development, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Health and Human Services. The 12:30 p.m. event is for graduates of the Haworth College of Business and the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, and Fine Arts.

University posting negotiation updates

Contract negotiations between WMU and the WMU-AAUP faculty bargaining unit are continuing this summer, and WMU's bargaining team is providing occasional progress updates at wmich.edu/acb/negotiations. Two updates have been posted thus far.

Board of Trustees meeting slated

The next meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, July 23. Starting times and agenda information will be released closer to the meeting.

Grant applications due July 25

Proposals are being accepted through Friday, July 25, from any employee interested in implementing transformational diversity change initiatives derived from internal division, college or unit assessments and recommendations.

The Campus Climate for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Tactical Action Community is accepting the proposals. Funding is available to award nine implementation grants up to \$15,000 each. For more information, visit wmich.edu/diversity/initiatives. Direct questions to Tiffany White at tiffany.white@wmich.edu or (269) 387-6327.

New Bronco Cards required by Oct. 1

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to replace their Bronco Cards before the beginning of the 2014-15 fall semester. Cards must be replaced by Oct. 1. In addition, cardholders will need to have a new photo taken. Visit the Bronco Card office on the Bernhard Center's first floor on days when no orientation sessions are taking place.

Consider taking part in Welcome Week

Faculty and staff are encouraged to get involved during Welcome Week by attending the fall Matriculation Ceremony and Buster's Buffet, signing up for a shift in a hospitality tent, or volunteering at one of several student events. Online registration at wmich.edu/fye/fallwelcome/register is open for all events. Direct questions to adrienne.fraaza@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2332.

Western News now on summer hiatus

This is the last issue of *Western News* for the summer. Publication will resume Thursday, Sept. 4. Visit wmich.edu/news to keep up with campus news and announcements.

New trustee named to governing board

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointment June 13 of retired law enforcement official James Bolger of Whitehall to serve on the WMU Board of Trustees.



Bolger

Bolger, a WMU alumnus, will serve on the eight-member governing body of the University through Dec. 31, 2020. He will fill a vacancy on the board created earlier

this month by the resignation of Michelle Crumm of Ann Arbor.

Bolger retired as lieutenant colonel and deputy director of the Michigan State Police in 1999, after a 26-year career with that organization. In that role, he was commanding officer of the Uniform Services

Division, providing executive direction and leadership to field operations for the Michigan State Police.

During his tenure in that position, then-Gov. John Engler also appointed him to oversee implementation of the Michigan State Public Safety Communications System—an 800MHz radio system for emergency communications.

Bolger attended WMU as an undergraduate and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology from Grand Valley State University in 1973. Returning to WMU, he earned a master's degree in public administration in 1981.

After retiring from the State Police, he worked briefly as a consultant and taught for 10 years in GVSU's School of Criminal Justice.

Zhang Center earns certification as 'green' building

The Zhang Legacy Collections Center has achieved silver certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system—LEED—the national benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

With the Zhang Center's silver certification for new construction, awarded June 2 by the U.S. Green Building Council, WMU now has eight campus buildings that meet the stringent requirements of this rating system and 13 more in the review process.

A state-of-the-art, climate-controlled facility, the Zhang Center houses the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections. Peter Strazdas, associate vice president for facilities management, notes that the facility was built to meet LEED silver certification standards.

"WMU is committed to being environmentally responsible and a steward of our natural and financial resources. We make thoughtful, sustainable facility decisions whenever we construct a new building or renovate an existing one," Strazdas says. "The Zhang Center presented a unique opportunity to build sustainability characteristics into a highly special-

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Sustainability features inside and out have resulted in LEED certification. (Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Snyder announces Kellogg Foundation's Woodrow Wilson Fellows

During a June 11 ceremony in Lansing, Gov. Rick Snyder introduced this year's W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellows, including 11 who will attend WMU to become master science teachers in Michigan high-need secondary schools.



THE WOODROW WILSON
National Fellowship Foundation

A total of 43 outstanding teacher candidates were named at the event. The WMU-bound fellows include an aerospace engineer, a microbiologist, a specialist in equine veterinary medicine, an entomologist and an interpretive naturalist as well as several recent college graduates.

The 2014 Michigan recruits are accomplished career changers and outstanding recent college graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics—the STEM fields. They are the fourth class of new teacher candidates since the fellowship was launched in Michigan in 2010.

"Michigan needs to develop talent for in-demand jobs so our students are best prepared for long and productive careers," Snyder said. "The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation should be commended for working to train people,

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Trustees approve retirements of 7 faculty, 12 staff members

The retirements of seven faculty members and 12 staff members as well as three faculty resignations were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its June 10 meeting.

All 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: Mary J. Baukus, nursing, 13 years, effective July 1, 2015; Daniel J. Farrell, management, 39 years, effective April 30, 2019; Robert J. Leneway, educational leadership, research and technology, 18 years, effective May 1, 2016; Elaine L. Phillips, physician assistant and integrative holistic health and wellness, 27 years, effective Dec. 31; Roberta J.

Schultz, marketing, 15 years, effective Aug. 31; Dennis K. Strasser, University Libraries, 23 years, effective Dec. 31; and Jung-Chao Wang, statistics, 27 years, effective June 30, 2016.

The staff members retiring are: Diane Briggs, Burnham Dining Service, 15 years, effective April 30; Michael J. Brown, building custodial and support services, 12 years, effective June 27; David A. Corstange Sr., athletics, 38 years, effective June 30; Carol L. Farrance, Residence Life, 36 years, effective June 30; Marilyn J. Gillette, WMU Bookstore, 39 years, effective April 13; Kathleen M. Keckler, art, 16 years, effective May 31; Nancy King, building custodial and

support services, 18 years, effective May 31; John C. Meyer, landscape services, 19 years, effective May 30; Ellen M. Miller, Valley 2 Dining Services, 28 years, effective June 30; Gregory A. Peet, University Libraries, 15 years, effective July 1; Wayne H. Pushie, student affairs, 12 years, effective June 30; and Cynthia L. Trout, intercollegiate athletics, 15 years, effective June 30.

The faculty members resigning are: Melisa Beeson, public affairs and administration, effective April 29; Caroline Gore, art, effective May 15; and Amy M. Gyorkos, human performance and health education, effective Aug. 20.

World premiere of professor's documentary held during Waterfront Film Festival

Jennifer Machiorlatti, communication, produced and directed a documentary, shot with the help of 15 students, that received its world premiere June 13 and 14 at the



The film's principals, from left, Wilder, Machiorlatti and Harris (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Machiorlatti)

Waterfront Film Festival in South Haven.

"Peace During War" runs about 17 minutes and profiles the lives of Yafinceio Harris and Michael Wilder, two former gang rivals who reconnected in a classroom and now help steer youths away from violence and life on the street.

"It was amazing and transformative working with them," Machiorlatti says. "They became friends with a lot of the students. It's almost like we formed an extended family."

Sam Bailey, Center for English Language and Culture for International Students, contacted Machiorlatti about filming their

story. Bailey had been the professor in the class where Wilder and Harris, who co-produced the documentary, reconnected.

Bailey and Bill Reed, of the Forum of Greater Kalamazoo, helped the duo obtain funding from the Fetzer Institute to start their organization, create a website and make "Peace During War."

"The students got really great experience," says Machiorlatti, adding that several students had completed advanced training in video production and post-production. "Everyone brought wonderful enthusiasm and work ethic to the project."

Tuition rate for 2014-15 OK'd

Tuition action by the WMU Board of Trustees June 10 means that WMU will remain the best value among Michigan's five research universities in 2014-15.

The annual tuition and required fees for a full-time resident freshman or sophomore will be \$10,685—a 3.2 percent increase. Resident graduate students will pay \$513.97 per credit hour. For additional tuition and fees information plus a tuition calculator, visit wmich.edu/registrar/tuition.

Twenty-six faculty members awarded tenure

The WMU Board of Trustees approved the tenure of 26 faculty members at its June 10 meeting, effective with the beginning of the 2014-15 academic year.

Those granted tenure are: Mary L. Anderson, counselor education and counseling psychology; Upul B. Attanayake, civil and construction engineering; Lori J. Brown, aviation sciences; Ann Chapleau, occupational therapy; Kirsty J. Eisenhart, mathematics; Jacqueline Eng, anthropology; Claudia Fajardo, mechanical and aerospace engineering; Sharon Gill, biological sciences; Ramakishna Guda, chemistry; Whitney D. Gunter, sociology; Peter A. Gustafson,

mechanical and aerospace engineering; Amy M. Gyorkos, human performance and health education; Robert L. Harrison, marketing; Stephen J. Hasenick, aviation sciences; Denise Keele, political science; Susan E. King-Barry, physician assistant; Carrie C. Leatherman, University Libraries; Adriane Little, art; Dennis P. Metro-Roland, teaching, learning and educational studies; Rajib Paul, statistics; Gail Y. Rouscher, aviation sciences; Xiaoyun Shao, civil and construction engineering; Megan Slayter, dance; Vivan I.P. Steemers, world languages and literatures; Andre Venter, chemistry; and Geoffrey R. Whitehurst, aviation sciences.

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Students invited to summer leadership conference

WMU students who want to become leaders in their registered student organizations are invited to attend the fifth annual Leadership and Involvement Conference.

The event is set for Friday and Saturday,

Farewell reception

Bruce Carpenter, chemistry, will be recognized for five years of service to WMU during a farewell reception from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in 2401 Chemistry Building.

Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources website at wmich.edu/hr/jobs. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.

Aug. 15-16, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. To attend, students must register online at mywmu.com/lic by Friday, July 25.

The conference provides WMU students with the environment and tools necessary for their registered organizations to succeed during the 2014-15 academic year and beyond.

For more information, visit mywmu.com/lic or contact Kate Bates at katherine.bates@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2182.

Retirement receptions

Carol Farrance, Residence Life, will be recognized for 36 years of service to WMU during a retirement reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 26, in the Western View Apartments Community Center.

Wayne Pushie, student affairs, will be recognized for a 28-year affiliation with WMU during a retirement reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 27, in Lawson Arena.

Summer construction to cause few traffic disruptions on campus

Work continues on the new residence hall being erected north of the Bernhard Center and on the WMU Alumni Center, but few traffic disruptions are expected this summer due to campus construction.

Motorists will encounter some interruptions at the end of the turnaround in front of the Seibert Administration Building. Workers will be doing site work inside the turnaround in July and August in preparation for installation of a new sculpture, which will be installed in September.

Kalamazoo artist Joshua Diedrich was commissioned to design the piece to celebrate WMU's history and create a more inviting entry to the pedestrian mall that begins in front of Sangren Hall. The sculpture incorporates a raised, 3-D version of the University seal as well as lighting and a water feature.

West Michigan closure rescheduled

One new summer project will result in traffic detours—the previously announced city of Kalamazoo sewer line work along

West Michigan Avenue that was postponed at the end of spring semester because of bad weather.

The project is slated to take place between July 6 and 19. West Michigan, as it runs between the Student Recreation Center on the east and Parking Structure No. 1 and Kalamazoo College's athletic parking on the west, will be totally impenetrable during the work.

As a result, access to the Oaklands, Seibert Administration Building, and main entrance to the Bernhard Center will only be available by traveling clockwise on the campus ring road and turning right off North Dormitory Road.

The West Michigan and North Dormitory intersection will remain open, and vehicles will be allowed to enter as well as exit the parking structure from North Dormitory



Crews are making steady progress at the construction site for WMU's new residence hall. (Photo by Jeanne Baron)

across from Ellsworth Hall. The West Michigan and Western Avenue intersection also will remain open during the work.

Other significant construction

Work on the new residence hall is on schedule and only minimally disrupting foot traffic and parking. The campus community should note that the construction fencing around the building site will be changing periodically this summer as work progresses.

In addition, Parking Lot 48 behind Bernhard, now closed due to the project, will not reopen. In the future, parking will be available nearby in a new lot that will be created, as well as in the existing Sangren Hall lot and Parking Structure No. 1.

The final significant project this summer, creation of the Alumni Center, should barely be noticeable to motorists and pedestrians, as it is confined to the East Campus hilltop.

Demolition of North Hall began the week of June 8, but the building's portico is being retained. The portico will serve as the northern edge of the hilltop site. Abatement work in East Hall is expected to be completed this week, and the building's two wings removed shortly thereafter.

Then, in July, renovation of the original core structure will begin. Plans call for East Hall to reopen as the Alumni Center in early fall 2015.

Cyclists to take over Parkview Campus—WMU will figure prominently in a weekend of cycling activities taking place Friday through Sunday, July 11-13. The highlight is the 2014 Miller Energy Criterium race set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the University's Business, Technology and Research Park on the Parkview Campus. The competitive cycling event will include 10 separate races throughout the day for participants of every age and ability level. Online registration ends at 10 p.m. Thursday, July 10. Race-day registration opens at 6:30 a.m. on site in the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center and closes 30 minutes prior to each race. Registration for the kid's race is free. The Miller Energy Criterium is part of the Kalamazoo area's Race Weekend Series that includes Team OAM NOW clinics for men and women from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the BTR Park; a race party, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 12, in the Arcadia Brewing Co. in Kalamazoo; and an event in Lawton. For details, visit wmich.edu/btrrace. (Photo courtesy of the WMU Office of Community Outreach)



University's governing board approves promotions for 54 from faculty ranks

The WMU Board of Trustees approved the promotions of 54 faculty members at its June 10 meeting.

Twenty-one faculty members were promoted to the rank of full professor, 22 to associate professor, four to master faculty specialist and seven to faculty specialist II. All of the promotions are effective with the beginning of the 2014-15 academic year.

Promoted to professor were: Onur Arugaslan, finance and commercial law; Johnson A. Asumadu, electrical and computer engineering; Andrea L. Beach, educational leadership, research and technology; Christopher C. Cheatham, human performance and health education; Stephen G. Covell, comparative religion; Charles Emerson, geography; Charles R. Henderson, physics; David Huffman, chemistry; Andrew A. Kline, chemical and paper engineering; Barbara S. Liggett, public affairs and administration; Jane-Jane Lo, mathematics; Jennifer A. Machiorlatti, communication; Edwin A. Martini, history; Angela M. Moe, sociology; Sherine O. Obare, chemistry; Robert A. Peters, public affairs and administration; Carl Ratner, music; Bade Shrestha, mechanical and aerospace engineering; Ola M. Smith,

accountancy; Karen M. VanDeusen, social work; and LouAnn Wurst, anthropology.

Promoted to associate professor were: Mary L. Anderson, counselor education and counseling psychology; Upul B. Attanayake, civil and construction engineering; Lori J. Brown, aviation sciences; Ann Chapleau, occupational therapy; Jacqueline Eng, anthropology; Claudia Fajardo, mechanical and aerospace engineering; Sharon Gill, biological sciences; Ramakrishna Guda, chemistry; Whitney D. Gunter, sociology; Peter A. Gustafson, mechanical and aerospace engineering; Robert L. Harrison, marketing; Denise Keele, political science; Susan E. King-Barry, physician assistant; Carrie C. Leatherman, University Libraries; Adriane Little, art; Dennis P. Metro-Roland, teaching, learning and educational studies; Rajib Paul, statistics; Xiaoyun Shao, civil and construction engineering; Megan Slayter, dance; Vivan I.P. Steemers, world languages and literatures; Andre Venter, chemistry; and Geoffrey R. Whitehurst, aviation sciences.

Promoted to master faculty specialist were: Stephen Hasenick, aviation sciences; Troy Place, industrial and manufacturing

engineering; Philip G. Walcott, physician assistant; and James H. Whittles, aviation sciences.

Promoted to faculty specialist II were: Timothy J. Broadwater, aviation sciences; Cary K. Cekola, speech pathology and audiology; Jennifer Harrison, social work; Jeremy C. Hierholzer, aviation sciences; Sharon L. Peterson, educational leadership, research and technology; Gail Y. Rouscher, aviation sciences; and Brandy A. Skjold, Mallinson Institute.

Obituary



Kanzler

William H. "Bill" Kanzler, emeritus in education and professional development, died May 11. He was 87. Kanzler joined the faculty in 1961 and retired in 1987 after 26 years of service. A memorial gathering will

be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, in the Fountains at Bronson Place, 1700 Bronson Way, in Kalamazoo.

On Campus with Jennifer Halseth



EFFICIENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
(Photo by Deanne Puca)

Jennifer Halseth has been part of a flurry of improvements to the University's accounts payable and travel program since 2012.

Halseth joined the staff just two years ago and manages the University's procurement card program, travel program and accounts payable program. Despite the short time she's been in her position as assistant disbursements manager, her efforts were recognized this academic year when she was nominated for a semiannual Make a Difference Award.

"With the help of an outstanding staff, accounts payable ensures the campus community receives the best customer service and answers to their questions pertaining to payments and reimbursements," she says.

Improvements she's seen at the University include the new accounts payable direct deposit/Automated Clearing House reimbursement process for employees. Halseth says the process speeds up the turnaround of reimbursements to a week compared to the two to four weeks it took under the previous system.

Other recent changes include helping with the implementation of a new and improved travel policy and procedures guide, and transitioning to a new car-rental vendor. Her latest project includes working on a new online travel authorization program as part of a team. The more user-friendly system is expected to roll out in October.

Halseth previously worked as a controller for Checker Motors in Kalamazoo and a small manufacturing company in Vicksburg. She and her husband, Randy, have three children, twin daughters who just graduated from college and a son who graduated from Vicksburg High School this spring.

She enjoys exercising, especially biking, yard work and spending time with her family.

Seita Scholar donations sought

This fall, WMU will welcome its seventh class of students who have aged out of the foster care system, and many of them will arrive without basic items to help make their school year successful.

These Seita Scholars will need essential living and personal health care products. The Seita Scholars program hopes to collect enough new items to provide more than 40 welcome baskets by Friday, Aug. 8.

The former foster youth who qualify for the program will receive the baskets when they move into the residence halls in late August.

A list of items needed, including personal care, school and residence hall supplies and financial assistance, is at wmich.edu/fosteringsuccess/Giving/volunteering.php.

The drop-off site for donated items is Harrison Hall. Receiving dates and times for donations are: Monday, July 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday, July 15, 5 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, July 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, July 31, 5 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, email seita-scholars@wmich.edu.

On the move—Numerous faculty and staff members in the WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine moved into new offices June 13 in the school's renovated and expanded downtown building. Taking part in the move-in were Al Shifflett, engagement manager, and Chrissy Essar, administrative assistant in the pathology department. A grand opening celebration for the new medical school is set for Thursday, Sept. 18. Public tours of the building will be offered Saturday, Sept. 20. For more information about the grand opening and to register for the event, visit <http://med.wmich.edu/celebrate>. Registrations are requested by Monday, Sept. 1. (Photo courtesy of the WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine)



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Zhang Center earns certification as 'green' building

ized facility with energy-intensive requirements for controlling and monitoring temperature, humidity, air quality and lighting."

Among the main environmentally friendly features of the center is a geothermal heating and cooling system. A ground-source geexchange process, it uses the renewable energy from the earth to heat and cool the building by means of heat transfer, lowering the annual operating cost of the building.

In addition, the Zhang Center's HVAC and LED lighting systems will reduce annual energy consumption by an estimated 30 percent compared to traditional systems. This will keep 343 metric tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere each year, an amount equivalent to burning 4.5 tanker trucks worth of gasoline or 1.5 railcars worth of coal.

An underground stormwater retention system, rain gardens and related management systems have reduced and nearly eliminated pollution and contaminants from stormwater runoff around the center. Plus, water-efficient plumbing equipment will result in a 27 percent reduction in potable water and sewage usage, and the area's landscaping has been designed to require 50 percent less irrigation than a standard garden.

Other sustainability features include ensuring that refrigerants would cause minimal damage to the atmosphere and that low-emitting materials, adhesives and sealants were used throughout the building to reduce any adverse effects to indoor air quality.

During construction, 90 percent of all construction waste was reclaimed and recycled. Equally important, of the center's total materials cost, 51 percent represents recycled materials and 57 percent represents regionally extracted and manufactured materials.

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Snyder announces fellows

many with experience in the STEM fields, to work in our urban schools, where they will share their knowledge as well as become an inspiration to young students."

Each fellow will receive a \$30,000 stipend while completing an intensive master's-level teacher education program at a participating Michigan university.

Participating institutions have committed and continue to commit to provide fellows a full year of experience in local classrooms, as well as specific teaching approaches for the STEM fields—a clinically intensive model still rare in university-based teacher preparation.

After their preparation, fellows commit to teach for at least three years in a high-need Michigan school, with ongoing support and mentoring. The fellows to date will have a projected eventual impact on the lives of more than 20,000 students each year.