Board of Trustees meeting scheduled  
The WMU Board of Trustees will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, in the Bernhard Center. The agenda and room location will be announced closer to the meeting date.

Still time to make award nominations  
Nominations for the 2017-18 Emerging Scholar, Distinguished Teaching and Distinguished Service awards are due Friday, March 31. The WMU community is invited to nominate eligible faculty and staff members for these Universitywide awards. Award eligibility, criteria and nomination guidelines are available on the Office of Faculty Development website at wmich.edu/facultydevelopment/awards.

Beware of more campus email scams  
A scam email is hitting inboxes on campus. It states that it is from the Web Mail Account team, and it contains two links. This is a phishing attempt. Do not click the links. Delete those messages if they make it into your inbox. Direct questions to the Help Desk at (269) 387-4357, option 1.

Free photo sessions set for employees  
Faculty and staff members may have their official University photos taken between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, March 10, in Walwood Hall’s Heiling Emeriti Lounge. No appointment is required. Employees may request electronic copies for personal use and for use in directory listings on wmich.edu. Direct questions to Sue Beougher at sue.beougher@wmich.edu or (269) 387-5842. For more photography information, visit wmich.edu/universityrelations/photography.

Engagement surveys start soon  
This year, WMU is participating in the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement, a national research project that studies faculty perspectives on student engagement. Between March 21 and April 16, faculty members may be asked by Indiana University-Bloomington, the administrator of this project in partnership with WMU, to participate in a brief survey. The questionnaire collects information through anonymous online responses and takes only 15 minutes to complete. The input provided will help identify areas of strength at WMU, as well as aspects of the undergraduate experience that may need attention. Direct questions to Karen Stokes Chapo at karen.stokeschapo@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3867. Faculty and staff members also are asked to encourage first-year and undergraduate senior students to complete the National Survey of Student Engagement. Students should receive an invitation to complete this survey through their W-Exchange accounts Monday, March 13.

WMU hailed as top U.S. Fulbright producer  
The University is one of the nation’s top producers of U.S. Fulbright Scholars, according to the U.S. Department of State’s annual ranking of its flagship program, which was just published by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

With six WMU Fulbright Scholars awarded grants for 2016-17, the University is tied in 10th place as a top producer among the nation’s research universities, bit.ly/2JljxnP. The report was compiled by the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

“It’s especially meaningful right now to be acknowledged for our success in producing Fulbright scholars,” says WMU President John M. Dunn. “Global engagement has been central to this University’s identity for decades, and at the same time our faculty members are active internationally, we have been able to record numbers of Fulbright students from other nations. As a campus and community, we’re enjoying the best of both worlds.”

Wolfgang Schlor and Jane E. Blyth, associate provost and executive director, respectively, of the Harrisเกนเก Institute for Global Education, attended a Fulbright reception in Washington, D.C., Feb. 21 honoring top Fulbright colleges and universities.

WMU’s units with Fulbright Scholars for the 2016-17 year and their areas of focus include:

• Political science—James Butterfield, Vietnam in its global contest;
• Mathematics—Jon Davis, ethnomathematics and South Africa’s centralized educational systems;
• Chemistry—David Huffman, innate immune response, Denmark;
• Economics—James Hueng, economic reforms in China;
• Art—emeritus Albert LaVergne, sculpture in Nigeria, and
• Career and Student Employment Services—Lynn Kelly Albertson, German-American Fulbright Commission.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program operates in more than 125 countries throughout the world. Since its inception in 1946, it has provided more than 370,000 participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential—with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 1,100 U.S. college and university professors participate in the program each year.

Professor wins prestigious Japanese literary prize  
Jeffrey Angles, world languages and literatures, was honored during a formal ceremony in Tokyo Feb. 17 as the 2017 winner of the prestigious Yomiuri Prize for Literature in poetry. Angles won the prize—comparable to America’s Pulitzer Prize—for his book of Japanese-language poetry “Watashino nobizakehonen” (“My International Date Line”), which was published by Shichonha in 2016.

The Yomiuri Prize for Literature, now in its 68th year, is given out in six categories annually: poetry, fiction, playwriting, criticism/biography, essays, and research/translation. All books published in the previous calendar year are considered for the award. Angles’ book was, in the eyes of the judges, the best book of poetry published in Japan in 2016.

“This book of poetry taught me that there are special territories that only people who have two languages embedded deeply within themselves can reach,” said Natsuki Ikezawa, a prominent Japanese novelist and one of the judges for the award, of Angles’ book.

The Yomiuri Prize began in 1949, and like the Pulitzer Prize, is sponsored by a best-selling newspaper, Japan’s Yomiuri Shimbun, which has a circulation of 9 million. Yomiuri winners receive a cash prize and an inkstone, an item that is used in East Asia when writing with a brush. For that reason, the inkstone has come to symbolize the art of writing. Angles is only one of a handful of non-native speakers ever to win the award, a fact due in large part to the difficulty of mastering the Japanese language. He is the first American ever to win in the poetry category, and his win has led to a great deal of attention.

Announcement of the award drove many writers and commentators to note on social media that the judge’s decision to give the award to Angles for his first book in Japanese was unprecedented.

“I couldn’t be more astounded of all this,” Angles says. “This prize is usually reserved for extremely well-established writers. The list of past winners is like a who’s-who in the world of Japanese literature.”

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Concerts abound for music lovers

The music department has numerous concerts slated during the next couple of weeks, some as part of its annual spring festivals. Many of the events are free and all are listed on the Universitywide Events Calendar at wmiich.edu/news/events.

They include a free performance by the University Chorale Saturday, Feb. 25; Western Invitational Jazz Festival opening and closing concerts Friday, March 10; and Saturday, March 11; and the free concert highlighting the 79th annual Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival Thursday, March 16.

Hundreds of sixth-graders to visit WMU

 WMU is again gearing up to welcome local middle school students to campus for a day to participate in free activities through Bronco BUDS—Building Unique Dynamic Students. The program, now in its eighth year, begins Thursday, March 16, and continues into April.

It is a partnership between WMU and the Kalamazoo Public Schools to bring all sixth-grade students to campus for a day to get a firsthand look at college life and the opportunities available with a college education. More than 1,000 sixth-graders are expected to participate this year.

Faculty, staff members to discuss student success at summit

Broncos FIRST invites WMU administra tors and faculty and staff members to attend its 2017 Student Success Summit from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 2, in the Bernhard Center’s South Ballroom.

It is being sponsored by Broncos FIRST and the Center for Research on Instructional Change in Postsecondary Education. Space is limited, so those planning to attend should RSVP by Friday, March 3, at wapps.wmich.edu/workshops.

A free workshop, the summit expands upon concrete action items discussed at the Fall Student Success Summit to improve student success at WMU. Susan Dynaski, a professor at the University of Michigan and a senior economic studies fellow at the Brookings Institution, will present a keynote talk on “Is College Still Worth It?”

Attendees will be able to connect with colleagues from across the University and contribute their input through small- and large-group discussions facilitated by the Broncos FIRST team. There also will be a presentation from student financial aid and scholarship’s new unit, Financial Literacy Educational Planning and Outreach.

For more information, go to the Broncos First Link on the Center for Research on Instructional Change website at wmich.edu/changereach.

Endowed scholarship honors emeritus professor

The timing of the farewell reception for Wolfgang Schlör, Haenicke Institute, has been changed from that reported in the previous issue of Western News. The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the Bernhard Center’s Bronco Global Lounge.

For rent—Remodeled 1,200-square-foot bungalow in Westwood. Ten-minute walk to main campus. Three bedrooms, one bathroom, refinished original hardwood floors, all new kitchen and stainless steel appliances, washer and dryer in basement, fenced-in backyard. Available now. Cost: $1,150 per month plus utilities. Contact: Alice at (904) 614-2598.

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.
Sports media students getting real-world experience with ESPN3

WMU, Fleck to share ‘Boat’ legacy

“Row the Boat,” the mantra that became the catch phrase for WMU football success, will become the legal intellectual property of former Head Coach P.J. Fleck. WMU retains the right to use “Row the Boat” in its activities for youth both on campus and throughout the state. The office, housed in Ellsworth Hall, is administered by the Office of Enrollment Management and was formally established in August when Erik Carr was hired as its director.

WMU has created an Office of Precollege Programming to direct the University’s educational, outreach and extracurricular activities for youth both on campus and throughout the state.

New precollege programs office is up and running

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

30 Years—Trent Dunathan, Logistical Services; Tonia L. Hudson, building custodial and support services; Louise Ollie, building custodial and support services; and Darlene R. Zackery, building custodial and support services.

25 Years—John A. Brown, College of Health and Human Services, and Rebecca S. Popp, Valley Dining Center.

20 Years—Sylvia Cotton, building custodial and support services; Todd F. Ebenstein, maintenance services; Joanne M. Hamilton, Center for Fostering Success; Dennis L. Moore, maintenance services; and Donald T. Stemaly, power plant.

15 Years—Dorothy H. Fancher, Disability Services for Students.

10 Years—William Adams, building custodial and support services; Mary E. Fassburg, civil and construction engineering; Sally Jo Horton, building custodial and support services; Keith Lottme Hurt, construction; Pavlina Ivanova, building custodial and support services; and Venn Slater, building custodial and support services.

5 Years—Alexia N. Alexander, student financial aid and scholarships; Johannah W. Buiskirk, building custodial and support services; Kurt R. Letterman, building custodial and support services; Gwen Ann Little, information technology; Katia Marie Miller, building custodial and support services; Troy A. Moratti, public safety; Jane Louise Westra, Haworth College of Business; and Sean B. Williams, Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

Obituary—wmich.edu/news/obituaries

Chrysa Richards will be remembered during a celebration of her life at noon Saturday, March 18, at Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens in Palos Heights, Illinois. As previously reported, Richards was a retired secretary who died Jan. 8 at age 58.

‘Boat’ legacy

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The faculty and staff members are recognized for their years of service.
Variety of exciting camps offered on campus this summer for young people

Registration is underway for WMU’s summer camps for students in preschool, high school and beyond. They cover a wide variety of interests during June, July and August. Whether it’s aviation, athletics, art, music, entrepreneurship, archaeology, finance or writing, WMU faculty and staff members as well as community members are heading up programs to provide fun and educational experiences for learners of all ages.

A listing of all camps, with new items added as information becomes available, can be found at wmich.edu/admissions/camps. Some scholarships are available. Check with specific camps for more information.

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Professor wins prestigious Japanese literary prize

Angles says the book was published in December, but it has sold well enough that it is already going into a second edition.

Angles has been a faculty member at WMU since 2004. He has been interested in the Japanese language since he first traveled to that nation as a 15-year-old.

He says he has loved poetry, and Japanese poetry in particular, for many years, but his interactions with the Japanese poetry world – negotiating the differences between two widely differing languages and cultures, his experiences with his family, and his memories of his childhood in Ohio – contributed to his fascination with the language.

Included this year are several long-running programs, such as those on writing, reading, science, computers and Japanese culture offered by the Academically Talented Youth Program; 12 themed weeks for preschool and elementary students at the Children’s Place Learning Center; writing and reading at the McGinnis Reading Center; and intensive performance instruction through SEMINAR at the School of Music.

In addition, sports camps offered through Bronco athletics and the West Hills Athletic Club are again planned. Also continuing this year are camps for young people interested in entrepreneurship and on how to be financially savvy, as well as camps where youths, teachers and older adults can do hands-on archaeology excavations at the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project.

Among the most popular summer options is the Campus Kids Summer Program offered by WMU’s Children’s Place Learning Center. This year’s program will run from June 12 to Sept. 1, and each week will feature a different theme with special-interest topics. It is open to children who have completed kindergarten, up to age 12. Participants will be able to learn about music, food and cultures from around the world; engage in the arts; become the next Top U.S. Fulbright producer

administrators and faculty, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars, and professionals are awarded Fulbright grants annually to teach and/or conduct research.

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