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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Email migration process continuing

Students who are enrolled in summer I courses had their email migrated from Webmail Plus to W-Exchange beginning May 1. A migration schedule for remaining students and employees is in development.

Updates for the migration project are available at wmich.edu/email/migration. The site includes pre-migration and post-migration checklists. Questions should be directed to the Help Desk at (269) 387-4357, option 1.

Campus donors restock food pantry

The Invisible Need Project committee recently requested donations to the student food pantry, which was running low on stock. The outpouring of support from the University community resulted in more than 1,000 pounds of food donated to the pantry in just one week.

More information about the pantry and other dedicated giving options that benefit WMU students through the Invisible Need Project are detailed at mywmu.com/invisibleneed.

Time to register for leadership academy

Faculty Development's Academic Leadership Academy program is accepting applications through Tuesday, May 31, for the 2016-17 cohort. The academy is open to faculty members and to professional staff at or above the assistant or associate director level.

It is a yearlong learning community in which participants and facilitators meet weekly to explore literature on leadership. Visit wmich.edu/facultydevelopment/programs for details.

APA sets general membership meeting

An Administrative Professional Association general membership meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, in 158-159 Bernhard Center. The meeting will include a presentation on the Valley Dining Center by Judith Gipper. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch.

Attending general membership meetings as well as visiting the organization website at wmich.edu/apa are good ways for non-APA members to check out the organization.

Poker Walk scheduled for May 24

The annual Poker Walk is set for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24. Create a team or walk individually around a two-mile campus course and collect cards along the way for a chance to win prizes. Register online by Monday, May 23, at wmich.edu/rec/pokerwalk.

Cooley golf outing planned for June

The fourth annual Van Cooley Memorial Golf Outing is set for 9 a.m. Thursday, June 30, at the Gull Lake View golf course in Augusta. Registration is open at mywmu.com/cooleygolf.

WMU recognized as Purple Heart University

WMU was recognized April 20 as the first Purple Heart University in Michigan.

Scott E. Wilson, commander of Battle Creek's Chapter 110 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, joined President John M. Dunn in a ceremony to formally confer the Purple Heart title on WMU.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who are wounded in combat. It dates back to 1792 when President George Washington launched the award as the Badge of Military Merit. The Military Order of the Purple Heart, which was chartered by Congress in 1958, awards the Purple Heart University designation to universities for outstanding service to military service members, veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

WMU is being lauded for its "proud tradition of recognizing all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and the University in the armed forces."

"One of the things I'm most proud of is our focus on empowering those who have served their country well," Dunn said in response to the award. "It's not about the University. It's

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Left photo: Wilson, left, and Dunn. **Right photo:** New Purple Heart parking pass. (Photos by Mike Lanka)

Koretsky tapped to lead College of Arts and Sciences

Carla M. Koretsky, geosciences and dean of the Lee Honors College, will become the dean of WMU's College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1.



Koretsky

Koretsky, head of the honors college for the past three years, was appointed to take the helm of the University's largest college following a nationwide search.

Pending approval by the WMU Board of Trustees, she will replace Keith Hearit, who was appointed in early 2015 to serve as interim dean.

"I am delighted that Dr. Koretsky has agreed to step forward and take on this new role," says Provost Timothy J. Greene. "She's shown talent and a real affinity for

leadership as she's shepherded the honors college to record enrollment and new levels of scholarship and accomplishment over the past few years. We look forward to watching her use those same skills in the college that is her academic home."

Koretsky, who has held faculty rank in arts and sciences since her arrival on campus in 2000, says she is "deeply honored" to have been chosen for the position.

"The skills I gained from my own undergraduate education in a liberal arts college have tremendously benefited me throughout my own career as a professional scientist, teacher and administrator," she says. "I am passionate about the value of the liberal arts, and from my many years of experience at WMU, I know very well that we are fortunate to have a truly outstanding College

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Annual fall convocation to feature new format, location

A daylong celebration and collaborative gathering is being planned for WMU's 2016 Fall Convocation, scheduled to take place Friday, Sept. 30.

Members of the campus community are being asked to mark their calendars now and plan to be part of the event that will be based in the Bernhard Center.

This fall's convocation will include a campuswide award ceremony recognizing achievement in teaching, research and service; President John M. Dunn's State of the University address; a Universitywide picnic; a Teaching and Learning Bash; and Assessment in Action and Teaching with Technology conferences.

Fall Convocation has been held in early fall in the Dalton Center Recital Hall each year since 2008. Prior to that, timing for the annual convocation varied. Fall Convocation has traditionally been the time for the president to present an annual address and for the campus community to honor standout faculty and staff members for service, teaching, and research and scholarly achievements.

The new format and day of opportunity this year is the product of a collaboration involving faculty development, academic affairs and the president's office. This year, the University launched a Spring Convocation in February to honor achievements in numerous areas. That event is expected to be repeated each spring going forward.

Around campus and beyond

Health insurance is talk topic

Employees and retirees are invited to attend a presentation on “Using the BCBSM Website” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 13, on campus in 1010 College of Health and Human Services building.

Speaking at the May 13 event will be Melissa Bosak from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Knowledge of the BCBSM website can help employees as well as retirees understand their WMU health care plan and the costs associated with it.

Art exhibit curated by Desmett

The art exhibit “Farewell: Prints from the WMU Gwen Frostic School of Art University Permanent Collection” is on display in the Richmond Center’s Monroe-Brown Gallery through Friday, May 27. It has been curated by center Director of Exhibitions Don Desmett, who is retiring in June after 30 years of work in higher education and the visual arts.

Open-air film screening planned

Join fellow Bronco alumni, family and friends at 9:15 p.m. Friday, May 20, at the debut of “Now Showing...On Prospect Hill,” an open-air event featuring a free, family-friendly movie and snacks.

The first film to be shown on an oversized screen on Heritage Hall’s Grand Lawn will be 1999’s “October Sky.” Enjoy snacks and self-guided tours of Heritage Hall from 8 to 9:15 p.m. For details, visit mywmu.com and click Events.

Lifelong learning classes, trips set

Eighteen enrichment courses and four daylong excursions are being offered this summer by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WMU. Registration for the summer 2016 term is open for members of the Osher Institute and will open Tuesday, May 24, for institute nonmembers. Visit wmich.edu/olli or call (269) 387-4200 for details.

Artist’s work shown around globe

Patricia Villalobos Echeverría, art, has had her work exhibited around the globe during 2015-16. Most recently, her print “18° slide” was part of an SGC International Conference exhibition called “The Island of Enchantment: La Isla del Encanto, Puerto Rico,” and also became part of the Zuckerman Museum of Art collection.



Echeverría

SGC International aims to advance the professional standing of people who make original prints and drawings and to stimulate appreciation of and interest in printmaking, drawing and other graphic media.

Earlier in the year, different pieces of Echeverría’s work were exhibited in the Museo de Bellas Artes in Caracas, Venezuela; at the Eugeniusz Geoppert Academy of Art and Design in Wroclaw, Poland; a gallery in San Salvador, El Salvador; and at Michigan’s Grand Rapids Art Museum as part of an ArtPrize 2014 encore exhibition.

Emeritus honored for lifetime work

Frank Jamison, emeritus in instructional media, earned a 2016 STAR—Sharing Time and Resources—Award from Volunteer Kalamazoo. Jamison received the honor for lifetime achievement.



Jamison

Now in its 31st year, the STAR Awards recognize volunteers and organizations in 14 categories. This year’s awards were presented during an April 20 event sponsored by MLive Media Group and the Kalamazoo Gazette.

“He is a shining example of being true to the community he loves...not by words, but by his actions,” Public Media Network’s Nick Eppinga said of Jamison in an MLive article.

Jamison was nominated for his award by the Public Media Network and Community Promise Federal Credit Union for his work with those and other organizations.

He retired from WMU in 2001 after 32 years. He served as director of media services for many years and managed WMU’s EDUCABLE system, plus was named a network co-founder of SCOLA—Satellite Communications for Learning International.

Economist edits health-related book

Donald J. Meyer, economics, is the editor of a new book published by the Upjohn Press in April. In “The Economics of Health,” Meyer leads a group of notable health economists who explore critical issues—and their economic impacts—facing the nation’s health care system today.



Meyer

They include lifestyle choices and their health impacts, decisions on medical care and self-care, the fee-for-service payment model, disability and workers’ compensation insurance claims, long-term care, and how aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act impact the nation’s health care system.

The book is a product of WMU’s 2011-12 Werner Sichel Lecture Series co-sponsored by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Service-March

The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during March.

40 Years—Diana K. Allen, building custodial and support services.

35 Years—Tobias J. Boyle, information technology, and Lisa K. Hotchkiss, Residence Life.

30 Years—Patricia A. Moore, maintenance services, and Elizabeth Richardson, multicultural affairs.

25 Years—Carol L.J. Hustoles, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel; Stephen L. Kettner, information technology; and John Parks, telecommunications.

20 Years—Deveta R. Gardner, Career and Student Employment Services; Suzette A. Kohlert, Sincuse Health Center; Shannon A. Rininger, Miller Auditorium; and Anthony Craig Velez, maintenance services.

15 Years—Connie Black-Pond, social work; Audrey K. King, Bernhard Center

Dining Services; and Shellie Mosher, grants and contracts.

10 Years—Megan L. Anderson, admissions; Bonnie K. Ayers, student financial aid and scholarships; Christine A. Dingman, WMU-Grand Rapids; Joyce Lavarne Dixon, student financial aid and scholarships; Adam Christopher Newsted, information technology; and David J. Wright, Bernhard Center.

Five Years—Kevin S. Bridges, power plant; Julie A. Ford, art; Kayla Anne Gargano, vice president for legal affairs’ office; Todd T. Gerry, Fetzer Center; Kim A. Hunt, College of Arts and Sciences; Amber Lynn Hutson, psychology; Geraldine Rinna, University Libraries; Gretchen Elizabeth Smiley, Burnham Dining Service; Kenneth W. Taylor, Fetzer Center; Shawn L. Tenney, Center for Academic Success Programs; Deanna C. Welter, Center for Academic Success Programs; Heather Lauren White, Mallinson Institute for Science Education; Karla E. Willmann, management; and Cathie M. Wilson, mathematics.

Receptions

Gwen Thomas, College of Health and Human Services advising, will be recognized for her 19 years of service to the University during a retirement reception from 4 to 6 p.m. today, in 4010 College of Health and Human Services Building.

Christopher Tremblay, associate provost for enrollment management, will be recognized at a going-away reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, in 2100 Seibert Administration Building. There will be a brief program at 5:15 p.m.

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.

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Research shows virtual, blended schools continue to struggle

Full-time online schools and blended learning schools show outcomes that are consistently below traditional public schools, reports a study co-authored by a WMU researcher.

Gary Miron, educational leadership, research and technology, wrote the study along with Charisse Gulosino from the University of Memphis.

“Virtual Schools Report 2016: Directory and Performance Review” was released by the National Education Policy Center, whose mission is to produce and disseminate high-quality, peer-reviewed research to in-

form education policy discussions that are based on sound evidence.

Full-time virtual schools deliver all curriculum and instruction via the Internet and electronic communication. Blended schools, combine traditional face-to-face instruction in classrooms with virtual instruction.

“Although increasing numbers of parents and students are choosing virtual or blended schools, relatively little is known about the inner workings of these schools,” the authors write in the report’s executive summary.

And while school performance measures for both virtual and blended schools show they are not as successful as traditional public schools, Miron notes that their enrollment growth has continued.

“Large private education management organizations dominate the full-time virtual sector and they are increasing their

market share in the blended school sector,” Miron says, adding that growth has been assisted by vigorous advertising campaigns, corporate lobbying and favorable legislation.

The authors recommend that, given the rapid growth of virtual and blended schools and their relatively poor performance, policymakers should slow or stop their growth until the reasons for their performance have been addressed.

They also suggest increasing oversight and regulations to require the private operators to devote more of the public resources they receive to instructional costs.

For more information or a copy of the study, visit bit.ly/1N14sW7.



Miron

Help select top staffers

Members of the WMU community have through Tuesday, May 31, to help decide which of 23 staff members will earn WMU’s 2016 Make a Difference Annual Award.

The prestigious honor is reserved for the most outstanding employees. Visit wmich.edu/makeadifference/candidates for a list of the 23 staffers in the running for this year’s annual award and a link for submitting additional supporting information.

A selection committee composed of representatives from each of the employee groups eligible for the award will select the winners. The committee will review new information submitted for the candidates, as well as the candidates’ previously submitted semiannual nomination material.

Any additional information submitted should be written so the candidate remains anonymous, and it should include specific examples of how the candidate has demonstrated dedication to outstanding service.

Submit additional information to the selection committee in care of Human Resources via a memo to mail stop 5217, email message to make-a-difference@wmich.edu, fax sent to (269) 387-3441 or online information submission form available at wmich.edu/makeadifference/candidates.

WMU represented on UN international education panel

Two officials from the University were invited to United Nations headquarters in New York City May 6 to speak during a session on educational opportunities for young people in the Arab world.

John M. Dunn, president, and Wolfgang Schlör, associate provost for the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, were part of panels developed around the recent “Arab Knowledge Index,” released by the United Nations Development Programme in the Arab States last December in Dubai. The pair were joined by panel moderator Essam Heggy, geosciences, an Egyptian-French-American space scientist who has ties to NASA.

Schlör took part in a panel discussion on the implications of the Arab Knowledge Index for reform and innovation in the



Dunn



Schlör



Heggy

Arab world. Dunn took part in a second panel on education in the Arab world used as a pathway to tolerance, peace and youth development.

WMU has actively recruited students in the Arab world for decades. About a third of the University’s current international student population of nearly 1,900 comes from the 22 nations that make up the Arab world. WMU’s largest number of Arab students come from Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Exchange

For rent—Home in Westwood neighborhood. Three bedrooms, large enclosed sunroom, one bath, central air, washer and dryer. One-year lease. Cost: \$1,000 per month plus utilities and deposit. Contact: (269) 873-9099.

GREAT GIVERS—At the April 18 celebration of progress to date in the Broncos4Broncos Campus Campaign, attendees learned that the dance department won the \$250 incentive check from Meemic Insurance to donate to the scholarship or fund of its choice. Nina Nelson, dance, accepted the check from Meemic Insurance’s Marcus Gleaton. The department reached a 166 percent participation level because so many of its temporary and part-time employees donated to the campaign. WMU employees have until Thursday, June 30, to make a gift at mywmu.com/broncos4broncos yet this fiscal year. (Photo courtesy of development and alumni relations)



Obituaries—wmich.edu/news/obituaries

Robert “Rob” E. Fedorchak, a former millwright/maintenance mechanic in maintenance services, died April 14. He was 69. Fedorchak joined the staff in 1989 and retired in 2010 after 21 years of service.

Sophia J. Marvin, a former data operator, died April 9. She was 94. Marvin joined the staff in 1973 and retired in 1983 after 10 years of service.



Miller

Paule Miller, emeritus in languages and linguistics, died May 1. She was 91. Miller joined the faculty in 1961 to teach French and retired in 1992 after 31 years of service. A celebration of Miller’s life will be held

from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 3, in Kalamazoo. Details will be announced online at ryanfuneralservice.com.



Mortimore

Doretha E. (Corey) Mortimore, a former Annual Fund director, died March 20. She was 73. Mortimore joined the staff in 1972 and resigned in 1989 to take a development post at Michigan State University after 17 years of service to WMU. Survivors include her husband, Fredic J. Mortimore, emeritus in public affairs and administration.

Eleanor R. Samson, a former cashier in the WMU Bookstore, died April 11. She was 93. Samson, joined the staff in 1977

and retired in 1996 after 19 years of service.



Smith

Robert L. Smith, emeritus in communication, died April 11. He was 82. Smith joined the faculty in 1964 and retired in 1996 after almost 32 years of service. Survivors include his wife, Carol Payne Smith, emeritus in teaching, learning and leadership.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Robert L. and Carol Payne Smith Opera Enrichment Fund or Jennifer, Katherine, Karen and Megan Smith Music and Theatre Students’ Academic and Artistic Emergency/Special Projects Needs Fund administered by the WMU Foundation.

On Campus with Dillon Dolby



FULL-CIRCLE CONNECTION
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Dillon Dolby joined the WMU staff in June 2015 as a part-time employee, but he has grown up at the University and worked here for three years while a student.

Dolby, an administrative assistant I at the WMU-Lansing regional location, is the son of Linda Walker, executive assistant in Extended University Programs. He majored in gender and women's studies and graduated in May 2015, then saw the posting for his current job.

"During summers, I went to the Children's Place Learning Center and its camps, so I was on the main campus a lot," he says of his childhood. "I've seen the bowling alley become Textbook Alley and old Sangren become new Sangren. I've gone from day care kid to undergraduate to professional employee, so I've come full circle."

As a student, Dolby worked in electrical and computer engineering for three years and also spent some of that time working for EUP. This experience helped him land the job he has now, as did his knowledge of EUP's university studies major—his first major.

WMU-Lansing is located in Lansing Community College's University Center building. Dolby primarily assists the regional location's assistant director with recruiting and enrollment management. He makes sure faculty members have what they need for their classes and handles office duties, such as maintaining student records and issuing travel reimbursements to faculty. He also serves as a liaison with WMU's academic departments and other regional locations, as well as the University Center's other tenants.

"EUP is great. It's a huge resource for anyone who wants to get a degree from Western. We offer the same Western brand and have a wide range of programs throughout the state and online. But each of our seven regional locations tailors its programs based on their locations' needs. If Western in Kalamazoo is a constraint for you, there are a lot of other options," Dolby says.

"People can come to us first whether they want to transfer to WMU or enroll in a regional center program. All of the regional locations offer the same services—Bronco IDs, I-9s, financial aid information. We're kind of like the home base so students don't have to go to main campus every time they need something or have a question."

When not on the job, Dolby likes to stay active. He's currently teaching English as a second language through an AmeriCorps program at Peckham Inc., a nonprofit vocational rehabilitation organization that works primarily with refugees and people with disabilities. He also enjoys visiting family members and friends in the Lansing area, spending time with his dog and taking advantage of Lansing's city life.

Staffer continues efforts to fight Huntington's disease

Amy Mack, Children's Trauma Assessment Center, pushes off Friday, May 20, in Bike Ride for the Cure 2016.

Mack will pedal her mountain bike more than 400 miles from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. She will finish her journey Thursday, June 2, in Baltimore, site of the Huntington's Disease Society of America National Convention.

Huntington's is a degenerative, genetic, neurological disorder that has no known cure. It slowly diminishes a person's ability to walk, talk and reason, and sufferers eventually become totally dependent on others. In short,

it affects every aspect of their lives.

Mack has a family member with the disease. Her previous fundraising efforts have included helping to organize a local enduro car race and riding her bike from Portland, Maine, to Daytona Beach, Florida.

To donate, go to hdsa.org/bike2cure. For more information, contact Deb Boyd at (269) 629-5452 or dboyd@hdsa.org.



LBGT giving day is May 19

WMU hopes to raise significant funds for student scholarships and internships through its participation Thursday, May 19, in national Give OUT Day.

This is WMU's first time joining the national day of giving for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organizations.

"We hope that the LBGT and ally community will support the great work being done here at WMU and continue to support our students through this campaign," says Jen Hsu, LBGT student services.

Give OUT Day is a national, 24-hour online fundraiser that began in 2013 and supports the LBGT and queer community.

To learn more about the University's participation or donate, visit mywmu.com/GiveOutDay.

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about people coming together to do the right thing and ensuring our veterans feel honored and valued."

Also during the ceremony, Timothy Unangst, public safety, unveiled a special Purple Heart campus parking permit available to Purple Heart veterans who are students or members of the faculty and staff.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is supporting distribution of the permits to eligible individuals. For details, contact Unangst at (269) 387-4607 or Joyce Busch, military and veterans affairs, at (269) 387-0742.

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of Arts and Sciences. I look forward to working with the talented and passionate staff, students, faculty and friends of the college to promote continued excellence in teaching, scholarship and service to our broader community."

Koretsky has served on the environmental and sustainability studies faculty as well as the geosciences faculty. She helped to es-

tablish a new interdisciplinary geochemistry major, received WMU's Emerging Scholar Award, and been associate chair of geosciences and the geosciences graduate advisor.

An active researcher, she focuses on aqueous geochemistry and biogeochemistry, seeking to integrate field, laboratory and modeling studies of mineral-water-biological interactions near the earth's surface.