More programs to be offered in Florida

WMU has been authorized to add seven new degree and certificate programs in a range of disciplines to students studying at its Punta Gorda, Florida, regional location.

Acting at its March 27 meeting, the Florida Department of Education Commission for Independent Education approved a WMU request to make the additional programs available to students at WMU-Punta Gorda, beginning in either fall 2018 or 2019.

The newly approved undergraduate and graduate programs are being offered through the University’s Extended University Programs unit. EUP has been offering its highly rated Bachelor of Science in aviation flight science at WMU-Punta Gorda since fall 2017.

The new programs are in aviation and other WMU specialty areas. Students throughout Florida and beyond also may enroll in any of the University's more than 20 undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs that can be completed entirely online.

“We’re committed to supporting the economic, talent and individual needs in the region,” says Dawn Fortin Mattoon, associate provost of EUP. “I’m confident these new program offerings will continue to expand WMU’s Punta Gorda footprint and further enhance the attraction for Floridians and beyond to commit to the southwest Florida area.”

The new programs approved for launch are:

• Bachelor of Science in aviation management, traditional face-to-face program, fall 2018.
• Master of Science in engineering management, accelerated hybrid program, fall 2018.
• Master of Science in supply chain management, accelerated hybrid program, and Graduate Certificate Program in the same field, condensed hybrid program, fall 2018.
• Master of Music in music therapy and Graduate Certificate Program in music therapy; full time, face-to-face programs; fall 2018.

In April, WMU President Edward Montgomery inspected WMU’s facilities in Florida. (Photo courtesy of EUP)

Bronco mascot rider nets her own equestrian ‘triumph’

She may be best known on campus as the rider who leads WMU’s Bronco football team into Waldo Stadium aboard a horse called Triumph, but Emily Stewart’s equestrian skills have just been recognized as going far beyond that fall ritual.

Stewart, a WMU junior majoring in social work, has qualified to compete in May at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association’s national championships in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Stewart will compete against top collegiate riders from around the country for the Cacchione Cup, which is awarded annually to the top single rider in the nation.

A member of the WMU Equestrian Team, Stewart was high-point rider in the zone competition April 7 at Otterbein College, securing her right to compete Thursday through Sunday, May 3-6, in Harrisburg.

Stewart is the daughter of the WMU Equestrian Team coach, Rob Stewart, who runs R. Stewart’s Hunters & Jumpers farm in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This is the sixth time a member of the Equestrian Team has qualified for the national Cacchione Cup competition in the 26-year history of this WMU club sport. Among the University’s past team qualifiers was Emily’s older sister, Katie Stewart, who also rode Triumph at Bronco football games.
Education, equality is talk topic
A faculty member from Harvard University will discuss her views on promoting equality through schooling when she speaks at 7 p.m. tonight in 2452 Knauss Hall. Danielle Allen will present a talk titled "Inequality, Citizenship, and the Promise of Education."

Nobel laureate to give address
A Liberian peace activist who helped broker peace after the second Liberian civil war in 2003 will present a public address at 7 p.m. Friday, April 13, in the Bernhard Center's South Ballroom. Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee will give a talk titled "It's Time for Women to Stop Being Polite and Angry." The event is organized as a fundraiser and will be preceded by a Nobel Reception at 5:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at greatlakespeacejam.com for the reception.

Two easy ways to recycle items
The campus community is invited to bring professional or personal documents and media to be properly destroyed and recycled during a free shred event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 20, in Lot 41 near Sangren Hall.

Service anniversaries
The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 35, 30, 15 and five years of service during April.

35 years—Richard E. Burton, information technology.
30 years—Susan D. Coker, student affairs; Ann M. Davis, Facilities Management; and James E. Nelson, building custodial and support services.
15 years—Ann Browning, sociology.
10 years—Marty A. Bero, Sindecuse Health Center; Madeleine L. Foitik, university relations; Nicole M. Kalmbach, student affairs; and Stephan Keto, landscape services.
Five years—Constance Marie Allen, Hauenstein Institute for Global Education; Jessica Marie Bouman, Extended University Programs; Julie M. Carr, Career and Student Employment Services; Dan Lobelle, university relations; James H. Middletun, Sindecuse Health Center; and Lakeya Tamika Whitaker, Center for Fostering Success.

Retirement receptions
Jane Baas, associate dean of the Lee Honors College and professor of dance, will be honored for her 39 years of service during a retirement reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Lee Honors College lounge. Remarks will begin at 5 p.m.
Jim Hillenbrand, speech, language and hearing sciences, will be honored for his 30 years of service during a retirement reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in the Health and Human Services Building atrium.
Diane Bourgeois, educational leadership, research and technology, will be honored for her 23 years of service during a retirement reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in Sangren Hall's second-floor Wegenke Plaza.

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.
State’s first lady announces fall summit on campus sexual assault to be at WMU

First lady Sue Snyder announced April 10 that Michigan’s fourth “Inform. Empower. Prevent. Let’s End Campus Sexual Assault” summit will be held Monday, Sept. 24, at WMU. “I’m proud of the leadership role Michigan has taken to address the prevalence of sexual assault on our college and university campuses,” Snyder said in making the announcement. “These statewide summits are an important part of our work to raise awareness and prevention efforts to ultimately change the culture and put an end to campus sexual assault.”

She added that WMU has been a “tremendous partner” in helping to address campus sexual assault and that this year’s summit will focus on best practices for prevention and response to sexual assault. “We’re pleased to host this campus sexual assault summit at WMU and believe it is vitally important that we keep this conversation going,” says WMU President Edward Montgomery. “These summits have helped foster real change and the development of best practices for use across the nation. But this work must continue, and we need to remain vigilant to ensure our students and community can feel safe at our University.”

Additional summit details, registration options, speakers and a full summit agenda will be updated in the coming weeks and published at endcampussexualassault.com. For resources for campus sexual assault survivors, family and friends, visit michigan.gov/campussexualassault.

Trustees approve retirements of 3 faculty, 10 staff members

The retirements of three faculty members and 10 staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its March 14 meeting. Trustees also signed off on four faculty resignations.

Faculty retirements

All of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, and effective dates of retirement are: Robert Felkel, professor of Spanish, effective May 1, 2018; Mary Stahl, master faculty specialist of nursing, effective Aug. 20, 2019 (change in date only); and Daneen Wardrop, professor of English, effective May 1, 2023.

Staff retirements

Barbara Ballard, Bernhard Center Dining Services, effective March 3, 2018; Jerry Burhans, maintenance services, effective Feb. 1, 2018; Jeffrey Carr, maintenance services, effective March 1, 2018; Kenneth Fiedelski, construction, effective March 1, 2018; Janey Keyes, Burnham Dining Services, effective May 1, 2018; Doris Ohler, cash operations, effective May 1, 2018; Mary Palmer, admissions, effective April 1, 2018; Christine Paver, information technology, effective March 17, 2018; Teresa Paczek, building custodial and support services, effective Jan. 3, 2018; Diane Sayers, Valley Dining Center, effective Feb. 1, 2018; Cinda Swinsick, Sindecuse Health Center, effective March 1, 2018; Richard Welch, physics, effective March 1, 2018; and Alice Wheatley, Burnham Dining Services, effective May 1, 2018.

Faculty resignations

Alexander Cannon, assistant professor of music, effective Jan. 9, 2018; Tina Keeler, faculty specialist II-clinical specialist of nursing, effective Jan. 5, 2018; Raine, faculty specialist II-clinical specialist of nursing, effective April 30, 2018; and Deanna Roland, faculty specialist II-professional specialist, special education and literacy studies, effective June 15, 2018.

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John Bennett, a former shift supervisor in building custodial and support services, died March 27. He was 90. Bennett joined the staff in 1972 and retired in 1990 after nearly 18 years of service.

Griselda Daniel, a former assistant to the Graduate College dean and director of diversity recruitment for the college, died April 1. She was 80. Daniel joined the WMU staff in 1977 and retired in 2005 after 28 years of service.

Sharon K. Johnson, a former custodian in building custodial and support services, died March 1. She was 73. Johnson joined the staff in 1979 and retired in 2001 after 21 years of service.
Recent informational items directed to employees

WMU has engaged CAPTRUST to work with its retirement provider, TIAA, to re-vamp the University’s investment options this fall in order to simplify choices, reduce plan administrative costs and boost the effectiveness of retirement investments.

To learn more about the changes, benefits-eligible faculty and staff may attend a meeting Wednesday, April 18, in the Fetzer Center’s Kirsch Auditorium from 9 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon, 1 to 2 p.m. or 3 to 4 p.m.

Those who can’t make it to one of the upcoming meetings may view recordings of previous meetings held April 10 at bit.ly/2qngczk. Questions may be directed to Human Resources at (269) 387-3620.

Campus community members also should note the following:

- WMU students, faculty and staff are urged to take the student center dining survey to help guide decisions about the new facilities being planned for the South Neighborhood development.
- Take the survey at wmich.edu/students/survey through Friday, April 20.
- During the major phishing attack that hit campus two weeks ago, more than 100 Bronco NetIDs were compromised. Help is available at wmich.edu/phishing/account-compromised for those who responded to a phishing email and compromised their Bronco NetIDs.
- The WMU Post-graduation Activity Survey is open for spring 2018 graduates.
- Eligible employees have until Friday, May 11, to apply for tuition remission for dependent children, spouses and designated eligible individuals for summer II 2018 through summer I 2019. Forms are available at wmich.edu/hr/forms/enrollment.

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More programs in Florida

- Master of Arts in Organizational Change Leadership, hybrid program, fall 2019.

Online programs are completed entirely online while hybrid programs offer the majority of coursework online with limited face-to-face meetings each semester, typically one weekend meeting per month.

Face-to-face programs follow the traditional weekly in-class meeting structure.

Details about the new programs are available at wmich.edu/extended/academics.

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Bronco mascot rider

and competed at IHSA nationals in 2014.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association began at New Jersey’s Farleigh Dickinson University in 1967. Today, from its beginning with just two intercollegiate competing colleges, the IHSA is an organization that encompasses 40 Regions in eight states and Canada—representing more than 9,000 riders in both Hunt Seat Equitation and Western Horsemanship and Reining.

The WMU team is a registered student organization that is self-supporting. Team members compete in five to eight horse shows annually, during the fall and spring semesters. The team won regional IHSA championships in 2015 and 2016. For more information, visit facebook.com/wmuesquestrian.