



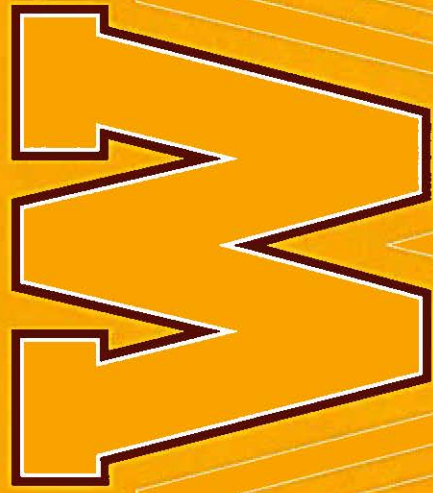
October 4, 2017

House Higher Education Sub-committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on our efforts to enroll, retain and graduate students, particularly those that may come from vulnerable populations. Western Michigan University is committed to providing a full educational experience, in a welcoming and inclusive environment, to all who aspire to learn.

Included in this packet you will find information on a number of support programs offered at WMU that work to elevate students and provide them with the resources needed to succeed. The list is not exhaustive but does provide a sampling of the ways we work to ensure student success.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions. Thank you again for the opportunity.



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KALAMAZOO PROMISE SCHOLARS PROGRAM



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Academic Support

Campus coaches and **peer mentors** provide one-on-one meetings with students to discuss progress toward degree, campus and community resources, and their overall experience at WMU.

We **monitor academic progress** to ensure students are on track for graduation.

Our Space is an equal access student lounge adjacent to the Kalamazoo Promise Scholars office. Located in the Adrian Trimpe building this space provides all WMU students access to computers, and mobile charging stations and is also home to the **Diversity Resource Collection** which includes books, CDs, DVDs, and games.

We establish an **Academic Network** that brings students and instructors together in a comfortable environment to implement initiatives to increase student success.



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Kalamazoo Promise
Scholars Program

Leadership Development

Peer mentors receive extensive training to serve as mentors, tutors, and advocates for fellow students who are awarded the Kalamazoo Promise.

Global learning experiences are highly encouraged for our students. We work with WMU faculty and staff to develop unique opportunities for students to study abroad.

Students are invited to serve as **Promise Student Ambassadors** and speak with middle school students from the Kalamazoo Public School district during the **Bronco BUDS** visitation to WMU.

Opportunities are available for students to attend **professional development conferences** surrounding topics of leadership and diversity.

The **Kalamazoo Promise Speakers Bureau** invites current Kalamazoo Promise students to speak with future Promise recipients about their experiences at WMU.

Community Outreach

The **Resilience Project** is a partnership between WMU and Friendship Village that pairs students with senior citizens for activities that highlight resilience in the lives of participants.

Bronco BUDS is a collaborative program between the University and Kalamazoo Public Schools to create a college-going culture by introducing sixth grade students to higher education.

The annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration** is a series of coordinated events throughout the campus and Kalamazoo communities that engages in meaningful education, research, and service initiatives.

To help the transition into college, we offer a special **dual enrollment first-year experience course** each spring to eligible Kalamazoo Public School seniors.

We are always looking for opportunities to connect with **prospective students** at community meetings and other events.

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Multicultural Affairs

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WMU-College Assistance Migrant Program

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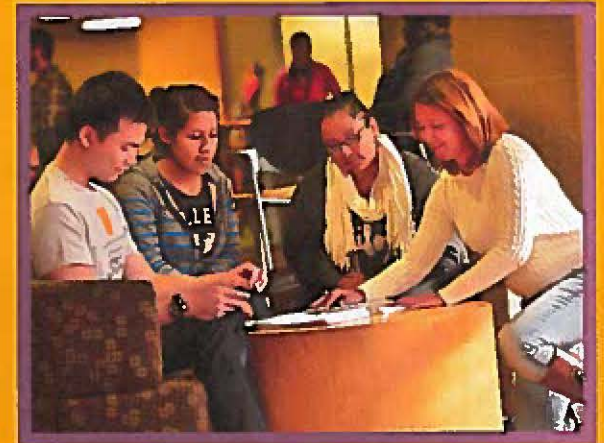
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**College Assistance Migrant
Program (CAMP)**

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Your Future Begins Now!

Western Michigan University- College Assistance Migrant Program

Mission

WMU-CAMP's mission is to provide supportive services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers or their dependents, and assist them in the successful completion of their first year of college and persistence toward degree attainment.

WMU-CAMP is funded by the U.S Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education.

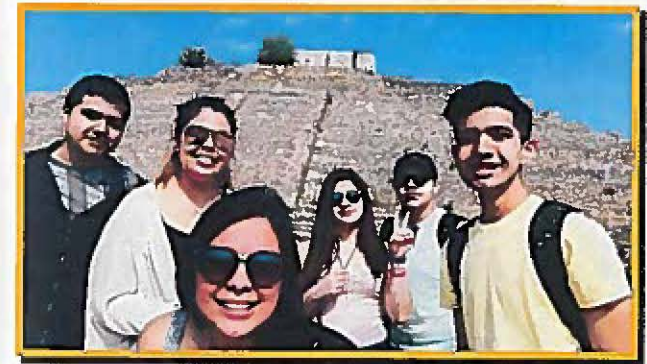


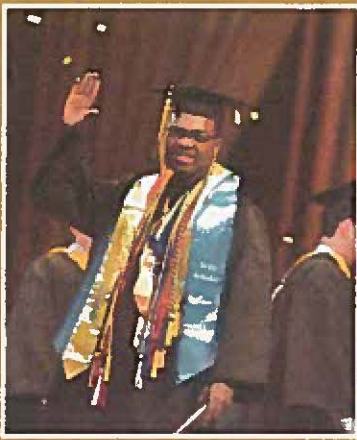
Eligibility

- High school diploma or GED
- U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be accepted to Western Michigan University
- Additionally, one of the criteria below is needed for eligibility:
 1. Parents or yourself have worked in seasonal farmwork within the past 24 months for at least 75 days.
 2. Participated in a Title 1, Part C Migrant Education Program.
 3. Participated in the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP).

Programs and Services

- Academic Guidance
- Tutoring and Mentoring
- Career Exploration
- Job / Internship Information
- Tuition Scholarship
- Monthly Stipends
- Renewable Financial Aid
- Health and Wellness Education
- Integration into Campus life
- Leadership Development
- Service Learning/Study Abroad Opportunities





J. GABIREL

WMU Graduation Date: Spring 2016

Major: Journalism

Minor: Criminal Justice

Career Goals: To be a journalist, novelist, and screenwriter.

WMU Favorites: My favorite thing is WMU's landscape. I love sitting at the Miller Fountain and the fountain in front of Waldo Library in the summer time. I also love the University Rec Center

The Seita Scholars Program Means:

The Seita Scholars program means giving opportunities to students who thought they had no opportunities

To Program Supporters:

Thank you for everything you do so that this program continue to exist. So many past Seita Scholars have went on to have successful careers and lives.

Recent Accomplishments:

I was named one of WMU's 2016 Presidential Scholar (the highest honor that any undergraduate student can receive at Western Michigan University) Receiving this award is the absolute highlight of my college experience. I barely made it out of high school (had to attend summer school to make up failed courses multiple times). So be able to come to WMU and earn the highest recognition means so much to me.

PURPOSE

WMU's goal is to increase opportunities for youth who experienced foster care to pursue higher education and to provide support that promotes success and well-being throughout their undergraduate experience.

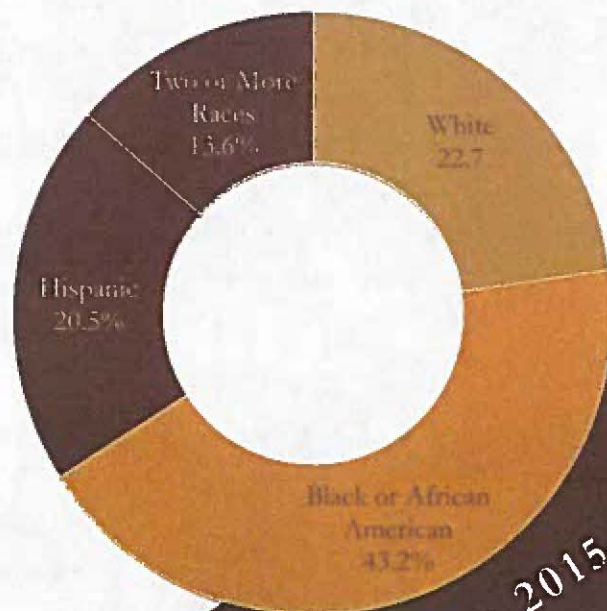
OBJECTIVE

The primary objectives of the Seita Scholars Program are to promote academic success toward college graduation that leads to professional employment while maintaining personal well-being, developing career aspirations, and building leadership capabilities.

GOALS

The program has four main goals:

- Create **transitions** that lead to success in college and career for WMU students from foster care ages 18 to 25.
- Develop a **community** of scholars among WMU students who experienced foster care, and create a safe community to deconstruct and reconstruct identity.
- **Educate** WMU students from foster care and their support network to enhance professional skill set.
- **Transform** WMU students from foster care by integrating experiences of one's past to build opportunities for the future



Seita Scholars 2015-16 Cohort
Demographic Profile

OVERVIEW

To increase successful outcomes among youth who experienced foster care in the state of Michigan, the Seita Scholars Program:

- Provides **cost of attendance scholarships** to undergraduate students who experienced foster care and are attending Western Michigan University.
- Supports students in accessing additional financial resources and scholarships specific to youth who have experienced foster care, allowing students to **maximize their potential to graduate from college with little to no debt.**
- Supports students in need of **year-round housing** on campus to ensure a stable living environment.

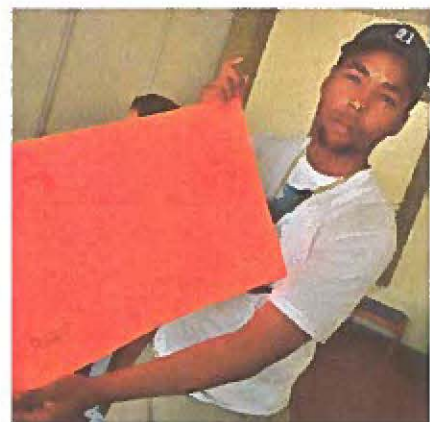
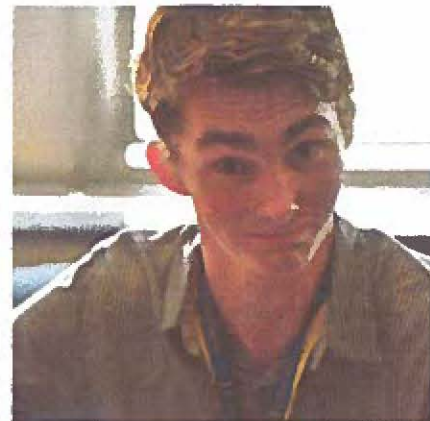
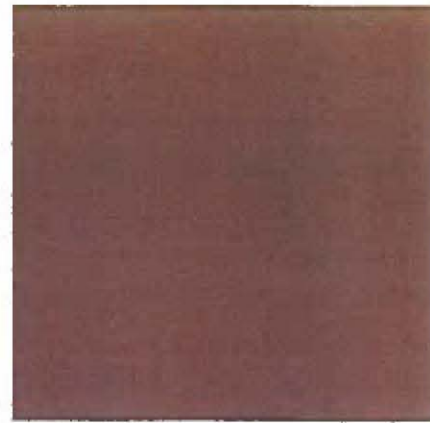
GROWTH

Since its inception in 2008, the Seita Scholars Program has seen a growing number of students from foster care who attend Western Michigan University but are not enrolled in the Seita Scholars Program. While these students do not receive financial support from the program, beginning in the 2016-17 academic year the Seita Scholars Program is proud to announce a formalized support program for WMU students who experienced foster care but are not in the Seita Scholars Program.

The Seita Scholars Extended Support Program (ESP) will provide necessary support to students who experienced foster care but are not eligible for the full financial support of the Seita Scholars Program. Support provided through ESP will be led by our Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Liaison and include support in applying for scholarships, DHHS paperwork assistance, and more.

Like the coaching that Seita Scholars receive, students participating in ESP will receive support based on their individual need. To date, the Seita Scholars Program has touched the lives of **444** Western Michigan University students. Through ESP, we expect that number to soar even higher!

2015-16 Cohort
Home Counties



Western Michigan University

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STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM

Our Mission  **HELP YOU GET TO GRADUATION!**

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About Us

- * FREE TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
- * FUNDED BY US GOVERNMENT
- * LEARNING COMMUNITY



Good to Know  

TRIO STICKS WITH YOU UNTIL YOU GRADUATE! ONCE YOU'RE IN TRIO, YOU'RE ALWAYS IN TRIO!

Why You Should Join!

↑75% → OF TRIO STUDENTS HAVE A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.5 OR HIGHER

↑80% → OF FIRST YEAR TRIO STUDENTS RETURN FOR A SECOND YEAR

↑90% → OF TRIO STUDENTS ARE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Membership
BENEFITS

TRIO COMMUNITY & WORK CENTER
Computer lab with FREE color printing
A space to chill with your friends

DEDICATED ADVISORS
for academics, personal, and financial areas

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Scholarships for Pell Grant recipients
Assistance in applying for scholarships
Employment opportunities

MENTORING
TRiO Program & Academic Mentors offer students assistance with navigating WMU and learning about university resources

CLASS SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS
Topics include: FAFSA, financial literacy, graduate school, networking, and interviewing

FIND OUT IF YOU ARE
ELIGIBLE



WHAT IF THE SECRET TO YOUR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE IS TRIO?

TRIO SSP 2016 SPRING GRADUATES!



Western Michigan University

EST. **TRIO** 1984 STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM

ACCOMPLISH YOUR COLLEGE GOALS WITH TRIO!

What Makes You **ELIGIBLE?**

- ✦ U.S. CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT
- ✦ FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT
 - ✦ NEITHER PARENT HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE
- ✦ INCOME ELIGIBLE
- ✦ MAY BENEFIT FROM ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

Program Expectations

- ▶ MEET WITH TRIO ADVISOR TWICE EACH SEMESTER UNTIL YOU GRADUATE
- ▶ COMPLETE & PASS FYE 2100: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE AND UNIV 1030: HOW TO MARKET YOURSELF
- ▶ ATTEND AT LEAST ONE TRIO WORKSHOP/EVENT EACH YEAR
- ▶ BE INVOLVED IN THE TRIO COMMUNITY & CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY



FYE 2100 CLASS

How to Join!

- ✦ COMPLETE APPLICATION
 - ✦ INCLUDED IN PACKET
- ✦ BRING APPLICATION WITH YOU TO ORIENTATION
- ✦ CONNECT WITH THE TRIO STAFF DURING UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE AT ORIENTATION!

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ACADEMIC SERVICES COORDINATOR

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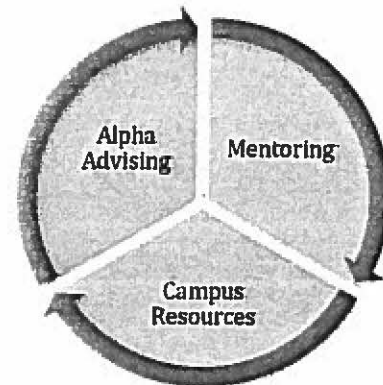
The Alpha Program

The Alpha Program is designed to guide first-year students in developing skills, behaviors, and attitudes that lead to college success. The Office of Admissions admits students to the Alpha Program who are able to thrive with the opportunity and support that the program provides. Upon enrolling at Western, first-year Alpha students become part of a community of fellow Alpha students, upper-class Alpha student mentors, and supportive faculty and staff.

Benefits of The Alpha Program

The Alpha Program benefits students by supporting and encouraging their academic and personal success in the first year of college. Here are some of the benefits that students can take advantage of:

- Personal academic advising from an Alpha Program Advisor
- Mentoring from upper-class Alpha students
- Academic skills assessment
- Individual success plan focused on student interests and needs
- Connection with WMU resources
- Supportive community of fellow students and Alpha Program staff
- Opportunity to participate in an Alpha, college specific, First Year Seminar (FYS) course



Alpha Program Expectations

As a condition of admission to the university, each Alpha student must meet the following program requirements. These requirements only apply to the first year.

- Attend WMU Orientation to schedule classes with the Alpha Program Advisor
- Attend the Alpha Program Welcome prior to Fall Semester
- Enroll in an Alpha FYE 2100 class for fall semester
- Meet with their Alpha Program Advisor 2 times per semester
- Work with their Alpha Program Advisor to create an Individual Success Plan
- Students may not join a sorority or fraternity during the first semester
- Strongly encouraged to limit employment to 15 hours or less per week.

Questions?

Please contact the Alpha Program Director, Walter Malone, with any questions about the Alpha Program:

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2.67

Average High School GPA

16

Average High School ACT Score

860

Average High School SAT Score

200

Average Alpha Cohort Size

2.45

1st Semester Average GPA

2.50

1st Year Average GPA

68%

Alpha Retention Rate



ALPHA
PROGRAM

Transforming Potential into Performance



Alpha Program Profile

Foundation Scholars



2016 Foundation Scholars

OUR MISSION:

Initiated in 2015, the Foundation Scholars program supports students who have demonstrated personal resilience and outstanding academic performance despite economic and other hardships. Students receiving the award become part of a community of scholars who support each other and work toward common goals.

VALUE

\$15,000 annually for four years, \$60,000 total award

LEE HONORS COLLEGE

All Foundation Scholars are eligible to enroll in the WMU Lee Honors College.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- 3.7+ cumulative GPA on a 4-point scale at end of junior year.
- For first-time, full-time first-year for students entering fall semester.
- Have verified financial need based on one or more of the following criteria:
 - Student eligible for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch program (FRPL).
 - Student is a ward of the state, an orphan, or in foster care.

- Student is homeless, as determined by their district's McKinney-Vento Liaison.
- Student is Undocumented.

RENEWAL

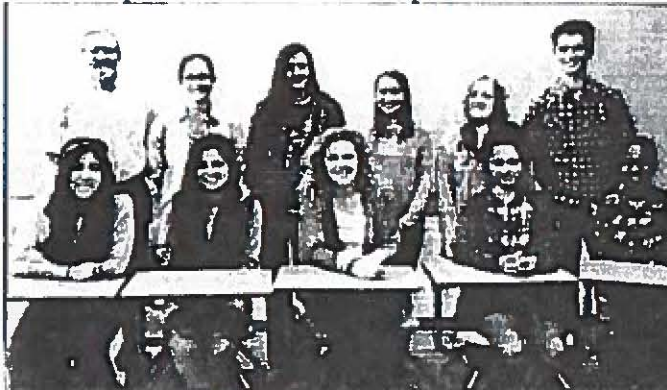
Students must maintain a minimum cumulative WMU GPA of 3.0 and complete at least 24 credit hours between fall and spring semesters.

PERFORMANCE

In the first two entering classes of Foundation Scholars, the average high school GPA of recipients is 4.0. Many of the Foundation Scholars were high school valedictorians or salutatorians. The average GPA at WMU is 3.8.

ACTIVITIES

- Service learning opportunities with area youth.
- Study Abroad trip for Foundation Scholars.
- Movie and dinner nights.
- Annual speaker series on the topic "Resilience."



2015 Foundation Scholars

STUDENT STATEMENTS

"When I first heard about the scholarship, I was pretty excited but not entirely hopeful. I thought 'that kind of thing just doesn't happen to me' but I knew it wouldn't hurt to apply. I wanted to at least be able to say I tried. It doesn't matter how you look or where you're from. What matters is your action, and how much effort you give."

"I strongly encourage you to take the time to apply for the Foundation Scholarship. This opportunity will truly change your life. There is nothing to lose. This is a chance to further your education. Education is the key to success and success is truly priceless."

"Too often circumstances stand in the way of educating bright minded and deserving individuals. Foundation Scholars are given the opportunity to pursue a high quality Western Michigan University education. They are given this opportunity despite the challenging life selected scholars have lived. In the future they will have a positive impact in their homes, communities, nation, and the world."