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For and about WMU faculty and staff

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 Heinig 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) 387-8402. 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/2l1xmP. 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 host to record numbers of Fulbright students from other nations. As a campus and community, we're enjoying the best of both worlds."

Wolfgang Schlör and Jane E. Blyth, associate provost and executive director, respec-

tively, of the Haenicke 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 system;
- 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

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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 hizukehenkōsen" ("My International Date Line"), which was published by Shichōsha 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 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."



Angles and his award-winning book (Photo by Mike Lanka)

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Around campus and beyond

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 wmich.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 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.

Talk to focus on studying liberal arts

Kristopher Phillips from Southern Utah University will present a talk titled “Do We Have a Moral Obligation to Study the Liberal Arts?” at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in 213 Bernhard Center. Although some degree programs draw the ire of politicians and are the butt of jokes, Phillips argues that the focus on practicality is not merely misguided, but immoral.

Registration open for 5K walk/run

Registration is open for a memorial 5K walk/run from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1, in honor of an alumnus who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan. Capt. Drew Russell earned his Army commission through WMU’s ROTC program and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal. All proceeds from the walk/run will go toward an endowed scholarship in his honor. Registration is \$15 and may be done in advance at <http://bit.ly/2mlKkeh>.

Faculty, staff members to discuss student success at summit

Broncos FIRST invites WMU administrators and faculty and staff members to attend 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.

A free workshop, the summit expands upon concrete action items discussed at the Fall Student Success Summit to improve student success at WMU. Susan Dynarski, 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 in Postsecondary Education website at wmich.edu/changeresearch.

Farewell reception

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.

Exchange

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.

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.

Professor receives technology honor

Robert Bensley, interdisciplinary health programs, has received the 2017 Society for Public Health Education Technology Award. Bensley will receive the honor Friday, March 31, during the Society for Public Health Education’s 68th annual conference in Denver.



Bensley

The award recognizes individuals or groups that have distinguished themselves by applying innovative, noncommercial technology in health education. This year’s award selection committee felt Bensley’s work in innovative technology-based solutions for the purpose of delivering health education and health behavior change strategies was particularly worthy of receiving the technology award.

SOPHE is an independent professional association that promotes healthy behaviors, healthy communities and healthy environments.

Educator earns leadership award

Wanda Hadley, educational leadership, research and technology, has been selected to receive the 2017 American College



Hadley

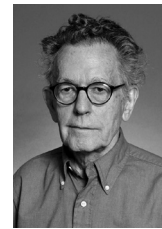
Personnel Association’s Disability Leadership Award for her research and scholarship on students with disabilities in higher education.

The award will be presented during ACPA’s annual conference Sunday through Wednesday, March 26-29, in Columbus, Ohio. Hadley is an active member of ACPA’s Coalition for (Dis)ability who, through the lens of student development theory, researches the academic issues first-year students with learning disabilities experience in their transition to college.

In the past few months, she presented a national webinar on that subject and was invited to serve on the board of the Michigan Career and Technical Institute, a vocational training college in Plainwell, Michigan, for students with disabilities.

Endowed scholarship honors emeritus

Jack Michael, emeritus in psychology, is being honored through an endowed scholarship fund. The Dr. Jack Michael Endowment Fund serves as a tribute to Michael’s



Michael

influential legacy in the field of behavior analysis.

The fund will support psychology doctoral students and external mentors from around the globe who can advise them in a way that is consistent with Michael’s work in applied research and conceptual training.

It was launched with the help of a committee consisting of Vincent Carbone, chief executive officer of New York’s Carbone Clinic; John and Barbara Esch, WMU alumni; and the psychology department’s Professor Alyce Dickinson and Chair Stephanie Peterson. A lead gift from Dickinson has paved the way toward the goal of raising \$1.5 million for the endowment over five years. To make a gift or obtain more information, visit mywmu.com/jackmichaelfund.

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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 and 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



Cutler, front, worked in the control room during the live-streamed basketball game. (Photo by Mike Lanka)

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.

Recent conversations have led to an agreement in which Fleck will legally assume ownership of the phrase, which is highly personal to him and his family, and be able to use or transfer it at will.

In part to honor Bronco football accomplishments and his time with the team, Fleck will make a yearly gift of \$10,000 to support a Fleck Family Football Scholarship to be awarded to a Bronco player. WMU retains the right to use "Row the Boat" in its football materials and displays, recognizing and celebrating Fleck's tenure and teams.

work experience on their resumes," 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.



Carr

The new office brings together long-standing 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.

HOMERUN FOR DEPARTMENT

Calling it a homerun for the department, military science and leadership staged its 67th annual Military Ball Feb. 18 in the Radisson Plaza Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo. Some 350 people, including WMU ROTC cadets and guests, attended the social event. The evening's guest speaker was former pitching standout, Curt Schilling, who won a World Series game with three different franchises and now spends much of his time fundraising for veterans groups and to combat ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Other VIP in attendance included Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell and WMU's Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas Edmonds, finance and commercial law, and Retired Army Brig. Gen. Daniel Litynski, research. Schilling, center, received a shadow box from the department's Lt. Col. Andrew "Jack" Morgan, left, chair, and Master Sgt. Robert Ryder, right, instructor. It included military patches donated by WMU faculty who have served overseas and an American flag that flew over Afghanistan. Schilling was invited to the event by Capt. Charles Solaita, military science and leadership, with whom he has remained friends since Solaita escorted him to various outlying outposts and patrol bases in the Middle East in 2008. (Photo by Mike Lanka)



Service anniversaries

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

30 Years—Teri Dunithan, 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 P. Eberstein, maintenance services; Jeannine 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.

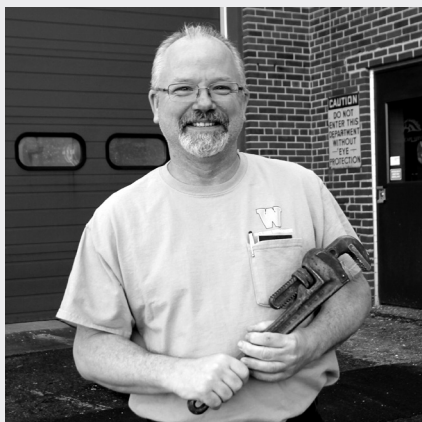
10 Years—William Adams, building custodial and support services; Mary E. Fosburg, civil and construction engineering; Sally Jo Horton, building custodial and support services; Keith Lorne Hurt, construction; Pavlina Ivanova, building custodial and support services; and Vern Slater, building custodial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

Five Years—Alexia N. Alexander, student financial aid and scholarships; Johnathan W. Buskirk, building custodial and support services; Kurtis R. Letterman, building custodial and support services; Gwen Ann Little, information technology; Karisa 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.

On Campus with Greg Youtzy



RACING AROUND
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

"I've seen a drinking fountain broken in half with water spraying out everywhere—how'd they do that," Greg Youtzy asks, scratching his head.

Youtzy, one of two plumbers in Shop IV of maintenance services, has seen quite a bit since joining the staff seven years ago. Even though his region doesn't include residence halls, it does cover all of WMU's athletic facilities as well as some of the highest-traffic buildings on campus.

They include the Health and Human Services Building, Heritage Hall, Sangren Hall, the Siebert Administration Building, the Student Recreation Center, and Waldo Library. The region also handles repairs at less-visible facilities, such as the "Antenna Farm."

Youtzy spends much of his time dealing with plumbing issues in bathrooms and break rooms, but frequently finds himself doing maintenance "in the bellies of buildings, where all of the things that keep buildings operating day to day are housed." He works on pumps, water softeners, air compressors and other equipment, as well as assists his shop co-workers as needed.

"The community that we have here in our shop is such that if someone needs a hand, we go give them a hand. What I enjoy the most is communicating and interacting with others," Youtzy says, adding that he's just a people person. "I like to stay busy, and the students can keep us plenty busy. Ultimately, it's about making sure the kids who come here have what they need."

Youtzy worked 30 years at area companies and has experience in residential, commercial and industrial settings. Then the Great Recession hit and his wife, Lisa, an administrative assistant in the marketing department, noticed the job opening in maintenance services that brought him to campus. The couple live in Kalamazoo and have two grown daughters, one of whom is a senior at WMU.

Rather than slow down during his off hours, Youtzy puts 20 or more hours a week into building his own plumbing services company.

"That just shows you how much I enjoy what I do for a living," he says.

He doesn't slow down when it comes to hobbies, either. When not hanging out with friends or family, Youtzy is a weekend bracket racer at the U.S. 131 Motorsports Park in nearby Martin and fabricates and builds race cars, trailers and other "metal stuff." He built from the ground up the vehicle he now drag races, a Chevey S10 that can go from a standing stop to 150 miles per hour in 8 seconds.

"My wife says I'm a workaholic," Youtzy says. "I can't sit still. I have to keep busy."

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.

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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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 started as a reader, researcher and translator. He has published a dozen academic books on Japanese literature that include translations

and anthologies. He first rose to national attention when his 2010 book of translations, "Forest of Eyes: Selected Poems of Tada Chimako," won not one, but two, literary awards in the United States.

Many of the poems in Angles' Yomiuri Prize-winning book derived their inspiration from his personal life, his experiences flying back and forth across the Pacific, negotiating the differences between two widely differing languages and cultures, his experiences with his family, and his memories of his childhood in Ohio.

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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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