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• WMU Stryker School of Medicine
  - Status--success, successful first class, successful partnerships in community
  - Future--larger class next year, research initiatives, building out final two floors of downtown facility for research.

• WMU Cooley
  - minor approved and will be offered beginning in fall 2015
  - accelerated law degree
  - First-year law on campus in fall 2015
  - unlimited potential-no discipline without a legal facet

• Law and medicine part of every great university. We have those programs now.

• LBGTA Career Mentorship Program

The Career Mentor Program helps LBGTA students bridge the gap between college life and the workplace. Those students may face many barriers as they enter the workforce following graduation based on their perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity. The program aims to provide undergraduate students with opportunities to connect with mentors in a safe, welcoming, and accepting environment.

Students in the program connect with and be mentored by a working professional who is also LBGTA identified. The program offers opportunities such as job shadowing, résumé building and networking opportunities.
That award-winning mentoring program is just one of the qualities that make WMU a standout as an inclusive campus. Coming up on March 19, WMU will participate in the first-ever, nationwide online Campus Pride National LGBTQ-Friendly College Fair. It will feature information about campuses with LGBT-friendly campuses and admissions environment.

**Most affordable ecofriendly school**

In October Western Michigan University has been named one of the nation's top 50 most affordable, eco-friendly colleges by BestChoiceSchools.com.

Coming in at No. 13 on the list of affordable schools that are "recognized leaders in energy conservation and sustainability," WMU is the top-placing college in Michigan. Rankings by the higher education website are based on broad recognition for sustainability efforts and annual tuition and fees or cost of attendance of less than $25,000.

More than 300 environmentally conscious schools were considered for the ranking, The 50 schools selected, editors said, "have all been formally recognized for superior levels of sustainability and commitment to the green movement."

In December, WMU also was named the U.S. Green Building Council's top green school in the higher education category.

**Lewis Walker Institute**

Founded as the Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations in 1989, renamed for Dr. Lewis Walker, emeritus professor of sociology, in 2006.
Research, service and education are the areas of focus. Emphasis on both campus
diversity and community engagement through dialogue, adult literacy, summer
reading programs. sports instruction as a vehicle to reach out to youth, higher
education awareness (promoting the Promise.

• Other topics--Opportunity university, access, economic development, student
  job placement and internship rates eg.

  -Within three months of graduation 89 percent of our students are engaged
  in the next steps of their professional lives--jobs, graduate school, military service,
  etc.

  -Our students find jobs in their fields of study. Our students' median starting
  salaries are in the $45,000 to $50,000 range.