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 Heining 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/2JijxMP. 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 Haenicke Institute for Global Education, attended a Fulbright reception in Washington, D.C., Feb. 21 honoring top Fulbright colleges and universities.

WMU 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 Niger; 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

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 “Watashi no hizohkeno senri” (“My International Date Line”), which was published by ShishoNo 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 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 Natsumi 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 act 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 by all of 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
Brookings Institution, will present a keynote and a senior economic studies fellow at the 2017 Spring Student Success Summit from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 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 its 2017 Spring Student Success Summit from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 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.

The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the Bernhard Center’s Bronco Global Lounge.

Exchange
For rent—Remodeled 1,200-square-foot bungalow in Westwood. Ten-minute walk to main campus. Three bedrooms, one bathroom, refurbished 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.

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.
Sports media students getting real-world experience with ESPN3

Students in the communication school’s new Sports Media course are gaining hands-on experience in live broadcasting under the tutelage of Wade Cutler.

Working with intercollegiate athletics’ Bronco Productions—a combination of ESPN3’s in-house productions—Cutler’s class recently had the opportunity to produce a streaming broadcast of a men’s basketball game on ESPN3.

The course, begun in fall 2016, takes advantage of a partnership with that network in which students are given the chance to develop several Bronco athletic events for live streaming, based on ESPN’s deal to cover Mid-American Conference athletic events on its family of networks.

Athletics has invested in a state-of-the-art production trailer that houses a broadcast equipment control room, and Bronco Productions will be broadcasting more than 30 men’s and women’s basketball games and other events.

Students in the class learn the skills associated with producing live sports TV. As they show they are ready to advance, they can move into some of ESPN3’s production roles.

Cutler has done live sports production work with organizations such as ESPN and ABC, CBS and NBC Sports. In addition to teaching the fundamental instruction of sports broadcasting, he also helps students gain a deeper understanding of how to meet network expectations in the growing field.

“The benefit to our students is the experience of working with the latest broadcast equipment and the ability to include ESPN3’s production roles,” Cutler says. "Our students are gaining so much ‘real world’ experience that I’m confident they’ll have no problems getting a job in this industry. It’s my goal as an instructor to make ESPN look at WMU as the premier MAC school for this type of educational training, and the exposure for our athletes on national television is exciting as well.”

New precollege programs office is up and running

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.

The office, housed in Ellsworth Hall, is administered by the Office of Enrollment Management and was formally established in August when Erika Carr was hired as its director.

The new office brings together several longstanding programs for middle and high school students, some of which Carr has managed for many years, as well as coordinates dual enrollment and comprehensive outreach services.

Another primary responsibility is providing leadership and direction for other individuals, programs and units involved with precollege students, especially when it comes to policies and procedures that concern minors on campus.

Falling under the Office of Precollege Programming are the Academically Talented Youth Program, or ATYP; Michigan’s Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, or MI GEAR UP; Upward Bound; Campus Compact; and WMU outreach services in the Metro Detroit area.

By combining these various programs, the office hopes to maximize the engagement and enrollment of precollege students while modeling best practices in the field of college access and serving as a campuswide resource and support system.

The office’s website is available at wmich.edu/precollege. A large precollege program database is being created, so all employees and units doing youth outreach are asked to register their programs, services and events at wmich.edu/precollege/program-registration.

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.
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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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 have been widely differing languages and cultures, his experiences with his family, and his memories of his childhood in Ohio.

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. Parents may sign children up by the week or for the entire summer. Enrollment is limited, so those interested are urged to register early while space is available.

Participants will be able to learn about music, food and cultures from around the world; engage in the arts; become the next Children’s Place Idol; and more. A full list of all 12 weekly themes and their associated costs is available at wmich.edu/childcare/programs/campuskids. Children’s Place offers child care and other services. Visit wmich.edu/childcare for details.

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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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